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Jasprit Bumrah becomes first Indian pacer to top ICC Test rankings after his stellar performance in the 2nd Test against England in Vizag, P 21

At least 30 people were killed and over 40 others injured on Wednesday in twin blasts targeting election offices in Pak's restive Balochistan, a day before general elections, P 20

Fate of Trump's immediate political future could land in court of Indian-American Judge Sri Srinivasan as early as Monday if ex-Prez seeks an 'en banc' review of a 3-judge panel's ruling that has rejected his claim of immunity from criminal charges of trying to subvert 2020 poll results, P 20 Indian-American presidential hopeful Nikki Haley suffers embarrassing defeat in Nevada's nonbinding Republican primary to 'none of these candidates', in a contest that did not feature frontrunner ex-Prez Trump on ballot, P 20



PM: Cong peddling narrative to create North-South divide

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'Hamara tax hamara New Delhi: PM Modi on Wednesday tore into states such as Congress-governed Karnataka, which are questioning devolution formula and demanding a share of taxes in line with their contribution. This narrative is an attempt to create a North-South divide, he said.

His comments came after Karnataka CM Siddaramai-Cong said we sold PSUs, ah landed in Delhi for a dharna to highlight the Centre's who destroyed BSNL & alleged injustice in transfer of taxes. Karnataka is being HAL's state of affairs? backed by some opposition-Who destroyed Air India? Cong & UPA.

► Karnataka CM: FM lying, denying funds, P 14 ▶ Congress misleading people: Sitharaman, P 14

governed states, such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala, which have never shied away from hitting out at the Centre over GST and resource transfer.

"The way language is being spoken to break the country, these new narratives are being made for political gains. It is particularly distressing that such language is emerging from a national

money' - nothing can be worse. We should look at India as one. What if eastern states... block movement of coal to other parts? Or Himalayan states claim monopoly over water of rivers? What would have happened if eastern states... had stopped supply of oxygen during pandemic? destroyed them. Remember MTNL? Remember what was

party," Modi said, blaming Congress for what he called a divisive demand. "What will be the fate of the country and where is it going to end? Instead, strive to foster unity and solidarity," he said in Rajya Sabha while participating in a debate on motion of thanks to President's address.

▶'Hamara tax' cry, P 14

On ED's plea against Kejriwal, court summons him on Feb 17

Says Complaint By Agency Valid, Offence Made Out

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New Delhi: A Delhi court issued summons on Wednesday to CM Arvind Kejriwal on a plea by Enforcement Directorate that he was "legally bound" to attend in person in response to a summons issued to him in a money laundering case related to the now-scrapped excise policy but had failed to do so. Kejriwal has to appear before the court on Feb 17.

The court issued summons to Kejriwal under IPC Section 174 (non-attendance in obedience to an order from public servant) stating, "The delivery of such summonses is prima facie evidenced from the fact that the proposed accused sent replies to them dated 02.11.2023, 20.12.2023 and 03.01.2024 wherein inter alia reasons for nonappearance were set out."

▶ 'Intentionally omitted', P 3

CM IGNORED 5 AGENCY SUMMONSES

Oct 30, 2023 | First summons issued to appear on Nov 2. 'Said summons is not clear as to the capacity in which I am being summoned i.e. as a witness or a suspect... does not specify whether I am being summoned as an individual or in my official capacity as CM or as national convener of AAP and appears to

be in the nature

Kejriwal had said Dec 18 | Second summons issued to appear on Dec 21 Dec 22 | Third summons issued to appear on Jan 3, 2024 Jan 12, 2024 | Fourth summons issued to appear either on Jan 18 or 19

of a fishing and roving inquiry,"

Jan 31 | Fifth summons issued to appear on Feb 2 Feb 3 | ED files complaint in court

Atishi: Will present our side; BJP: CM 'scam' mastermind

elhi minister Atishi said AAP respected the court's order and will present its side before it on the given day.

She reiterated that the five ED summonses that Kejriwal skipped were "illegal and unlawful" and were part of a conspiracy to stop him from campaigning for upcoming Lok Sabha elections and arrest him. Atishi also alleged that just before ED sent sum-

mons, BJP through press conferences claimed Kejriwal was going to be sent to jail. "We will inform the court about this correlation," she said.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said: "If Arvind Kejriwal does not appear in court on Feb 17 or does any legal maneuvering, it will directly mean that he is the mastermind of the liquor scam," said Sachdeva. P3

ED: AAP used bribes from DJB contract for polls; party says will sue

D claimed on Wednesday Γ that a former DJB chief engineer gave a contract to an ineligible company in exchange for bribes which were shared with AAP functionaries to be used for party's campaign fund. The allegation prompted a sharp response from AAP, which said it'll sue ED for defamation.

ED said its probe found that DJB's contract was awarded at highly inflated rates so that bribes could be collected from contractors.

AAP, in its response, said, "We condemn any kind of wrongdoing done by DJB officials or its contractors, if proven. We also condemn ED's blatantly false allegation that AAP or its leaders have anything to do with this case. By yet again naming AAP without any evidence, ED has proven it is... a mouthpiece of BJP." P4

'Only asked for three places': Yogi makes Kashi, Mathura pitch

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Lucknow: Krishna asked for five villages to be given to the Pandavas, but Hindus seek just three centres of faith linked to three deities, CM Yogi Adityanath said on Wednesday as Kashi, Mathura and mythology resonated in the UP assembly. Yogi's statement is the first known instance of a front-ranking BJP functionary publicly endorsing the demand for temples at disputed sites in Mathura and Varanasi.

The CM also quoted from Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's poem 'Krishna Ki Chetavani', part of the book 'Rashmirathi', to buttress his point days after a Varanasi court allowed the worship of Shringar Gauri and other Hindu deities to resume in the southern cellar of Gyanvapi Masjid. ASI said this week that the Keshavdev temple in Mathura was demolished for the construction of a mosque.

"Injustice was done to Ayodhya. When I talk about injustice, we remember something that happened 5,000 ye-

Injustice was done to Ayodhya. When I talk about injustice, we remember something that happened 5,000 years ago. Lord Krishna asked for half the kingdom from Kauravas, and said if that was difficult, then give only five villages to Pandavas. He talked about 5 villages. But here the demand is only for three places that are the centres of our faith" -CM YOGI ADITYANATH in UP assembly

ars ago... For past many years, (Hindu) society has been talking about only three places. These are special places where our gods were reincar-

nated themselves," Yogi said. Invoking the episode from Mahabharat where Duryodhana's stubborn refusal to cede five villages to the Pandavas led to war, the CM said, "Here, too, there is rigidity. And when rigidity is laced with politics and efforts are made to turn it into vote-bank politics, then disputes arise."

▶ 'Ram Rajya only', P 13

Centre, states unite to push for sub-classification of SC quota

MP blast: 4 officially missing, but

locals fear 100 may still be trapped

Country fully

-PM Modi

knows that

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New Delhi: The Centre and state govts on Wednesday set aside their differences to unanimously tell Supreme Court that sub-classification of Scheduled Caste communities would enable needy and weakest groups to get a bigger share of reservation and prevent those who bettered their social standing from cornering the lion's share of the quota.

Attorney general R Venkataramani, solicitor general Tushar Mehta, senior advocate Kapil Sibal and states represented by senior advocates sought review of the SC five-judge bench's EV Chinnaiah judgment, which in 2004 had ruled that all SC communities which suffered ostracisation, discrimination and humiliation for centuries represented a homogeneous class, incapable of being sub-categorised.

The show of unanimity stood out not just due to the backdrop of partisan feuds but also because, until re-

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Harda: Where are the missing vic-

tims? Along with stench of gunpow-

der and death, this grim question

hung in the air the morning after in

MP's Harda, shaken by Tuesday's

red and four missing. The factory has

been reduced to a pile of rubble. But

The official toll is 11 dead, 217 inju-

blasts at a fireworks factory.

IN THE COURTS

> Thane court sentences man to 10-year jail for attempted murder after he fired at a co-passenger in a

public transport bus in 2017 | P 13 > A woman who filed false complaint that her husband was responsible for her daughter's pregnancy was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by a Pocso court in Chennai | P 13 A woman sentenced to rigorous life imprisonment by Panipat court

scores with his mother | P3 > Delhi HC refuses bail to AAP MP Sanjay Singh in money laundering case related to excise policy probe, but directs court to expedite trial | P 4

for feeding a baby boy acid to settle

cently, the political class had appeared wary of acknowledging the reality of all Scheduled Castes not being similar.

▶ Lack of sub-classification, P 22

Orphaned, 4 siblings left

with 'no food or home'

Teha (19), Payal (17), Palak (15) and

Raja (14) hung around the site on

Wednesday, hoping for help. Their pa-

rents, Mukesh (40) and Usha Chandele

(38), are among the dead. The blast has

flattened their house. "All we have are

school uniforms we are wearing. We

have no food, no home. How will we li-

the remains of the three-storey facto-

ry. No building plan has been found,

but some officials and emergency re-

sponse personnel told TOI about the

existence of a basement. Narmadapu-

ram divisional commissioner Pawan

Kumar Sharma, however, denied this.

▶ 'People rush to site', P 22

ve now?" Raja wondered. P13

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for possible tieup Akhilesh.Singh @timesgroup.com New Delhi: Continuing to cast its net wide to

BJP opens talks

with TDP, Akalis

enlist more regional partners for Lok Sabha polls, BJP has opened talks with TDP and Akali Dal even as it remains engaged with Rashtriya Lok Dal's Jayant Chaudhary for negotiations that could lead to one more defection from the stressed INDIA bloc.

TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu, who left NDA in 2019, reached Delhi on Wednesday for what sources termed 'exploratory' talks. Accompanied by BJP chief JP Nadda, he visited home minister Amit Shah's home around midnight. BJP had so far remained cold to TDP because of annoyance with Naidu as well as unstinting support from his rival, APCM Jaganmohan Reddy. Talks with Naidu reflect a re-think, prompted by desire to have allies in geographies where it is not strong and an assessment that incumbency may have hit Reddy's clout.

▶BJP in talks with Akalis, P 22

Sharad Pawar bloc allotted 'NCP-SCP' name for RS polls

New Delhi: A day after the Sharad Pawar bloc lost the NCP name and poll symbol to the group led by Maharashtra deputy CM Ajit Pawar, the Election Commission allowed the former to use the name 'Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadchandra Pawar' as a one-time option for the impending RS polls, reports Bharti Jain.

Sources in the poll panel said the new name the group's first preference, the others being Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadrao Pawar and NCP-Sharad Pawar - was okaved for the limited purpose of biennial polls to six RS seats from Maharashtra, due to be notified on Thursday. Having a party name will help the Sharad Pawar bloc to comply with Rule 39AA of Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, which allows authorised agents of parties to verify to whom an elector, who is member of a party, has cast his vote.

▶ 'Name enough to get votes', P 22

Sikh shopkeeper from Punjab shot in Srinagar uspected terrorists of The

Resistance Force (TRF) fatally shot a 31-year-old Sikh shopkeeper, Amritpal Singh from Punjab, at point-blank range and wounded his friend in Srinagar city around 7pm Wednesday, police confirmed, marking the first targeted killing in 2024, reports Saleem Pandit. This also marks the first attack on non-Kashmiris in J&K this year. Security sources said Amritpal and his friend Rohit were on the way to their rented accommodation in the densely-populated Shaheed Gunj locality of Srinagar after a holiday in their hometown Amritsar when terrorists of TRF, a covert branch of Pakistan-backed LeT, attacked them with an

U'khand House OKs UCC bill, 1st state to pass it

AK-47 assault rifle. P9

⊺niform Civil Code (UCC) bill, which was tabled by Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami in state assembly on Tuesday, was passed on Wednesday.

After approval from governor and President, it would be enacted as law, making Uttarakhand the first state after independence to implement the much talked-about civil code.

After daylong discussions during which opposition members demanded the bill should be sent to a standing committee to examine certain provisions like registration of live-in relations, it eventually went through with a voice vote. P22

Tata 'pet' project,

a 24x7 animal

2 constables killed in encounter in Jharkhand forest

wo constables were killed and three sustained bullet injuries in an encounter with extremists of a banned outfit in Jharkhand's Chatra district on Wednesday. One injured cop was airlifted to Ranchi. The extremists opened fire on two police vehicles carrying a team of cops and forest officials. P22

Hamas proposes over 4-mth Gaza truce with Israel

Tamas proposed a truce to I silence the guns in Gaza for four-and-a-half months, during which all hostages would go free, Israel would withdraw its troops from the Gaza Strip and an agreement would be reached to end the war. However, Israel PM Netanya-

Imperative for India & US to work together on regulating AI: Nadella

Asmita Dev & Shilpa Phadnis

Mumbai: Microsoft chairman and CEO Satya Nadella said that it's imperative, especially for India and the US, to cooperate in forming regulations around artificial intelligence (AI), instead of fracturing them.

"AI is in the air now," Nadella said. "It's (AI) a powerful new general-purpose technology that needs to be diffused to all corners of the world fast so that we can, in some sense, have that equal distribution of economic growth. And therefore, it's imperative especially for India and the US to be able to cooperate on what are the norms and regulations, instead of fracturing them. Even a small startup out of India can create safe AI that is exportable or a small startup in the US

This is the first time there's no gap in what's happening in India and rest of world (on AI)... Making sure workforce has skills to be able to thrive in this new age is the most important thing any of us can be doing ... Al is going to have a real impact on overall growth of an economy. And India is one of the highest growth markets -Satya Nadella

that is importable and that's what I think would make it fantastic for both the countries," Nadella said at Microsoft CEO Connection event in Mumbai

on Wednesday. The tech giant's Indiaborn CEO said perhaps, this is the first time he thought hurejected the proposal. P 20 : that can produce something there's no impedance on ▶Scientific rigour, P 19

what's happening in India and rest of world. "There is no gap. If anything, the use cases here are so unique and are paving their own path. We're not just talking about AI, we're scaling AI," he said. Microsoft counts Air India.

TCS, Infosys and HCL as some of its key customers. Nadella's tour of India coincides with his tenth anniversary as Microsoft CEO. Under his watch, its market cap has crossed \$3 trillion, from a little over \$300 billion when he took charge in 2014.

Nadella said Microsoft is planning to equip 2 million people in India with AI skills by 2025. About 16% of global AI talent is based in India and it will make 25% of the new additions to global workforce in the next decade.

Common check pts likely for intl, domestic flyers

Instead of separate designated pre-embarkation security check (PESC) points for domestic and international passengers, busy metro airport terminals could, with a design tweak, soon switch over to common PESCs, reports Saurabh Sinha. Depending on the time of the day and whether there are more domestic or international departures, the number of PESCs for

▶Govt to avoid toll plazas near cities: Gadkari, P 9

those passengers will accordingly keep altering.

Aviation ministry has started discussions with other ministries, especially home that provides CISF for security and Bureau of Immigration services, BCAS, airport operators, airlines : and stakeholders. P12

Sub-₹5 lakh cars shrink to just 0.3% of market from 34% 8 years ago

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New Delhi: The common man and his budget car seem to have been completely forgotten as conversations and launches — as auto industry moves towards premium vehicles that are high on frills like sunroofs and off-roading, apart from the muchenhanced safety features.

With vehicle prices going up sharply in past few years amid claims of high commodity prices and more expenditure due to safety norms, the share of entry level cars-those priced under Rs 5 lakh – has crashed from 33.6% in 2015 to 0.3% in 2023. What auto companies don't tell you is that they have graduated to bigger cars to earn fatter margins.

2015 2017 2019 2021 comprising several models from companies such as Maruti, Hyundai, Tata and Renault (Kwid), now only Maruti Suzuki remains in the segment - with just one model on "near-negligent demand".

CHEAP CARS GONE

-₹5-10 lakh

<₹10 lakh

->₹5 lakh % Share In Total

Car/SUV Sales

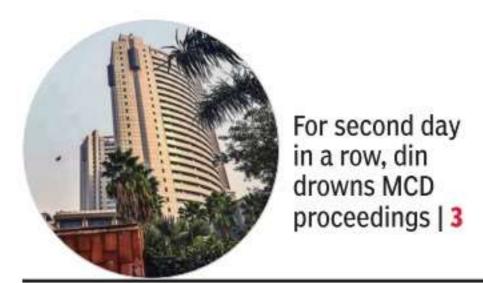
Against a large portfolio Prices jump 65%, P 19 : his injured dog. P10

hosp, set to open Industry patriarch Ratan Tata's 'pet' project — an animal hospital for Mumbai is set to finally see light of day in early March. Spread 2.2 acres and built at a cost of Rs 165 crore, the facility will be

one of India's few 24x7 hospitals for dogs, cats, rabbits and other small animals, report Reeba Zachariah & Vipashana Kamble.

"A pet is no different from a member of one's family today. As the guardian of several pets throughout my life, I recognise the need for this hospital," said Tata, 86, who conceived the project following his own struggle and transcontinental quest to find advanced healthcare for

what lies beneath that is truly terrifying, claim locals. Several residents, survivors and officials said the unit had two levels of basements where around 100 workers and their families, many migrants from Bihar, worked. People have started arriving in Bairagarh village in search of missing relatives. When TOI visited the site in the village, on Harda's outskirts, on Wednesday, JCB machines were at work on



MOONRISE 6.44AM (FRI)

MOONSET 4.13PM (THU)

temperatures will be around 21°C and 7°C

SUNRISE 7.05AM (FRI)

SUNSET 6.06PM (THU)



Encroachment

on public land is

dacoity, says HC | 7

AQI IN DELHI ON WEDNESDAY (MODERATE CATEGORY)

Level of ammonia in Yamuna on the rise | 5



High-Strung! Plan For 360° View From Misleading info Atop Signature Bridge Comes Unstuck given to court on ward report: LG

Worries About Tourist Rush, Safety Concerns & Extreme Temperatures Force Govt's Hand

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New Delhi: Five years after the iconic Signature Bridge--constructed across the Yamuna in the north-eastern part of the capital-was inaugurated for traffic, Delhi govt has completely given up on the plan to open the four-storey deck atop the pylon for the public to enjoy a 360-degree pa-

noramic view of the city. A senior Delhi govt official said there was no plan to allow people to go to the observatory deck and the elevators that were installed to take the visitors 154 metres above the ground would only be used for the maintenance of the structure.

A coffee house and a garden built by Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation on the western banks of the river are yet to be opened to the public.

Since the day it opened for traffic, the bridge continues to be a popular destination for youngsters who wish to take photographs and record videos with the pylon in the backdrop. Constructed at a cost of Rs 1,518 crore, it was conceptualised in 2004. The project was given a go-ahead by the council of ministers of Delhi, led by then chief minister Sheila Dikshit, in 2007. It took more than 11 years for Delhi govt to open the road of the bridge in Nov 2018. The construction of the deck and the glass façade took another one year to complete.

Four elevators- two inclined and two vertical -were installed in the structure to take the tourists to the observatory deck. The state govt, however, realised that the four small elevators, each with a capacity of just four people, were incapable of handling the rush of tourists.

A senior official said the deck —with its façade made of thick glass-might reach temperatures as high as 55 degrees Celsius during peak summers and was not conducive for the visitors during the daytime.

Though the govt initially explored the possibility of making a few "modifications" and A TALL ORDER **FIVE YEARS ON** Photo: Anindya Chattopadhyay First asymmetrical cable-stayed bridge in India, with 'namaste' gesture Built for ₹1,518 crore 154-metre 22 metres No movement on by Delhi Tourism and Transportation high, including Height of plan to open three-**Development Corporation** observatory deck observatory deck floor deck built atop pylon for a bird's eye view of the city ₹1,518.4cr ₹1,131cr Final cost Revised in 2013 Coffee house, parking area and a garden with swings ₹887 crore and slides developed Initial estimated cost Walkway ramp and a toilet block Selfie points near main structure for visitors 15,500 tonnes of structural steel used **70,400** cubic metres 250mm of concrete used Thickness of steel 6,500 tonnes cords used in the pylon Weight of the pylon 30 high-tension steel cables used to support pylon 350mm Diameter of cables used to support the bridge 284 metres Length of cables

somehow allowing the visitors, nothing worked. It initially mooted a proposal to build another tower with a bullet lift, parallel to the existing structure, and connect it with the observatory deck through a small bridge. But the German consultant who had advised the government on the original structure shot down the proposal.

According to officials, the

triangular-shaped inclined elevators, built inside the steel pylons, go up to the height of 70 metres. These are connected with the second set of vertical lifts with three flights of stairs. The vertical elevators then travel up to 60 metres to reach about 50-metrehigh four-level observatory deck with spiral staircases.

"The elevators can accom-

modate up to four passengers each while the viewers' gallery has a capacity of holding up to 50 people at a time. Since

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the speed of the inclined elevators is extremely slow due to its design, it will take tourists about 5 to 6 minutes to reach the observatory deck." said an official.

"Due to its peculiar design and slow speed, some people may feel claustrophobic inside the elevators. Since it is extremely risky and impractical, the govt gave up the idea to open the viewers' gallery," the official added.

A number of selfie lovers, however, stop by the iron

Open gym near Signature Bridge Photos: Piyal Bhattacharjee structure to click photographs. The bridge often gets crowded with bikes and cars of photo enthusiasts, especially on the weekends, forcing police to swing into action. "But the children are not allowed to play in the garden and on the swings and slides. We have no permission from the senior officials to let children play he-

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New Delhi: Taking strong exception to "misleading and false statements" made before Delhi High Court related to the submission of a report in a matter related to the nowscrapped new excise policy, lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Wednesday asked Delhi govt to file an affidavit giving "full disclosure" about the delay and take full responsibility for it.

Giving his approval to the report containing an authoritative list of conforming and non-conforming wards in the city for implementing the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22, which was prepared by a committee led by the excise commissioner, the LG observed that the file was received by his secretariat on Jan 16, but the standing counsels representing Delhi govt kept telling HC since Sept 2022 that it was pending with him.

In his note on the file, the LG urged chief minister Arvind Kejriwal to debar Delhi govt's standing counsel Santosh Tripathi and govt counsel Arun Panwar from appearing before HC on behalf of govt and take action against them for presenting facts in a "twisted" manner, "lowering the dignity" of his office and committing "perjury and contempt of court".

The note prompted excise minister Atishi to call a meeting of govt counsels and her department to ascertain the reasons behind the "miscommunication" with the court.

"It is imperative to ensure clear communication channels and resolve any issues promptly," Delhi govt stated. In a late evening communication to Atishi, Panwar said it was not even "remotely" submitted before HC that the file had reached the office of LG or was pending before him. He added that he had been regularly keeping the excise department informed about developments in all writ petitions in the excise policy case.

On the recommendation of HC, the then LG Anil Baijal formed a five-member panel to examine the "factual position prevailing in different SAXENA SAYS

I take grave objection and exception to these deliberate attempts at misleading the judiciary and maligning the constitutional office of the LG for petty ends

wards and localities ... so that an authoritative list of conforming and non-conforming wards is duly prepared after due verification".

The LG cited the HC orders passed in Sept 2022, Aug 2023 and Dec 2023 to buttress that the two advocates indulged in "perjury" in the name of the LG and their action amounted to the contempt of court. "The case is a sad reflection on the manner in which state govt's counsels made false and misleading statements before the court, which project the LG and his office in poor light," Saxena stated in his note. "Itake grave objection and exception to these deliberate attempts at misleading the judiciary and maligning the constitutional office of the LG for petty ends."

While the committee submitted its report to seek the approval of the then LG on Aug 18, 2022, the then excise minister Manish Sisodia returned the file to the excise department on Aug 26 and again on Oct 11, said the LG. He added that the govt counsels kept "misleading" the HC while the file moved unnecessarily between departments resulting in "unwarranted delay".

While hearing the case on Dec 4, 2023, the court observed that the report from the LG was still awaited and "renewed request" to him to come to a conclusion on the issue.

Saxena observed that when the committee submitted its report, the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22 was still in vogue and had the matter been processed timely, the court could have made a decision.

Since the issue is still under litigation, the LG directed govt to submit the report before the high court.

Gahlot: Speed

up installation

of HSRP in city

pharmacy payments

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New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena has given his nod to the Anti-Corruption Branch of Delhi govt to registera case of corruption against 10 officials of east Delhi-based Dr Hedgewar Arogya Sansthan, including six doctors.

The case was first registered at Farsh Bazar police station in July 2014 on the complaint of the then medical director of the hospital alleging discrepancies in the payment made to a pharmacy in Dec 2013 and Jan 2014. The case was later transferred to the Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB). According to the compla-

int, the accused doctors and officials of Dr Hedgewar Arogya Sansthan allegedly passed "inflated bills" and made "excess payment" to a private pharmacy that supplied medicines to the hospital.

ACB, in its report, quoted findings of the internal factfinding committee of the hospital which had concluded that "the private pharmacy repeatedly submitted inflated bills by adopting different modus operandi in connivance with the hospital staff and received undue payments".

"... shows the lackadaisical attitude towards duties and responsibilities of the officers which resulted in huge loss to govt exchequer as the entire chain of internal check from bottom to top relies on initial verification by the lower level staff," ACB said in its report, which was submitted to the directorate of vigilance to seek permission from the LG to register a case of corruption.

The directorate of vigilance sought the recommendation of the National Capital Civil Service Authority to conduct investigation aga- was transferred to ACB.

inst 10 officials of the hospital. Following the panel's nod, the file was sent to the LG who also gave his permission.

The internal facts finding committee formed by the hospital to investigate the initial complaint confirmed in its report that "inflated and tampered bills with inconsistencies were submitted by the pharmacy and were regularly cleared and payments were made, which showed how carelessly the process was handled".



LG VK Saxena goes tough

"The committee, after examination of the facts, circumstances, evidence and documents, was of the considered opinion that there should be in depth and extensive inquiry by an external team of appropriate competence immediately," said a source.

cheques of Rs 1.4 crore to the hospital to settle the excess payment made to it. While one cheque was cleared by the bank, another of Rs 50 lakh was dishonoured, following which (APM) at a mega hub. the FIR was registered.

Since the staff of Dr Hedgewar Arogya Sansthan was covered under the definition of public servants and their act of passing excessive bills and making excessive pay-

LG: Book 10 hospital How this gang duped American Strong winds likely, officials over excess citizens by offering tech support no change in temps

New Delhi: The investigation into an illegal call centre racket busted by Delhi Police last week suggests that the gang was making over 50 dubious calls everyday and taking home \$50-100 after 'completing' each call, sources said. The calls were made to dupe customers of global firms like Amazon, Paypal, Chime and Norton in the name of providing technical support.

The intelligence fusion & strategic operations unit had seized Rs 23.5 lakh, which was proceeds of crime, and arrested 21 people from the call centre functioning out of a flat in Naraina Vihar.

One of the arrested men, Mohit Bansal, has emerged as the alleged mastermind of the syndicate, cops said. Known as Kaku, Bansal flaunts his close connections with cops and is known for running a 'K2 group' with his aide Shubham aka Kali. Bansal was first arrested AN OFFICER SAYS

In 2019, they ran an illegal telephone exchange and used a SIM box to generate foreign Internet **Protocol addresses** and to lure people

in 2019 by Delhi Police's Crime Branch for running an illegal call centre and tricking customers of Google, Facebook and Apple into paying on the pretext of providing technical support. In that case, Bansal was among six people arrested for cheating citizens of the US and Europe.

"In 2019, they ran an illegal telephone exchange and used a SIM box to generate foreign Internet Protocol addresses and lure people. Cash worth Rs 7.4 lakh and equipment, including several servers, routers, SIM box, hard disks and SIM cards used by them, were seized," a senior

At that time, they operated from Anupam Building in northwest Delhi's Pitampura.

ces had registered themselves on Google Search Engine's paid services licence for helping customers in troubleshooting. They were the ones contacted by people seeking help with their passwords and other technical glitches. The victims did not doubt as the helpline number provided by them was on the top of the search result," the

officer said. "The customers were then lured to buy Google Play cards and divulge other details, including bank account numbers, on the pretext of fixing their technical issues," the officer added.

In the latest case, the syndicate was found using different software and diallers for making calls impersonating US numbers. Cops are now trying to trace other members of this syndicate.

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re," said a security guard.

New Delhi: Several parts of the city experienced drizzle on "Bansal and his accompli- Wednesday afternoon. This was accompanied by gusty winds reaching speeds of 40-42 kmph. Strong winds are likely to blow on Thursday too.

Despite the drizzle, the observatories did not record any significant rainfall. The Ridge observatory in north Delhi recorded only 'trace' rainfall between 8.30am and 5.30pm.

"Several areas of Delhi witnessed drizzle. Strong winds prevailed in the city during the daytime, with an average speed of 18 kmph. However, gusty winds with a speed of 40-42 kmph were recorded between 2.30 pm and 3 pm," said Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist and head, Regional Weather Forecasting Centre, India Meteorolo-

gical Department (IMD). Srivastava added, "After the passage of the western disturbance, there is a change in wind speed and direction. Similar conditions are likely to prevail on

Thursday as gusty winds are predicted to blow in the city. Rain is unlikely for the next few days."

The maximum temperature on Wednesday was 20.7 AM) and its assigned vendor degrees Celsius, three degrees below normal. The minimum temperature was 6.9 degrees Celsius, three notches below normal.

IMD has predicted strong surface winds reaching speeds of 25-35 kmph during the daytime on Thursday, along with gusty winds with speeds of up to 45 kmph. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to remain around 21 and 7 degrees Celsius, respectively, on Thursday.

However, the day temperature is likely to show a rising trend from Friday onwards.

Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) on Wednesday continued to remain in the 'moderate' category at 175. The Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi (EWS) said the air quality is likely to be in the 'moderate' category till Feb 9, but it is likely to be in the 'very poor' category on Feb 10.

New Delhi: Transport minister Kailash Gahlot has directed the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SI-

to expedite the process of installing High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) in the city. Till date, more than 13 lakh vehicles have installed HSRP, said the department. Gahlot chaired a meeting Wednesday to review the status

of pending HSRP and colourcoded stickers on vehicles in Delhi. "I urge all residents of Delhi to promptly install HSRPs and colour-coded stickers on their vehicles," he said. One can apply for both

HSRP and colour-coded sticker through a single window by logging into https://www.siam.in/ or https://www.bookmyhsrp.com/. For any grievance or queries, call 1800 1200 201 or write to hsrpquery@siam.in, grievance@bookmvhsrp.com & homegrievance@bookmyhsrp.com, said the transport department in a statement. TNN

Govt for only three stations at IGI's proposed air train

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New Delhi: Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) has been told by central govt to have only three stations for the proposed air train at Indi-The pharmacy gave two ra Gandhi International Airport to ensure quick intraterminal transfers for passengers and foolproof security on what will be India's first automated people mover

This is exactly half the six stations proposed by GMRbacked DIAL on an 8-km route. The Airports Authority of India's (AAI) proposal was

for four stops on a 6-km route. "We have asked DIAL to ment would fall under the cri- have only one stop between T1 minal misconduct, the case and T3/2 (the other two sta-

must be able to quickly transfer between T1 on one side and T2/3 on the other. DIAL's proposal for having so many (six) stops, including two at Aerocity, will not only mean higher travel time between T1 and T2/3 but also require foolproof security at the nonterminal stops," said highlyplaced sources. Apart from T1 and T2/3,

the third station is likely to be Aerocity.

While AAI's proposal was for four stations - T1, Aerocity, cargo terminal and T3/2— DIAL's option had six stops, with a station at Aerocity's hotel and office district each. The airport operator is now working on options for the Rs 3,500-crore project following

How it is funded remains to be seen as the government had said that DIAL had to fund the project on its own

and that any development fee on passengers on this count would be allowed only after the same is up and running.



tions on the line). Passengers the government's directive. TAKING CUE: Passengers board an air train at Dubai Airport

DIAL had told the Union aviation ministry that AAI's fourstop proposal did not have any major revenue stream and that almost the entire cost of Rs 3,400 crore would have to be recovered through user development fees (UDF).

People in the know said that

"The two extra stops in the DIAL model gave some funding options due to more footfall. This could have allowed us to cover about Rs 2,500 crore of the project cost, leaving about Rs 1,000 crore to be recovered through UDF. In terms of cost, this would have been more cost-effective for flyers," said people aware of DIAL's take on the proposed APM.

Now, with the aviation ministry asking for three sta- only keep growing.

tions, it remains to be seen what models the airport operator will come up with and what are its cost implications for flyers in terms of a UDF when it is ready. The clock is ticking as IGI

airport is on the fast track to expansion. Terminal 1's capacity will increase to 4.5 crore passengers annually (CPA) by next month, and the combined capacity of T3 and T2 is 6.4 CPA.

Once T2 makes way for a bigger T4, latest by 2032, the capacity of T3 and 4 will be 8.9 CPA — taking IGI airport's combined capacity to 13.4 CPA. Lakhs of passengers already transfer between T1 on one side and T3-T2/4 on the other and this number will



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All 5 Summonses To CM By ED Illegal: Atishi

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New Delhi: Hours after a Rouse Avenue court asked CM Arvind Kejriwal to appear before it on Feb 17 over his "non-compliance" with ED orders, senior AAP leader and Delhi minister Atishi said they respected the order and would present their side of the story before the court on the given day.

Addressing a press conference, Atishi reiterated that the five ED summonses that Kejriwal skipped were "illegal and unlawful" and were part of a conspiracy to stop him from campaigning in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

"We will inform the court by the ED were 100% illegal and unlawful. The Delhi CM responded to each of them in writing, detailing the illegal components but the investigating agency never replied," Atishi said.

"Also, ED could not prove the legality of its summons,"

she added.

The ED issued summons to Keiriwal to appear before it in an excise policylinked money laundering case on Nov 2 and Dec 22 in 2023 and Jan 3, Jan 18, and Feb 2 this year.

CM Arvind Kejriwal

Atishi said the lack of response from ED to Kejriwal's letters was proof that it did not have any evidence to establish the legality of its summonses. She also alleged that just before the ED sent the summons, BJP through press conferences claimed that Kejriwal was going to be sent to jail. This, she alleged, proved that the summonses were politically motivated and illegal

The minister questioned the timing of the summonses and said the court would also be informed that the investigation in the alleged excise scam had been going for two years but Kejriwal was summoned



was trying to poach AAP MLAs to topple Delhi govt by telling them that Kejriwal was going to be arrested soon. She further alleged that ED was destroying the audio recordings of the inves-

ked with the case. "We will present all our points before the court...Today, BJP-led ED has just one motive, which is to undermine the voice of CM Arvind

tigations of other people lin-

Keiriwal," she alleged. rendra Sachdeva, however, hours, she alleged. said that Kejriwal had been falsely accusing the ED of becoming a weapon of BJP. "If Keiriwal does not appear in the court on Feb 17 or does any

legal manoeuvring, it will directly mean that he is the mastermind of the liquor scam," claimed Sachdeva. Focus on administration, not defending graft: BJP

Accused intentionally omitted to obey summonses: ED

necessary ingredients constituting the

offence punishable under Section 174

of IPC. Section 63(4) of PMLA enables

prosecution under Section 174 of IPC

for disobedience of any direction un-

leging that the AAP leader was not

complying with the summons. The

agency had submitted that to unearth

the role of others, including that of

Kejriwal, to trace further proceeds of

crime, the investigating officer needed

ED had last week moved court al-

der Section 50 of the Act.'

nocence in the liquor "scam" and alleging political persecution, the rejection of Singh's bail plea on Wednesday shows that ED has a watertight case against him, claimed Sachdeva. "The people of Delhi hope that AAP will now stop feigning innocence and admit its role in the liquor scam," he said.

'ED officers did not search for documents during raids'

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New Delhi: A day after the Enforcement Directorate conducted raids at the houses of several AAP functionaries, minister Atishi said that during the long hours of the raids, the ED personnel did not search for papers and documents or entered rooms or even questioned anyone. At the house of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's personal secretary, they simply Delhi BJP president Vi- sat in the living room for 16

"Yesterday, ED raided the residence of Bibhav Kumar, who is CM Arvind Kejriwal's personal secretary," Atishi said at a press conference on Wednesday. "ED also raided the residence of AAPMPND Gupta for 18 hours. However, ED didn't question either the personal secretary or Gupta. They didn't even provide information about why the raid was being conducted."

On Tuesday, ED had conducted raids at around a dozen locations in Delhi linked with AAP. Besides Gupta and the CM's personal secretary Bibhav Kumar, former Delhi Jal Board member Shalabh Kumar's house was also raided.

"During the 16-hour long raid at the house of the CM's personal secretary, ED officials did not search or seize a single document or penny. They just sat and waited in his



around a dozen locations in Delhi linked with Aam Aadmi Party

living room," Atishi said, adding that after so many hours, all they collected were two Gmail accounts of the personal secretary and three phones belonging to his family.

She claimed these raids were just part of a larger conspiracy to undermine Kejriwal and the leaders of AAP. "The real motive of these raids is only to stifle the CM's voice because he stands out as the only leader capable of challenging and raising his voice against Prime Minister Narendra Modi," she said.

Atishi maintained that the record of observation did not mention the reasons for the raid. "Normally, during such operations, ED is expected to conduct searches and seizures and document the entire process, including details of the case and the Enforcement Case Information Report. However, in this instance, the panchnama did not explain why the residence of the CM's personal secretary was being raided," she said.

The minister charged ED with first identifying who to put behind bars before determining the charges against them. "BJP has now openly put ED on a single task of putting all AAP leaders and people working with CM Kejriwal in jail. None of our leaders are scared of the ED and CBI threats," she added.

MCD proceedings In total, 20 motions and amendments were proposed by BJP and 28 by AAP on Tuesday. Of AAP's 28 motions, 23 relate to

New Delhi: No discussion on the budget proposals for the 2024-25 fiscal could take place in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for the second consecutive day on Wednesday. The councillors wrangled over the various motions of the opposing parties, including on the transfer of over Rs 1,500 crore worth of funds from other heads to the mayor's discretionary fund.

In total, 20 motions and amendments were proposed by BJP and 28 by AAP on Tuesday. Of AAP's 28 motions, 23 relate to transfer of funds from different heads to the mayor's discretion. These will be tabled for approval on Thursday when leader of the House Mukesh Goel finalises the revised budget estimates for 2023-24 and the budget estimates for 2024-25.

On Wednesday, after repeated arguments between AAP and BJP councillors, the House was adjourned twice. When the situation didn't improve till 5pm, mayor Shelly Oberoi adiourned the House till Thursday.

Given AAP's majority in the House, the cut motions are likely to be approved, there is opposition from BJP and Congress to the alleged move to transfer major financial powers to the mayor and further delay the formation of Standing Committee and other House panels.

"When important committees, such as the Standing Committee and those on rural, wards and education, won't receive funds, how will they operate in 2024-25?" asked BJP councillor Yogesh Verma. "The motions also include decreasing Rs 9.7 crore from the discretionary expenses of the Standing Committee chairman and transferring them to the mayor's discretionary budget."

AAP retorted that the cut motions aimed to bring parity and accelerate the pace of development in various sectors. "The cut motion about which the opposition parties are creating a ruckus is part of the budget process. People from both the ruling party and the opposition put forward their own cut motions and

transfer of funds from different heads to the mayor's discretion

voting takes place when passing the budget," said Goel.

Councillors from BJP and Congress expressed apprehensions that transfer of the huge amount to the mayor's discretion will cause disparity in fund allocation. Leader of the opposition Raja Iqbal Singh of BJP said, "While AAP councillors will manage to get funds for projects, those from other political parties will struggle to get work done in their wards. Never in the history of MCD has such a huge amount been transferred to the mayor's discretion. AAP's act is unjustified."

Opposition members also alleged that funds related to salaries and development being put at the mayor's discretion would lead to corruption. "Why would the salary funds of Rs 226 crore and Rs 500 crore for Group B employees be transferred to the mayor's discretionary fund?" asked Singh. "Around Rs 6 crore meant for ward committees, Rs 13 crore for the repair of parks, Rs 22 crore for engineering works, etc., are also to be transferred to the mayor's fund."

An official of the mayor's office claimed that the majority of funds sought to be transferred to the mayor's discretion are those that remained unutilised in the past, "The funds under the salary head, for instance, were never utilised or available for salary distribution. In MCD, funds provided by Delhi govt are used for paying salaries," the official said.

A MCD official, meanwhile clarified, that even after transferring funds to the mayor's discretion, the executive wing or the department concerned would have to give the final nod for disbursement as suggested by the mayor's office.

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leaders should spend their time on Delhi's administration instead of defending the corruption in government, which was evident from the fact that the party leaders behind bars had been denied bail repeatedly.

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New Delhi: BJP said on Wednesday that AAP

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said minister Atishi should focus to improve Delhi's water supply and sewage treatment plants. "Not only Atishi but also chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and other leaders have been chanting that nothing has been found in ED raids on ND Gupta and Kejriwal's secretary Vibhav Kumar," said Sachdeva, alleging, "this is a

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Avenue, said.

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monses, i.e. the proposed ac-

cused, was legally bound to attend in

person in pursuance of the same but

purportedly he failed to do so," the

court of Divya Malhotra, additional

chief metropolitan magistrate, Rouse

cognisance and in determining whether

The court said that at the stage of

Act, the respondent of the sum-

ready-made drum of AAP by playing which its leaders think they have been absolved of the blame".

Even after the raids on Satyendar Jain, Manish Sisodia and Sanjay Singh, AAP used to say nothing was found in the raids, he said. "But today Jain is not getting regular bail for two years. Sanjay Singh has also been denied bail for a long time."

While the entire AAP has been feigning in-

to examine him and had summoned him in exercise of his powers under Section 50(2) of PMLA.

"The proposed accused has intentionally omitted to obey the summonses and to attend at the place and time mentioned, which intention is manifest from the objections and queries raised by him in his replies,"

ED told the court The agency had said that Kejriwal's replies were "frivolous", adding that the summonses were termed "unsustainable in law" for their failure to disclose the capacity in which the respondent was being called — as a witness or suspect. "To sum up... there are sufficient grounds for proceeding under CrPC Section 204 against the accused," the court said in its order.

Kejriwal has so far skipped five ED summonses — on Nov 2, 2023; Dec 21, 2023; Jan 3, 2024; Jan 18; and Feb 2. However, ED has moved court over non-compliance of three summonses only — the ones issued on Nov 2, Dec 21 and Jan 3.

DDA's demolition action in Khirki Extension New Delhi: Delhi

Development Authority

(DDA) on Wednesday carried out a major demolition drive against illegal shops that had come up on its huge land in Khirki Extension area, next to Malviya Nagar. A senior official said a drive to remove the encroachment on this land had been scheduled for a long

time. "Illegal constructions were removed by the land management department. We have recovered our land and will now do fencing, if required, and install boards at the site to ensure no encroachment happens here

again," said the official. TNN

On Tuesday, public prose-

4-month-old, gets RI ilv lived in the same residential compound as them. In May that year, Kanta had an argument with Laxmi over an issue about their chil-

Woman feeds acid to

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Gurgaon: A woman convicted of killing a 4-month-old boy by feeding him acid used to clean washrooms, allegedly to settle scores with his mother after a dispute, was sentenced to rigorous life imprisonment by a Panipat district court on Monday.

Additional sessions judge Naresh Kumar Singhal observed in the Feb 5 order that Laxmi (28), a homemaker, did not deserve any leniency for her crime. The judge also imposed a penalty of Rs 15,000 and directed Laxmi to pay additional compensation of Rs 25,000 to the parents of the infant. "The amount should be recovered from the person and property of the convict," the order said.

The case was reported on June 22, 2021, when Panipat police received a call about an infant being admitted to a hospital for acid ingestion.

Hathras who was in Panipat with her husband and two children - Shalu (4) and Harshita (4 months old) - told po-

Kanta (25), a native of UP's

doctors referred the infant to PGIMS-Rohtak. The boy died during treatment on June 24. In the police complaint, Kanta pointed blame at Laxmi, saying she suspected that

her neighbour would have fed

acid to her boy.

dren. A month later, she had

gone out to fetch water and

when she returned, she saw

that "something white in col-

our was oozing out of my 4-

month-old son's mouth and

private hospital in the Model

Town area, and a day later,

Kanta took her son to a

there was acid on the floor".

Laxmi was arrested on June 25 and investigators recovered acid from her house. In October 2021, police filed a chargesheet against Laxmi under sections 302 (murder) and 328 (causing hurt by poisoning, etc) of the IPC.

cutor Sunil Dahiya said the autopsy report confirmed that the infant died of ingesting a corrosive substance.

of upscale society in Noida

stalled on the premises to ascertain who dumped the body.

body around 11am when they came to pick up trash from ATS One Hamlet's basement, the garbage collection point of the society. "The body was found wrapped in a cloth and dumped near a pile of bottles and garbage in the second basement of Tower 7 in the society. We have sent the body for postmortem. CCTV footage is being checked for clues while residents are also being questioned," a senior officer said. AOA president Alok Sahdev said someone may have just driven in to dump the body and left. "The part of the basement, where the body was found, is usually not frequented by residents as the garbage from the society is kept there. The society's maintenance staff called the police as soon as they spotted the body," Sahdev said. TNN

Eye on Olympic glory: Sports univ will train 2,500 in 20 disciplines Shreya.Ghosh@timesgroup.com

a process needs to be issued, a magist-

rate has to be satisfied only about the in-

gredients of the alleged offence being

made out and if there are sufficient

grounds for proceeding, and not if there

moned by ED are bound to comply by

virtue of Section 50(3) of PMLA, the

court said: "In view of the discussion

held above, the complaint filed by the

complainant accompanied by the sup-

porting documents discloses all the

Observing that the persons sum-

are sufficient grounds for conviction.

New Delhi: Delhi Sports University will be built on 80 acres of land in Mundka to offer training to 2,500 students for 20 Olympic sports. It may take three years to

be ready, chief minister Ar-

vind Kejriwal said during the

inauguration of an air-conditioned indoor swimming pool at the Delhi Sports School in Civil Lines on Wednesday. He added that the purpose of establishing Delhi Sports University is to bring maxi-

mum medals in the Olympics

and all modern facilities will

be provided free of cost to the

athletes training here. Talking about the Delhi Sports School, Kejriwal said: "There will be nothing lacking in promoting sports. 172 children are being trained in 10 Olympic sports at Delhi Sports School."

About the planning of the sports university, he said: "For a few years, we pondered over the idea of a Delhi Sports University. We thought that our country has 140 crore people, and when it comes to the Olympics or international sports events, we are lowest in the table in terms of medals. We long for even a single medal, and countries such as China, and the US take all the medals. What are we really lacking? In a country of 140 crore individuals, we don't have any dearth of talent. Both rich and poor people can possess talent."

He said: "There is also a lot of talent hidden in the children of our villages, but so far, no one has supported that talent. If that talent is supported, we can defeat any country in the world in a competition. We have established





aim of bringing more medals from the Olympics. All the athletes training at Delhi Sports School are being prepared to bring more medals. This is our goal. Behind the establishment of the Delhi Sports University, we have a

being built in Mundka on about 80 acres of land, where 2,500 students will be enrolled. It may take about three years for the university to be established." He added that it was the desire of this country that all the medals in these 20 a sports university with the big vision. This university is Olympic sports disciplines nallevel," Kejriwal said.

KEJRIWAL SAYS There will be nothing

lacking in promoting sports. 172 children are being trained in 10 Olympic sports at **Delhi Sports School**

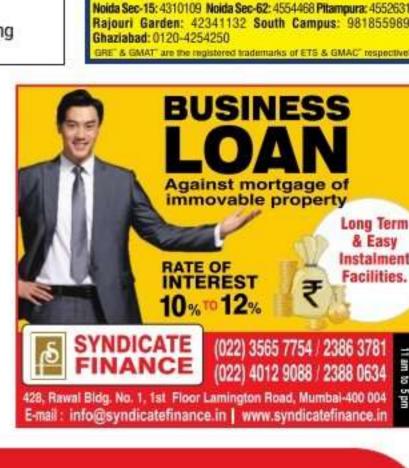
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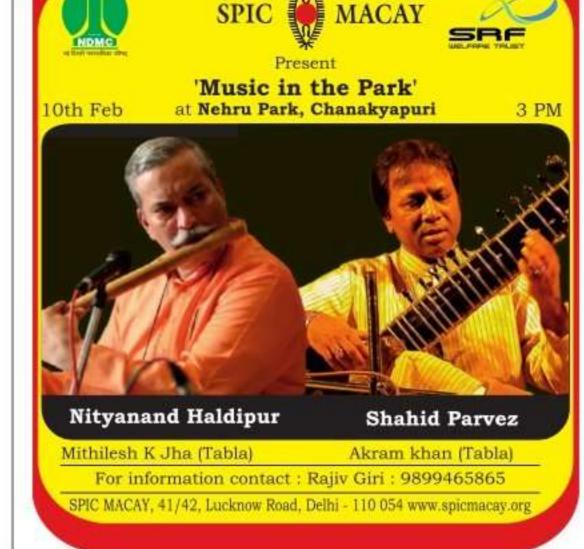
selection process for the Delhi Sports School, the chief minister iterated that tests were conducted at several levels, and then there was a competition. Besides, more than 10,000 applications were received, out of which only 170 have been selected. "This means that all the children training here are very talented. We have selected them from the 6th and 7th grades, and we will support them until they play at the internatio-

lice that Laxmi and her fam-Newborn's body found in dustbin

Noida: The body of a newborn boy was found in a dustbin in the basement of a Noida condominium in Sector 104 on Wednesday. Police are scanning footage of from CCTVs in-

According to cops, garbage collection agents spotted the





ED And AAP Spar Over DJB Contracts

'Bribes' used by party for elections: Agency...

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New Delhi: Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday claimed that a former chief engineer of Delhi Jal Board (DJB) gave contracts to an ineligible company in exchange for bribes which were shared with Aam Aadmi Party functionaries to be used as the party's campaign fund.

A day after searches were conducted on the premises of Bibhay Kumar, personal secretary of CM Arvind Kejriwal, and AAP treasurer N D Gupta, ED claimed that its probe into DJB had found that bribes were received by AAP functionaries and used by the party for elections.

"Investigations and digital evidence show that Jagdish Kumar Arora (ex-chief engineer of DJB) passed on bribes (received from contractors) to various persons connected with DJB, including persons connected with AAP. Bribe amounts were also passed on as election funds to AAP," ED said in a statement.

The agency further said its probe found that the DJB contract was awarded at highly inflated rates so that bribes could be collected from the contractors from the inflated cost. "As against the contract value of Rs 38 crore, only Rs 17 crore was spent towards the contract and the remaining amount was siphoned off in guise of various fake expenses. Such fake expenses were booked for bribes and election funds," the agency claimed.

The money laundering allegation being investigated by ED in the DJB case is

ED claimed its probe found that the DJB contract was awarded at highly inflated rates so that bribes could be collected from contractors

based on a CBI FIR that had alleged corruption in the board for awarding contracts to NKG Infrastructure despite the company not meeting the technical eligibility.

The agency said it had, during its searches on Tuesday at various locations in Delhi, Varanasi and Chandigarh, seized "incriminating documents and digital evidence", including Rs 1.9 crore and foreign currency equivalent to Rs 4 lakh.

ED had earlier conducted searches against DJB contractors and its officials in July and Nov last year and arrested DJB engineer Arora and contractor Anil Kumar Aggarwal on Jan 31. Both are in ED custody till Feb 10. Further investigation is in progress.

As reported by TOI, Kumar and Gupta have been questioned earlier by the agency in connection with Delhi's excise policy scam and related money laundering case. While Gupta had recorded his statement before ED on Dec 9, the agency had questioned Kumar in Feb last year on the alleged involvement of AAP leaders in Rs 100 crore bribes paid by the liquor cartel.

Kumar was also quizzed about the people meeting the CM during the period of the scam and about 'missing' mobile

...Will take legal action for defamation: AAP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party on Wednesday said it would take legal action against the Enforcement Directorate for defaming it in the alleged Delhi Jal Board corruption case. The party, in a statement, said ED was levelling allegations against its leaders without any evidence. "ED has proved that it is nothing but a mouthpiece of BJP," said the party.

ED has claimed that investigations and digital evidence had revealed that a former chief engineer of DJB had passed on money received as bribes to various people, including those managing the affairs of the water utility and those connected with AAP. The allegations came a day after the central agency conducted raids at various locations of Delhi, Varanasi and Chandigarh.

ing done by DJB officials or its contractors, if proven true. (But) we also condemn ED's blatantly false allegation that AAP or its leaders have anything to do with this case," the party said. "Not a the statement. single penny or a piece of evidence has been recovered from AAP leaders who were raided yesterday by ED," it added.

The investigation agency on Tuesday raided around a dozen locations in the caconnection with a money laundering ca- with BJP?" it asked.

Aam Aadmi Party, in a statement, said Enforcement **Directorate was levelling** allegations on its leaders

se related to an alleged scam in the board.

"Over the last 10 years, the Modi govt and their 'mayajaal' (web) of agencies like ED and CBI have filed over 230 cases "We condemn any kind of wrongdo- against AAP leaders. Yet, not a single one has been proven in courts. This shows their only purpose is to defame CM Arvind Kejriwal and AAP by creating a media sensation every day," the party said in

It also questioned why there was no

without any evidence

Kejriwal, however, had called it "sheer hooliganism" and alleged that the ED raids and arrests were just "political malice" to harass and crush AAP. He had also claimed that ED teams had found nothing at any location during Tuesday's raids. AAP on Wednesday said BJP-led central govt followed the Hitler's ideology that if a lie was repeated a thousand times, people would start believing in it.

investigation into the alleged irregularities pointed out by CAG in Ayushman Bharat or Bharatmala project "scam" if ED was really keen on tackling corruppital, mainly linked to AAP Rajya Sabha tion. "Why is it that ED has stopped inves-MP N D Gupta, CM Arvind Kejriwal's tigating people like Chagan Bhujbal, Napersonal secretary Bibhav Kumar, and rayan Rane, Ajit Pawar and Suvendu Adformer DJB member Shalabh Kumar, in hikari just because they have aligned



PULMONARY FIBROSIS

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What is Pulmonary Fibrosis? Pulmonary

fibrosis is a lung disease that occurs when lung

tissue becomes damaged and scarred. This

thickened, stiff tissue makes it more difficult for

your lungs to work properly. Pulmonary fibrosis

may cause shortness of breath when you do

routine tasks that never seemed tiring before. It

Causes: Pulmonary fibrosis can be caused due

to different reasons, including autoimmune

disorders, environmental or occupational

exposures, and a variety of other causes.3 About

60% to 70% of patients with pulmonary fibrosis

are current or former smokers. In many cases,

despite extensive evaluation, the cause is

unknown. Such condition is known as idiopathic

Symptoms: Early warning symptoms of

pulmonary fibrosis are dry, persistent cough

and shortness of breath. Symptoms may be mild

or even absent early in course of the disease. As

the lungs develop more scar tissue, symptoms

worsen. Shortness of breath may initially occur

with exercise, but as the disease progresses,

patients may become breathless while taking

part in everyday activities, such as getting

Treatment: Medications can sometimes help ease symptoms, reduce rate of disease

progression and improve quality of life. There

are number of ways to treat pulmonary

fibrosis, including the use of medications,

oxygen therapy, lung physiotherapy, and even

lung transplantation. Patients need to be

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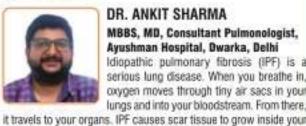
Max Hospital Shalimar Bagh, Delhi Pulmonary fibrosis is a lung condition which lung start becoming stiff, there is scarring and lung architecture is distorted Other symptoms may be low grade fever, joint pains, difficulty swallowing, skin tightening etc. Some people experience rapid worsening of symptoms and decrease in lung function, therefore early diagnosis and management is necessary to prevent permanen

ing damage and to slow the progression of disease.



DR. SAI KIRAN CHAUDHURI MBBS, MD, DTCD, Consultant Pulmonologist, Delhi

Pulmonary fibrosis is a lung disease that occurs when lung tissue becomes damager and scarred. This thickened, stiff tissue makes caused by multitude of factors. But in most cases, doctors can pinpoint what's causing the problem. When a cause can't be found he condition is termed idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. Treatment is long term depends on your symptoms, which needs patience and



DR. ANKIT SHARMA MBBS, MD, Consultant Pulmonologist, Ayushman Hospital, Dwarka, Delhi diopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) is oxygen moves through tiny air sacs in you

ungs and makes it hard to breathe. It gets worse over time. ung condition which affects the quality of life

DR. GURMEET SINGH MBBS, MD, DTCD, DNB, Associate Consultant Pulmonology & Sleep Medicine, Fortis Escort Hospital, Pulmonary fibrosis is a serious irreversib

gnificantly. Pulmonary fibrosis can be a parenchymal fibrosis in case are shortness of breath, dry cough and chest heaviness. Evaluation the cause of it by serological testing, radiological imaging and physiological lung function is important to subclassify it and initiate treatment reatment opinion are limited and basically works to limit the rogression of the disease along with other supportive medications in form of oxygen therapy, Pulmonary rehabilitation and Vaccination. The key lies in early diagnosis with proper evaluation which helps to control. the disease progression. "Its not always the air, it could be your lungs" so any minimal symptoms should not be neglected.

HC rejects Sanjay Singh's bail plea Farmers' march may hit traffic today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Citing statements made by an accusedturned-approver and others in the alleged Delhi excise scam, the high court on Wednesday denied bail to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)'s Sanjay Singh in a money laundering case.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma said the statement by approver Dinesh Arora and others claiming they had delivered cash to Singh's associate, in one case at the leader's residence, required to be examined during trial and no ground had been made out to give bail at the current stage.

"Thus, prima facie, it is clear that the present applicant was part of preparation

of the old excise policy, and thereafter, the new excise policy was made to suit the coaccused(s) who were to pay kickbacks to the present applicant and co-accused(s) and

the party concerned, from

the profit so generated due to the excise policy drafted to suit them, and there are specific statements that Rs 2 crore was paid to Sarvesh Mishra for Sanjay Singh at his Sanjay Singh

official residence in lieu of the new excise policy made to suit them and generate profit for them, the role at this stage of the applicant cannot completely be ruled out," HC noted, after analysing the statements of approvers and other accused relied upon by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The court said specific allegations with time, place and manner when the meetings and conversations took

> place between Arora, Vivek Tyagi, Mishra, Vijay Nair, ex-deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia and accused Singh etc. "cannot be disregarded at this stage". It also pointed out

that if the statement of the approver suffered from infirmity, bias, pressure, threat, coercion, etc. as alleged, Singh would have a chance to prove it during trial. At this stage, "no finding can be given to give benefit of

its lack of evidentiary value or falsehood to grant bail to the accused".

However, the court directed to expedite the trial once it starts to protect the rights of Singh as an accused. "This would be subject to the condition that neither the counsel for Singh nor the prosecution will seek unnecessary adjournments," the court clarified.

Singh, a Rajya Sabha member, had sought bail, arguing that he had been in custody for over three months and no role had been attribufence lodged by CBI.

volved in creating a special purpose vehicle to launder the "proceeds of crime".

Abhijeet Singh & Shafaque Alam TNN

Noida: Farmers demanding developed plots from govt held 'kisan mahapanchayats' in the city and in Greater Noida on Wednesday to scale up their protest and also announced a march to Parliament on Thursday, which will likely affect traffic on the Noida Expressway and the borders with Delhi.

The farmers' announcement prompted police to issue a diversion plan for traffic on the expressway, Udyog Marg, DND Flyway and near ted to him in the predicate of Chilla Border. Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the ED alleges Singh was in- CrPC were imposed across the district.

Under the banners of Sanyukt Kisan Morcha and Akhil gathered outside the NTCP office in Noida Sector 24 and the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority's office demanding 10% of abadi land.

Around 4,000 farmers are likely to gather at the Harola community centre in Sector 5 on Thursday noon and march towards Sandeep Paper Mill in Sector 5 before heading towards Udyog Marg to reach the Sector 15 roundabout and the Delhi border. Groups of farmers will join the protest in tractors, which could have a bigger impact on traffic, both along the route they propose to take and the expressway, where police are likely to put up barricades.

"The march to Parliament will be a reminder to the state

Bhartiya Kisan Sabha, farmers govt in Lucknow, which has been sitting on our demand for more than five months. The farmers from Noida and Greater Noida will march together and will be joined by others from nearby districts," said a farmer protesting in Greater Noida.

> In Noida, farmers have been squatting outside Noida Authority's Sector 6 office for two months, demanding 10% abadi plots and enhanced compensation for acquired land.

"Our demands also include jobs for children of farmers whose land has been acquired for development projects in Noida and Greater Noida. We also want schools and hospitals," said Sukhbir Khalifa, who has been leading the Noida protest.

Wednesday's mahapanchayat, meanwhile, was a show of strength by farmers who gave their land for development but have got only 6% of the land they gave as abadi plots —where they can build houses - under the existing rule. In Greater Noida, camps are being held to ascertain the eligibility of farmers for 6% of abadi plots.

Delhi Traffic Police through X alerted the commuters. "Heavy traffic is expected on the routes connected to Soniya Vihar, DND, Chilla, Gazipur, Sabhapur, Apsara & Loni borders on Feb 8. Kindly avoid/ plan journey accordingly," The traffic police wrote. Police said they have heightened security arrangements across bordering areas of ensure no untoward incidents takes place.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Himashi Rathor, D/o Bhagwandass, R/o: A-209, Street No. 25, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 20.01.2024 from A 302, Nand Nagri, Delhi from the area of P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi In this regard a case vide DD No. 91 dated 27.01.2024 has been registered at P.S.

Nand Nagri, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped girl is as under: Age: 20 years, Height: 5', Face: Oval, Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, ID Mark: A tattoo of ऊँ on left hand, Wearing: Black colour huddi, navy blue colour jeans and slipper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused

Sunder @ Shyam Sunder @ Surender, S/o Khachu, R/o (1) Gali

no. 10, Madhu Vihar, Delhi, (2) Village Pahalgu, PS Chhipri, District

Jhansi, U.P., has committed (or is suspected to have committed)

the offence in case FIR No. 682/2016, U/s 363/367 IPC, registered

at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of

arrest there upon issued that the said accused Sunder @ Shyam

Sunder @ Surender, cannot be found and whereas it has been

shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Sunder @ Shyam

Sunder @ Surender, has absconded (or is concealing himself to

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Sunder @

Shyam Sunder @ Surender, of case FIR No. 682/2016, U/s

363/367 IPC, P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi, is required to appear before

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 Anil S/o Jaggi Singh R/o H.No. 198 Shalimar

Village, Delhi, have committed (or is suspected to have committed)

the offence under case Reg. No.2654/17 U/s 138 NI Act., has

been registered at P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi and it has been

returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, Anil

cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction

that the said, Anil has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused of Anil case

Reg. No.2654/17 U/s 138 NI Act., registered at PS. Keshav

Puram, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the

this court to answer the said complaint on or before 11.03.2024.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1447/NE/2024

avoid the service of said warrant).

the service of the said warrant)

said complaint on or before 28.03.2024.

DP/1176/OD/2024

(Court Matter)

SHO P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi Ph.: 011-22137761, 8750870733

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise) OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (OPERATION & MAINTENANCE), GARHWAL ZONE, 26-CIVIL LINES, ROORKEE

E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. Invites the following e-tenders. 1. Procurement of 245 KV & 145 KV Current Transformers at 220 KV Substation SIDCUL Haridwar against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-27/2023-24. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 06.03.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 07.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs. 2. Procurement of 145 KV & 33 KV Circuit Breaker at 220 KV Substation SIDCUL, Haridwar against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-28/2023-24. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 06.03.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 07.03.2024 at 16.00 hrs.

Procurement & installation of 132KV Hybrid Circuit Breaker for transfer bus at 132 KV Substation Bhagwanpur against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-29/2023-24. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 12.03.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 13.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Details of E-tender can be obtained from E-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in and information of E-tender can be seen from PTCUL website www.ptcul.org. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No.+91-8899890000.

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



NOTICE

LOOKOUT The person shown in the photograph named Ravi Nalwaya, (Aged-36/2024) S/o Jamna Sankar Nalwaya, Umarda Hiranmagari, Udaypur, Rajasthan, India (No.8, Gandhi Nagar Colony, H-Block, Ambamatha, Udaipur, Rajasthan) is the prime accused in Crime 36/CB/EKM/2016 (Crime 620/2013 of Ernakulam Town South Police Station) U/S Sec. 406,417,420,419,465,468,471,34 IPC 3rd 66D of IT Act (Forgery) being investigated at Crime Branch Ernakulam, Kerala. He also involved in many crime cases in Rajasthan State. If any information related to the above accused person, please be inform the details to given below police officer's address. Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch, Ernakulam, Kerala State- Phone: 0484-2551158

Email- spcbekm.pol@kerala.gov.in

Ravi Nalwaya (Aged-36/2024)

By order

Sachin Jain,

A. S. J. - 07, West District

Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

Room no. 216, Second Floor

2) Deputy Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch, Ernakulam Kerala State- Phone 09497990199 Email-dysp3cbekm.pol@kerala.gov.in RO. 42/F2/2024/I&PRD

OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LTD. CBM Asset, 1st Floor, HSCL Building, Naya More, Bokaro Steel City, Jharkhand - 827001, INDIA Office of Sub Surface Manager

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), with one of it's Offices at 1st Floor, HSCL Building, Naya More, Bokaro-827001, Jharkhand (India), as an Operator on behalf of the ONGC-CIL Unincorporated Joint venture, intends to farm-out a maximum 24% Participating Interest (PI) from its own PI share (74%) along with transfer of it's obligation of Operatorship in Raniganj CBM block to an Entity / Company - experienced CBM players / Oil & gas companies/ firms having relevant experience, technical and financial capabilities either separately or together with other companies/ firms for execution of approved Field Development Plan (FDP) (i.e. revised field development plan - RFDP) of Raniganj (North) CBM Block to optimize cost of development, Operation & maintenance of the facilities by integration of the entire physical scope of FDP to complete the project as per schedule for early monetization. The time

S. No.	Description	Date
1	Publication of EOI on ONGC tender Website	09.02.2024
2	Last date for interested entities to submit response (including detailed presentation soft copy to ONGC through mail i.e. to ssm_cbm@ongc.co.in)	16.02.2024
3	Date & time for EOI Meeting with interested entities (through Video Conferencing)	Tentatively on 17.02.2024 (15.00 hrs.)

All inquiries and Expression of Interest must be clearly marked with the

Government of Rajasthan **Election Department** No. 748 Date: 30/1/24 Corrigendum

With reference to NIB No.302 (UBN No.-ELE2324GLRC00230) dated 10-01-2024 for "Print Service Provider for Printing 8 Personalizing Colour PVC Electors Photo identity Card (EPIC) and Printing of Voter's Manual Kit", which bids were invited up to 31-01-2024, the last date of Submission of above PVC EPIC bid has been extended to 12-02-2024 till 12.30 PM and date of opening the bid has been extended to 12-02-2024, 03.00 PM.Bidders who have been submitted their bid already may revise(If required) their bid up to last date and time. Above Corrigendum may be visited on the portal http://sppp.raj.nic.in and http://eproc.rajastha.gov.in of the state and https://ceorajasthan.nic.in Departmental website.

DIPR/C/449/2024

Closing Date and

Officer on Special Duty Election Department, Rajasthan

MANAGING DIRECTOR

PHSC Mohali

Government of Punjab (Department of Health & Family Welfare)

Bid Ref No:- E-tender/ PHSC/Proc/2024/122 The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids

for the Rate Contract of One Year for the supply of various types of Anti-Hemophilia Factors and Chelation Drugs as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. Date, time and 14.02.2024 at 02:30 pm in the Committee Room of place of pre bid Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohaliconference 160062. Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247

For details log on https://eproc.punjab.gov.in), Note:-Any Addendum/Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only and shall be considered as valid notice to all interested

bidders. No separate communication shall be given to any of the intended

01.03.2024 till 12:30 pm

DPR/Pb.: PHSC/12/334/2023/32141

Government of Punjab (Department of Health & Family Welfare)

Bid Ref No:- E-tender/ PHSC/Proc/2024/124 The Puniab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Procurement of various items ie Lab Consumables, Chemicals and Glasswares under NTEP Programme as per list enumerated in the tender

document available on the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. Date, time and 16.02.2024 at 11:30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School place of pre bid Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohaliconference 160062. Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247 07.03.2024 till 11:30 am Closing Date and For details log on https://eproc.punjab.gov.in). Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above

website only. No separate communication shall be given to any of the bidders.

DPR/Pb.: PHSC/12/336/2023/32144

All the prospective bidders are advised to check the website regularly.

Government of Punjab (Department of Health & Family Welfare) Bid Ref No:- E-tender/ PHSC/Proc/2024/123

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Rate Contract of Two Years for the supply of Rate Contract of Dual Kits for Point of Care Syphilis and HIV Tests under Maternal Health Programme as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. Date, time and 16.02.2024 at 02:30 pm in the Committee Room of place of pre bid Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohaliconference

the above website only and shall be considered as valid notice to all interested

bidders. No separate communication shall be given to any of the intended bidders.

160062. Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247

Closing Date and 01.03.2024 till 12:30 pm For details log on https://eproc.puniab.gov.in) Note :- Any Addendum/Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on

DPR/Pb.: PHSC/12/335/2023/32143

MANAGING DIRECTOR

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) (1) Suman (User), (2) Santosh (User) R/o H. No. 121. Ground Floor, T-Camp, Krishna Colony, Kali Basti, Hastsal, New Delhi-18 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No./Ct. Cases 1163/2017 U/s 135 Indian Electricity Act, PS Uttam Nagar, New Delhi and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) (1) Suman (User), (2) Santosh (User) can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) (1) Suman (User), (2) Santosh (User) has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) (1) Suman (User), (2) Santosh (User) of 1163/2017 U/s 135 Indian Electricity Act, PS Uttam Nagar, New Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated 13.03.2024. By Order

Sh. Vinod Kumar Meena Addl. Sessions Judge (Electricity) Room No. 609

Dwarka District Courts, New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Satyaprakash

DP/1498/DW/2024

(Court Matter)

General Public is hereby informed that a person namely Satyaprakash S/o Kanchi Lal, R/o B-4/330, Nand Nagri, Delhi. Age: 29 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion-Wheatish, Built-Thin, Face-Long, Wearing: Blue colour Jacket, Jersey and Blue colour Jeans & Campus Shoes in his feet has been missing from his home since 31.12.2023 at 11.00 PM. In this regard a vide DD No. 76A dated 02.01.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this person please inform undersigned.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in SHO Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi

Fax: 011-24368639 DP/1097/NE/2024 Ph.: 011-22583307, 22585985, 8750870733

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one female namely Muskan W/o Rohit R/o I-246, Sunder Nagari, Delhi, Age: 21 years, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Medium, wearing Red colour Suit, White colour Jersey and Chappal in feet, has been kidnapped/ missing along with her son namely Nishant, Age: 1 year 6 months, from

the area of P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi since 29.01.2024 at around 12:30 Hrs. In this regard a DD No. 49A, dated

SHO

MANAGING DIRECTOR **PHSC Mohali**

30.01.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female & her son but no clue has come to light so far. If any

one having any information about them please inform undersigned. Website: http://cbi.nic.in

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi DP/1430/NE/2024 Ph. No.: 011-22585985, 22583307

By Order Sh. Vaibhav Chaurasia, MM, DP/1139/NW/2024 Room No.112, 1st Floor Rohini Courts, Delhi

onec NOTICE INVITING EOI EOI Ref. No: BKRO/CBM/EOI/Raniganj-FDP/2023-24/01

details of the EOI and should be directed to: Mr. Aloke Das, CGM (Reservoir), Sub-Surface Manager, Mob: +91 9969221175, Email: ssm_cbm@ongc.co.in

DDA Budget: 75% Rise In Collection This Year

Target Of 19% Increase In Receipts Next Year

HOUSING SPORTING INFRA IN FOCUS

DDA achieved a 75		n current financial year (2023-2	(4)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	ALLOCATION		
2023-24 ₹7696 cr	Ongoing housing proje	ects	₹1,953 cr
2022-2023 ₹4,392 cr	Development of land a sub-cities like Narela,		3,460
In 2024-25, 19% increase	Dilli Gramodaya Abhiy	an	600
projected in revenue collection, target of	Redevelopment and tr five major truck drains		165
₹9,182 crore	Rejuvenation and rest	oration of Yamuna floodplain	142
Expenditure up to ₹8,804	Completion of work at	Bharat Vandana Park	150
crore, an increase of nearly 69%;	Completion of three no Dwarka and Rohini	ew sports complexes in	266
in 2022-23, the	Success of Diwali	Projects, such as housing ar	nd in situ

special housing scheme

reflected in the budget

Development Account

figures of General

Vibha.Sharma@timesgroup.com

For 2024-25, the proposed

outlay is ₹8,811 crore

expenditure stood

at ₹5,189 crore

New Delhi: Aggressive strategies and acceleration of development projects helped Delhi Development Authority achieve a 75% increase in receipts in the 2023-24 financial year. While the civic body logged Rs 7,696 crore as revenue in 2023-24, the collections had totalled Rs 4,392 crore in 2022-23.

Motivated by the figures, DDA has projected a 19% increase in revenue collection in the next fiscal, targeting Rs 9.182 crore under this head in 2024-25. A meeting chaired by lieutenant governor VK Saxena, who is also the DDA chairman, approved the budget estimates for 2024-25 with a total outlay of Rs 8,811 crore on Wednesday.

Owing to massive developmental activities that the DDA undertook, the expenditure in 2023-24 touched Rs 8,804 crores, which is an increase of nearly 69% over the expenditure of Rs 5,189 crore in 2022-23. An official said, "Next year, DDA aims to limit expenditure to the same level as the current year."

The LG said, "DDA will undertake several developmental projects in the next financial year focused on better housing, aesthetic upgradation of the landscape and restoration and preservation of the capital's heritage. The proposed expenditures in 2024-25

for these projects will be financed from the revenues, which are projected at Rs 9,182 crore." said the LG while appreciating the gradual financial turnaround that DDA has

development, clean and green Delhi,

development of civic infrastructure, will

continue to be core areas for expenditure

Rs 600 crore in 2024-25 and Rs

300 crore in the revised esti-

mates of 2023-24 for the Dilli

Gramodaya Abhiyan. A sum

of Rs 165 crore has been propo-

sed for the redevelopment of

and treatment of water in the Kirari trunk drain, the storm

water drain in Dwarka Sector

8, trunk drains 2 and 5 at Dwar-

ka and the drain from Rani

of Rs 1,953 crore in 2024-25 is for ongoing housing projects

across Delhi. This includes

construction of the remai-

ning residential complexes in

phase I of the transit-oriented

development (TOD) project at

Karkardooma and the in-situ

Rejuvenation and restora-

slum rehabilitation projects.

tion of the Yamuna floodplain

has created spaces that can be

easily accessed by the citizens such as Asita East near ITO

Bridge, Baansera in Sarai Ka-

le Khan and Vasudev Ghat ne-

ar the Kashmere Gate ISBT.

DDA allocated Rs 96 crore for

these projects in 2023-24 and

Rs 142 crore in 2024-25, and Rs

96 in 2023-24. For the comple-

tion of the construction of the

Bharat Vandana Park in

Dwarka Sector 20, a provision

of Rs 150 crore was made in

2023-24 and Rs 200 crore in

2024-25. A sum of Rs 266 crore

has been allocated in 2024-25

for new sports complexes in

Dwarka and Rohini and a golf

Another major allocation

Khera to Sector 40 in Rohini.

promotion of sports infrastructure,

been achieving. Housing and in-situ development of slums, clean and green Delhi, promotion of sports infrastructure for a healthy and fit Delhi and development of civic infrastructure will continue to be core areas for spending in the new financial year.

"A budget of Rs 3,460 crore has been made for development of land and physical infrastructure in the sub-cities of Narela, Dwarka, Rohini and other areas," an official said. "The spendings include Rs 400 crore to enable the completion of the Urban Extension Road-II, for which the budgetary support increased from Rs 920 crore to Rs 1,590 crore in 2023-24. Similarly, for Phase IV of the Delhi Metro expansion, in 2023-24 the allocation increased from Rs 350 crore to Rs. 390 crore, while Rs 275 crore has been provided for this purpose

in the 2024-25 budget.". Cantilevered car parkings at Nehru Place and Bhikaji Cama Place are in progress. In addition, a multi-level carparking has been proposed at Netaji Subhash Place and a provision of Rs 70 crore made for it in 2024-25.

DDA has also demarcated

Pollution level in Yamuna on rise, treatment affected

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The level of ammonia pollution in the Yamuna is on the rise because of which the Wazirabad water treatment plant (WTP) has reduced its processing capacity by 50%, Delhi Jal Board (DJB) officials have said.

"As the level of ammonia is more than 1 ppm, we had to reduce production capacity at the Wazirabad water treatment plant. We are hoping that the situation improves in the next one or two days," a senior DJB official said on Wednesday.

At present, water treatment plants are forced to shut down when ammonia levels exceed their processing capacity.

For the last three days, the ammonia level is on average between 3ppm to 1.7ppm. DJB is unable to treat raw water having more than 1ppm of ammonia Sources said a wall between two

drains — DD6 and DD8 — has bro-

ken, which is allowing dirty water

to mix with the river water. This

was increasing the ammonia level at Wazirabad. The pollution has happened for the last three days, but no official alert has been issued by DJB on the

matter, which is not the usual practi-

ce for the agency.

The problem is likely to affect VIP areas of NDMC, Delhi and south Delhi.

DJB is responsible for supplying arrested, police said. potable water to Delhi, for which it is dependent on the supply of raw water received through the drains of the Yamuna, which passes through territory in Haryana.

For the past few days, the ammonia level in the river has fluctuated frequently causing problems for DJB. High levels of ammonia mean a large quantity of untreated industrial chemicals and sewage has entered the river and polluted the raw water supply chain.

An increase in ammonia in the Yamuna has been noticed earlier too due to which production of drinking water at various water treatment plants got adversely affected. Since last year, the water utility has been complaining about high levels of ammonia in the Yamuna from the Haryana border.

The reason for the latest bout of water pollution — the wall breach that has leaked impurities into the river — has happened where dirty water is generated in Haryana. Last month, too, the ammonia levels increased causing problems for the common man.

Kid crushed by car, bizman held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A two-and-a-half-year-old boy was crushed to death under a car while walking near a road in northwest Delhi's Mukherjee Nagar on Wednesday. The suspect, identified as Mehak Bansal (38), a businessman, has been

The incident which was captured by a CCTV camera, showed a red car colliding with the toddler as he was seen running to the other side. The accused,

who was behind the wheel, inadvertently ran over the child, resulting in fatal injuries. Parents and bystanders rushed to the child's aid, transporting him to hospital for urgent medical attention.

"Upon receiving the information, a team rushed to the hospital, where it was discovered that the child had succumbed to his injuries. A case has been registered under Section 279 for rash driving and Section 304(a) for death caused by negligence," said Jitender Meena, DCP (Northwest).



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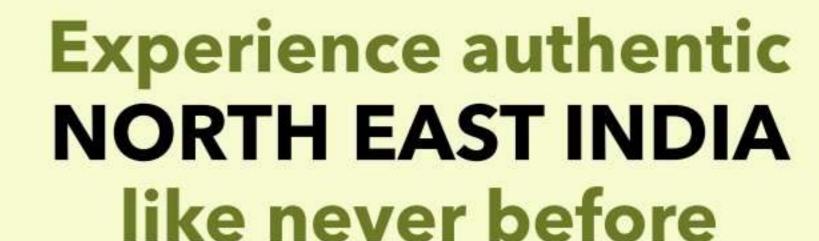




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JJB accepts police request to try teen murderer as adult

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New Delhi: Juvenile Justice Board has agreed to Delhi Police's request to try a 17-yearold boy, accused of murder in Welcome last year, as an adult.

The incident had happened on May 8. The complainant in the case told police that he and his 14-year-old friend had returned from work together that day. "While heading home, my friend told me that he would meet me at a bakery in the neighbourhood after some time. We met at the bakery around midnight. When my friend went to drink water from a nearby tap, the accused came from behind and grabbed him by his collar. He then stabbed him multiple times with a knife. The accused claimed that he had passed information about him to someone," the complainant stated.

The 14-year-old boy was attacked several times and he was declared dead at the hospital. A case under Section 302(murder) of IPC was registered. Cops had apprehended the accused.

Sources said that during investigation, cops found that the 17-year-old boy had committed the offence after planning and without any provoca-

The 14-year-old boy was attacked several times and he was declared dead at the hospital. A case under Section 302 (murder) of IPC was registered

tion. During assessment, it was also found that the boy was not suffering from any psychological or psychiatric illness.

A senior officer said that a few days ago, JJB ordered that the accused should be tried in this murder case as an adult.

This was not the first case

where the board granted permission to try a juvenile as an adult. Last year, it had agreed to Delhi Police's request to try two boys as adults who were accused of being involved in the murder of a man in Vivek Vihar. In 2022, the board had accepted the police's request to try a 17-year-old juvenile as an adult who allegedly brutally murdered a man in Jahangirpuri and recorded video of the incident. In the same year, Deltry the accused as an adult in the murder case of a speciallyabled teenager in Safdarjung ring a helmet. "Due to the im-

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Man Carrying Empty Cylinders On **Bike Dies After Collision With Car**

21-Year-Old Was On His Way To Get Them Filled; Cops Hunt For Car Driver

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New Delhi: A 21-year-old man died after his two-wheeler, carrying five empty gas cylinders, collided with a car in east Delhi's Laxmi Nagar on Tuesday morning when he was on his way to get them filled. No arrest has been made and police are looking for the driver of the car, who fled after the accident.

DCP(east) Apoorva Gupta said a PCR call was received about the accident at the Geeta Colony flyover and a police team found the man lying in a pool of blood. The victim, later identified as Shahrukh, a resident of Geeta Colony, was taken to a hospital where he was declared brought dead.

boy said police. "He was on his way to refill the cylinders when the car hit him around 9.30am," the DCP said. An eyewitness told TOI hi Police had written to JJB to that the cylinders were tied on both sides of the two-whee-

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A 21-year-old man died after his bike carrying five cylinders was hit by a car on Tuesday

weight of the cylinders, he got disbalanced and fell on one side, sustaining grievous head

Illustration: Arya Praharaj

and mouth injuries," he said. The crime and forensic team inspected the spot and a

case was registered under sections 279 (rash driving) and

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a two-wheeler with

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Potential risks of carrying gas

Laxmi Nagar police station. Officers said the body of topolice on Feb 4.

the victim was handed over to his family for the last rites after the postmortem. "Technical surveillance has been mounted and the CCTV camera footage from around the spot are being examined to ascertain the sequence of events. We are trying to identify the registration number of the four-wheeler," Gupta said.

Police also emphasised the dangers of transporting gas cylinders on two-wheelers, highlighting the risks of leaks, fires and accidents. Proper precautions, such as secure packaging and adherence to transportation regulations, are essential to ensure safe transportation of gas cylinders, they added.

"Even minor collisions or sudden stops could cause cylinders to become projectiles, endangering nearby vehicles and pedestrians. Inadequate securing or improper loading techniques could also result in the cylinders tipping over dents." said a senior officer.

Case lodged over forged sign of FM

New Delhi: Delhi Police has registered a case based on the complaint of an additional secretary of the Union ministry of finance that someone had forged the signature of finance ce) of Indian Penal Code at the minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The complaint was given

"It has come to our attention that an unknown individual has used the forged signature of the minister to write a letter to the minister of home affairs. The letter on forged letterhead of finance minister with a forged signature contains content that could potentially cause harm, mislead, or manipulate the government

process," the complaint read. The complainant said, "Such activities not only compromise the integrity of the individuals involved but also pose a threat to the overall security and functioning of our government institutions."

Police said they had started their investigation into the case and were tracing the source of the letter. Police have registered a case under sections 417 (cheating), 511 (attempting to commit offences punishable by imprisonment for life or other imprisonment), 465 (forgery), 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating) and 471 (using as genuine a or falling, causing acci- forged document or electronic record) of the IPC. TNN

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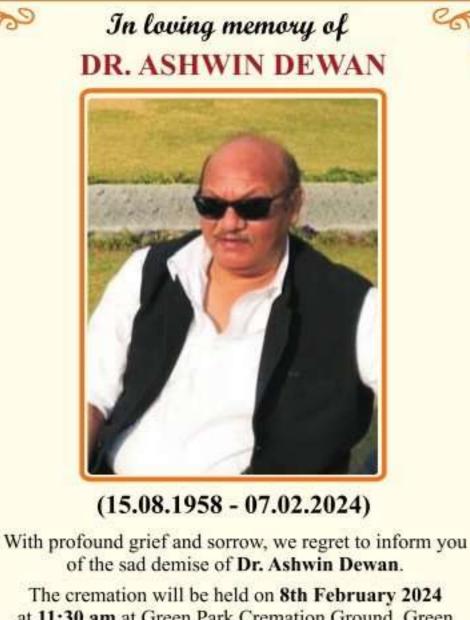
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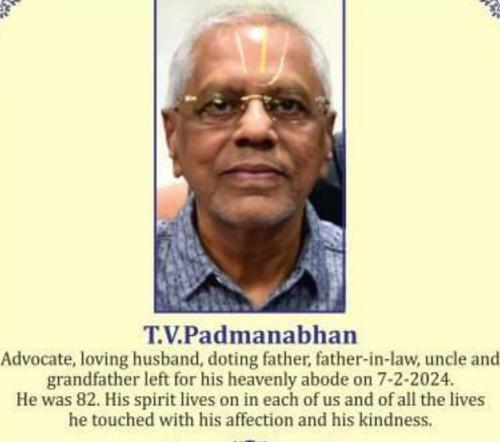
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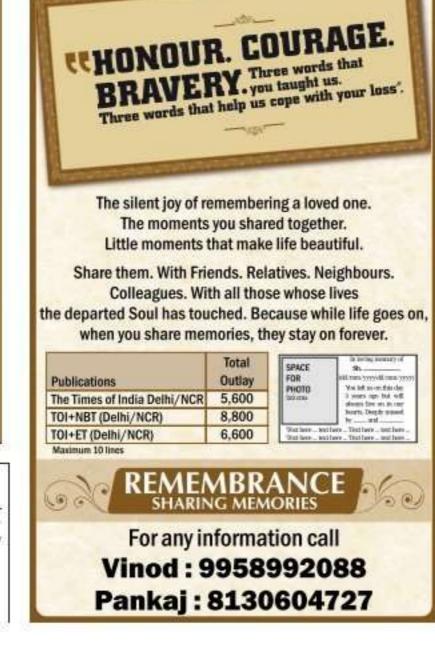
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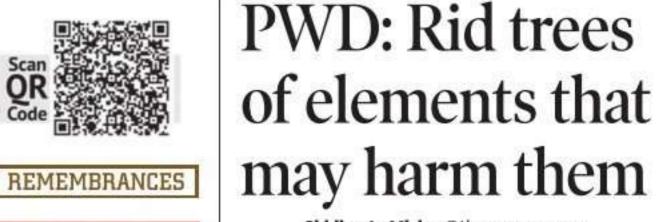
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New Delhi: The Public Works Department has ordered the removal of signboards, cables, advertisements and other damaging elements from trees across the city. This order issued by Shashanka Ala, special secretary, PWD, came in response to Vasant Vihar, where the agency wanted all concrete around trees in the right of way, at court buildings and in areas around the locality removed on or before Feb 10.

In 2014 and then again in 2019, the National Green Tribunal had issued directions regarding damages caused to the trees by concrete covers and other damaging elements. Both the directions wanted all concrete coverings less than a metre's radius around the tree base to be removed.

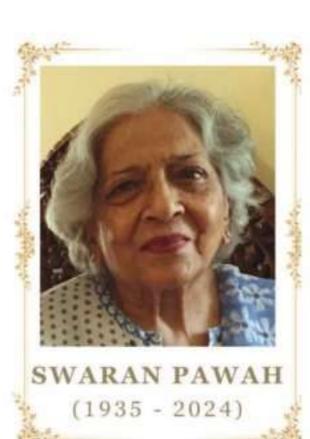
The issue has cropped up several times and PWD has been regularly pulled up by courts regarding lack of implementation of the rules. During the streetscaping of 16 road stretches and other areas where the road construction was undertaken in such a manner that the tree lower portion was covered by concrete, complaints had been filed against the forest department and PWD.

Even during the beautification of road for the G20 Summit last year, PWD had adorned several trees around Bharat Mandapam on Mathura Road, Vikas Marg and Bhairon Marg with decorative lights in violation of NGT rules.

Ala's order says, "This may be treated as a continuous process and as and when trees are found concretised, it must be immediately deconcretised. Any violation found by any private person may be reported to the tree officer within 48 hours." The order references the earlier guidelines issued by NGT.

Earlier, Delhi High Court had directed all the agencies concerned with public works in the capital to obtain permission from the tree officer before undertaking any civil work within a two-metre radius of an existing tree. The court also directed the agencies to incorporate this specific point in their work contracts and in tender documents for carrying out any civil work in the future.

Concretisation of the tree base damages the root system of the tree and ultimately causes its death. Therefore, it has been mandated that a 6x6 ft space should be left de-concretised around the base of the tree when constructing pavements or roads to facilitate percolation of water down to the roots.



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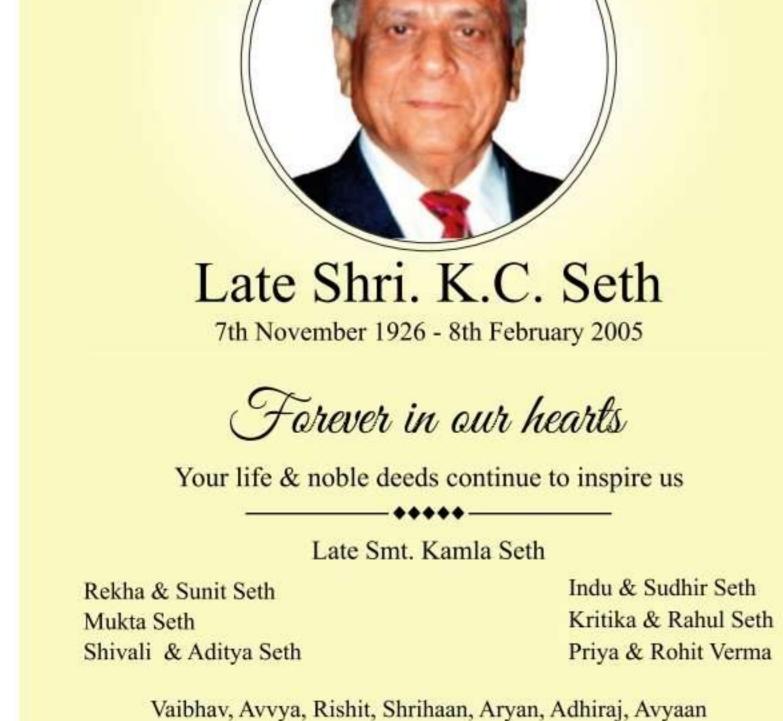
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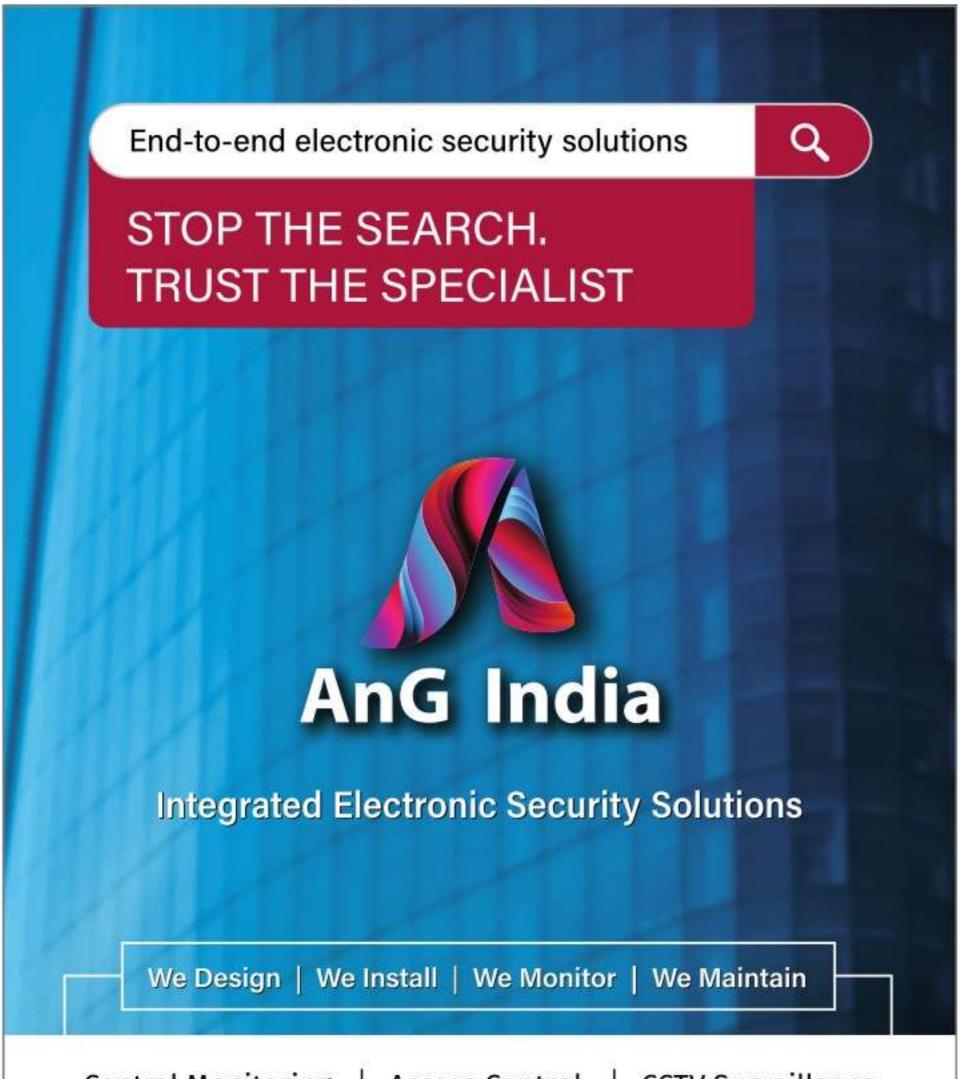
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HC: CBI May Be Roped In For Probe

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New Delhi: Public losing land to encroachment is like dacoity as state loses assets, Delhi High Court said on Wednesday. It warned that Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) may be roped in to probe lapses and fix accountability of civic officials in a case of illegal construction near protected monuments in the heart of the capital.

The court said it was shocking that unauthorised construction could take place 20 metres from centrally protected monuments Nizamuddin ki Baoli and Barakhamba Tomb and near the local police station. It asserted that action has to be taken by authorities whenever there is an unauthorised construction in order to protect innocent citizens who may end up buying the same and later suffer the consequences.

The court asked Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to deploy technologies such as drones and satellite images to maintain better vigil. "Encroachment is the worst form of construction. It is like committing dacoity. Public is losing land. State is losing assets. This couldn't have happened in the heart of the city without tacit connivance of officials. We won't let it pass," a bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet PS

Arora told a senior officer of MCD who was present in the court.

The court asked the officer to remain present on Thursday after studying the file related to the matter, so that the bench can find out at what stage there was "serious dereliction" of duty. It directed Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to send the officer who dealt with the matter and the Archaeological Survey of

India to come prepared. The court was hearing a public interest litigation by NGO Jamia Arabia Nizamia Welfare Education Society, which claimed that "illegal and unauthorised construction" was being done at khasra number 556 near Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah.

Observing that neither MCD nor DDA had acted against the unauthorised construction, which was stated to have taken place on the upper floors of an already sealed guesthouse that was illegally built on DDA land, the court also grilled the owner of the guesthouse how he had the "audacity" to construct three floors on an already sealed property. "He is taking the law into his own hands. People in Delhi are convinced there is no law...and no law needs to be complied with," an angry bench remarked.

Last week, the court had opined that "prima facie, the matter requires investigation by CBI."

Branch manager, field officer Man with fake ID tries to of bank held for taking bribe

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested the branch manager and a field officer of Punjab National Bank in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh, for allegedly demanding and accepting a bribe for the disbursal of a loan.

The accused manager was identified as Gauray, and the other suspect was Pramod, a field officer, police said.

According to CBI, the case was registered on the complaint of a man who had applied for a Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) loan to purchase sewing machines under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).

"The bank approved the loan, but Gaurav and Pramod demanded a bribe and commission before disbursing the Rs 2 lakh loan amount," the officer said.

The accused told the complainant that a loan of Rs 4 lakh would be sanctioned to him instead of Rs 2 lakh. For this, they demanded Rs 1 lakh as a bribe, at the rate of 25% of the loan amount.

CBI officers set a trap and nabbed the field officer red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs. 20,000. The manager was also apprehended.

"CBI searched the homes of the accused in Meerut and Hapur. The arrested accused will be produced before the court of special judge, CBI cases, in Ghaziabad," the officer added

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New Delhi: A 22-year-old man allegedly trying to enter North Block with a fake identity card was arrested by Delhi Police on Tuesday.

Police believe the accused may have intended to commit fraud by posing as a ministry official.

The accused, Aditya Pratap Singh, is from UP. Police received information about the imposter on Tuesday evening.

Singh was found carrying a fake identification card belonging to a ministry. "During an ID check, officers found out the man's identification card was fraudulent. It appeared that he had created it by making a colour photocopy and affixing his photo," the officer said.

He was handed over to police at Kartavya Path police sta-

tion. The special cell and other agencies have interrogated Singh.

A police source said that during questioning, the accused initially claimed to be a stenographer in a ministry. He said that he was there for a meeting. When checked, no such employee was found. "When asked about the purpose of his visit, he continuously changed his statements," the police source said.

Police suspect the accused intended to commit financial fraud. "He may have promised to facilitate access to government services in exchange for money. The investigation is on," the police source said.

Cops found an Aadhar card on him and they are checking if it is genuine. "A team will be sent to verify the address listed on his Aadhaar card," the source added.





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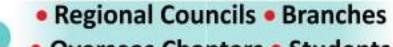
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Police seize 'Mannat', Atiq's 3-storey bungalow

Noida: Police on Wednesday attached a three-storey bungalow, named Mannat and estimated to be worth Rs 4 crore, in Greater Noida's Sector 36 as part of their seizure of assets belonging to gangster-turned-politician Atig

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL NETAJI SUBHAS ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING INSTITUTE

Online tenders are invited from bonafide and reputed agencies to provide Facilitation Management Services (FMS) and Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of IT Infrastructural Set Up at Netaji Subhas Administrative Training Institute (NSATI), Government of West Bengal, FC-Block, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700106. For further details please visit our website www.atiwb.gov.in" and also https://wbtenders.gov.in Closing date of online submission: 17/02/2024 at 11.00 hrs. ICA-T3074(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Notice Inviting Tender

Dated-05/02/2024 SITC of 2TR Split Air Conditioning System along with necessary El works at 4th Floor Surgery OT of Rampurhat Super Speciality Hospital under Rampurhat Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Dist-Birbhum. Last date of submission of bid (online)- 17.02.2024 up to 02.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 08.02.2024 at 12.00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL. ICA- T3078(3)/2024

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) gd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091 CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in

WBSEDCL invites e-Tender as follows: NIT No.: WBSEDCL/CEH/Civil/e-Tender/2023-24/27 Dt.: 31.01.2024 of the Chief Engineer (Hydel), Hydel Headquarters, WBSEDCL. Estimated Cost: ₹38,83,940/- for the work of Additional miscellaneous work comprising interior and exterior decorative works of Hydro Museum Building along with construction of boundary wall, security room and other associated work for the Hydro Museum at Sidrapong Hydro Electric Project, Dist. - Darjeeling'.

For details, visit https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsedcl.in



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CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in

WBSEDCL invites e-Tenders as follows:

1) NIT No.: RNGD/ESTB/E-TENDER/23-24/18, Date: 02.02.2024 of the Divisional Manager Raghunathganj Division. Estimated Cost: ₹ 19,10,310.17/- for the work of '2" call for laying of 33 kV UG cable of R/L 2.312 KM for new 33 kV line from Raghunathganj 132/33 kV GSS to Ahiran 33/11 kV substation under Raghunathganj Division'.

2) NIT No.: DM/RD/e-Tender/23-24/T-17, Date: 02.02.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Raiganj Division. Estimated Cost: ₹9,62,550/- for the work of 'Supply and Delivery of MS BRACKET — 4WIRE'. 3) NIT No.: DM/RD/e-Tender/23-24/T-16, Date: 02.02.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Raiganj Division. Estimated Cost: ₹ 8,99,850/- for the work of 'Supply and Delivery of LT Distribution Klosk for

For details, visit https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsedcl.in

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders of following works have been invited by the Directorate of Fisheries, Government of West Bengal:

SI No	District/ Establishment	Tender Reference No. / NIT No.	Bid Submission Start Date and End Date	Name of the Work / Scheme	Estimated Amount	
Ī		DFW8/HQ/ENGG/eNT_08/2023-24 1.Tender ID 2024_DOF_658970_1		"Construction of concrete road from Nabendu Maity's house to Haripada		
1	Directorate of Fisheries	and the second second	2. Tender ID 2024_DOF_658970_2	08.02.2024 & 23.02.2024	Giri's fishery near Nikunja Bera's house), mouza- Purba Amtalia & Dakshin dihi Makundapur, JL no - 447 under Deshoran Dev.	Rs.48,47,277 /-
		3. Tender ID 2024_DOF_658970_3		Block, Purba Medinipur District and 2no. Other works"	Rs. 35,55,124 /	

Other details may also be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Director of Fisheries, West Bengal ICA- T3053(3)/2024

NADIA ZILLA PARISHAD Krishnagar, Nadia

E-Tender is invited by the under signed from the bonafied Contractors for the following work

NIT - 58/NZP of 23-24 (SI-01 to 14) Construction/ repairing of roads at different pin pointed sites within different blocks in Nadia district. (Rastasree-III) Total estimated cost is Rs. 579.08 lakh. Last date for submission of above-stated e-tenders is 21.02.2024. Please see website: www.wbprd.gov.in or contact to this office.

District Engineer Nadia Zilla Parishad Memo No: 22(3)/DICO/N/Advt.24 Date: 07.02.2024

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE, PHE DTE, NIJALAY,

LOT NO. CN-8, SEC-V, SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA-700091 **TENDER NOTICE** Tender Ref. No : WBPHED/SE/EC/

NIEQ-75/2023-24 Tender ID: 2024_PHED_657704_1, 2024 PHED 657704 2, 2024 PHED 657704 2024 PHED 657704 4, 2024 PHED 657704 5 2024 PHED 657704 6, 2024 PHED 657704 7 2024_PHED_657704_8, 2024_PHED_657704_9 &

2024 PH E D 657704 10 e-Tenders in WBF 2912 are invited for the work:- "Construction of Arsenic-Cum-Iron Removal Plant (AIRP) of different capacity for Augmentation of Ground Based Water Supply Scheme at Tehatta/Bareva Zone-I/Bareva Zone-II/Palshioara/Adharkota/Karimour/Mah ishbathan/Baruipara/Anandapur/Karim pur Jalangi Zone-IV to accommodate FHTC within Tehatta-I/Tehatta-II/Karimpur-I/Karimpur-II block under Tehatta Sub-Division under Nadia Division, P.H.E. Dte (SL NO 1 TO 10) & Corrigendum uploaded." Bid Submission Closing Date (Online) 28.02.2024 at 01.00 pm. Further details are available in the website:-

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Eastern ICA- T3137(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority Himanchal Vihar, Near-Passport Seva Laghu Kendra, Matigara-734010 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

http://wbtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

Circle, PHE Dte.

The Chief Executive Officer, Siliguri Jalpaigurl Development Authority, Siliguri invites electronic notice inviting e-bid (Online) under 2(Two) bid system from eligible resourceful bonafide and experienced firms/ companies/ individual contractors for the following works: Tender No.- 1) NI 111/Engg/2023-24 of SJDA (2ND CALL) & 2) NIT 112/Engg/2023-24 of SJDA (2ND CALL). Name of Work 1) Construction of Road and Side Drain from H/o Danta Koiri to H/o Aditya Ranjan Ghosh at Fulbari-I G.P., Dist. Jalpaiguri. & 2) Construction of Road and Side Drain from H/o R. P. Prasad to H/o Md. Dalil at Fulbarl-I G.P., Dist. Jalpaiguri. Amount out to Tender- 1) Rs 19,00,835.00 & 2) Rs. 21,12,208.00. Earnest Money-1) Rs. 38,017.00 & 2) Rs. 42,244.00. Tender Documents Sale Download Start Date & Time-08.02.2024 at 4:00 P.M. and Bid Submission End Date & Time-23.02.2024 upto 4.00 P.M. Date of opening of Technical Proposals-27.02.2024 at 11:00 A.M. Date of opening of Financial Proposals - to be notified after technical evaluation. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. All details can be obtained from the website - www.sida.org or Log in http://wbtenders.gov.in or contact Engineering Section of SJDA at (0353) 2512922, 2515647. Sd/- Chief Executive Officer ICA- T3048(4)/2024

Ahmad, who was killed last year. TNN

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Item rate E-Tender has been invited by the under signed from eligible Bid ref. no.- WBMSCL/NIT-098/2024, Manufacturer, Manufacturer's authorized dealer/ Govt. undertaking Organizations having experience in similar of work for the following works. NIT-20/Elect/NZP of 2023-24. Name of work: Supply, Installation and commissioning of Solar Based Mini (9mh) High Tower Light System (6 nos.50-60W Solar light) at different Block in the district under 5th SFC. Estimated amount put to tender is Rs.58.81lakh.

Last date of submission of e-tenders is 22.02.2024. Please see website www.wbprd.gov.in or contact to

District Engineer Nadia Zilla Parishad Memo No : 26(2)/DICO/N/Advt.24 Date : 07.02.2024

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Denying antici-

patory bail to a man accused

of sexually abusing his wife,

Delhi High Court has said

specific incidents of sexual

exploitation and abuse reco-

unted in the case unveil a tro-

NADIA ZILLA PARISHAD

Krishnagar, Nadia

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER A1. Infrastructure Development at

Bethuadahari Principal Market Yard (Fencing, Truck Parking with Operation n Rest Room, Pavement with RCC Covered Drain, Open Market Shed and Electrification) Dist. Nadia vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CEO/112/2023-24, Dated 29.01.2024 bearing Tender Id:-2024_WBSMB_658412_1. The last date for submission of Tender is on 28.02.2024 upto 12.00 Noon. A2. Outside Painting Works of WBSAMB Building, Anandapur Kolkata vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CEO/71/R1/2023-24, Dated 30.01.2024 bearing Tender Id: 2024_WBSMB_659306_1. The last date for submission of Tender is on 21.02.2024 up to 12.00 Noon. The detail information regarding e-NIT will be available on the https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief xecutive Officer, West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board.

ICA-T3071(3)/2024 GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGA

Office of the Controller of Vagrancy, West Bengal Purta Bhawan, Gr. Floor, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091 Ph. No. (033)2337-0762

Email: cvwestbengal@gmial.com NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. CV/NIT-01/2024-25, Dated 30.01.2024 E-Tender is invited from the bonafide Suppliers/Firms/Agencies for Engagement of Security Personnel/ Guarding Staff round the clock in 3 shifts on contract basis for a period of one year from the date of confirmation of contract/ as specified in work order for providing security services at 03 (three) Vagrants' Homes in Kolkata under the Controller of Vagrancy, West Bengal. The details of e-Tender will be available at the websites http://wbtenders.gov.in and https://wcdsw.wb.gov.in/cv on and from 09.02.2024, 14.00 hours onwards. 5d/- Controller of Vagrancy, West Bengal & Senior Special Secretary.

Engineer, Midnapore Division, PHE Dte.

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submission of tender is 20.02.2024 upto 16:00 Hours. Sd/- for Executive Engineer,

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the tenders without showing any reason." Sd/- Durgapur Subsidiary

ICA- T3045(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL E-Tender Notice

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL E-Tender Notice

The Superintendent of Siliguri Special Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites etender for supply of dietary articles at Siliguri Special Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/SLGSCH/TN-2024 dated: 08.01.2024 Date of documents download starts 08.02.2024 at 12:00 noon. Last date of submission of tender: 21.02.2024 up to 14:00 hrs. Full particulars may be had from www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason". Sd/-Siliguri Special Correctional Home, W.B.

ICA-T3077(2)/2024 GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE

TENDER NOTICE e-Tender is hereby invited by the Assistant Engineer-II, RCFA Division-I, PHE Dte. Vivekananda Pally, Ismile West, Asansol-1, for 19 (Nineteen) nos. Trial Run of different head work site under RCFA Division-I, PHE Dte. (As per the attached enclosure with the eNIT) NIeT No. 10/2023-24/AE-II/RCD-I/PHE Dte. (Memo no. 244/RCD-I dt. 01.02.2024). Last date of Bid Submission: 16.02.2024, Ph- 0341-2284210. For details visit www.wbetenders.gov.in ICA- T3140(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Tender Inviting Notice e-Tender for renovation of outside and inside painting work of ACP (North-II) office at Ground Floor and 1st Floor under Howrah Police Commissionerate , All interested parties are requested to visit e-portal for Tender ID NO. 2024 HPC 655990 1.

Dy. Commissioner of Police (HQ)

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Abridged e-Tender Notice

Buxa Tiger Reserve, (West) Alipurduar Court, PIN-736122 e- Tender Notice No. 06/BTRW/CSS/PT/2023-24 Bonafide agencies/ contractors eligible for participating are requested to visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in from

08.02.24 regarding e-Tender Notice No. 06/ BTRW/CSS/PT/2023-24 for Engagement of security staff for antipoaching. Last Date: 22.02.24 Sd/-Deputy Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve (West)

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(A Government of West Bengal Undertaking) e-Tender no. WTL/IGR/DSRD/23-24/065 e-tender is invited by Webel Technology Limited, Request for Proposal for Development and Implementation of Document Management System (DMS) on open source platform for Directorate of Registration and Stamp Revenue, Finance Department, Government of West Bengal, in the state of West Bengal, e-Tender /corrigendum may

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be downloaded from https://

ICA- T3073(3)/2024

wbtenders.gov.in & www.wtl.co.in

Tender Notice of H & FW Dept Memo No. of CMOH/E-TENDER/846 dt.02/02/2024 and Tender ID 2024_HFW_659279_1. e-Tender is hereby invited from intending bidders for the "Disposal of Condemned Vehicles & Ferrous & Non ferrous assorted scraps under CMOH, Hooghly". Bid submission closing date: 24/02/2024 at 11:00 am. Other details may be seen from the website: https:// wbtenders.gov.in and office notice

Sd/- CMOH, Hooghly ICA- T3051(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE The Superintendent of Raiganj District Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites etender for supply of dietary articles at Raiganj District Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/RDCH/24-25, dated: 04.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 09.02.2024 after 12:00 Noon. Last date of submission of tender: 26.02.2024 upto 18:00 hrs. Full particulars may be had from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason." Sd/- Raiganj District

Calcutta Drainage Circle, I&W Dte ICA-T3057(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Corrigendum notice by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Barrackpur Division, ICA- T3049(4)/2024 Barrackpur Division. ICA- T3127(3)/2024

advantage of their relationship and the mindset that a woman has to give in to any

by the wife.

continuously

called and reminded repea-

tedly that she had a status

of a mere cow meant only

for milking or a golden hen

expected to lay golden eggs

is deeply disturbing and in-

dicative of the dehumani-

sing treatment the victim en-

dured," the court noted. It

"highlights the systemic is-

sue of objectification and ex-

ploitation of women within

certain societal fram-

dial interrogation of the hus-

band might be required for

recovering inappropriate

photographs, conversations,

audios or videos as alleged

include accused/applicant

taking inappropriate pho-

tographs of the victim... and

making her videos which we-

re sexually explicit, taking

kind of sexual satisfaction

of her husband or be labelled

"The specific allegations

The court said the custo-

eworks", it added.

fear of being ousted from

her body and she was coerced into satisfying his physical desires. "Being labelled and husband, it added.

For Abuse Accused

HC Highlights Unchecked Dominance In Marriage

ubling reality that this mar-

riage has been distorted into

a vessel for unchecked domi-

warped perception is a dang-

erous belief that the marital

bond grants unchecked aut-

hority to the husband, trans-

forming his wife into a

mere object to be wielded at

will," the single-judge bench

said, emphasising that such

people should be dealt with

a stern hand. "The portrayal

of the victim as a commodity

reflects a deeply entrenched

societal mindset that views

women as objects to

be controlled, exploited,

and disposed of at will,"

her husband used to forcibly

have sexual intercourse

with her and beat her, resul-

ting in injuries. An FIR was

registered against the hus-

band under IPC sections

498A (cruelty by husband or his relative), 406 (criminal

breach of trust), 506 (pu-

nishment for criminal inti-

midation) and 34 (common

led account and the suppor-

ting medical records of the

wife, the court remarked that

there was a pattern of abuse

man had repeatedly asserted

his entitlement as her hus-

band to do as he pleased with

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TENDER NOTICE

WBPHED/EE/2023-2024/CDD/NIQ 01

Ref: Memo No. 2058/CDD dated-05.02.2024

The Executive Engineer, Central Drilling

Division, P.H. Engg. Dte. has invited open

Tender for the works (SI. no. 1, 2, 3, 4,

5, 6, 7 & 8) as mentioned in the

respective NIQ. Last date of submission

29.02.2024. The details may be had from

website i.e. www.wbtenders.gov.in &

Office Notice Board. Sd/- EE/CDD. ICA- T3159(3)/2024

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KOLKATA-700091

TENDER NOTICE

The wife stated that the

and exploitation.

Taking note of the detai-

The wife has alleged that

it added.

"Embedded within this

nance and entitlement.

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR BIDS

On behalf of the President of India, RFB is invited by the Electricity Department, Puducherry through e-Tendering for the work of "Development of Distribution Infrastructure for Loss reduction by conversion of LT OH lines with LT UG / Aerial Bunched cables in Puducherry and Karaikal regions and replacement of defective capacitor banks at 110/22KV Substations in Puducherry 8 110/11KV substations in Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions in UT of Puducherry under RDSS project"

Date of Release of RFB / NIT -6th February 2024 Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting - 16th February 2024 @ 15.00 Hrs Deadline for Submission of Bid -28th February 2024 upto 15.00 Hrs (IST) -Rs. 32,46,000/-Earnest Money Deposit Cost of Tender documents -Rs. 5,900/- (inclusive of GST)

For more details, visit: https://pudutenders.gov.in No. 662/DIP/AD(Press)/2023-24

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER-CUM-HOD

A SEAT FOR THE PRESIDENT



RIDETO REMEMBER: President Droupadi Murmu enjoyed a metro ride in the city on Wednesday and interacted with students. "President Droupadi Murmu visited the Delhi Metro system on Wednesday. The President boarded the metro train at the Central Secretariat metro station on the Kashmere Gate-Raja Nahar Singh Violet Line corridor, travelled up to the Nehru Place metro station and returned to Central Secretariat. During her journey, she also interacted with some schoolchildren," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC. Murmu is the second serving President of India to travel by Delhi Metro. The then-President Pratibha Patil had taken the metro back in 2012. DMRC's managing director Vikas Kumar accompanied the President on the journey

VP seeks corporate funds as IP College turns 'golden'

Shreva.Ghosh @timesgroup.com

as a bad wife," the court said. New Delhi: Vice-president In most cases, the court Jagdeep Dhankhar appealed pointed out, a woman's to the corporate world to libeunemployment becomes her rally handhold educational handicap in raising voice institutions, particularly thoagainst atrocities for the seengaged in educating girls.

He called for the contriher matrimonial home. But bution of CSR funds to instiin many cases the fact that tutions, adding that he woa woman is earning becomes uld be happy to interact with her handicap, too, on the industry on this point. He premise that she is indepen- was presiding over the cendent and not inclined to- tenary celebrations of Inwards living with her draprastha College for Women, Delhi University, on Wednesday.

Dhankhar awarded meritorious students and unveiled the centenary logo and a coffee table book on IP College.

is intertwined with the movement for women's education and the Independence movement. Its current campus on Civil Lines was inaugurated on Feb 7, 1939, by Lady Linlithgow. It started in 1904 as Indraprastha Putri Pathshala in Chandini Chowk. The college is the first women's college of DU.

red years is never easy but this institution has an unri-

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N.B.D.D NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Notice Inviting e-Tender by the E.E./

NBDD Vide NIeT No. 116 / 2023-24.

Details of works may be seen in the

above mentioned NIeT in the website:

www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.

Executive Engineer

North Bengal Development Department

wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in

DHANKAR SAYS The journey of a hundred years is never easy but this institution has an unrivalled record of

The institution's history

commendable "The journey of a hundthe vice-president said.

dents: "I invite you to the

traversing a journey of a century with commendable achievements, high credentials making everyone proud

valled record of traversing a journey of a century with achievements, high credentials making everyone proud. This institution is the epicentre of change, a nerve centre to formulate a new Bharat,"

Dhankhar told the stu-

new building of Indian Parliament as my guest. You will be amazed to witness its transformation."

The vice-president added that as a result of effective governance, women's empowerment has enabled "our girls to be principal participants in the marathon for Bharat@2047.

"You will lead our march impactfully to make Bharat a developed nation. You will take it to the peak among the comity of nations," the vicepresident added.

Referring to initiatives like Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam and Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, Dhankhar observed, "We have a defining moment in this century. Girls are defining the growth of India."

Delhi University VC Yogesh Singh shared his ideas on the centenary and college chairman Alok B. Shriram reminded the audience that the institution had many firsts to its name.

Principal Poonam Kumria said: "IP College flaunted the spirit of women's empowerment through the W-20 Seminar titled 'Naray-

ani Namoh Stute'."

e-TENDER NOTICE -Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Asansol Mechanical Divn. P.H.E Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref No. WBPHED/EE/AMD, NIeT- 61 of 2023-2024 and ID 2024_PHED_660007_1 for O&M or substation of kalajharia Water Supply scheme. For details visit website https://wbtenders.gov.in The last date submission of tender is 21.02.2024 upto 15.30 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer,

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Tender Notice of I & CA Deptt Memo No. of NIT 502-ICA(N) dt. 06/02/2024 and Tender ID 2024_ICAD_662140_1, Memo No. of NIT 503 -ICA(N) dt 06/02/2024 and Tender 2024_ICAD_662177_1. e-Tenders are hereby invited from intending bidders for the work related to various arrangements in connection with celebration of Rabindra Jayanti, 2024 at Dhonodhanya Auditorium. Bid submission closing date: 23/02/2024 at 11:30 am. Other details may be available from the website:https://wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- Director of Culture, Information & Cultural Affairs

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Quotation Notice Sealed Quotations are invited by the office of the U/S -e-NIQ No: WBHD/EE/ED-II/e-NIQ-

Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal

51 - 60/23-24, Tender ID 1)2024_HSD_660674_1 2)2024_HSD_660678_1, 3 2024 HSD 660682 2024_HSD_660686_1, 5) 2024 HSD 660687_1, 6)2024_HSD_660689_1, 7 HSD_660701_1 2024 HSD 660708 1 2024 HSD 660741 1 , 2024 HSD 660804 1. Name of work Engagement of man power for operation & minor maintenance of pump Motor Sets incl. E.I. maintenance or only Pump/EI Maintenance of residential flats, Compound Light etc. at different sites under Electrical Division - II, HD for the period of 1 (one) year". Name of Sites: 1) RHE City Centre Block A 2) IHE City Centre D Block 3)RHE Sitla 4) RHE Pratap Bagan, Ailakandi, Malpara 5) RHE City Centre A,B,C,D6) RHE Kanla 7) RHE Pratap Bagan8) RHE Malpara9) LIG MIG S.K Deb Road Khatra10) IHE NaihatiBid Submission end date: 19.02.24 upto 3 P.M Quotation Opening Date: 21.02.24 at 4P.M. Quotation details may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. II, Housing Directorate, 67,

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Bentinck Street, Kolkata-700069 on all office

days during office hours. ICA- T3166(2)/2024

PWD TENDER NOTICE All other terms & conditions of NIQ and BOQ will remain unchanged except last date of submission of bid will be upto 21/02/24 upto 12.00 Noon instead of 05/02/24 at 12.00 PM and bid opening date will be on 23/02/24 at 01.00 P.M. instead of 07/02/24 at 01.00 P.M. for "Upkeepment and maintenance (Round the clock) yearly basis for Lift/Elevator Operation all buildings within the campus of IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital and its annexes, Kolkata-Day to day operation of bed-cum-passenger & passenger lifts of different buildings under the jurisdiction of Assistant Engineer (LR), SSKM Electrical Sub-Divn. within the premises of IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata" vide Tender ID-2023_WBPWD_649341_1 invited by the Exe. Engr.-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PWDte. All documents can be seen / obtained from the websites https://wbtenders.gov.in/ www.pwdwb.in and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PW Dte.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Asansol Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. ICA- 13150(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice Inviting E-Tender E-Tender is invited vide NIT No. 11 of 2022-23(ES)(3rd Call) for "Electrical Installation work of New Su-Swasthya Kendra (HWC) at New Haripur SC under Chanditala-I Block, Hooghly under NHM for FY 2022-23," For

detailed information please visit the Website www.wbhealth.gov.in & www.wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- CMOH & Secretary, DH & FWS, Hooghly

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE

S.E, NBCC-II, P.W.Dte., Jalpaiguri, invites online e-tender for the work of- 1 "Rehabilitation and Retrofitting works at Kanchenjunga Stadium, Siliguri, Phase-I(Part-A)." Estimated Amount: Rs. 4,12,35,474.00. Tender ID: 2024_PWD_653392_1. Tender Ref No WBPWD/SE/NBCC-II/eNIT-26023-24. Bid submission start date (online):12/02/2024 from 04.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 04/03/2024 up to 05.00 P.M. Technical Bid opening date (online): 06/03/2024 at 05,00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- SE, PWD, NBCC-II, Jalpaiguri.

ICA- T3110(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE/Darjeeling Highway Division, P.W. (Roads) Directorate invites online etender for the work:-1. Pankhabari-Kurseong Road Restoration works of khade side slip at 3.00 Kmp under Darjeeling Highway Division in the district of Darjeeling during the year 2023-24. Tender Id 2024_WBPWD_659435_1. eNIT No. 15 of 2023-24of Executive Engineer, Darjeeling Highway Division, Bid Submission start date (Online) 08/02/2024 from 12.00 AM, Bid Submission closing date (Online) 22/02/2024 upto 4.00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-EE/Darjeeling Highway Division, PWRD, GOVT. OF W.B. ICA- T3098(3)/2024

NADIA ZILLA PARISHAD Krishnagar, Nadia

E-Tender is invited by the under signed from the bonafied Contractors for the following work in Nadia district: NIT - 59/NZP of 23-24 (SI-1): Installation of Faecal Sludge and Septage Treatment Plant of 20 KLD capacity based on enhanced digestion and Multi-stage bioreactor (EDMSB) within Shibnibas GP under Krishnagani block in Nadia district. Total estimated cost is Rs. 209.73364 lakh. Last date for submission of above-stated e-tender is 01.03.2024. Please see website www.wbprd.gov.in or contact to

Visa racket busted, three arrested

visas was busted on Wednesday following the arrest of three people, including a lawyer. Suspects Udit Mogha (32), Sagar Singh (45) enticed victims promising them to facilitate overseas travel by providing approved passports and visas, police said. According to Usha Rangani, DCP (IGI Airport) the arrest IGI Airport in 2022 as deportees from Istanbul. A case was registered to uncover the conspiracy after the deportees' arrest. "During interrogation, that he wanted to go abroad to earn livelihood and his

lieu of Rs 20 lakh. paid upfront and upon reaching

During analysis of the deportees' documents, it was found that they agent an entry into overseas country through an illegal way. "For this purpose, the (fake) Guyanese visa. Baku and then to Istanbul where immigration authorities refused them entry, forcing their return to India."

New Delhi: A racket of fake international

Dabas (25), and Kewal came after three Indian nationals arrived at the a passenger disclosed journey was arranged by the accused gang in

While Rs 2 lakh was remainder to be paid Guyana," said the DCP.

were promised by their accused arranged for a The victims travelled to

said Rangani, adding that Mogha was arrested from his hideout in Delhi and at his instance other two were also nabbed. "During interrogation, Mogha confessed to owning a travel agency in Mahipalpur and

after befriending Dabas, an advocate, and Singh, they started duping people," added the DCP, TNN

District Engineer Nadia Zilla Parishad Memo No: 23(3)/DICO/N/Advt.24 Date: 07.02.2024

and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites e-tender for supply of dietary articles at Bolpur Subsidiary Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/BOLPUR/TN-2024, dated: 08.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 08.02.2024 at 18:00 PM. Last date of submission of tender: 29.02.2024 by 18:00 PM. Full particulars may be had the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all the tenders without showing any reason." Sd/- Bolpur Subsidiary Correctional Home, W.B. ICA- T3046(3)/2024

the website

e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer Midnapore Division, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref No. PHE/MID/eNIT_57/ 2ND_CALL/22-23 and ID: 2024 PHED 659836_1 to 9 for Laying pipeline, Construction of OHR, P/H, FHTC etc. for different PWSS under Midnapore Division, PHE Dte.. Details will be available ir the website www.wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 27.02.2024 upto 16:00 Hours. Sd/- for Executive

ICA-T3143(3)/2024

e-TENDER NOTICE E-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Jalpaiguri Division, PHE Dte. On behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/JD/e-NIT-50/2023-24 and ID: 2024 PHED 659973 1 to 2024_PHED_659973_2 for Procurement Chemicals, Glasswares etc. in Jalpaiguri Division P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date for

Jalpaiguri Division, PHE Dte. ICA- T3147(4)/2024

e-TENDER NOTICE The Superintendent of Durgapur Subsidiary Correctional Home, WB, for and on behalf of the Governor of WB, invites e-tender for supply of dietary articles at Durgapur Subsidiary Correctional Home for the period from 01.04.2024 to 30.09.2024. Tender Inviting Notice No. 01/TN-24(DGP) dated: 09.01.2024. Date of documents download starts: 08.02.2024 at 14:00 hrs. Last date of submission of tender 22.02.2024 by 14:00 hrs. Full particulars may be had from the website www.wbtenders.gov.in "The ADG & IG of Correctional Services, West Bengal reserves the rights to cancel any or all

Correctional Home, W.B.

The Superintendent of Bolpur Subsidiary Correctional Home, WB, for

Correctional Home, W.B. ICA- T3044(4)/2024

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER. EASTERN CIRCLE, PHE DTE. NIJALAY, PLOT NO. CN-8, SEC-V, SALT LAKE CITY, Tender Ref. No : WBPHED/SE/EC/NIeT-77/2023-24 ICA- T3063(2)/2024

Tender ID: 2024_PHED_659394_1 e-Tenders in WBF 2911 are invited for the work: - "MS Pipeline Crossing by adopting Mini HDD for Road Crossing in different PWSS H/W site on different Road including the cost of carrier pipe, all labours, materials tools and cleaning of site etc. complete in all respect for Surface Water Based Water Supply Scheme of Bongaon Bagdah in the district of North 24 Parganas, within the jurisdiction of Bongaon Sub-Division under Barasat Division, P.H.E. Dte. (North East Part & South West Part) (22 Nos. Site) & Corrigendum Uploaded. Bid Submission Closing Date (Online) 01.03.2024 at 02.30 pm. Further details

are available in the website:http://wbtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Eastern ICA-T3047(2)/2024 Circle, PHE Dte.

> **GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL** Office of the District Election Officer, e-Tender Notice "e-Tender is invited for the 2nd Call in connection with NIT NO. WBHHAD/DEO/KN/NIT-11/23-24 for supply of branded Computer (Desktop) & Laptop, Duplex high speed scanner, High speed heavy duty copier machine & Duplex color printer to the district of Kolkata North" through by the District Election Officer, Kolkata North Electoral District vide NIT No.

WBHHAD/DEO/KN/NIT-11/23-24. The

details can be viewed in the Website:

https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- District

Election Officer, Kolkata North

ICA-T3155(3)/2024

ICA-T3060(2)/2024 GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL CORRIGENDUM No.- 01 of e-NIT

No.-WBIW/SE/GCDC/NIT-16(e)2023-2024 (2nd). SI. No. 01 As per clause:- 15.5.(vi) of e-NIT No-WBIW/SE/GCDC/NIT-16(e)/2023-2024(2nd). Sl. No. 01 the following changes have been made. This is for wide circulation. A) Clause 25: Schedule of important dates of this e-Tender. 5) Document download & Bid submission end date: 20.02.2024 upto 13:00 Hrs. All necessary details may be had Govt. website www.wbiwd.gov.in or https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Greater

Govt. of W.B. vide NIeQ No .-WBPWD/EE/BKPD/NIeQ-7/2023-24 for the work "Supplying of Security Personnel (without Arms) on purely temporary basis for guarding to the Office, Stack yard godown and entire campus of Barrackpur Division & Barrackpur Sub-Division-I, II & III at Gandhi Ghat Barrackpur during the year 2023-24." Online Tender Id: 2024_WBPWD_644141_1. Bid Submission closing date (Online): 07.02.2024, 12:00 p.m. and Bid Opening Date (Online): 09.02.2024, 12:30 p.m. Intending tenderer are requested to visit the website http://etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD,

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Sealed Tender for e-NIT 09/NCP/2023-24/WBADMIP/BIR (2nd Call),(Tender ID-2024 WRDD 662126 1) has been invited by the Executive Engineer DPMU Birbhum WBADMIP, from Bonafied agency for Conducting Geophysical Resistivity Survey in Birbhum District of DPMU under WBADMI Project. Last date & time of submission of application for all NIT is 24.02.2024 upto 18.00 Hrs. Other details may also be seen from office notice board/website. Corrigendum if any will be published in

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Executive Engineer DPMU, Birbhum WBADMIP ICA-T3164(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE NIeT No. 09/BSD of 2023-24 Assistant Engineer, Behala Sub-Division, PWD. Name of work: Installation of Sinage board to the Bridges & Roads inder the jurisdiction of Behala Sub-Division, P.W.D. under Alipore Division, P.W.D. during the year 2023-24.

i) 2,60,516.00. Bid Submission end date

15.02.2024 upto 15.00 P.M. Tender ID:

2023_WBPWD_659955_1. Details will

be available from the website

http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice

board of this office on all working days

within office hours. 5d/- Assistant Engineer, PWD, Behala Sub-Division. ICA- T3115(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE Superintendent Governor's Estate, West Bengal invites Online Tender for the work of "Supply of Daily Rated Workers for maintenance of Garden and Upkeepment (dusting, cleaning, sweeping, etc.) of different Buildings, Quarters, Premises, Offices, etc. along with Raj Bhavan Main Building within Darjeeling Raj Bhavan campus under SGE/WB for a duration of One Year. [2nd Call]." Estimated Amount: As per Quoted Rate, N.I.e.T. No. WBPWD/SGE/RAJ/ NIeT-22/DJ/2023-2024, Tender ID: 2024_PWD_659878_1; Bid submission start date (Online) 09/02/2024 from 6.00 p.m. Bid submission closing date (Online): 27/02/2024 upto 2.00 p.m. Details may be seen in website: https://wbtenders.gov.in PWD helpline No: (033)-2223-6236. Corrigendum, if issued will be published in Dept. web site only. If any discrepancy arises between different sources of advertisement, the advertisement in

Dept. web site will prevail.

Sd/- Superintendent Governor's Estate,

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ICA-T3104(3)/2024

Tender Notice of I & CA Deptt Memo No. of NIT 505-ICA(N) dt. 06/02/2024 and Tender ID 2024_ICAD_662610_1, Memo No. of NIT 506 -ICA(N) dt 06/02/2024 and Tender ID 2024_ICAD_662637_1, Memo No. of NIT 507 -ICA(N) dt 06/02/2024 and Tender ID

2024_ICAD_662696_1 and Memo No. of NIT 508 -ICA(N) dt 06/02/2024 and Tender ID 2024 ICAD 662730 1. e-Tenders are hereby invited from intending bidders for the work related to various infrastructural & logistic works in connection with Rabindra Janmotsav & Nazrul Janmotsav, 2024. Bid submission closing date: 23/02/2024 at 11:30 am. Other details may be available from the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/-Director of Culture, Information & Cultural Affairs Deptt., Govt. of West



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PM MODI SPEAKS AS IF HE IS IN OPPOSITION AND **CONGRESS IS PARTY IN OFFICE: TN CM STALIN**

ED TELLS COURT IT NEEDS MORE TIME TO QUIZ SOREN, GETS CUSTODY FOR FIVE MORE DAYS

Sikh shopkeeper from Punjab shot by terrorists in Srinagar

Friend Hurt In 1st Targeted Killing This Yr

Saleem.Pandit@timesgroup.com

Srinagar: Suspected terrorists of The Resistance Force fatally shot a 31-year-old Sikh shopkeeper, Amritpal Singh from Punjab, at point-blank range and wounded his friend in Srinagar around 7pm Wednesday, police confirmed, marking the first targeted killing in 2024. This also marks the first attack on non-Kashmiris in J&K this year.

Security sources said Amritpal and his friend Rohit were on the way to their rented accommodation in the densely populated Shaheed Gunj locality of Srinagar after a holiday in their hometown Amritsar when terrorists of TRF, a covert branch of Pakistanbacked LeT, attacked them

with an AK-47 assault rifle. Amritpal, adry fruit seller



Wednesday's shooting raised concerns about the resurgence of targeted killings of non-native people in Kashmir Valley after a relatively guiet 2023

for their operations in pop-

ulated neighbourhoods due

launched to capture the at-

tackers, with officials cordon-

ing off the entire area as part

Wednesday's fatal attack

of the ongoing investigation.

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atively quiet year in 2023.

Throughout last year, mili-

A manhunt has been

to their ease of concealment.

at Habba Kadal in the old city area, died instantly, while his 25-year-old friend Rohit suffered grievous wounds and was evacuated for medical attention, police reported. Rohit suffered bullet wounds in the abdomen and is currently undergoing treatment at SMHS Hospital in Srinagar.

Sources highlighted that the attack marks the first instance in years where AK-47 was used instead of small firearms preferred by militants

duty police officers, with an exception on Oct 30 when a migrant labourer from Uttar Pradesh was shot dead in south Kashmir's Pulwama. In 2022, a series of target-

tants primarily targeted off-

ed attacks resulted in the deaths of at least 10 labourers and four Kashmiri Pandits in the Union Territory. Terrorists tend to target "soft targets" such as migrant workers, who comprise the seasonal workforce engaged in labour-intensive tasks on farms and construction sites.

In Oct 2021, terrorists shot dead Supinder Kour, a Sikh principal of a school in Srinagar, and Deepak Chand, a Kashmiri Pandit teacher at the same institution.

National Conference leaders Farooq Abdullah and Omar Abdullah condemned Wednesday's attack on the two non-native men. "Violence should have no place in our society, and such acts of barbarity only serve to hinder the progress & peace we strive for," an NC tweet emphasised.

Govt questions maintainability of plea in HC for stay on FCU

Mumbai: The Centre on Wednesday opposed a plea before Bombay HC to continue its statement against notifying Fact Checking Unit (FCU). reports Swati Deshpande. In its reply before the HC, the Centre questioned the very maintainability of an application filed by stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra seeking a stay on the amended rule under the Information Technology Act.

The rule empowers the Centre to set up a Fact Checking Unit to flag as fake, false or misleading content related to govt business posted online.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta submitted that the divergence of views by the high court's division bench has to be and ought to be treated as divergence of views on the question of interim relief sought by petitioner. Only the third judge can take a call on the question of interim relief now, the Centre said. It said the plea for a stay is not maintainable before the bench which has already pronounced a split verdict on the validity of the provision. The court will continue hearing the matter on Thursday.

Near Myanmar border, 150kg of

Aizawl: Assam Rifles personnel guarding the 404km-long Mizoram-Myanmar international border seized 150kg of explosives, 1,800 detonators and 3km-long cordtex in Lawngtlai district bordering Myanmar,

SC ticks off NGT for ex parte orders, damages of crores

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has pulled up the National Green Tribunal (NGT) for passing orders without giving a hearing to affected parties and set aside one of its exparte orders.

"National Green Tribunal's recurrent engagement in unilateral decision making, provisioning ex post facto review hearing and routinely dismissing it has regrettably become a prevailing norm. In its zealous

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quest for justice, the tribunal must tread carefully to avoid the oversight of propriety. The practice of ex parte orders and the imposition of damages amounting to crores of rupees have proven to be a counterproductive force in the broader mission of environmental safeguarding," a bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Aravind Kumar said.

The court noted that notices were not even issued to the parties and expressed surprise that NGT considered it "unnecessary" to hear them to verify the facts before passing an order.

"Significantly, these orders have consistently faced stays from this court, resulting in the unraveling of the commendable efforts put forth by the learned members, lawyers, and other stakeholders. It is imperative for the tribunal to infuse a renewed sense of procedural integrity, ensuring that its actions resonate with a harmonious balance between justice and due process. Only then can it reclaim its standing as a beacon of environmenprotection, where well-intentioned endeavors are not simply washed

away," the bench stated. Noting that the appellants did not have a full opportunity to contest the matterand place all their defences before the tribunal, the bench remanded the matter back to NGT. It asked the tribunal to issue notices to all the necessary parties, hear them in detail, and then pass appropriate orders.

Govt to avoid toll plazas near cities, industrial areas: Gadkari

New Delhi: Road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari on Wednesday told Rajya Sabha that govt will avoid building toll plazas within 6-7 km of cities and industri-



ing population. He also said that govt is trying to intro-

duce GPS-based tolling on NHs before MCC comes into force. In response to a supple-

mentary from a BJP MP on problems faced by locals in Visakhapatnam because of a toll plaza, Gadkari said he is aware of the issue on certain stretches. "During the UPA govt, they allowed setting up toll plazas close to urban areas and later the task of toll collection was given to private plates. If we terminate them now, they will raise claims and we have to pay the compensation. Because of this people who go to work for just a few kilometres need to pay toll. This is not right. We are ensuring that toll plazas don't come up not within 6-7 km of cities so that locals don't enduppaying toll," he said. TNN

Curbs on assembly, Net to foil trouble after Parl nod for ST status to J&K's Pahadi community

Sanjay Khajuria TNN

Jammu: A day after Parliament granted the ST status to Jammu and Kashmir's Pahadi community, authorities on Wednesday imposed strict restrictions on internet and gatherings in the twin frontier districts of Poonch and Rajouri. Curbs were also put in place in Jammu district on posting and sharing content affecting communal harmony under CrPC Section 144.

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Gujjar/Bakarwal community - which so far enjoyed the ST status in J&K with 9% reservation in govt jobs - has opposed the move, claiming that Pahadis are a well-settled community in the UT and granting them the ST tag would cut into their reservations

claiming that Pahadis are a well-settled community in the UT and granting them the ST tag would cut into their reservations, despite Union home minister Amit Shah's assurances otherwise. Besides Pahadis, Parliament has also conferred ST status to the Padari and Koli tribes as well as Gaddi Brahmins of the UT.

Date: 02.02.202

ADGP Jammu issued directions to telecom/internet service providers to suspend internet (2G/3G/4G/5G and public Wi-Fi facilities 5G) in Poonch and Rajouri till 11.30pm Wednesday, under the Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, in apprehension

of these services being misused by anti-national elements/miscreants leading to deterioration of public order.

Jammu deputy commis-

sioner Sachin Kumar Vaishya, in a similar order, imposed restrictions on posting/sharing communally sensitive/ derogatory/discriminatory/ provocative content and spreading disinformation on social media and news portals. Violation of the same would lead to punitive action under IPC Section 188 (deliberate disobedience of an order that is duly promulgated by a public servant empowered by law to do so).

explosives seized

reports HC Vanlalruata.

AR said the explosives were seized along Sangau-Pangkhua road from two people who had hidden them in a Mahindra Bolero heading for Myanmar. Siamthanga and his wife were arrested for possession of and alleged intention to smuggle the weapons to Myanmar.

Burglars walked away with demo EVM mistaking it for briefcase: Cops

Priyanka.Kakodkar @timesgroup.com

Mumbai: A demo EVM was stolen from a strongroom in Pune's Saswad on Monday morning, leading to the Election Commission writing to state chief secretary Nitin Kareer directing the suspension of three sub-district officials. Two 21-year-old men were arrested on Wednesday and the EVM recovered.

Although it was a demo EVM, the theft has raised concerns about security of vot-

ing machines ahead of Lok Sabha polls. While officials emphasised that the EVM was meant for training and awareness purposes, state chief electoral officer Shrikant Deshpande said, "This is a serious matter and EC has taken strong note of it." The two arrested suspects

suspect seen in the CCTV footage is yet to be apprehended. Police said the three men entered the office mistaking it

Shivaji Bandgar and Ajin-

kya Salunke - have con-

fessed to the crime. A third

EVM thinking it was a briefcase. Not knowing what to do with it, they dumped it. The EVM was found intact from a shed in a farm belonging to Bandgar. The two were produced before a court, which ordered their remand till Jan 12. "Bandgar is a criminal with cases of attempt to murder, molestation and rioting, while Salunke does not have any criminal antecedents,' SP Pankaj Deshmukh said. (With additional inputs from

for an old Wada and stole the

Gitesh Shelke in Pune)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: JHS/Br/L/2023-24/23 E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Dy Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/Jhansi, North Central Railway, Jhansi for and or behalf of President of India invites open E- tenders on the prescribed forms for the

Cost of work (₹): ₹ 7,44,23,947.66 Tender No.: Br-JHS-2023-29 Name of work: (a) Virangana Laxmibai-Manikpur; Repair and metalizing to floo system of Important girder bridges No. 1141/1, 1316/1 and other steel structures. (b) Virangana Laxmibai-Kanpur: Repair and metalizing to floor system of Importan

Triangulated girder bridge No. 1275/1 DN and other steel structure.

Bid Security (Earnest Money): ₹ 5,22,100/-, Date of Opening of Tender 26.02.2024, Completion Period: 12 Months, Eligibility Criteria for similar work Repair to steel girder involving field riveting or any bridge work involving erection/launching or regirdering of open web girder

Note:- (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in. up to 15:00 hrs. on the due to date of tender closing i.e. 26.02.2024. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to ge themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. (4) Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body (5) Payment of Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. (6) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (7) Tender on line can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on dated 26.02.2024.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Project South, South Zone office complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd Block,

Bengaluru - 560 011.

No: EEP(S)/E-Procu/13/2023-24/Call-2 Date: 06.02.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (Through GOK KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP, Bengaluru

invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction

Calendar of Events: (1) Tenders must be submitted online

through kpp portal on or before 19.02.2024 at

4:00 pm. (2) Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 12.02.2024

at 4:00 pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer (Project

South), 1st Floor, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd

Block, Bengaluru - 560 011. (3) Last Date & Time for

Receipt of Tenders is 19.02.2024 upto 4:00 pm.

(4) Opening of Technical Bid 20.02.2024 at 10:30 am.

(5) Financial Bid opening date 22.02.2024 at 4:00 pm or After Technical bid Approval. (6) This tender notice can

also be seen on the BBMP Website: www.bbmp.gov.in.

Further details may be obtained from the above office

during office hours on working days or from website:

Approx. Amount

Put to Tender

(₹.in Lakhs)

750.00

Sd/-

Executive Engineer - Project South

EMD

(in ₹.)

Rs.

11,25,000/-

(Rs.

1,00,000/-

through

e-portal

and Rs.

10,25,000/-

through

BG)

of works detailed in the table below.

Name of the Work

Comprehensive Development by

Providing Ornamental Grill,

Pathway, Shelter to GYM

Equipments, Children Play

Equipments, New Gazebo and

Repairs and Additional Works

for Sports Complex in Madiwala

and Overall Development of

Parks and Playground in BTM

https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Layout Constituency.

E-Procurement Tender Notice E-mail: tenders-pwd.cg@gov.in

Public Works Department

Sector-19, North Block, Naya Raipur (C.G.)

NIT No.467 /TC/EinC/PWD/2023-24 Dated 02.02.2024 The Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites percentage rate bids on electronic tendering system under RCPLWE RRP-III in the district of Kanker & Ambagarh Chowki -Mohla-Manpur for construction of 03 Bridges with estimated cost amounting Rs 651.9 Lacs including their maintenance for five years from the contractors registered with unified registration system (e-registration) in Chhattisgarh. Non registered bidders may submit bid: however the successful bidder must get registered in appropriate class under "Unified Registration System (e-Registration) of Chhattisgarh before signing the agreement

The bid document shall be available to bidders online free of cost and should be submitted online e-procurement system of government of Chhattisgarh in https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in. Bids form will be available on the website from 02.02.2024 and may be submitted up to 17:00 Hrs. on

For participating in bidding process, bidders are required to register in the above web-site with nominal fee of Rs 500/- to be paid online to service provider. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from authorized certifying authorities.

The bidders are required to submit (a) original bid security in approved form and (b) original affidavit duly verified and notarized as per clause 4.4 B (a) (ii) and 4.4 B (c) to Chief Engineer, Tender Cell, First Floor, NirmanBhawan, PWD, North Block, Sector-19, Naya Raipur (C.G.) 492- 002 as per provisions of bid document through Speed/ Registered post, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. Detailed schedule of important dates may be seen on notice board of

offices and also available on website of Public Works Department http://pwd.cg.nic.in

> Chief Engineer (Central Tender Cell) Office of Engineer-In-Chief

G-07562/7

P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar (C.G.)

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Division, BBMP Complex Behind Upparapete Police station Banglore-560009.

NO.EE/GNR/TEND/E-PROC/05/2023-24

Dated: 06.02.2024 INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

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Name of the Work

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Time Schedule/Calendar of events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from 09.02.2024. 2) Pre bid meeting will be held on 14.02.2024 at 11.00 hours. 3) Tenders must be submitted on or before 16.00 hours on 17.02.2024 and the opening of tenders will be as per the KPP portal guidelines. 4) Technical Bids will be opened on 19.02.2024 at 12.30 hours.

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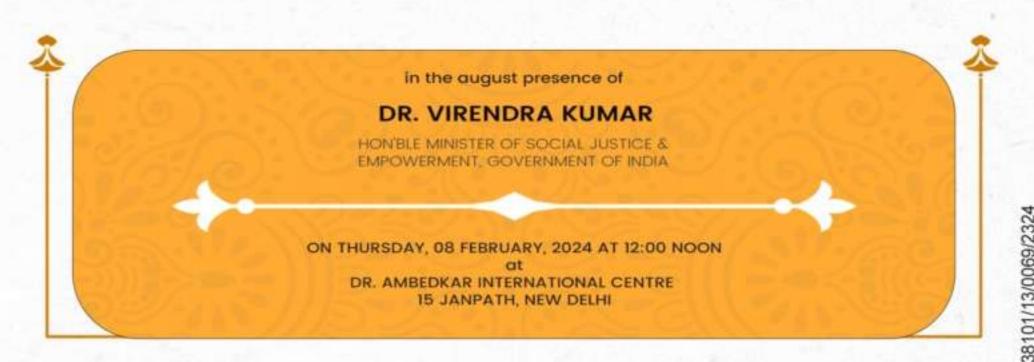


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CDS asks industry to help boost def space

'₹25k Cr Earmarked To Meet Needs Over Next Few Yrs'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: All stakeholders in the defence space arena should work on bolstering India's counter-space capabilities, chief of defence staff General Anil Chauhan said on Wednesday, in remarks that come in the backdrop of China rapidly developing and deploying potent antisatellite (A-Sat) weapons.

Indian armed forces will roughly spend over Rs 25,000 crore in the next few years to meet its defence space requirements, ranging from building a constellation of surveillance satellites to secure communications networks.

"It is the right time for the private industry to utilise this opportunity. I think it is time to build a highly-capable atmanirbhar (self-sufficient) defence space ecosystem," the CDS said, inaugurating the three-day 'DefSat' seminar and exhibition here.



Chief of defence staff General Anil Chauhan (left) at the DefSAT defence conference at Manekshaw Centre in Delhi on Wednesday

The industry should partner the armed forces in augmenting ISR (intelligence, surveillance. reconnaissance) capabilities by developing multi-sensor satellites, launch-on-demand services, and a robust network of ground stations. There is also the need to develop indigenous positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) services by strengthening the NAVIC constellation, he said.

Stakeholders in the defence-space ecosystem also need to focus on counter-space capabilities as a deterrent for safeguarding the country's space assets from enemy attacks, Gen Chauhan said.

Stressing the "vitality" of space for mankind as well as for the armed forces, CDS said space can be used as a force-multiplier to enhance combat capabilities in the traditional domains of land. air, sea as well as newer ones like cyber-warfare.

During the seminar, Gen Chauhan listed out the major initiatives taken by the government to capitalise on space to strengthen the capabilities of the armed forces.

PDS shops to sell consumer durables online on govt Amazon-Flipkart rival

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Centre is testing a plan that may enable consumers to buy toothbrush, agarbattis or even some consumer durables from fair price shops through the ecommerce channel using Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC), govt backed architecture to counter Amazon and Flipkart's influence in the online marketplace.

The food and public distribution department has launched a pilot programme at fair price shops, which currently dispense grains and other commodities that are part of the public distribution system (PDS), in HP's Una and Hamirpur districts. Food secretary Sanjeev Chopra launched the pilot in 11 fair price shops.

under 'Bharat' brand, govt informs RS

ovt has sold around 2.8 lakh tonnes of 'Bharat Atta', close to 3 lakh tonnes of 'Bharat Dal', and 3 lakh tonnes of onion at items, RS was informed on Wednesday by the food and the sale of rice under the 'Bharat' brand at Rs 29/kg in 5 kg and 10 kg packs, the first-ever retail sale by govt in the open market.

If successful, it is proposed to be expanded to other parts of the state. The initiative also marks an expansion of ONDC, which is itself in the initial phase, into the FPS arena. The move is meant to help owners become a one-stop shop for

Chopra said the initiative provides numerous benefits commerce platforms.

Beneficiaries who face difficulties in making online purchase can approach FPS dealer to make online orders.

India may host NSA-level Quad meeting later this month

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New Delhi: India may host a meeting of Quadat the level of national security advisors on the margins of the Raisina Dialogue that will take place from February 21 to 23. Efforts are still on to finalise the meeting which, if it happens, will provide an early opportunity for the Quad countries — Australia, India, Japan and US to reaffirm their support to cooperation on a range of issues, after the Quad summit couldn't take place last month because of President Joe Biden's unavailability.

The summit will now be hosted by India towards the end of the year, after US elections. Quad foreign ministers had met on the sidelines of the Raisina Dialogue last year, while their Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov was still in Delhi. Lavrov has not yet been invited this year for the Dialogue, which is hosted by the ORF in partnership with India's foreign ministry, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity. Greek Kyriakos Mitsotakis is expected to be chief guest at the event. US NSA Jake Sullivan will

be here for the conference including a meeting with his counterpart Ajit Doval in which they will undertake a comprehensive review of Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) under which two sides are looking to expand technology and defence industrial cooperation.

Sullivan is expected to raise the issue of US ongoing probe into the alleged and foiled plot to assassinate Khalistan separatist and American national Gurpatwant Singh Pannun and seek an update on India's own investigations into the information shared by US authorities in the case. The plot was allegedly masterminded by an Indian official who remains unnamed

Unlike in the case of another Khalistan leader who was killed in Canada, India has been cooperating with US in Pannun case as it believes US has acted more discreetly than Canada by backing its claims with actionable information.

work on his 'pet' project **WALK-THROUGH OF THE FACILITY**

Ratan Tata finally completes

Ratan Tata with his brother Jimmy in a 1945

picture he shared on Instagram

tion. The veterinary hospital,

which will be one of India's

largest, will be the latest jewel

in the crown of Tata Trusts.

helmed by Tata himself. In the

past, the Trusts have built the

Tata Memorial Hospital—In-

dia's first cancer care hospi-

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stitute of Science-Bengaluru

lamboli in Navi Mumbai fol-

lowing a land deal with the

state govt in 2017, Tata decid-

ed to move the hospital to a

ents would face in Mumbai.

"This (distance) could've

been a major deterrent for pet

parents, especially those in

need of emergency services.

With this in mind, finding the

right space for land and get-

ting permissions was also a

construction at Mahalaxmi

had to be halted after 3

months, "It then took us about

Covid further delayed it as

reason for delay," said Tata.

Initially planned in Ka-

Reeba Zachariah & Vipashana Kamble TNN

Mumbai: At 86, Ratan Tata is ready to roll out his latest and long-pending 'pet' project - an animal hospital for Mumbai. Conceived out of his own struggle and transcontinental quest to find advanced healthcare for his injured dog, the hospital is all set to finally see light of day in the first week of March.

Spread across 2.2 acres and built at a cost of Rs 165 crore, the facility will be one of India's few 24x7 hospitals for dogs, cats, rabbits and other small animals.

In an exclusive interview to TOI ahead of the inauguration of the Tata Trusts Animal Hospital in Mahalaxmi, Ratan Tata said, "A pet is no different from a member of one's family today. As the guardian of several pets throughout my life, I recognise the need for this hospital.'

He recalled the ordeal he faced before he flew his furry companion to the University of Minnesota in the US for a joint replacement. "But I was too late, and so they froze the dog's joint in a particular position. That experience central location, recognising enabled me to see what a the commute time pet parworld-class veterinary hospital was equipped to do," said Tata. The experience, he said, also led him "to believe that Mumbai should have a veterinary hospital." However, he could get started on it only in his silver years, after he hung up his boots at Tata Sons as chairman in 2012.

Now in 2024, despite various obstacles. Tata's dream stands on the brink of realisaThe hospital will be India's largest single-site

A surgery unit with 4 operation theatres,

multi-specialty animal healthcare centre. It will offer

offering soft tissue and orthopaedic surgeries

Inpatient wards—general, ICU & high dependency unit (HDU)

Diagnostics unit offering services like MRI, CT, pathology, X-ray, USG and 2D echo

A specialty treatment unit offering dental, gophthalmology, dermatology, endoscopy, etc

CURRENT STATS

32m No. of pets estimated to be in India, growing at 12%+ per year

agreements, documentation,

and paperwork. By the time

pital For Animals in Parel.

storey Tata hospital, which

has a capacity for 200 patients,

will be led by Thomas Heath-

cote, a British veterinarian

who has relocated to Mumbai

for this project. The hospital,

which has tied up with five

UK veterinary schools in-

cluding the Royal Veterinary

College London for training,

will offer surgical, diagnostic

and pharmacy services,

along with multidisciplinary

"The current healthcare

care for small animals.

The ground plus-four

India home to 36% of

rabies deaths, says WHO Dogs source of most human rabies deaths a year and a half to realign the infrastructure for animals is

will be a blessing as vets will we returned to normalcy, the not think twice before recomexpenses of the hospital had also been impacted owing to mending pet parents there," said Deepa Katyal, a Cheminflationary costs of steel, manpower and availability of bur-based veterinarian. raw materials," Tata said. The It will also house a dedicated facility, which will be Trusts have a 30-year lease agreement with BMC for the run by an NGO, catering solehospital land, which is a ly to the welfare of stray dogs. Bombay House, the stone's throw from The Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hos-

still inadequate. And this hos-

pital, coming from the Tatas,

headquarters of Tata Group, too has an exclusive kennel for strays from the area-thanks to Tata, an ardent dog lover, who had ordered the animals to be given shelter inside the heritage building. "It is a personal dream of

mine that the city should have a state-of-the-art animal health centre... and I am delighted to see it finally come to life. It will be a resource for everyone who owns pets or comes across distressed animals, and it will save a limb, or a life, and help cure disease," said Tata.

2.8L tonnes of atta & 3L tonnes of dal sold

subsidised rates to moderate prices of these three key food consumer affairs ministry. The ministry, on Tuesday, launched The subsidised Bharat Dal (chana) is being sold at Rs 60 per kg and onion is also being made available at Rs 25/kg. TNN

multiple requirements.

for FPS dealers including visibility in the digital marketplace, access to a larger customer base beyond NFSA beneficiaries, and the ability to compete on an equal footing with large retailers and e-

Std X minority dropout rate: 14.5% to 24.4% in a yr New Delhi: Govt informed RS on from Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya of

Wednesday that the dropout rate among minority community students at the secondary level (Class X) had shot up to 24.4% in 2021-22 from 14.5% in 2020-21 as per United District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) data.

The reasons for dropout were cited to be financial constraints and being engaged in domestic or economic activities, minority affairs minister Smriti Irani said in response to a written question

CPM. UDISE+ maintains the dropout rate by level of education and not classwise. The dropout rate for higher sec-

Chhattisgarh, it rose from 16.5% to 54.2%.

Puducherry and Chandigarh had no dropouts in 2020-21 but the rate stood at

Telangana witnessed a decline. TNN

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ondary level is not calculated. Besides the rise in dropout rate by around 10% between 2020-21 and 2021-22,

there were wide variations in the statewide data. For instance, the dropout rate among minorities was 6.3% in Gujarat in 2020-21 and rose to 44% in 2021-22 and in 32.5% and 17% respectively the next year.

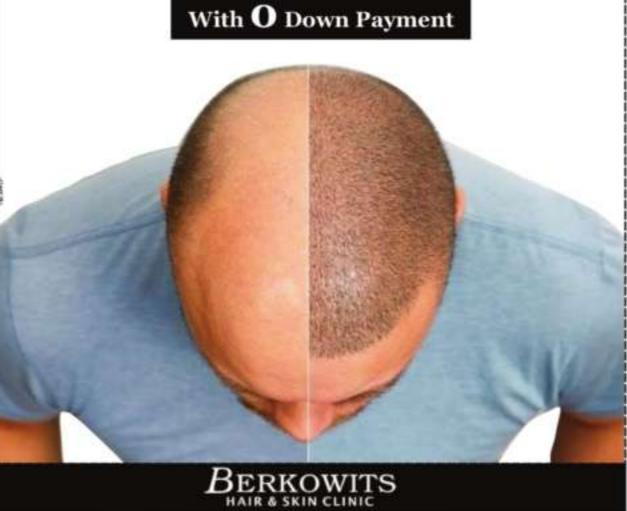
In Uttarakhand, the dropout rate went from 2.3% in 2020-21 to 31.6% in 2021-22. In Arunachal Pradesh, it rose from 7% in 2020-21 to 38.1% the next year. In UP, it rose from 14% to nearly 22% and in Maharashtra, it went up from 10.8% to 33%.

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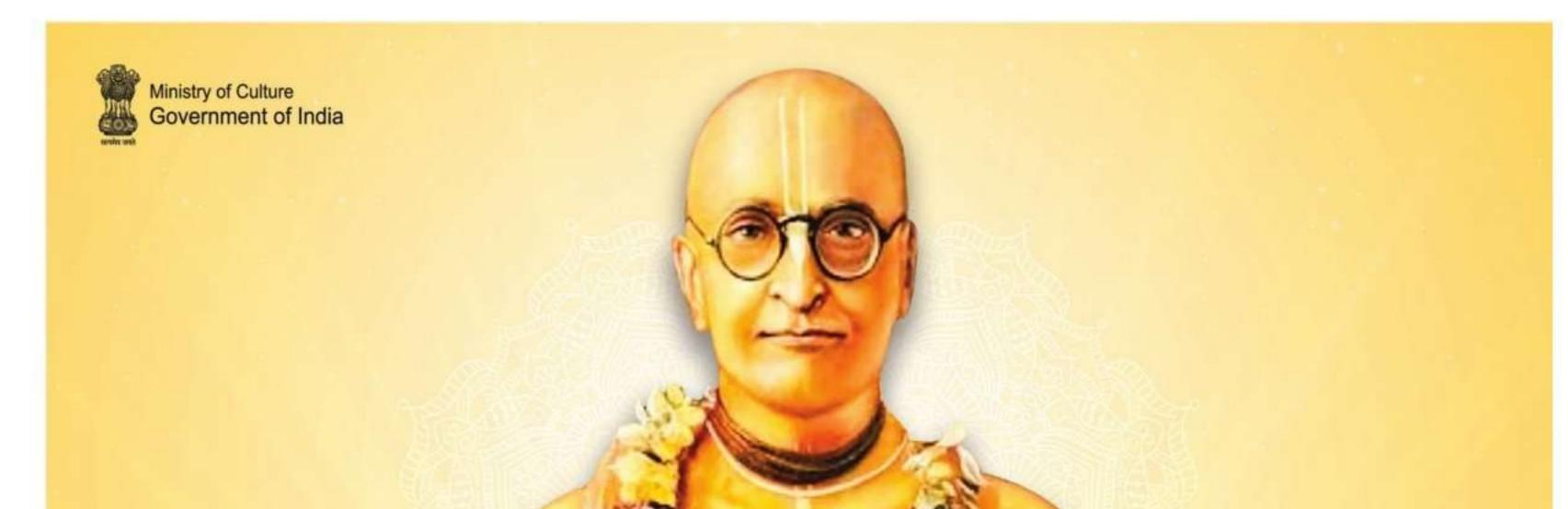
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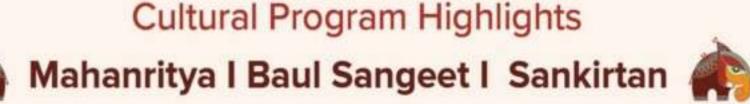


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Assistant Administrative Officer

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wishes to republish the book, "History of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles (1820-1956)".
Therefore, Lancer International Publishers was requested to submit the assignment of copyright within 90 days from the date of issue of the legal notice, which has not been submitted so far. Therefore, after the expiry of 90 days on 07 February 2024, under Section 19 of the Copyright Act 1957, it is believed that Lancer International Publishers no longer has the legal rights related to the publication of the book.

Commandant, Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Regimental Centre Jabalpur (MP)

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.44/ 2023-24

Online Tender (e-tender) in B-1 form for the in Nanded District total 32 (Thirty Two) works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded (Phone No 02467-222658) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System. From the registered contractor in appropriate class of Public works Department of Maharashtra State. The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tender portal https://mahatenders.gov.in/ on sub portal www.mahapwd.gov. in as under. Note:

1 Details of the tender documents are available on e-tendering https://mahatenders.gov.in/ and www.mahapwd.gov.in website of the Government of Maharashtra.

2 If there are any changes in the tender notice, then the information will be display on the website. 3 Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist

Nanded has reserved the right to accept or reject tenders. PRASHANT NILKANTH KORE Executive Engineer,

DGIPR/2023-2024/7798

Public Works Division

Bhokar Dist. Nanded



कार्यालय छावनी परिषद्, चकराता जिला देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड फोन : 01360-272220 फैक्स : 01360-272502 ई-मेल : ceochak-stats@nic.in

(ई-नीलामी आईडी-Auction ID 2024_MoD_3087)

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा चकराता छावनी में रिथत दुकान निकट मैन आक्ट्राई पोस्ट, सदर बाजार, चकराता की नीलामी भारत सरकार के पोर्टल https://eauction.gov.in के माध्यम से की जा रही है जिसकी (ई-नीलामी आईडी- Auction ID 2024_MoD_3087) है। अधिक जानकारी और ऑनलाइन नीलामी शुद्धिपत्र और नीलामी कार्यक्रम की तिथियों के लिए कृपया भारत सरकार के ई-नीलामी पोर्टल https://eauction.gov.in/eauction पर जाएं। (आर.एन. मण्डल)

फाइल संख्या – 8/2/CFB/V दिनांक / Dated: 06 Feb. / फरवरी, 2024 ''बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ''

चकराता छावनी 'एक भारत श्रेष्ठ भारत

PWD2324WLOB18406 मुख्य अधिशासी अधिकारी

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग बीकानेर दिनांक :- 30.01.2024 अल्पकालीन निविदा सुचना संख्या 37/पीएमजीएसवाई-III/ बैच- ॥ 2023-24 NIB Code No :- PWD2324A4268

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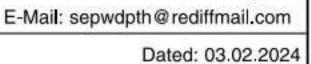
श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग– राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठन केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग /डाक एवम् दूर संचार विभाग / रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरका के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्य्रमेन्ट प्रक्रिया से ऑन लाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेब साईट www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, ₹ http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in व http://pmgsytendersraj.gov.in, Gepnic.portal पर देखा जा सकता है। पैकेजवाईज यु.बी.एन संख्या निम्नानुसार है। UBN No:-

खड़क - संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेब साईट http://pmgsytendersraj.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड होना आवश्यक है।

ई-हस्ताक्षर अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, DIPR/C/497/2024 सा.नि.वि. संभाग बीकानेर



Office of the Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle, P.W.D. Pithoragarh



Letter No. 595/208C-03(Yata 'D'/2024

National Competitive E-Tender Notice

The Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle, Public Works Department Pithoragarh invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available online from date 07.02.2024 at 5.00 PM onward on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in

S. N.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (in Lac)	Cost of Tender (Rs.)	Validity of Tender (day)	Period of Com- pletion (months)	Contractor's category of registration	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Under road safety, work of crash barrier, delineator and sign board in Dhunadhat - Bhigarada - Reetha section of State Road No. 64 of Champawat district.	6.30	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	06	Category A & higher for Road works, in state Govt/Govt. of India	
2	Under road safety, work of crash barrier, delineator and sign board in Champawat - Manch - Tamli and Champawat - Khetikhan section of State Road No. 64 of Champawat district.	8.50	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	06	Category A & higher for Road works, in state Govt/Govt. of India	
3	Under road safety, work of crash barrier, delineator and sign board in Sukhidhag - Dhura - Reetha Sahib motor road of State Road No. 110 of Champawat district.	3.10	5000.00 + 18% GST	120	06	Category B & higher for Road works, in state Govt/Govt. of India	

NewsClick exec who turned approver seeks bail

New Delhi: NewsClick human resources department chief Amit Chakravarty, who has turned approver in a case against the news

portal, urged Delhi high court on Wednesday to grant him bail. Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma reserved the order on Chakravarty's bail plea after the police didn't oppose his plea. Chakravarty's lawyer said he had been pardoned by trial court and was cooperating. TNN

SPORTS AUTHORITY OF ANDHRA PRADESH

Tenders are hereby invited from reputed and experienced companies for

Tender ID: 718844, Name of the Work: Short tender notice for

Engagement of firms/agency for conducting of the event compromising of

the items on the occasion of the closing ceremony of state level sports

tournament. Bid Starting date: 06.02.24. Bid end date: 09.02.24. Bid

opening Date: 09.02.24. Tender documents are available on e-

procurement platform tender.apeprocurement.gov.in Tenders will be

opened in the presence of company representatives who attend the

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY 6200

Letter No. DRM/C/AGRA/PARKING/E-AUCTION/2024 Dated: 02.02.2024

E-Auction Notice

Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Agra invites

Asset Details: Agra Cantt. Railway Station Car Parking for location Circulating Area.

Note:- Prospective bidders are requested to visit E-Auction

Leasing Module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in).

The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, MUNICIPAL

CORPORATION, GWALIOR

Naravan Krishan Shejwalkar Bhawan, Near Taran Puskar, City Centre, Gwalior (M.P.)

Tel: 0751-2438300, 4080352, Fax: 0751-2438249

Notice Inviting Tender

On behalf of Gwalior Municipal Corporation (GMC), Madhya Pradesh, online Percentage

Rate bids are invited on website http://mptenders.gov.in from registered Contractors

amount of

(in Rs.)

NIT with all details of works to be executed and provisions of contract can be viewed on website

http://mptenders.gov.in and www.mpurban.gov.in. and bid document can be purchased from

विज्ञिप्ति

जनपदों में आयोजित की जा रही सभीक्षा अधिकारी / सहायक समीक्षा अधिकारी आदि

(प्राo) परीक्षा-2023 के सम्बन्द में गौतमबुद्ध नगर (ग्रेटर नोएडा) जनपद के एक परीक्षा

केन्द्र के पते में एवं सुल्तानपुर जनपद के एक परीक्षा केन्द्र के नाम में आंशिक संशोधन

परीक्षा केन्द्र का पुराना

राजकीय इण्टर कालेज, पता-

नाम/पता

सुल्तानपुर 0873319 परीक्षा उपकेन्द्र कोड- 69/046, परीक्षा उपकेन्द्र कोड-69/

अतएव अभ्यर्थीगण उपर्युक्त जनपदों में अपने परीक्षा केन्द्र पर निर्धारित समय रे

धनवा देवी बद्रीप्रसाद स्मारक

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हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रण

Uploading of RFP

Receiving of RFPs

evaluation Committee

देखी जा सकती है।

Pre-Application meeting

ssuance of Clarification/addendum

|परीक्षा उपकेन्द्र कोड- 27/038,|परीक्षा उपकेन्द्र कोड- 27/

टेक जोन-४, ग्रेटर नोएड वेस्ट, नोएडा गौतमबुद्ध नगर

नियर वाटर टैंक, सुल्तानपुर। कुडवार, नियर वाटर टैंक,

0540256 यू-1 सेक्टर-12, प्लाट नं0-4, पता-ब्लाक-यू, सेक्टर-12,

गौतमबुद्ध नगर (ग्रेटर नेएडा)। (ग्रेटर नोएडा)।

एतदद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि 11 फरवरी, 2024 (रविवार) का प्रदेश के 58

उ०प्र० लोक सेवा आयोग

Earnest

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(EMD) (In Rs.) (In Rs.)

Executive Engineer, Gwalior Municipal Corporation

Category: Parking Auction Catalogue No.: AGC-CAR-2024-01

E-Auction Start Date and Time: Date: - 19.02.2024 Time: - 11.30

E-Auction End Date and Time: Date: - 19.02.2024 Time: - 12.00

On behalf of the President of India, The Sr. Divisional

evaluation. For further details contact: 0866-2499699.

DIPR No.2679PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 Dt.06/02/2024

E-Auction as per categories given as under:

North central railways X @CPRONCR @north centralrailway

/MPGMC/262/24x9/1/Sewerage Network/2024

and Firms of repute, fulfilling eligibility criteria.

Name of Works

Survey, design, preparation

of drawings, providing,

laying and commissioning

Ward No. 23 to 30 & 60 of

10:30 AM dated 31.01.2024 to 5:30 PM dated 01.03.2024.

of sewerage network in

Gwalior Municipal

Corporation.

किया गया है, जो निम्नवत है-

जनपद अनुक्रमांक

गौतमबुद्ध 0492042

(ग्रेटर

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31.01.2024

mentioned Catalogue Number

the following tenders

GMC STADIUM, LABBIPET, BANDAR ROAD, VIJAYAWADA

Sd/- Vice Chairman and

Managing Director

223/24 FA

www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

Gwalior, Dated: 01.02.2024

Cost of Bid Time of

Money Deposit | Document | Completion

15000.00

परीक्षा केन्द्र का

संशोधित नाम/पता

038, राजकीय इण्टर कालेज,

046, धर्मा देवी बद्रीप्रसाद

स्मारक पी०जी० कालेज,

दिनांक 06-02-2024

06 months

including

season.

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN ELECTION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING BIDS (NIB) Food Building, Secretariat, Jaipur (Rajasthan)-302005.

Telephone-0141-2227194,227638 Fax- 0141-2227794 Email- ceojpr-rj@nic.in F3 (III)/A/ELE/LWC/2/P-I/2024/808 Date 31/1/2024 Bids for "Live web casting of polling stations during Loksabha Election 2024 in

Rajasthan are invited from interested bidders up to 2.00 PM of 21-02-2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) and http://eproc.raiasthan.gov.in of the state & Departmental website www.ceorajasthan.nic.in. UBN: ELE2324SLOB00248

Election Department, Food Building, Secretariat DIPR/C/531/2024 Jaipur (Rajasthan)-302005 India

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E -Tender No: PU-ALJN-KRJ-MSDAC-T-01-24 Dated: 02.02.2024

E-Tender Notice Dy. CSTE/PU/Aligarh, North Central Railway, for and behalf of President of India

invites sealed "Open Tender" through on-line (E-Tendering) for the following work. E-Tender No.: E-Tender No: PU-ALJN-KRJ-MSDAC-T-01-24, Date- 02.02.2024 Approx. Cost (Rs.): 12.74 Cr/-Earnest Money (Rs.): 787200/-Description of work: Provision of MSDAC in flood prone Stations Aligarh (ALJN) and

Cost of Tender Form: Nil, Date of closing Tender & Time: 27.02.2024 15:00 hrs Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 10 Month, Validity of Tender: 90 days Note- 1. The complete information along with Tender document or above E-Works Tender will be available on Website on www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of Tender opening. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, Venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III Digital signature certificate issued by CCA under IT Act 2000. 3. Rates entered into financial rate page an duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity is any other form/letter head if attached by Tenderer shall be straight way ignored & shall not be considered. 4. Documents being attached should be signed by the Tenderer or its body. 5. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in



Khurja (KRJ) of Prayagraj Division.

No.: JHS/ELG/W/T-23/2023-24/RT

Date: 05/02/2024

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TENDER NOTICE For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer

General) North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (I Tendering) for the following work: -Description: Trip Maintenance/A-check and Tender value: Rs. 16453513.12/-

Escorting & Operation of DA set fitted in Earnest money: Rs. 232300/power car of FOG type trains of Jhansi Cost of tender Document division for a period of three years. Rs. 5250/-Tender No: JHS/ELG/W/T-23/2023-24/RT; Completion period: Three years

(36 months); Closing date of tender: 27/02/2024 (at 15:00 Hrs); Date & time of opening of tender: 27/02/2024 (at 15.30 Hrs); In case the date of tender opening happens to be a holiday or technical problem in website, the tenders shall be opened on the next working day in the same manner. The complete information along with tender document of above E- Tender is available in website on https://www.ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 Hrs. on the due date of tender opening. Tenderer will submit the tender online up to 27/02/2024 (at 15.00 Hrs.) complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website http://www.ireps.gov.in

232/24 (ADM) f North central railways 💢 @CPRONCR 圆 @northcentralrailway 📷 www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

Government of Chhattisgarh Water Resources Department OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MAHANADI PROJECT, RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

CORRIGENDUM NO. -1

In System Tender No. 151320, N.I.T. No. 06/SAC/2023-24, Raipur Dated: 15.01.2024 whose G-Number is 07154. Dtd. 16/01/2024 following amendments are made:-

S. No	Earlier Published	Amendments Now Read as
1	Bid Due Date and time: 05.02.2024, 17:30 Hours	Bid Due Date and time: 12.02.2024, 17:30 Hours
2	Bid Open Start Date and time: 06.02.2024, 11:30 Hours	Bid Open Start Date and time: 13.02.2024, 11:30 Hours

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Executive Engineer M.R.P. Phase II Work Division, Raipur For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project Raipur (C.G.)

संख्या- 15/05/ई-2/2023-24

दिनांकः प्रयागराज ०६ फरवरी, 2024

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एक घंटा पूर्व उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें।

अजय कुमार तिवारी (परीक्षा नियंत्रक)

पत्रांक :- 644/म्0अभि0/नि0वि0/2023-24

Technical evaluation, shortlisting of Technically compliant

of financial proposals & Recommendation by bidder bid

Receiving of Financial proposals, public opening & evaluation

Common point likely for int'l, domestic flyers' security check

Saurabh Sinha TNN

New Delhi: Instead of separate designated pre-embarkation security check (PESC) points for domestic and international passengers, busy metro airport terminals could, with a design tweak, soon switch over to common PESCs. Depending on the time of the day and whether there are more domestic or international departures, the number of PESCs will accordingly keep altering. The aviation ministry has started discussions with other ministries, Bureau of Immigration (BoI) services, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), airport operators, airlines and stakeholders.

"Air traffic is rising at 15% per annum and India is the fastest growing aviation market globally. There is a limit to the increase in terminal area and manpower deployment and the need of the hour is to think out of the box for optimal resource utilisation. We are looking at swing barriers at PESCs for hour of the day system," said highly placed sources.

The one roadblock for this is the fact that Mumbai CSMIA's combined domesticcum-international terminal (T2) is the only one among existing big airports that has immigration after security.

The swing system requires a common PESC area for all passengers first and then immigration for international outbound. New big airports coming up now will have immigration after security. In existing ones, this change will be required and that can be made as and when some renovation/alteration happens.

Govt to roll out 'digital ad policy' soon: Thakur

'Move Seeks To **Benefit Digital** News Industry'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt will roll out a 'digital advertising policy' soon, I&B minister Anurag Thakur said at the second DNPA Conclave and Digital Impact Awards 2024 this week.

Thakur's announce ment came on the sidelines of a panel discussion on the threats and challenges to monetisation of content by India's digital news publishers. "Let me say here that we are soon bringing out a digital advertising policy. I think India's digital news media industry will benefit from it. They will be treated on par... It will ensure you don't suffer revenue loss, while you keep on creating good content. So, we are bringing it out very soon. It's in the works," he said.

The asymmetry between digital news publishers and Big Tech platforms over revenue-sharing model was also addressed by junior minister for electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrashekhar,



Thakur's announcement came on the sidelines of a discussion on the threats and challenges to monetisation of content by digital news publishers

who asserted that the Digital India Act will address the "disbalance".

"We are concerned there is a deep asymmetry between those who create content and those who help content creators monetise that content. Once the Digital India Act is rolled out (after the 2024 general elections). it will deal with this very pronounced and very visible asymmetry between the small guy or the medium guy in the Indian digital ecosystem and the big [tech] platforms, the gatekeepers for monetising that content. The asymmetry needs to be legislated, or at the very least, regulated through rules of a new legislation," Chandrashekhar said.

The DNPA event also discussed solutions to democratise the publisher-platform relationship, such as breaking up Big Tech monopolies into more competitive units, and exchanged ideas on the future of digital media amid AI disruptions.

Chandrasekhar pointed to the need for bringing a legislation to democratise India's internet space. "We want the internet to be open. We don't want the internet or the monetisation from it to be controlled by just two or three companies," he said, adding that the govt does not want to act as an arbiter, but only as a facilitator who ensures that appropriate rules are in place.

Digital News Publishers Association of (DNPA), an apex industry body of the digital arms of India's top 18 new publishers from print & electronic media. They include Times of India, Dainik Jagran, Dainik Bhaskar, The Indian Express, Malayalam Manorama, Eenadu Television, India Today, Amar Ujala, Hindustan Times, Zee Media, ABP Network, Lokmat, NDTV, Express Network, Mathrubhumi, The Hindu India TV and Network 18.

UK ex-PM intervenes in case of Sikh jailed in India

London: UK foreign secre- into claims he was tortured Singh Johal, seen by TOI, tary David Cameron has intish Sikh Jagtar Singh Jo- calling for his release, re- to your brother's casehal, who has been imprison- ports Naomi Canton. ed in India for six years, calling for an investigation Johal's brother, Gupreet ous allegations of torture."

Or alternatively also contact

1. Mr. Harshal Verma

Mobile: 9910297484

Horticulture (Division. 1)

Asstt. Manager,

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in

Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar, (U.P.)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(FOR DESIGNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF ROCK GARDEN IN NOIDA)

Noida Authority hereby invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from

Various Architect and Architect Firms for presentation of

All interested Architect and Architect Firms will have to submit

their Design Concepts and 2 (TWO) colour hard copies of the

designs during the presentation. The presentation will be held in

the Board room of Noida Administrative office sector-6, Noida on

16" February, 2024 at 1500 hrs. All participants are required to

*(Additional details related to EOI on website -

www.noidaauthorityonline.com)

CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

08.02.2024 - TIME (03:00 PM)

23.02.2024 - TIME (01:00 PM)

28.02.2024 - TIME (03:00 PM)

14.03.2024 - TIME (04:00 PM)

19.03.2024 - TIME (03:00 PM)

24.03.2024 - TIME (04:00 PM)

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नगर निगम, बरेली।

दिनांक :- 07.02.2024

Designs and Concepts for Rock Garden in Noida.

submit as mentioned in the official website

For any enquiry may please contact:-

Mr. Anand Mohan Singh,

Horticulture (Division. 2)

Mobile: 9871090099

Sector - 39, Noida - 201301

Deputy Director,

कार्यालय मुख्य अभियन्ता, नगर निगम, बरेली।

ई-निविदा आमन्त्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा सूचना शासनादेश सं0-3890/नौ-5-149सा/2019 नगर विकास अनुभाग-05 उ०प्र० शासन लखनऊ दिनांक

माध्यम से निम्न प्रकार से आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश की ई-प्रक्योरमेन्ट की वेबसाइट

http://etender.up.nic.in व नगर निगम की वेबसाइट www.nagarnigambareilly.com पर देखी जा सकती है।

उ०प्र० इलैक्ट्रिक वाहन विनिर्माण एवं गतीशीलता नीति-2022 के तहत चिन्हित भूमि पर चार्जिंग स्टेशन स्थापना

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Doval, B'desh mantri hold talks on Myanmar situation

New Delhi: Bangladesh foreign minister Hasan Mahmud discussed the security situation in Myanmar with NSA Ajit Doval, saying the developments in the country could impact regional

peace and stability.

He later also met his counterpart S Jaishankar for delegation level talks, in which the two discussed cross-border connectivity, economic and development partnership, cooperation in defence and security, power, energy, water

resources and people-to-peo-

ple exchanges. "The situation in Myan-

mar is a worrying factor for both the countries because both of us share a border with Myanmar. We discussed the issue with NSA Doval

because for regional peace and stability, it is important that peace prevails in Myanmar," Mahmud said. Mahmud

Jaishankar also discussed areas of future engagement in line with the national development goals of the two countries. TNN

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संचालनालय स्वास्थ्य सेवायें, मध्यप्रदेश जय प्रकाश चिकित्सालय परिसर, भण्डार शाखा, भोपाल

क. 4/जन.स्टोर/2024/292

// निविदा सूचना //

भोपाल, दिनोक 7/2/2024

संचालनालय स्वास्थ्य सेवायें में शासकीय कार्य करने हेतु जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से मल्टीफंगशनल 20 सितम्बर, 2019 के अनुपालन में ठेकेदारों से निर्माण कार्यों हेतु निविदायें टू बिंड पद्धति (तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय) के

प्रिंटर क्रय करने हेतु ऑन लाईन खुली ई-निविदा क्रमांक 4595455 आमंत्रित की जा रही है। इच्छुक निविदाकार ऑनलाईन जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से निविदा जमा कर सकते है। ''संचालक लोक स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण द्वारा अनुमोदित'

संयक्त संचालक (स्टोर)

कोरोना में सावधानी हटी, समझो दुर्घटना घटी। G-23921/23 संचालनालय स्वास्थ्य सेवावें मध्यप्रदेश

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ROURKELA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Uditnagar, Rourkela, Pin-769012

Mail Id: rourkelamunicipality@gmail.com, Telephone: (0661) 2500388 Letter No. 2100 / Dated: 06.02.2024 Short Tender Call Notice Sealed applications are invited from the intending Agencies/ Firms for "Printing & Supply of 56314 Nos. of Coloured Booklet" as per the attached format. The agency must submit

their quotation along with photocopies of valid GST registration certificate, PAN Card, Bid cost of Rs. 7,080/- (Non-refundable) including GST in shape of DD/ Cheque in favour of "Commissioner, Rourkela Municipal Corporation, Rourkela" payable at Rourkela, failing

which the quotation of the bidder will be rejected. The sealed applications should be super scribed on cover "Printing & Supply of 56314 Nos. of Coloured Booklet" and reach to the undersigned on or before 12.02.24 up to 01:00 PM through Regd. post/ Speed Post/ Courier/ or by hand. The Tender will be opened on the same day at 04:00 PM in presence of the Bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. Authority will not be responsible for any delay in receipt of quotations and the same will not be accepted. The tender paper may be downloaded from RMC

website (www.rmc.nic.in). The booklet shall contain projects taken up in RMC area having maximum impact on the community. The booklet may contain many prominent activities selected for concerned ULB and various other bigger interventions which have made impact on life and livelihoods of people in the urban area. This may include some big infrastructure project.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject/ cancel any or all the Quotations at any time without assigning any reason thereof.

ODISHA POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Odisha undertaking)

Commissioner Rourkela Municipal Corporation

OIPR-13131/11/0108/23-24

12.02.24 to 27.02.24

08.02.24 to 15.02.24

OIPR-04067/11/0027/23-24

AT-IB THERMAL POWER STATION, PO: BANAHARPALI, DIST: JHARSUGUDA, ODISHA-768234 Phone no: (Land Line No. 06645-289232/221/355/356/245) NOTICE INVITING TENDER OPGC invites sealed bids from bona fide and financially sound Registered Agencies /Firms /Companies for execution of the following Works & Supplies for its Thermal Power Plant at Banharpali. Works Tenders: NIT No. ITPS/CC-22/2023-24/21, Date: 08/02/2024 SL DESCRIPTION **BID SALE DATE** 12.02.24 to 22.02.24 Engagement of Agency to witness coal sampling at Chharla siding and other allied activities AOH of HT & LT Switchgear Unit #4 20.02.24 to 12.03.24 AOH of C&I Pneumatic Damper Actuators and control valves U# 4 20.02.24 to 12.03.24 10.02.24 to 02.03.24 Construction of Boundary wall of Kalyan Mandap at Telenpali Village Construction of Community Centre at Dhobadera Village under Telenpali GP 12.02.24 to 06.03.24 Fabrication of flushing apparatus at OPGC site with all its fittings like flushing 12.02.24 to 27.02.24 nozzle with flange & LP line arrangement, I/L pipe with flange, wear piece, poke

CT header pipe R& M Project ITPS/Pur/23-24/66 10.02.24 to 04.03.24 Hot air box ITPS/Pur/23-24/67 10.02.24 to 04.03.24 The detailed NITs along with Terms and Conditions are available for download at OPGC website at www.opgc.co.in. Addenda/Corrigenda/ Extensions, if any, will be notified on the OPGC website only and will not be published in any other media. Interested companies or entities may visit OPGC website for the tender timeline and other details. **GM-CONTRACT**

Construction of culvert for AD Line at Sahareipada and old Ash Pond B

License renewal of Sophos Firewall deployed at ITPS & Head Office

Supply Tenders:

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग 15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना-800001

आवश्यक सूचना

कार्यों का विवरण, नियम व शर्ते बरेली नगर निगम की वेबसाइट www.nagarnigambareilly.com पर ई-निविदा लिंक एवं

-पोर्टल http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है। किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिये उक्त वेबसाइट पर

विज्ञापन सं.—22/2024, शिक्षा विभाग एवं अनुसूचित जाति एवं अनुसूचित जनजाति कल्याण विभाग, बिहार के अन्तर्गत विद्यालय अध्यापक के पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु सुयोग्य भारतीय उम्मीदवारों से विहित प्रपत्र में ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं।

2. ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र मरने से संबंधित तिथि एवं अन्य निर्देश निम्नांकित

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

- 3. उपर्युक्त विज्ञापन के संबंध में विस्तृत सूचना / विवरणी एवं जानकारी आयोग के वेबसाईट www.bpsc.bih.nic.in पर प्रदर्शित है।
- 4. ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने से संबंधित आवश्यक (विस्तृत) निर्देश आयोग के आधिकारिक वेबसाईट www.bpsc.bih.nic.in/www.onlinebpsc.bihar.gov.in पर प्रदर्शित है।
- 5. अभ्यर्थी ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की प्रक्रिया प्रारम्भ करने के पूर्व वेबसाईट पर प्रदर्शित विस्तृत विज्ञापन एवं ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने हेतु आवश्यक एवं विस्तृत निर्देश का भली-भाँति अध्ययन कर लेंगे।

स्वा:/-परीक्षा नियंत्रक (TRE-3) बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State

Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the under noted work:

Name of Work with its location	Periodic Overhauling (POH Auxiliary Transformers over	i) of Traction Power Transformer Delhi Division.
Approx. Cost of work		Rs. 4,99,49,760.58/-
Earnest Money Deposit		Rs. 3,99,800/-
E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period		19.02.2024 (00.00 Hrs.) to 04.03.2024 (15.00 Hrs.)
E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time		04.03.2024 (15.00 hrs.)
Fund Allocation	8	Ordy. Revenue (070-410-32)
		www.ireps.gov.in
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E-TENDER No.: 48-TRD-NDLS-2023-24 Date: 06.02.2024 402/2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE Idco ODISHA
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C) IDCO, IDCO TOWERS BHUBANESWAR-751022 Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/ EST-E-1790/03/04/2021 (Part-1)/4131 Dated: 06.02.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement Value of work Period of Name of Work (Approx.) Completion Providing, Laying, Testing & Commissioning of 150 mm dia D.I. S/S Rs. 291.28 Lakhs 07 (Seven) (K-9) pipe in raw water rising main (approx. length of pipeline is 3.0 Calendar km) and Construction of proposed intake well & allied facilities for

water supply to Reuna MSME Sundargarh, Odisha.			Months
1. Other details :			***
Procurement	Bid Identification	Availability of Tende	er on-line for bidding
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Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, IDCO	Bid ID No- P&C/EST/E-192/	17:00 hours of	17:00 hours of

Towers, Bhubaneswar - 751022 dt. 26.02.2024 2023-24. dt. 12.02.2024 Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisha.gov.in . Corrigendum or addendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-procurement portal www.tenderodisha.gov.in as well as IDCO website www.idco.in.

Chief General Manager (P&C) IDCO, Bhubaneswar OIPR - 14003/11/0390/23-24

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GOVT. OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE : KEONJHAR eProcurement Notice for Road Works under MMSY-TRIP & CMRL

Identification No. Road Online NCB No. 421 No. 571 / Date: 06.02.2024 / Name of the work Construction and Maintenance of roads under MMSY-TRIP &

CMRL in the District of Keonjhar. 2. No. of work 04 (Four) Nos. 3. Estimated Cost As per Annexure in NIT. 4. Class of Contractor

As per Annexure in NIT. (Eligible) 5. Period of Completion As per Annexure in NIT.

Other details Date & Time of Opening of Tender Availability of tender On-line Last Date & Procurement dentification Time of in O/O S.E.N.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar Technical Bid Financial Bid Clarification hief Construction Road Dt.26.02.24 Dt.28.02.24 Dt.13.02.24 Dt.27.02.24 Will be Engineer, Rural Online NCB up to 5.00 P.M. at 11.00 A.M. intimated Works Circle, 11.00 A.M. No. 421 Keonjhar

Further details can be seen from the website; www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Chief Construction Engineer R. W. Circle, Keonjhar OIPR- 25177/11/0065/23-24

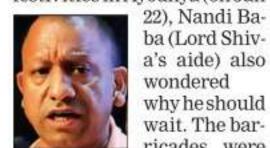
Yogi: India will accept Ram Rajya principles only, not samajwad

Says UP Has Suffered Due To Oppn's 'Family Socialism'

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ogi Adityanath said this was the first time that "common faith is being disrespected and the majority population is pleading".

Alluding to the Jan 31 order allowing a family of priests from resuming puja inside a Gyanvapi cellar, he said, "When people saw the festivities in Ayodhya (on Jan



wait. The barricades were removed overnight. Aur hamare Krishna Kanhaiya kahan maanne wale hain (And, why would Krishna Kanhaiyya relent)?"

Yogi, who was responding to the governor's address at the budget session, also harked back to how Ram Lalla's consecration in Ayodhya came after "500 years of waiting". "This is the first instance in the world of a deity having to produce evidence of his existence. But this teaches us perseverance. We

AIM cites AG's court presence to allege UP-Hindu parties nexus on Gyanvapi

A njuman Intezamia Masajid (AIM), which manages Gyanvapi mosque, accused the Uttar Pradesh govt on Wednesday of having a nexus with the Hindu parties in Gyanvapi cases, reports Rajesh Kumar Pandey.

Appearing before Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal, AIM advocate SFA Naqvi questioned the presence of the state advocate general in the courtroom when govt was yet to be impleaded as a party to the matter.

According to him, any order could well be communicated to the state govt by the standing counsel present in court.

Earlier, during the course of hearing, the court suggested that since the state was a proper party to the suit, it should be impleaded as a party to the matter.

The court also asked the state govt if it had stopped the plaintiff (Hindu side) in 1993 from worshipping Hindu deities inside the southern cellar of the complex, known as Vyasji Ka Tehkhana. To this, advocate general Ajay Kumar Misra sought time to obtain instructions. However, due to time constraints, arguments could not be concluded and Justice Agarwal posted the matter for further hearing on Feb 12.

were happy not only because Ram found his place but also because we kept our word. Mandir wahin banaya."

Yogi said the country would no longer sing paeans to "plunderers". He targeted the opposition, especially Samajwadi Party and its chief Akhilesh Yadav, for their stand on the Ram temple. He likened Ayodhya's plight before BJP came to govt in UP to the struggles depicted in the ancient scriptures. "We agree that the temple dispute was in the court but the roads there could have been widened. Ghats could have been revived. Electricity could have been supplied. Sanitation

could have been ensured.
Better healthcare facilities
could have been provided.
An airport could have been
built," he said.

Citing governor Anandi

Ben Patel's remark that the country was witnessing 'Ram Rajya' taking shape, the CM said, "I will say firmly that the country will accept only Ram Rajya's principles, not that of samajwad (socialism). We should be proud of our legacy... Samajwad is now a mirage. The samajwad you (SP) conceptualised has become unnatural impractical. and state has suffered from family socialism."

Fresh petition seeks survey of unexplored Gyanvapi areas

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Varanasi: A fresh petition was filed Wednesday before the Varanasi fast-track court of civil judge (senior division) Prashant Kumar Singh seeking an ASI survey of areas within the Gyanvapi mosque premises that have not been surveyed to date.

After submitting the plea, advocate Vijay Shankar Rastogi, the plaintiff in original suit No. 610/1991 (Swayambhu Lord Vishweshwar vs Anjuman Intezamia Masajid), pointed out that while previous investigations covered certain portions of the premises, including plot 9130, much of Gyanvapi mosque's history remains unexplored.

The court instructed Anjuman Intezamia Masajid (AIM), the mosque management committee, to file objections against Rastogi's plea by the next hearing scheduled for Feb 12.

Rastogi argued that ground-penetrating radar and other modern techniques failed to yield conclusive results during ASI's survey last year.

SC: Mere presence near crime scene will not attract murder charge

New Delhi: Granting relief to a man who was sentenced to life imprisonment along with three others in a murder case, Supreme Court has commuted his sentence to 10-year jail term after holding him guilty of culpable homicide and not murder.

Setting aside orders passed by a trial court and Telangana high court, a bench of Justices B R Gavai and P S Narasimha said, "In fact, both the courts have mechanically drawn an inference against A3 (accused number 3) under section 34 of the Act merely based on his presence near the scene of offence and his familial relations with the other accused."

After examining the statements of eyewitnesses, the court said it was not possible to contend that "A3 would have had the intention to commit the murder of the deceased" in light of statements of eye-witnesses coupled with the post-mortem report and he could not be convicted under section 302 IPC.

"The cumulative circumstances in which A3 was seen participating in the crime would clearly indicate that he had no intention to commit murder of the deceased for two clear reasons. Firstly, while every other accused took the axe used by A1 initially and contributed to the assault with this weapon, A3 did not wield the axe at any point of time. Secondly, A3 only had a stone in his hand and, in fact, some of the witnesses said he merely threatened in case they seek to intervene and prevent the assault. Under these circumstances, we hold that A3 did not share a common intention to commit the murder of the deceased. Additionally, there is no evidence that A3 came along with the other accused evidencing a common intention," the bench said.

"Even though A3 might not have had the common intention to commit the murder, nevertheless, his participation in the assault and the wielding of the stone certainly makes him culpable for the offence that he has committed. While we acquit A3 of the offence under section 302 read with section 34 of the IPC, he is liable for the offence under 304 Part II IPC," it said. TNN

Kerala man convicted under UAPA for IS ties

Kochi: A special NIA court on Wednesday convicted a Palakkad native under-Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for being a member of IS and

providing support to its activities.

NIA special court judge Mini S Das convicted Riyas Aboobacker under sections 38 (membership of a terrorist organisation) and 39 (support given to a terrorist organisation) of UAPA and section 120B (criminal conspiracy) of IPC. The court said it will hear arguments on sentence on Thursday.

According to NIA, Aboobacker was in direct contact with members of IS. The agency had also claimed that

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he had organised conspiracy meetings at Kochi where he had decided to carry out suicide attacks for furthering the terror outfit's activities in India. NIA further claimed that Aboobacker had instigated others to carry out terror attacks in India.

It had also told the court that Aboobacker, who was arrested in April 2019, followed the speeches and videos of Zahran Hashim, a supporter of IS in Sri Lanka and that the Palakkad native was also influenced by speeches of Zakir Naik, founder of banned organisation Islamic Research Foundation (IRF). PTI

LL-70 THE ODISHA STATE COOPERATIVE BANK LTD. Pandit Jawaharial Nehru Marg, Bhubaneswar - 751 001 Ref. No. OSCB/DIT/ 7040 /2023-24 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL "Request for Proposal for supply of Point-of-Sale Devices with printers and other QR services for merchant establishment" are invited from eligible vendors. Last date and time submission: 27.02.2024, 3:00 PM Time and Date of opening of Technical Bid: 28.02.2024 The details can be downloaded from the official website: www.odishascb.com Sd/- Managing Director OIPR-39012/11/0037/23-24

GOVERNEMNT OF ODISHA

	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER LOWER SUKTEL IRRIGATION PROJECT, BALANGIR AT- LALTIKRA, DIST: BALANGIR, PIN-767002 email-ld- ccelsp@gmail.com Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE					
1	Type of work	CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT CONCRETE PRECAST INTERLOCKING PAVER BLOCK ROAD AND CEMENT CONCRETE DRAIN FOR MAIN ROAD AND BRANCH ROAD IN RR COLONY AT HARDATAL (BLOCK-B) OF LSIP, BALANGIR.				
2	Nos. of works	One nos. of packages.				
3	Class of Contractor	'A' Class Contractor				
4	BID Identification Number	16/2023-24 of CCE, LSP, Balangir				
5	Estimated Cost	Rs. 32642096.00				
6	Period of completion	10 (Ten) Calendar months				
7	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	07.02.2024 at 10.30 AM to 17.02.2024 upto 05:30 PM				
8	Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal	17.02.2024 up to 5.30 PM				
9	Date of opening of technical bid	19.02.2024 at 10:30 AM.				
10	Name & Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	Chief Construction Engineer, Lower Suktel Irrigation Project, Balangir, At- Laltikra, Dist- Balangir, PIN-767002				
(i)	Further details can be seen from th	e e-Procurement Portal http://tendersodisha.gov.in.				

(ii) Any corrigendum / addendum/cancellation will be displayed in the Govt. Website only.

Chief Construction Engineer Lower Suktel Project Balangir OIPR-32333/11/0010/23-24

Orphaned by Harda factory explosion, four siblings left with school uniforms only

Harda: Orphaned by the Harda factory explosion, with nowhere to go and no one to turn to, four siblings hung around the disaster site on Wednesday, hoping someone would help, report **P Naveen & Amarjeet Singh**.

"All we have are the school uniforms we are wearing," 14-year-old Raja Chandele told **TOI**. He is the youngest of the siblings—Neha is 19, Payal, 17, and Palak, 15. "We have no home, no food. How will we live," he murmured.

The children looked dazed, unable to comprehend what had hit them. When they spoke, they struggled for words. Their eyes looked through you or straight ahead in a faraway stare. Their parents Mukesh, 40 and Usha Chandele, 38 are on the official list of the dead. The family lived in a house in the factory compound. Mukesh worked as a mason and was not at home when the explosions began.

The children were in school when they heard massive blasts around 11 am. Their hearts pounding, they ran home.

"Mukesh also rushed back home to save his elderly fa-

"Mukesh also rushed back home to save his elderly father, who is paralysed, and his wife. The couple carried his father to safety but lost their lives," Mukesh's nephew, Arun, told **TOI**. Villagers are urging the administration to help the siblings. "How will the kids survive on their own? It was not their fault, nor their parents' that the factory was running despite repeated complaints by villagers. The administration must help these kids," said a neighbour.

"There was panic all around. Chunks of concrete and bricks were shooting out of the exploding factory. Mukesh and Usha were hit by these rocks and died," said another neighbour.

Woman gets 5-year term for false case blaming husband for daughter's pregnancy

Chennai: About six years ago, a middle-aged woman's allegation that her husband was responsible for their daughter's pregnancy shocked the state, especially when she furnished lab reports as "proof". On Tuesday, she was found guilty of foisting a false case against the man and forging documents, and sentenced to five years' imprisonment by a Pocso court in Chennai, reports Selvaraj A.

During these six years, the husband moved Madras HC first for anticipatory bail, and then to quash the case itself.
In view of the sensation the case generated, the HC re-

In view of the sensation the case generated, the HC reviewed the issue seriously and found that the urinary report and doctor's statements furnished by the woman were false and that she managed to create the certificates at the same scan centre where she had worked as a lab assistant a few years ago.

The court also recorded his daughter's statement in an in-camera proceeding and confirmed that the woman had falsified the documents to take revenge on her husband at the cost of their daughter. Also the couple were fighting a divorce in a family court.

After calling her bluff, special judge for exclusive trial of cases under Pocso Act M Rajalakshmi pronounced the verdict on Tuesday; apart from jail time, she was also fined Rs 6,000.

Man sentenced to 10 years in jail for firing at senior citizen inside Maha govt bus in 2017

Thane: Thane court has convicted a 39-year-old man and sentenced him to 10 years' prison for attempted murder after he fired at a co-passenger, a senior citizen, inside a Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) bus in 2017, reports Nishikant Karlikar.

While convicting Sumedh Karandikar, judge VL Bhosale pointed out that no one is allowed to carry a weapon to a public place and injure innocent people.

The prosecution submitted that on April 7, 2017, victim Parvati Mhatre had boarded the MSRTC bus along with her daughter-in-law while Karandikar was already seated in the bus. At around 8.30pm, he began verbally abusing his wife over phone, prompting other passengers to intervene and tell him to refrain from using filthy language. Karandikar, however, continued with his abusive behaviour.

Enraged with the interference, Karandikar even flashed a country-made handgun, triggering panic among passengers who went at the back of the bus. Later, he fired a shot that hit Mhatre's shoulder and she fell down after bleeding profusely. He was later arrested and a case was registered with the Kasarwadavali police under

IPC sections for attempt to murder, among other charges.
As many as 10 witnesses testified in the court against
Karandikar, the prosecutor informed the court. The
judge also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on the convict.





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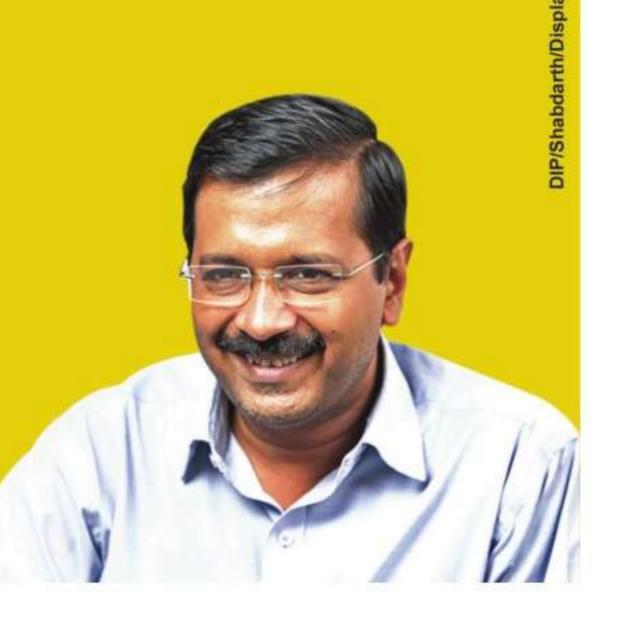
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PM singles out Cong for attack in likely plan to prop it up as main rival in polls

Mocks Recent Embrace Of Caste Plank, Says Nehru Opposed Quotas, Party Belittled Ambedkar & Kesri

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi again lit into Congress accusing it of being opposed to reservations and for keeping Dalit icon BR Ambedkar down, and mocked the party for sticking with Rahul Gandhi despite his repeated failures at the hustings.

In his last speech in Parliament before Lok Sabha elections, Modi mocked Congress's recent embrace of the 'caste' plank for winning over OBCs by asserting that the country's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru had opposed reservations, especially those in jobs, on the ground that they would promote inefficiency and lower standards. "I am quoting from Nehru's letters to CMs," the PM said, initiating an attack on Congress's 'social justice' plank.

Picking up from where he had left off in Lok Sabha on Monday, Modi concentrated his attack solely on Congress as part of what may appear to be a gameplan to prop up Congress as BJP's main rival in the 2024 Lok Sabha contest.

Modi took on Rahul's statement lamenting the absence of OBCs at secretarylevel ranks in govt. "Some have lately been professing concern as to why OBCs are not occupying senior positions in govt. Well, at the root of this is the attitude of Pandit Nehru. How could they reach higher stations if they

Dhankhar says

won't restore

Cong chief's

remarks in RS



Modi called Rahul Gandhi a 'startup which has proved to be a non-starter'

were denied reservations all that long," he said.

kar could not get Bharat Ratna until it was conferred on him by a govt supported by BJP, because the top civilian decoration was given only to members of the "family". He also recalled the unceremonious ouster of former Congress president Sitaram Kesri, who belonged to an extremely backward caste and was abruptly replaced to make way for Sonia Gandhi. "Sitaram Kesri, who was an EBC, was just dumped on the road," Modi said.

It was a scorching assault, with Modi calling Congress a party which had run out of warranty and Rahul the "startup which has proved to be a non-starter". He also recalled the now-deleted tweet of Gandhi family confidant Sam Pitroda where he had endorsed the view that Nehru had contributed more to the making of the Constitution.

"One gentleman who lives abroad and has been the He stressed that Ambedguide to the family recently tried to belittle Ambedkar. He is the same person who had a

few years ago made headlines

with his 'hua to hua' com-

ment," Modi said in a refer-

ence to Pitroda's controver-

sial comment which was

widely interpreted as making

light of the massacre of Sikhs

in the wake of Indira Gand-

hi's assassination. Modi said leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge was being denied autonomy in the House because of the presence of "special commandos", seen as a reference to family loyalists in the upper House. He also referred to TMC boss Mamata Banerjee's claim that Congress would not cross 40

Modi, who, just like in Lok Sabha, oozed confidence about him getting a third term — people are calling it Modi 3.0, he said — outlined

seats in the next LS polls.

Kharge hits back, says 'Modi Ki Guarantee' is to spread lies

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge Wednesday slammed PM Narendra Modi for "preaching patriotism to Congress", calling it the "audacity" of those who did not believe in the Constitution and did not participate in Quit India movement.

In a statement released af-

ter Modi's speech in Rajya Sabha, Kharge said, "In his speeches in both Houses, he only cursed Congress. Despite being in power for 10 years, instead of talking about himself, he only criticises Congress. Even today he did not talk about

He added, "'Modi Ki Guarantee' is to spread lies.' Accusing Modi of speaking "countless false things about the UPA government", Kharge said the PM should answer why is the unemployment rate at a 45-year high after his decade in power, when

price rise, unemployment

and economic inequality."

plans to make India a developed country and the third largest economy, twin themes of BJP's plank for LS polls. Modi promised to cover

the entire nation with piped

gas network, tap water in poor

it was just 2.2% during the

counts of the poor," he said. households, and no power bill through use of solar power. In Modi 3.0, the PM said, India will be extensively using artificial intelligence, nano-fertil-

UPA regime. He said the average GDP during UPA was 8.13%, but stands at 5.6% during the BJP govt. "According to the World Bank, in 2011 itself, India had become the third largest economy in the world," Kharge said.

The Congress chief said, "There are 30 lakh posts lying vacant in govt, and most of the SC, ST, OBC posts are

vacant. Nearly 3 lakh posts are vacant in five ministries alone railways, steel, civil aviation, defence (without troops) and petroleum."

"By nitpicking speeches from here and there, you are only spreading lies. The progress India has made in digital transformation, its foundation was laid by UPA, under Aadhaar-DBT-Bank Account framework. We had already enrolled 65 crore Aadhaar of subsidies had started under DBT-PAHAL. Under Swabhiman Yojana, we had also opened 33 crore bank ac-

isers, green technologies and natural farming.

PM: Cong left PSUs sick, we

TIMES NEWS NETWORK New Delhi: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday strongly urged Rajya Sabha chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar to restore the expunged parts of his speech on the motion of thanks to the President's address on Feb 2. its "commandos".

Dhankhar, however, ruled against him, including over the remark in which Kharge said "abki baar 400 paar". Dhankhar said Kharge had spoken for 50 minutes after that comment and there was sufficient time for him to address that 'mistake'. "The perceptional impact of any observation made in the House cannot be the premise for the Chair to revisit the reflection made thereon. It cannot be a premise for taking a different view as per rules," said Dhankhar. Raising it during the zero

hour, Kharge said two pages from his speech were removed, which had distorted the intent. He emphasised he had not taken anybody's name or made any remarks about "persons in high authority" that were required to be expunged. "I have not violated any rules. This is the second or third time that my speeches have been cut. I register my strong objection," he said.

Govt: Maternal mortality rate down from 384 to 103 in 20 yrs

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New Delhi: The maternal mortality rate in India has declined from 384 per one lakh live births in 2000 to 103 in 2020, whereas global MMR has declined from 339 in 2000 to 223 in 2020, as per the UN Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group report. The average annual rate of reduction in global MMR during the 2000-2020 period was 2.07% while India's MMR has declined by 6.36%, which is higher than the global decline.

This data from the report was shared by WCD minister Smriti Irani in response to a question in Rajya Sabha. RS member Jose K mani sought to know if govt had any justification for the report which stated that India is among 10 countries that make up 60% of global maternal deaths.

Irani also shared data on maternal deaths as per the Registrar General of India, which showed it was 130 during (2014-16); 122 during (2015-17); 113 during (2016-18); 103 during (2017-19) and 97 during (2018-20).



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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday said his govt nursed public sector companies back to health after the UPA had left them in shambles and their value in the stock market is soaring despite "falsehoods" being spread by Congress and "Congress said that we

sold PSUs, destroyed them. Remember who destroyed BSNL and MTNL? What was that period when they were destroyed? Remember what was the state of affairs at HAL? People, who destroyed HAL, used to sit outside its gate and prepare the agenda for 2019 elections. Who destroyed Air India, who brought it to that state? Congress party and UPA. They can't shy away from the 10 years when you were in power. The country fully knows that," Modi said while replying to the motion of thanks to the President's address in Rajya Sabha.

He also accused Congress and other opposition parties of spreading rumours about LIC, in what was a reference to the fall in the public sector insurer's share price after the Hindenburg report on Adani group. Opposition had at-



BJP chief JP Nadda at Samvidhan Sadan during the Budget session of Parliament in New Delhi on Wednesday

tacked LIC and State Bank of India on their loan exposure to the conglomerate, resulting in their market value also taking a beating.

A year down the line, LIC's shares have crossed Rs 1,000 mark for the first time. "There were statements made on LIC. Whatever could be spoken about LIC was spoken — that is the modus operandi, spread as many rumours as possible. In villages when people want to buy a bungalow, which is beyond their reach, they spread rumours that it's haunted. When nobody buys it, they jump in to buy," the PM said.

Contrasting the state of PSUs, Modi said that BSNL is moving towards launch-

ing 4G and 5G services, while HAL is generating record profits and now has Asia's largest helicopter making factory.

He also accused the opposition of spreading lies about closure of PSUs, saying the number has increased from 234 in 2014 to 254 now. The Modi administration has often been attacked for closure of PSUs.

Besides, he said that their performance has improved, arguing that the cumulative net profit of the govt-owned entities had doubled to Rs 2.5 lakh crore in 10 years. During this period, their net worth had also increased from Rs 9.5 lakh crore to Rs 17 lakh crore, he said.

PM: Nothing worse than oppn's 'hamara tax, hamara money' cry

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday hit out at the "hamara tax hamara money" argument - that a state should have exclusive access to taxes raised from its jurisdiction, and said "nothing can be worse".

"Have you imagined a situation where a city where vaccines are produced stopped them from being taken out until its entire population has been administered the shots? What kind of thinking is this?" he asked.

"Also, think of a situation of the eastern states where most of our coal is produced, blocking movement of the fuel to other states? Or Himalayan states claiming monopoly over the water of rivers which emerge from their area? What would have happened if eastern states, where most of our oxygen plants are located, had stopped supply of life-saving gas during the pandemic saying that their needs required to be fulfilled first?" he said.

"This nation is not just a



statue at the Parliament House complex in Delhi on Wednesday

the human body, if there is pain somewhere, the hand doesn't say that the thorn is in the foot and it doesn't concern me... if there is pain anywhere in this country, pain should be felt by everyone. If any part of the country is left without development, then the country cannot become developed. Therefore, we should look at the country as one and not separate parts," he added.

The PM said during Covid, Centre and states had worked together as a team to avert a crisis and helped the country emerge from it. He : piece of land for us. It is like said having served as chief we using?" Modi said.

minister, he understood the challenges and urged states to work in the spirit of cooperative federalism.

"Do we think he is a child from Jharkhand if a young Adivasi child from the state wins a medal in the Olympics? The whole country says he is from our land. When the country sees potential in a child from Jharkhand and spends crores to send him for coaching abroad, will we think we are spending this for Jharkhand? Is it not for the country? What have we started

saying, what language are

TN as ex-ADMK MP, 15 ex-MLAs turn saffron

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A host of leaders from Tamil Nadu, including 15 former MLAs and former AIADMK MP V K Kulandaivelu, joined BJP here on Wednesday as the ruling party looks to strengthen its presence in the southern state in the run up to the Lok Sabha elections. Most of these leaders are

from AIADMK, a former BJP ally in the state, and the joining took place in the presence of Union ministers Rajeev Chandrasekhar and L Murugan besides state BJP president K Annamalai.

Welcoming them, Annama lai said they bring a wealth of experience to BJP and want to strengthen the hands of PM Modi. They have been seeing the happenings in TN, he said in an apparent swipe at the state's ruling DMK and its main rival AIADMK. "TN is going the BJP way," claimed the young leader whose strong position on his party's ideological stand in the Dravidian state and sharp criticism of the entrenched parties is believed to

Chandrasekhar said the joining at such a big scale shows Modi's popularity in a state like TN, where BJP has traditionally been not a big force. Noting that Modi has projected BJP will win 370 seats in the upcoming Lok Sabha and NDA will cross 400, he claimed many of these new seats will come from TN. "It is clear every citizen of India wants the transformation of the last 10 years to continue," he said.

The joinings took place on the day when AIADMK said it had already shut its door on BJP and ruled out joining forces with the saffron party for the Lok Sabha polls.

Boost for BJP in

have won him his share of admirers and detractors.

the sentiments of Karnataka's people. We will hit the streets if the central doesn't address our concerns." Stating that Karnataka was second only to Maharashtra in progress and has a high contribution to GST collection and national revenue,

> asking for our rights, we are asking for our share." While this was perhaps the first protest by a state government, barring West Bengal, in the capital in recent memory, Kerala and Telangana governments may hold similar stir on

Thursday and Friday.



Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah along with his deputy DKS and other Congress leaders during a protest in New Delhi on Wednesday

FM: Tax transfers & grants up 250%, Cong misleading people

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K'taka brings fight to Delhi,

says FM lying, denying funds

New Delhi/Bengaluru: Bring-

of devolution of funds.

Siddaramaiah accused FM

Nirmala Sitharaman of deny-

ing funds to the state and "for

lying" that she could not inter-

fere in the decision-making of

an autonomous body like the

Finance Commission. He add-

ed that the FM, ironically, be-

control and progress have be-

come a handicap for Karnata-

ka and the southern states.

Siddaramaiah told the protes-

ters - which included his dep-

uty D K Shivakumar, cabinet

colleagues, MLAs, MLCs and MPs - "We are not against giv-

ing more funds to northern

states. But don't kill the hen

that lays the golden eggs." He

sought corrective steps to re-

cover losses amounting to Rs

nataka under the 15th Finance

Commission, and sought a re-

turn to the formula for devolu-

individual invitations to MPs

from the opposition BJP and

the JD(S), none from the rival

camp participated in the pro-

test. Siddaramaiah said the

protest was not against BJP,

but "to protect the interests

of Karnataka". He dismissed

BJP's allegations that the

demonstration was held "to

exacerbate" the north-south

divide and stressed Con-

gress's commitment to na-

tional unity, while urging the

Centre to avoid discrimina-

tion towards southern states.

"This demonstration isn't

merely a display of strength

but a collective voice echoing

Siddaramaiah said, "We are

warned,

government

Shivakumar

Despite the CM extending

tion of the 14th FC.

Arguing that population

longs to the state.

New Delhi: Rejecting Karnataka's claims, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman Wednesday said that the state had seen tax transfers and grants from Centre increase almost 250% and said the Congress regime in the state was This would cross Rs 2.9 lakh 1.8 lakh crore incurred by Kar-making misleading claims to crore by the end of 10 years of divert people's attention from its failure to implement the "guarantees" it had promised to win the state polls last year.

Taking a strong exception to Siddaramaiah govt's advertisement against the Centre, she said, "These claims come from a separatist mindset... Congress is with those who want 'tukde tukde' of the country," she said.

FM alleged that Congress govt in Karnataka has realised it can't fulfil the poll promises. "They understand

that it's mounting on them," she said while mentioning how Karnataka CM's adviser said in Jan that the five guarantees have become a "huge financial burden" as Rs 58,000 crore has been earmarked for them. This comment came barely six months after deputy CM Shivakumar said they needed to set aside Rs 40,000 crore this year for the five guarantees and they "can't provide development".

Sitharaman recalled that they had said how the five poll promises would cost around Rs 60,000 crore annually. She said the Congress made those promises without calculating how they will get funds for this. promised grand schemes and guarantees deliberately committing the budgetary implications and then conveniently shifted blame to Centre when the reality of fiscal limits hit them," she said.

On the fiscal transfers and financial aid from Centre to the state, FM said during 2014-24 (till Jan 10, 2024) the tax devolution (net proceeds of Union taxes and duties) from Centre to Karnataka was over Rs 2.8 lakh crore from Rs 81,795 crore during 2002-14. Narendra Modi govt.

Similarly, Grant-in-Aid has increased from Rs 60,780 crore during the UPA era to around Rs 2.1 lakh crore and by the end of PM's second term, it would be Rs 2.3 lakh crore.

Sitharaman termed the Karnataka govt's claims that the state suffered huge loss due to the 15th Fi-

nance Commission (FC) recommendations as "patently wrong and mischievous". She said formulation for tax devolution is done under the constitutional mandate given to

the FC and is done after wide ranging consultations with all states. FM said devolution of taxes and grants to Karnataka and all other states have been done as per FC awards with no discrimination. On the claims that Karna-

taka has incurred loss in tax devolution, Sitharaman said the state govt has chosen to ignore that it has received a revenue deficit grant of Rs 1,631 crore recommended by the 15th FC. "Similarly, Kerala, another southern state, has received revenue deficit grants based on the recommendation of the 15th FC. However, other states such as UP, MP, Gujarat and Bihar did not receive any revenue deficit grant...The selective reference on devolution and ignoring grants is mischievous and unfair," FM said.

Kerala playing politics, passing its failures on to Centre, says BJP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP on Wednesday said the proposed protest by Left Democratic Front (LDF) against the Centre is nothing but "sheer politics" of passing its own "failure" on the Modi govt as people are "angry" with the governing alliance in Kerala.

The CPI(M)-led LDF has announced a protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar on Thursday, alleging neglect of the state by the Centre. Leaders from the INDIA bloc of opposition parties are likely to join the protest to be led by Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Ahead of the protest, BJP

in-charge for political affairs in Kerala Prakash Javadekar and Union minister V Muraleedharan said in a joint statement, "The demonstration proposed by the LDF govt of Kerala in Delhi on Feb 8 is



Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan during a presser in New Delhi on Wednesday

nothing but sheer politics of passing its own failure on Modi govt". "Keralites are angry because of taxes raised across Kerala in the latest budget," they said.

Javadekar and Muraleedharan rejected the LDF charge and said Kerala has been "one of the most financially unhealthy and improperly managed states". "The 12th Finance Com-

mission had warned Kerala

against deteriorating debt situation in terms of debt-GSDP and interest payment to revenue receipts. Kerala has the lowest capital expenditure at the rate of 1.1%," the two BJP leaders said in a joint statement. The 14th Finance Commission noted that Kerala, Punjab and West Bengal were the only three states with a "revenue deficit", they said.

The 15th Finance Commission designated Kerala to be a "highly debt-stressed state". It also observed that Kerala has failed to limit its fiscal deficit, the BJP leaders said.

"Even the Kerala govt's own report in 2016 admitted that the state was facing an acute fiscal crisis. Day-to-day expenditure was also met by borrowing. So, there are no resources for capital expenditure. CAG also has pointed to the worse management of resources in Kerala," they said.

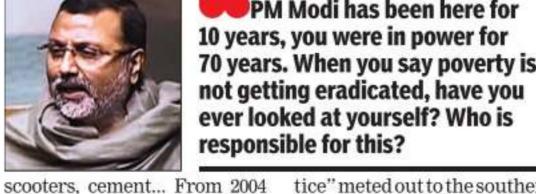
Cong split Punjab, Bengal in the past. It's now driving north-south wedge: Nishikant

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP member Nishikant Dubey on Wednesday accused Congress of trying to create a north-south divide in the country.

"Prime Minister Modi has been here for 10 years, you were in power for 70 years. When you say poverty is not getting eradicated, have you ever looked at yourself? Who is responsible for this?" Dubey asked while participating in the debate on the interim budget in the Lok Sabha.

"Congress created a licence, permit, quota raj... Only Congress-supported industri-: alists could manufacture cars, BJP-led Centre over "injus- promoting the gap between developed?" he asked.



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not getting eradicated, have you ever looked at yourself? Who is responsible for this? tice" meted out to the southern to 2014, they went into a loot rai state in the devolution of taxwith 2G, 4G, coal scams... Since

es, Dubey accused Congress of 2014, not just the Ram temple trying to create a rift between but Ram Rajya has been the north and the south. He accused Congress of On a day when Congress leaders from Karnataka, led

PM Modi has been here for

leading to the partition of Punjab and Bengal in the past as it was losing votes and drew a parallel with the present, alleging that they are the north and the south. "Congress divided India for vote bank politics... If Congress is not getting votes, will they create a north-south divide?" he asked. Dubey said, "There is nei-

ther Dravidian or Aryan... In-

dia is one. They talk of a northsouth divide, Tamil Nadu and Kerala got more money than Uttar Pradesh and Bihar."

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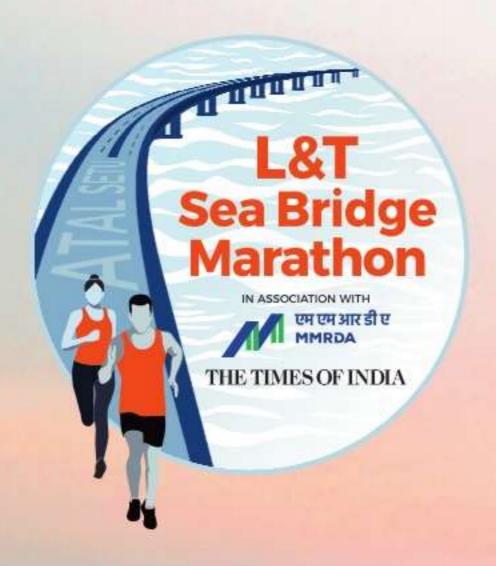
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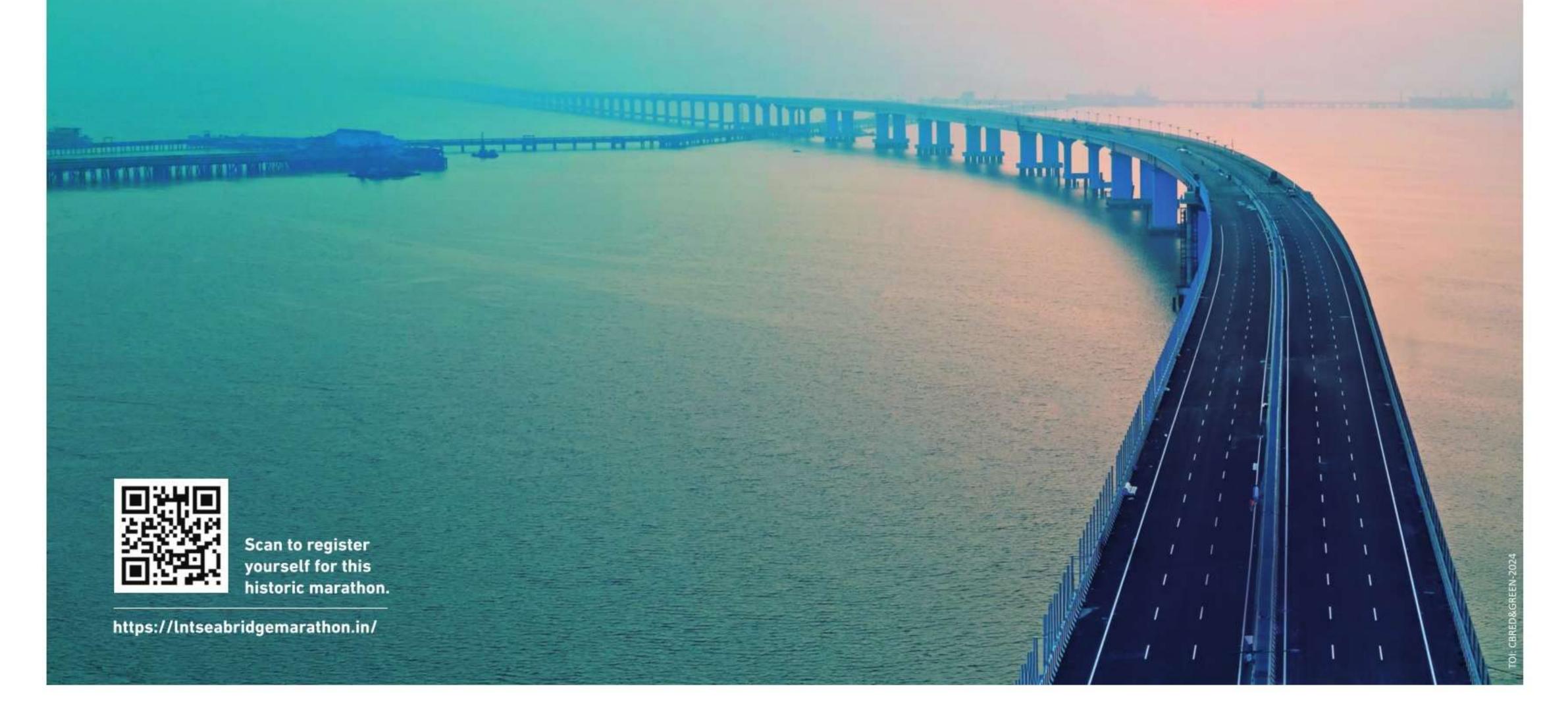
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SI	Package No	Description of Work	Completion Timeline	Tender Processing Fee	EMD	Prebid Meeting Date	Last date of Bid Submi- ssion
1	C#11 (b)	Supply of AMR compatible Consumer Water Meters (threaded) (50,000 Nos) confirming to IS: 779 and Bulk Water Meter (flanged) confirming to ISO 4064 with MID certification mark for both types and protection class of IP68 complete in		INR 20,000.00	INR 35,00,000.00	13.02.2024 2:00 PM	29.02.2024 3:00 PM

The detailed bidding document and subsequent amendments if any will be available at official website of Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water and Sewerage Board (www.https://gmdwsb.assam.gov.in) and www.assamtenders.gov.in from 29/02/2024. The bids will be received through the e-procurement portal www.assamtenders.gov.in Only.

> **Project Director** JICA Assisted Guwahati Water Supply Project Guwahati-781005

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER/DPIU **MECHUKHA DIVISION: SHI-YOMI DISTRICT**

Vibrant Village Programme (VVP) e-PROCUREMENT PRESS NOTICE

No. ARRDA/VVP/RWCB/NIT-01/2023-24 Dated the Bam, 7th February, 2024

The Executive Engineer/DPIU, Mechukha Division, District Shi-Yom on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads under VVP including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered in appropriate class with CPWD/PWD/BRO & Public Sector Enterprises in the District of Shi-Yomi for 4Nos. package. Name of work, Package No. Estimated Cost, Earnest Money & other particulars can be viewed in the SBD available for download from http://www.pmgsytendersarn.gov.in.

Start Date of downloading of Bid Doc from e-procurement portal: 09.02.2024, 1000 Hrs onward

Last date & time for submission of bids through e-procurement 25.02.2024 upto 1600 Hrs.

Executive Engineer/DPIU Mechukha Division, ARRDA, RWD Shi-Yomi District DIPR/ARN-10161-63.

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), Namely : Deepak S/o: Salekh Chand R/o: H. No. 75 E, Sector-4, Raja Bazar, Gol Market, New Delhi has been missing since 29.01.2024 from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 44A dated 05.02.2024 has been lodged at Police Station Mandir Marg, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

DEEPAK

Age: 32 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Face : Oval, Built : Normal,

Hair: Normal Black with mustache, Identification: Black mark on right side of chest, Wearing: Blue colour shirt, Blue colour jeans pant, Brown & Black colour Jacket and Grey colour Shoes in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Mandir Marg, New Delhi at E-mail cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1526/NDD/2024

P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi New Delhi Distt., Delhi 8459325457, 9671378253



मध्यप्रदेश भोज (मुक्त) विश्वविद्यालय (म.प्र. विधानसभा अधिनियम 1991 के अंतर्गत स्थापित) राजा भोज मार्ग (कोलार रोड), भोपाल

दूरभाष : 0755-2492093, 2424660, www.mpbou.edu.in

जेम पर बिड सूचना

मध्यप्रदेश भोज (मुक्त) विश्वविद्यालय, भोपाल द्वारा वीडियो कैमरा, स्टिल कैमरा एवं एसेसरीज क्रय हेतु जेम पर बिड जारी की गई है। अधिकृत फर्मों से ऑनलाइन माध्यम से बिड आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदाकार, जानकारी एवं विवरण विवि की वेबसाइट www.mpbou.edu.in से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। निविदा की अंतिम तिथि 14.02.2024

म.प्र. माध्यम/113650/2024

कुलसचिव

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED CIN: U75302KL2017SGC05027 **TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuran

Slum Household		E-Tender ID	PAC Amount	Bid
Project at Rajaji			(Exclusive of	Submission
Nagar			GST)	Last Date
1	Contractor for Integrated Social Housing Complex for Slum Household Project at Rajaji	2024_SCTLT _655865_1	Rs. 18,02,66,134/-	16 Feb 2024, 04:00 PM

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e- mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website (Sd/-) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SMART CITY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd https://etenders.kerala.gov.in.

Roads, Services/ Utilities, Cost Estimates, Bidding Documents and Supervision during Construction of infrastructure for 'Development of Integrated Manufacturing an ogistic Clusters (IMLCs)' located along Expressways in the State of Uttar Pradesh' RFQ-cum-RFP in this regard has been uploaded on E-tender portal viz https://etender.up.nic.in. The detailed terms & conditions and schedule of bidding process etc. are indicated in the RFQ-cum-RFP document, which can be downloaded from E-tender portal viz. https://etender.up.nic.in. All further notices, corrigenda, addenda

Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) 2nd Floor, Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010, India *+91-0522-4004523/4004527 # https://upeida.up.gov.in, upeidaimlc@gmail.com Contact Persons: R.V. Singh- Mob:-9402325146, Neeraj Verma- Mob:- 9457650997



बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग 15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना - 800001

बिहार कृषि सेवा प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा (वि.सं. 18/2024 से 21/2024)

आवश्यक सूचना

उक्त लिखित (वस्तुनिष्ठ) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा दिनांक 01.03.2024 से 04.03.2024 तक अयोजित की जायेगी। विज्ञापनवार परीक्षा से संबंधित "परीक्षा कार्यक्रम" आयोग के वेबसाईट पर प्रदर्शित है। अभ्यर्थियों को डाक से (By Post) प्रवेश पत्र नहीं भेजे जाएंगे।

> परीक्षा नियंत्रक बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता एवं परियोजना प्रबन्धक वाटरशेड सेल कम डाटा सेन्टर, जिला परिषद पाली **Notice Inviting Bid** Nit No 2023-24/15/01-10

Bids for NRM works (Tanka, Khet talai (HDPE film), RTWHS, Bank Stabilization, CCT, DCCT, SGT, ECD, Talab Renovation, SSB, Tanka, Khadin, CVH, Anicut, Nadi Renovation, Sunken pond, PT, LSCD Renovation of WHS, PCD etc.) under PMKSY-2 Project area in Block Desuri, Jaitaran, Pali, Raipur, Rohat and Sojat (10 Package) of estimated value INR 2122.03 Lacs are invited from interested bidder up to 06:00 PM 13-02-2024, other particulars of the bids may be visited on the procurement portal(https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state.

NIB No:-WSC2324A0348 UBN No:-WSC2324WSOB00675-684

Mob.No- 9414545798 (Koshal Paliwal) SE & PM, WCDC Zila Parishad Pali DIPR/C/574/2024



(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India) A-13, Sector -1, NOIDA-201 301

Notice Inviting Tender

Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP) Coverage to 46 Nos.

Hypackmax/Hysweep/Hypack Geophysics Licenses E-Bids are invited from interested bidders for Annual Maintenance Plan (AMP)

Coverage to 46 Nos. Hypackmax/Hysweep/Hypack Geophysics Licenses. The Tender Document and other relevant details are available at IWAI website www.iwai.nic.in and e-procurement site https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. HYDROGRAPHIC CHIEF



MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD. (A Govt. of Maharashtra undertaking)

Opp. Bandra Reclamation Bus Depot, K.C. Marg, Bandra (W), Mumbai -50. Maharashtra State, INDIA MSRDC Tel.: 022 2651 7972/960 Fax: 022 2641 7893 E-mail: dharti@msrdc.in Website: www.msrdc.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Portal: https://mahatenders.gov.in

Laying of HDPE ducts along Hindu Hruday Samrat Balasaheb Thackarey Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg.

The online digitally signed offers for the subjected work were invited upto 08.02.2024. However, due to technical issue, the tender document was not downloadable from 29.01.2024. Therefore, said bid is continued for interested bidders from 08.02.2024 to 21.02.2024

The offer document can be viewed/downloaded through e-tendering portal, https://mahatenders.gov.in from 08.02.2024 to 21.02.2024.

The last date of submission is 21.02.2024 upto 15.00 hrs.

Interested parties may submit the bids on payment of Rs. 12,980/- for the document and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 25,00,000/- through SBI payment gateway which can be accessed through https://mahatenders.gov.in

Guidelines to download the Tender Document and online submission of bids can be downloaded from e-tendering portal

https://mahatenders.gov.in Right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason

whatsoever is reserved with MSRDC.

Vice Chairman & Managing Director M.S.R.D.C. (Ltd.) Mumbai

MEGHALAYA EARLY CHILDHOOD

Ref No: MECDM/SOCFME/141/2023-24/772

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Date: 06-02-2024

Loan No. and Title: L4335-IND: Early Childhood Development

DEVELOPMENT MISSION

Project in Meghalaya. . India has applied for a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Early Childhood Development Project in Meghalaya (Project). Part of this loan will be used for eligible

payments under the Consultancy named below. . The Early Childhood Mission Society, Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya invites 'Expression of Interest' (EOI) from Consultancy Firms for following expertise:

 a. Information Technology and app development. . The interested Consultancy Firms have to register at ADB Consultant Management System (CMS) www.cms.adb.org. and

submit EOI only through www.cms.adb.org. The last date of submission of EOI is <u>08-03-2024</u>.

The qualification requirement, terms of reference and other details are available at www.cms.adb.org. Evaluation of EOI will be in accordance with "Procurement regulations for ADB Borrowers".

> Chief Executive Officer Meghalaya ECD Mission MIIT Campus, Brookdene, Jowai Road

M.I.P.R. No: 1620 Dhanketi, Shillong - 793001 Email - mecdms2022@gmail.com Dated: 07-02-2024



Now to be read as: Date & Time of closing of tender: 13.00 hrs. of 12-02-2024 and opened on 12-02-2024 at 15.00 hrs. instead of 28-02-2023. All other terms & conditions shall remain unchanged.

E-Tender Notice No. 13/W-2/

APDJ Dated- 19-01-2024 is hereby

Re-Scheduled (Corrigendum) due to

administrative ground.

Divisional Railway Manager (W), Alipurduar Jn. NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY Serving Customers With A Smile

Government of Rajasthan Commissionerate of Horticulture,

No.F. 9 (108) CH /Solar/KUSUM-3/Tender/2023-24/ 5812 Dated: 31.01.2024 Notice Inviting Bid

Bid for empanelment of vendors for a work contract to design, manufacture supply, transport, installation, testing and commissioning of off grid Solar Photovoltaic Water Pumping System are invited from interested bidders up to 05:00 PM 20.02.2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal http://eproc_rajasthan.gov.in & http://sppp.raj.nic.in and http://www.horticulture.rajasthan.gov.in & www.agriculture.rajasthan.gov in departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. UBN: HOR2324WLRC00131

(Laxman Singh Kuri) Commissioner Horticulture DIPR/C/582/2024

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, सर्कुलर रोड, राँची

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

वरीय दन्त चिकित्सक के पदों पर सीधी नियुक्ति परीक्षा के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना।

झारखण्ड राज्य के स्वास्थ्य, चिकित्सा शिक्षा एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग के अन्तर्गत वरीय दन्त चिकित्सक के कुल–20 पदों पर सीधी नियुक्ति परीक्षा (विज्ञापन संख्या–03 / 2022) हेतु अभ्यर्थियों का अभिलेख सत्यापन दिनांक-19.02.2024 एवं दिनांक-20.02.2024 को आयोग कार्यालय में आयोजित है। आवश्यक अनुदेश आयोग के वेबसाईट www.jpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

2. आयोग को प्राप्त Incomplete applications, Non-payment of Examination fee, Hard copy not submitted, Over Age एवं Time barred संबंधी आवेदनों की सूची कारण सहित आयोग के वेबसाईट www.jpsc.gov.in पर अपलोड कर दिया गया है।

3. यह प्रेस विज्ञप्ति आयोग के वेबसाईट www.jpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, राँची। PR.NO.318213 Jharkhand Public Service Commission(23-24):D

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, सर्कुलर रोड, राँची

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

जिला दन्त चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी के पदों पर सीधी नियुक्ति परीक्षा के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना

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PR 318219 Jharkhand Public Service Commission(23-24).D

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Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइटः www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com सार्वजनिक सूचना

पत्रांक - वाई.ई.ए./भूलेख/618/2024

दिनांकः 07.02.2024

निम्नलिखित भूमि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अपनी सहमति के आधार पर काश्तकारों से क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है-

ग्राम कुरैब की 16.3920 हे. भूमि के अतिरिक्त 0.0907 हे. भूमि जो नौएडा इण्टरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट, जेवर परियोजना में आ रही है, का विवरण

क्रमांक		खसरा संख्या	खसरे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे. में)	खातेदार का नाम व पता	तहसील से प्राप्त रिपोर्ट के आधार पर काश्तकार का हिस्सा (हे. में)	का विक्रय
1	197 420	798	1.3927	ताज मोहम्मद पुत्र नन्हें खाँ नि. ग्राम नगला जहानू, मजरा कुरैब, जनपद, गौतमबुद्धनगर।	0.0907	0.0907

उपरोक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिन के अन्दर अधोहस्ताक्षरी को अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

पत्रांक : वाई.ई.ए./भूलेख(तह.)/412/2024

दिनांकः 07.02.2024 निम्नलिखित भूमि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औ. वि. प्राधिकरण द्वारा अतिरिक्त प्रतिकर वितरण किया जाना प्रस्तावित है:-

मूंजखेड़ा							
क्रम	खसरा नम्बरान	टिप्पणी					
1	जी.एच4, जी.एच05 व F1 (FACILITY), आंशिक भाग 12 मी. चौडी सडक	821 व 837					

उपरोक्त भूमि के अतिरिक्त प्रतिकर वितरण किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में प्रकाशन के 15 दिनों के अन्दर सी.आर.सेल/तहसीलदार यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औ. वि. प्राधिकरण के समक्ष अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है। यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औ. वि. प्राधिकरण



JHANSI SMART CITY LIMITED

Regd. Office - Jhansi Nagar Nigam, Jhansi 284001 CIN - U75230UP2016SGC087873 | Email.id- jhansismartcityltd@gmail.com



Ref No.: JSCL/ACEO/23-24/2693 Short Notice Inviting Tender

Jhansi Smart City Limited (JSCL) Jhansi invites online bids through e-procurement portal

S. No	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Period of Engagement
1	Selection of Vendor for Operation of 5 Nos. Electric Cars in Jhansi City - 1 st Call	Rs. 1,20,000/-	5 Years
2	Selection of Sports Academy for Operation of Multi-Purpose Sports Complex at Govt. Inter College (GIC) in Jhansi City - 1 st Call	Rs. 1,20,000/-	10 Years
3	Selection of Vendor for Operating Shops/ Showrooms in Incubation Centre at Nagar Nigam Campus in Jhansi City - 3 rd Call		
	Shop Type -A	Rs. 4,09,150/-	25 Years
	Shop Type-B	Rs. 1,73,650/-	25 Years
	Shop Type-C	Rs. 1,71,250/-	25 Years
4	Selection of Vendor for Operating Shops in Multi-Level Car Parking Campus near Elite Circle in Jhansi City - 1st Call	Rs. 9,88,370/-	25 Years
5	Selection of Vendor for Operating Multi-Level Car Parking Near Elite Circle in Jhansi City - 1 st Call	Rs. 2,00,000/-	5 Years
6	Selection of Vendor for Operation of Laxmi taal in Jhansi City - 4 th Call	Rs. 3,00,000/-	10 Years
			7 7 2

https://etender.up.nic.in from eligible bidders in accordance with the National Competitive Bidding:

Detailed NIT & Bid Documents can be seen at the websites https://etender.up.nic.in from

12th February 2024

Category for the work given as below:-

Tender Fee: 2360/- (Rs. 2000+GST@18%) Last Date of Bid Submission will be mentioned in the RFP.

Above Project costs are tentative. Final cost will be reflected in the RFP uploaded

Additional Chief Executive Officer Jhansi Smart City Limited



BRIDCUL (ब्रिडकुल) ब्रिज, रोपवे, टनल एण्ड बदर इन्फास्ट्रक्चर डेवलपमेंट कॉरपोरेशन बॉफ उत्तराखण्ड लिमिटेड (उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम) पूर्व में उत्तराखण्ड राज्य बवस्थापना विकास निगम लिमिटेड

Ref No: 218/BRIDCUL-877/24 Dated: 06-02-2024 E-Tendering On behalf of Hon'ble, Governor of Uttarakhand, E-Tenders are invited by Managing Director BRIDCUL for the below work Sr.no. 1 from the Contractors registered with BRIDCUL only in Category-III (Upto 2 Cr.) and for Sr. nos 2, 3, 4 & 5 from the Contractors registered with any Govt./Semi Govt./PSU/Nigam in suitable Class &

प्रधान कार्यालयः अवस्थापना भवन, 583-ठ, राजकीय आई०टी०आई० निरंजनपुर के सामने,

माजरा, सहारनपुर रोड, देहरादून— 248001 CIN No. U45203UR20088GC032591

टैलीफैक्स- 0135-2522941, ई-मेल - bridcul@gmail.com

S. No.	Ref No.	Name of Project	Estimated cost (In lac Including GST)	Earnest Money (In lac)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Time Period
1.	BRIDCUL/ HQ Pith/51/ 2023-24)	Electrical & Allied work for Multi Storey Parking near Lakshmi Narayan Temple in Pithoragarh		2.05	5000 + 18% GST	18 Month
2.	BRIDCUL/ HQ Pith/52/ 2023-24)	Fire Fighting System work for Multi Storey Parking near Lakshmi Narayan Temple in Pithoragarh		1.60	5000 + 18% GST	18 Month
3.	BRIDCUL/ HQ Pith/53/2023-24)	Electrical & Allied work for 50 Bedded Critical Care Block Distt. Champawat.	379.94	7.60	5000 + 18% GST	15 Month
4.	BRIDCUL/ HQ Pith/54/ 2023-24)	Medical Gas Pipeline System & ETP work for 50 Bedded Critical Care Block Distt. Champawat.	120.51	2.41	5000 + 18% GST	15 Month
5.	BRIDCUL/ HQ Pith/55/ 2023-24)	Modular Operation Theatre works for 50 Bedded Critical Care Block Distt. Champawat.	120.64	2.41	5000 + 18% GST	15 Month

For above tenders, document download start date for Sr.No. 1, 2 is 08.02.2024 and Bid submission end date is 22.02.2024 at 1500 Hrs. and documents download start date for Sr. No. 3, 4 & 5 is 09.02.2024 and Bid submission end date is 23.02.2024 at 1500 Hrs. The details of e-tender of above work can be obtained directly from website https://uktenders.gov.in

Changes, if any will be intimated only through website https://uktenders.gov.in

6वीं मंजिल, सतपुड़ा भवन, भोपाल (म.प्र.) // विज्ञप्ति सूचना //

क्रमांक 222 /स्था /राज /संचिशि / 2024 भोपाल, दिनांक 6 /02/2024

चिकित्सा शिक्षा विभाग, मध्यप्रदेश के अधीन संचालित विभिन्न शासकीय चिकित्सा महाविद्यालयों हेत अधिष्ठाताओं के पदों पर नियुक्ति करने हेतु आवेदन पत्र वेबसाईटwww.medicaleducation.mp.gov.in पर दिनांक 29/02/2024 समय सायं 5:00 बजे तक ऑनलाईन रूप से आमंत्रित किये जाते है, जिसके सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत शर्ते व नियम विभागीय वेबसाईंट www.medicaleducation.mp.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

कार्यालय आयुक्त चिकित्सा शिक्षा

G-23858/23 कोरोना में सावधानी हटी, समझो दुर्घटना घटी।

Sd/-अपर आयुक्त चिकित्सा शिक्षा मध्य प्रदेश

Short period Tender Notice No. 23 of 2023-2024

Tender is invited and NIT is also published on website www.rnb.nprocure.com by Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Dr.Rajendra prasad Road, Kashivishwanath Plot, Rajkot, Ph.No.0281 2446605 as under. The Tender Documents and time schedule of e-tendering and other details will be available on website www.rnb.nprocure.com from on or after 07-02-2024. Tender can be downloaded and filled online only.

Email address of this office: ee-nh-rjkt@gujarat.gov.in

Sr.No. Name of work

Collection of Toll from Toll Plaza near Bamanbore Junction (By using computerised Toll collection System / Manual System), and near Bagodara on Ahmedabad-Kandla road on NH-47 (Old NH-8A) Estimated Cost, EMD, Tender Fees and period of completion will be shown in

Tender documents on online Tender. Any modification / correction will be displayed on website only and it remains final. Mahiti-Raj-1554-24

Road Construction Department Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Hilsa PRESS RELEASE

Notice Inviting Tender No.:- RCD/Road/Hilsa/15/2023-24 for the work "Construction of Four Lane approach road from SH-71 (at Ch. 57+400) to International Cricket Stadium Rajgir (Total length-1.35 km) in Nalanda District under Road Division Hilsa for the Year 2023-24 Under NABARD)" Published vide Press Release No. 16524 (RCD) 2023-24 is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable reasons.

This information is available on www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also PR. No. 016857 (RCD) 2023-24

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Executive Engineer RCD, Road Division, Hilsa

Government of Jammu & Kashmir DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE (G&P) DEPARTMENT KASHMIR Tel - 0194-2474234 Fax - 2482032 - email :- kashflori@rediffmail.com

CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTICES

Outsourcing of Entry Ticketing System of Gardens/Parks Of Subject:-Floriculture Department Kashmir - Cancellation thereof.

The outsourcing of Entry Ticketing System of following Gardens/Parks of Floriculture Department floated from time to time are hereby cancelled due to no response received from bidders :-

01. Nehru Park, Pahalgam invited vide e-NIT No. 24 of 2023 Dated. 14.09.2023 under Tender Id. No. 2023_FLOD_229895_1.

02. Iqbal Park, Srinagar invited vide e-NIT No. 29 of 2023 Dated. 14.09.2023 under Tender Id. No. 2023 FLOD 229925 1.

No: DFK/GS-699/4263-67 Dated :- 05/02/2024. DIP No:DIPK-16099/23/06.02.2024

Sd/-**Accounts Officer** Member Secretary



WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT PURCHASE, STORE AND MATERIAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE

Barrack No.-5, Harding Road, Patna-800001 Letter No.-02/Kray-06-01/2012 (part-X)- 52/Patna

To include the latest rate of Nylon Crate of size (1.2m x 1.0m x 1.0m) in Schedule

Notice Inviting Rates Notice No-11/2023-24

of Rate of Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar, Basic rate applicable any where in Bihar of Nylon Crate for Specification written below is being invited from reputed manufacturers of above material.

Nylon Crate (1.2m x 1.0m x 1.0m)

Specification:-Nylon Crate of size (1.2m x 1.0m x 1.0m) with 20 cms ± 1 cm mesh of specification 1260/3/4/2 (i.e having 24 nos. of threads) of weight 187 Grams (+)5 Grams.

Reputed manufacturers of above mentioned material are requested to quote the latest basic rate of material as per specification for anywhere in Bihar excluding GST and also to mention the applicable GST separately. Please send the same on E-mail Iddptwrdpatna@gmail.com and hard copy to the undersigned address latest by 27.02.2024 Your Co-operation will be highly appreciated.

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

Purchase, Store and Material Management Directorate Water Resources Department, Bihar Barrack No.-5, Harding Road, Patna-800001

औरंगाबाद।

- दिनांक 03.02.2024

:- केवल बेवसाइट

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:- दिनांक 19.02.2024 से 11.03.2024

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को अपराहन 3:00 बजे तक।

Mob:- 7463889156

PR- 016847 (WRD) 2023-24

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार



कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, औरंगाबाद (ई0 निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सचना संख्या -17/औरंगाबाद/2023-24 :- कार्यपालक अभियंता भवन प्रमंडल, ।. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता

2 निविदा आमंत्रित करने की तिथि

परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री (डाउनलोड करने की)

तिथि एवं समय परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री का स्थान

5. निविदा प्राप्ति (अपलोड) करने की तिथि एवं समय:— दिनांक 19.02.2024 से 11.03.2024

को अपराहन 3:00 बजे तक 6. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (तकनीकी बीड): दिनांक—12.03.2024 को 3:00 बजे अप0 तक (On Website www.

निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वितीय बीड) :- तकनीकी बीड के उपरांतकेवल

Website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in :- (i) दिनांक 28.02.2024को अपराहन

8. प्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान

3:00 बजे तक मुख्य अभियंता (द0) भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष

(ii)दिनांक-27.02.2024 को अपराहन 3:00 बजे अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन अंचल गया के कार्यालय कक्ष में।

(i) कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन

प्रमंडल, औरंगाबाद का कार्यालय

कार्यपालक अभियंता

(ii) अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन अंचल गया का कार्यालय। (iii) मुख्य अभियंता(द0) भवन निमार्ण विभाग पटना कार्यालय

:- 120 दिन

10. निविदा वैधता की तिथि 11. कार्य विवरणी:-

DGM(HQ)

9. निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान:-

बीड प्रोसेसिंग चार्ज एवं कार्व का नाम प्राक्कलित शशि अग्रधन की राशि परिभाण विपत्र का सर्विस टैबस समाप्ति (रु0 में) (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (लाख में) मृत्य (क्ता में) की अवधि राज्य य ोजना स्कीम के अन्तर्गत औरंगाबाद जिलाअंतर्गत संयुक्त 2613.42 36,13,420/-10,000.00 As per website 15 FIE कार्यालय (G+5) एवं कोषागार भवन (G+2) का निर्माण कार्य

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। भवन प्रमंडल, औरंगाबाद PR- 016842 (BCD) 2023-24 नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार



बिहार पुलिस मुख्यालय

विहार सरकार पूर्न अल्पकालीन सेवा निविदा आमत्रंण सूचना संख्या-02/2023-24

कार्य का नाम:- REAL TIME MOBILE TRACKING SYSTEM (RTMTS) का AMC हेत् समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदको / ख्याति प्राप्त फर्मो / कम्पनियों से दिनांक 22.02.2024 समय 11:30 बर्जे पूर्वाहन तक निर्देशानुसार निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए मुहरबंद कोटेशन पुलिस अधीक्षक (अभियान), विशेष कार्य बल के कार्यालय, बिहार पुलिस मुख्यालय, सरदार पटेल भवन, पटना में प्राप्त किया जायेगा और उसी दिन 04:00 बजे अपराहन में कोटेशनदाताओं या उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष खोला जायेगा।

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

PR. No.016837 (Police) 2023-24 नशे से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है

पुलिस अधीक्षक (अभियान) विशेष कार्य बल, बिहार, पटना

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Sealed proposals are invited for "Development, Deployment, Operationalization and Maintenance of Software Application for implementing Fast & Simplified Trust based Plan Approval System (FASTPAS) and other Housing-related approvals" in conformity with the Terms & Conditions of the Detailed RFP in single bid two-part bidding system (Part-I: General Eligibility & Technical Proposal and Part-II: Financial Proposal) from intending bidders fulfilling the terms of eligibility laid down in the RFP document. Please refer to Website: etender.up.nic.in for complete details and downloading the Document. The RFP document shall be available from 08.02.2024. The last date of submission of bid is 29.02.2024 till 5:00 PM.

Executive Director, Awas Bandhu



AWAS BANDHU, UTTAR PRADESH HOUSING AND URBAN PLANNING DEPARTMENT **GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH** 1ST FLOOR, JANPATH MARKET, HAZRATGANJ, LUCKNOW-226001

E-MAIL: awasbandhu@gmail.com

उति मुखद पर्यावास

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA Office of The Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Latur E-mail latur.ee@mahapwd.com Telephone 02382/200868 / Fax 02382/20014/

Notice No. B-1/B-2 LTR-33 For 2023-24 E-Tender Online tenders for following Sanctioned works are invited by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Latur from the contractors registered with Government of Maharashtra in appropriated class. Tender Documents can be download from web site of http://mahatenders.gov.in Right to accept or reject

tenders is reserved with Executive Engineer Public Works Division Latur The Blank Tender forms can be download from date 08/02/2024 to 22/02/2024 upto 18:55 hrs. Download tender will be submitted online on or before date 22/02/2024 upto 18:55 hrs open after date 24/02/2024 at 10:00 The prebid for sr no 01 to 10 work is on 15/02/2024 at C E Public Works Region Office Nanded please at 15.00 pm. And sr no 11 to 12 work is on 16/02/2024 at S.E. Public Works Circle Office Latur. please at 15.00 pm.

Details of Tender Documents Will be available on website http://mahapwd. com / http://mahatenders.gov.in

2 For details contact - 24 x 7 Help Desk Toll Free No.1800 3070 2232 Mobile No .+917878107985/86+917878007972/73 Email : eproc.maharashtra@gmail com / cppp-support@nic.in

3 Right is reserved to reject any or all tenders without any reason thereof. 4 We are not responsible for any problem crop up during the Online E-tender process.

DGIPR/2023-2024/7868

Sd/-**Executive Engineer** Public Work Division, Latur

Office of Superintending Engineer, Rampur Circle, P.W.D., Rampur

E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tenders Ref.No. 429/E-Nivida-Rampur/23-24

. The Superintending Engineer Rampur Circle, U.P.P.W.D. Rampur on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites the Itemwise rate bids online from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD. The Bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract.

SI. No.	DIST- RICT	Name of Work	Estima- ted cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lac)	Time of completion of the work (Including rainy season)	Cost of tender documents Including GST (RS.)	Category of road contractor eligible
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Rampur	Work of widening and strengthening of Khaud Thunapur Road.	1940.00	30.00	12 month	2354.00	Road Work Category A

The all rates of BOQ are inclusive of contractors profit, royalty, T&P and all taxes etc.

Tender cost should be deposited online by Net Banking as per Column 7 in the table

and their UTR (Unique Transaction Receipt) must be uploaded with tender. Bids must be download online form 10:00 AM on date 09.02.2024 to 4:30 PM on dated 15.02.2024 and the technical bids will be opened online date 15.02.2024 at 5:00 PM in Office of Superintending Engineer Rampur Circle PWD Rampur and Financial bids of the qualified bidders will be opened on date & time as notified. According to the provisions of Government Order no. 1/2018/3070/78-2-2018/42 IT/2017 (22) Date 03-01-2018 after opening of the technical and financial bids, the qualified bidder has to submit original documents personally in department/ office. In the event of non submission of original documents by the bidder, the appropriate action will be taken in accordance with

All terms & conditions can be seen on website http:/etender.up.nic.in. The bidders have to login on Prahari U.R.L. http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/ to upload required documents as per Goverment Order No. 879(1)/23-7-2020 dt. 25-08-2020 & E-

N.C./HOD's uppwd Order No. 4859/ 4M-LC/2020 dt. 27.08.2020. Rules/conditions & details of the tender are available at website http://etender.up.

(Krishan Vir) **Executive Engineer** Pro. Div. PWD, Rampur Email-pdrampur@gmail.com UPID-202412/06.02.2024 www.upgov.nic.in

(R.A. Dohare) Superintending Engineer Rampur Cir., PWD, Rampur Email-pwdrampur@gmail.com

Office of Superintending Engineer, Rampur Circle, P.W.D. Rampur

E-Procurement Tender Notice

No.: 494/E-Nivida-R.Circle/23-24

Dated :- 31.01.2024 On behalf of the Governor of UP, tenders for following work on Item Rate basis are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Rampur Circle, PWD Rampur online on website http://etender.up.nic.in from registered contractors Category as per column No.8 from date 09.02.2024 at 10.00 am to 15.02.2024 at 3.00 pm. Technical bid /Prequalification of tenders shall be opened on 15.02.2024 at 3.30 pm in office of undersigned by tender committee in presence of authorised representatives/bidders who wish to be present. Financial bid of the tenders' who qualify in technical bid shall be opened on date and

2. Details of the works are following:

No.	DISTRICT	, reals of Fish	ted cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Security (Rs. in Lakh)	completion of the work (Including rainy season)	tender documents including GST (RS.)	of road contractor eligible	Executive Engineer executing the work	of Super- intending Engineer	of Chief Engineer
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1		Widening and strengthen- ing of Sherkot Kandhla Permawala Harewli Kuan- kheda Road (ODR) Km 1 to Km 20 from 3.00 mtr. to 7.00 mtr. (including 05 years maintenance).	3000.00	45.00 (Security will be accepted only net banking)	18 Months	2354.00	"A"	Construction	TOTAL DESCRIPTION	Moradabad
2	Bijnor	Widening and strengthen- ing of Kiratpur Nagina Harewall Sherkot MDR (No. 171 W) Kiratpur to Akbarabad Km 1 to 14(775) (Length 13.775 Km) from 3.75 mtr. to 7.00 mtr. (including 05 years maintenance).	2550.00	38,25 (Security will be accepted only net banking)	(Including Rainy Season)	(Security will be accepted only net banking)	Road category	Division-2 PWD Bijnor (Hq- Najibebad)	Circle, PWD Rampur	Zone, PWD Moradabad

per Column 5 & 7 in the table. All terms & conditions can be seen on website http://etender.up.nic.in The bidder have to login on Prahari URL http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari to upload required documents as

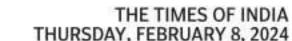
per Government order no. 879(1)23-7-2020 dt. 25.08.2020 & E.N.C./H.O.D.'s up pwd order No. 4859/4M-LC/2020 dt. 27.08.2020 Executive Engineer Superintending Engineer

CD-2, PWD, Bijnor Rampur Circle, PWD, Rampur Ph. 0595 - 2351163 (Hq Najiababd) UPID-202435/06.02.2024 eepwdnjb@gmail.com pwdrampur@gmail.com www.upgov.nic.in

time as specified by a notice in the office of undersigned. In case of Government holiday the required process shall be carried out on next working day.

SI. Name of Work Estima- Bid Time of Cost of Category Address of Address Address

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A thought for today

When you are young, they assume you know nothing

TAYLOR SWIFT, Cardigan

'I' In Society

Laws need to keep up with times. That means lawmakers should listen to young people

ociety doesn't stand still. The meaning of right or wrong, just or unjust, even traditional or modern, keeps shifting in new directions. Consider that most enduring stratification, patriarchy. Its look has been changing decade by decade, let alone century by century. Male domination could hardly remain impervious to young Indian women's literacy rising from 40% to 96% since 1981. A society undergoing such momentous changes wears out older laws at express pace. Like India's new criminal law codes, this is the most welcome quality of the Uttarakhand UCC bill. To meet needs of society as they are, rather than as they were. But such legislations need revision wherever they suffer tone deafness. Particularly to young people's thinking, living, doing.

A lot of this dissonance is centred around assertions of individuality. Marriage is seen as being in service of family, live-in relationships are not. Why doesn't Uttarakhand govt feel the need to properly



justify its plan to aggressively track live-in relationships, even though this is unprecedented? Because it is assumed that all parents will tacitly consent and clap. Lawmakers and judges are often only loyal to parents' generations. Their jobs require them to be much more open. Young people are pulling away from past scripts to write uncharted stories. Oldheaded institutions are made anxious by this confident adventurism.

But while greybeards' entrenched power can inflict setback after setback on young 'uns, there is no stopping this tide. They will keep pursuing legalisation of gay marriage, criminalisation of marital rape, surrogacy rights for singletons, mandatory paternal leave, unsurveilled live-in relationships. Yes, the young lack the political heft of usual identity-based mobilisations. Yes, they don't threaten other people's life or property. They only challenge worldviews. Like income taxpayers, 3% of whom contribute to 48% of total collection, they have no vote-value. And yet, disregarding young people's voices is a giant socioeconomic self-goal.

How will young people chained up by past social mores, individual desires bent to bygone codes, live up to their potential? That's why it's in urgent national interest that lawmakers be guided by what Supreme Court said in its landmark Right to Privacy judgment. State should not intrude upon a citizen's personal liberty. In fact, protection of liberty is one of state's key remits. State isn't Papa. In any case, Papa doesn't know best. Those fearful of change shouldn't crush those pushing it.

Job Half Done

Bill to prevent exam cheating tackles supply side. Key question: why's there a huge demand for cheating

tudents who spend years preparing for govt exams truly feel cheated when some fellow candidates cheat. GOI has tried to address this growing problem with a new bill, cleared by Lok Sabha on Feb 5.

Severe punishment | Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act 2024 sets store on deterrence through harsh punishments. Offences under this legislation are cognisable, non-bailable and non-compoundable. In design, it's on par with legislations dealing with grave crimes.

All about supply | Cheating in exams needs to be understood from both demand and supply sides. GOI's bill focuses exclusively on supply

side. Punishments are all aimed at collusions and disruptions that may facilitate cheating. That's necessary but not sufficient.

Demand measures | Students are absent from bill's provisions. They are buyers of dodgy services that lead to exam malpractice. It's likely that anti-cheating law sidesteps addressing demand issues because core problems are beyond its scope.

Craze for govt jobs | ASER 2023 survey of rural students threw up insightful results about their aspirations. Most popular choices among boys were army and police posts. Police was a popular choice amongst girls too. ASER survey showed that underlying virtually all responses were students' assumption that good jobs are only to be found in govt institutions.

Quality matters | But govt jobs are a small fraction of total jobs. But student responses showed they are preferred because they offer job security and pension, and command 'social respect'. This feeds into a huge coaching ecosystem and eventually creates demand for clearing exams - and for means to cheat exam systems.

So, this bill may deter cheating to an extent but it's unlikely to really dent it. What students need are better quality jobs.

Cold comforts

Kolkata writes its own Winter's Tale. Oori babba, bishon Thanda!

Bachi Karkaria



Pawarhouse.'

Winter is on its way out of Kolkata, and so, alas, am I. I've shivered and snuggled my way through it to my sweaters' content, moth balls turned to butterflies. Keep your kaala gaajar, I've gorged on kaancha gola, which is melt-in-the-mouth meld of chhena and the date palm's fresh yield of nolen gur. Yes, NG is season's OG. Flowing dark and gooey from earthen pots, pulverised

from patalidiscs, it fires the creativity of Bengal's magnificent, mishti-making moiras; how lightly this word strokes the tongue, unlike the heavy squat of 'halwai'. Nolen gur elevates even every-day payesh. The duo then throws curdling to the winds, and cuddles up with winter's other boon, komola nebu that's oranges for those to whom life has handed only a lemon.

Lowly cauliflower competes with palm-lofty nolen gur. Scoff not. Outlying Dhapa's garbage-dump-turned-vegetable-gardens yield the crunchiest, whitest winter crop. Loaded on lorries, carted away in thela gadis, strung on bicycle handle-bars, it ends up in expectant kitchens. And in phoolkopir shinghara. For the Bong, finding these florets in this

distinctive samosa is like discovering that Netaji is alive. As much passion is unleashed in holding forth on sheet kaal ailments. Like Azad Hind Army, the recounting marches erratica through wheezing chests, frayed lungs and 'shugaar'-laden blood. Dry 'skeen' has a friend in Boro-leen, but air pollution is now Enemy No. 1. It dominates conversation. And plays spoiler for the culturati

who shy away from once-iconic open-air concerts 'because of terrible AQI'. The brave still cruise down winter-whipped 'Gonga' - as the Hooghly is grandly called - past dilapidated wharf-side warehouses, which a more dynamic state would have modernised and monetised. Too much of both has claimed the other picnic outing. Sylvan bagan baris of the faded bhodrolok have succumbed to techie malldoms. But saucer-sized dahlias still stage their drama on mali-manicured lawns of industrialists' mansions or grounds of Kolkata's new, swanky soar. And a flaking old bungalow breathes one last gasp

of glory via a brilliant petunia-pansy border. Alec Smart said: "The party's over, but it's never over for this political

Live-in Fear: Uniform Patriarchal Code

Uttarakhand UCC puts a bullseye on live-in relationships. Women's agency is weakened. Inter-faith couples are worse off. Cops, community get to judge what happens in bedrooms

Mihira Sood



These columns have long supported the idea of a Uniform Civil Code, as a path to further both secularism and gender equality. But the bill tabled in Uttarakhand's assembly this week undermines both these goals.

To start with, it retains several problematic provisions of existing Hindu law - different marriageable ages for men and women (21 and 18 respectively), restitution of conjugal rights, limited grounds of divorce.

It is also poorly drafted, with certain sentences completely incomprehensible. There are obvious incongruities that will only serve to keep lawyers busy.

Compulsory registration | These include why an adult woman who is capable of getting married at 18 without her parents' involvement, is not free to enter a live-in relationship till she is 21. Second, maintenance is a gender-neutral provision in marriage, and available regardless of the grounds of divorce, but for live-in relationships, only the woman can claim maintenance, and only on grounds of desertion. Third, there is no penal consequence for non-registration of a marriage, but for a live-in relationship, it invites imprisonment.

This prison threat is the most troubling aspect. Partners intending to enter into such a relationship have to submit a statement to the registrar, and repeat this when they wish to end the relationship. In all cases, any statement for registration has to be submitted to local police, and where either party is less than 21, to their parents as well. Non-registration can be met with imprisonment as well as a fine.

Official justification | Officials have justified this as a demand of parents in the wake of a number of crimes committed against women by cohabiting partners. Recognition of such relationships, it is argued, may provide the same measure of protection to women as marriage does, and many Western countries also have legal obligations arising from live-in relationships or common law marriages.

Let's break this down. First of all, registration does not prevent crime. We know this well from data on dowry deaths, domestic violence, sexual abuse and innumerable other acts of physical cruelty that take place even within the protection of matrimony. Secondly, what is provided for in other countries is recognition of long-term live-in relationships, where after a period of a few years, certain protections like maintenance and child support may be available on termination. Protecting vulnerable parties if a relationship ends is very different from what is being done in Uttarakhand.

Infantilising women | Involvement of parents for couples who are above 18 is simply illegal, and betrays that this is not at all about empowering women, but the opposite – infantilising them, and treating them as incapable of making their own decisions. It is about



women are still seen as vessels. This is further underlined by the fact that registrars do not simply register such arrangements, but also have the power to deny permission.

This denial can be done on various grounds, most

problematically by registrars opining that consent has been vitiated by coercion, undue influence, misrepresentation etc. On the face of it, this is an innocuous provision. But any person even halfway conversant with today's politics knows that there is far more to it. The target here is obviously inter-faith couples, who frequently opt to live together as they try to bring their families around. Often, false accusations of forced conversions or misrepresentation of religious identity are made by a woman's parents to put an end to their daughter's consensual inter-faith relationship.

Moral policing | Perhaps most shocking is Section 386, which would allow any third party to submit a complaint that a live-in relationship has not been registered. The law thus creates insurmountable obstacles for such couples, who would be unable to rent any accommo-

dation without showing the landlord their registration documents. Not to mention neighbours, 'romeo squads', local religious chapters and countless other busybodies who would feel legally entitled to invade their privacy and play moral police. This is an unacceptable level of intrusion that government is encouraging.

Oppressive law | The ostensible aim of the bill was gender equality, but the chipping away of women's privacy and autonomy lays bare its patriarchal moorings. Any woman who wishes to enter a live-in relationship will be subjected to an infantilising level of scrutiny, where police will collude with her parents, or even third parties, to deny her wishes, particularly if it is an inter-faith relationship. At no point is her agency or individuality respected. It follows the model of locking women up for their protection, rather than empowering them with rights and freedoms.

A modern Civil Code would separate religion not just from governance, but also from the sphere of collective rights, treating it as a matter of individual belief, of choice rather than birth, and where inter-faith partnerships, live-in relationships, or any other choice made by consenting adults are made easier rather than more difficult. What we have instead is this outdated, patriarchal Code that invites police, neighbours, and pretty much anyone else into our bedrooms. Is this a blueprint for the entire country?

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Why World Is Bracing For Return Of 'Agent Orange'

91 felony indictments later, Trump is exploiting courtrooms as election platforms. Republican nomination almost certainly in his pocket, he is also getting help from disenchanted Democrats

Navtej Sarna



There is an unmistakable sense of *déjà* vu: Donald Trump is again in the vortex of American news cycle. Judging by past form, he will manipulate it to his purposes. Once again it will be open season for swipes and scandal, froth and fulmination. Ripples of uncertainty will

Trump in driver's seat? It may not have looked likely when his first presidency ended in assault on US Congress, but Trump is once again strongly positioned to be Republican nominee to challenge Joe Biden. Most pundits believe this could happen as soon as March 5 or Super Tuesday when the largest number of states and territories choose their preferred nominee. But Nikki

Haley, his only surviving Republican challenger,

"scrappy" by her own definition – and true to her

spread far and wide, beyond US shores.

Punjabi roots – has not yet given up. Despite definitive losses to Trump in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary, as well as facing Trump's intimidation, she is continuing to fill her war chest and challenging Trump to a debate. A loss in her home state of South Carolina on Feb 24 may finally force her to drop out, leaving the field open for an agonisingly long Biden-Trump rematch, a prospect

not preferred by majority of American voters.

Calvin & Hobbes

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Biden's slump | In addition to what one commentator politely referred to as "cognitive decline", both men are carrying baggage. President Biden's ratings at present are the lowest of any president at this stage in a presidency since 1945. Besides his aging responses, he will have to fight negative perceptions on several fronts, particularly immigration and economy, despite some significant progressive moves on industrial policy early on.

Foreign policy woes On foreign policy too, despite his much-vaunted experience, there are crosses to bear. War in Ukraine has dragged on indecisively. Withdrawal from Afghanistan, a long-desired objective, was chaotic and costly. American policy on the ongoing crisis in Israel-Gaza has not been impressive. Biden's bear-hug of Benjamin Netanyahu and unstinted continued military and diplomatic support, despite staggering civilian death toll in Gaza and international criticism, are being seen as



too unconditional, including by progressive Democrats. Corrections coming in now may be too little too late and Biden would have lost support among the young and people of colour, besides Arab-Americans.

Agent of chaos | Trump's possible return to White House after a four-year hiatus (a feat performed earlier only by Grover Cleveland at the end of 19th century) is an alarming prospect. Outside his loyal MAGA base, he is seen as an agent of chaos. In a second term, he will be a self-professed autocrat and will make sure to

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surround himself with loyalists who share his scant respect for truth, law or constitution. Right-thinking Americans fear an exacerbation of social divisions, racism, sexism and violence.

Legal troubles | There is also the small matter of Trump's 91 felony indictments in state and federal cases. It's an open question whether a conviction in any of these will hold him back, if he has already captured Republican nomination. He is using the courtroom as an election platform, playing injured victim and trying to delay a conviction in any of the cases. In a latest setback, however, a federal appeals court has rejected his claims to absolute immunity from charges of plotting to subvert the results of 2020 elections and given Trump only a short window to appeal to Supreme Court.

Back to Trump-proofing? On the international front, everything from US relations with Nato to US policies on international trade pacts, climate and immigration will be in for shock treatment. Once again, the world will have to Trump-proof itself against a whimsical deal-maker who believes he can charm away the most complicated of issues. And that is scary.

Aging vs 'Agent Orange' | In the event of a rematch, neither candidate has an easy glide path to victory, and much of course can happen over next nine months. By present assessments, the race will come down to a small number of voters in crucial six to eight swing states. These voters, particularly women and independent voters, will be Biden's best bet. They may be the ones who come out to ensure that America ultimately prefers good sense, even if it is stodgy and aging, to 'Agent Orange'. Be that as it may, a roller coaster ride is in the offing, with plenty of gaffes thrown in: Joe Biden's are by now legend and Trump is catching up fast. Just the other day he confused Nikki Haley with Nancy Pelosi.

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When the right principles of man operate, the growth of good government is rapid, and when the right principles of soil

operate, the growth of vegetables is rapid. Indeed, government is comparable to a fast-growing plant. Therefore, the conduct of government depends upon the men.

Doctrine of the Mean

To See Life As An Infinite Gamble

Jug Suraiya

an you give meaning to life through a gamble? Recently in ✓ Goa I saw French director Eric Rohmer's 1969 film, Ma Nuit Chez Maud (My Night At Maud's), which won several awards, including an Oscar for Best Screenplay.

Rohmer was one of the New Wave French film directors, with their focus on realism.

The film has some brilliantly executed expositions of the comedic, particularly in the sequence in which the beautiful Maud plays a seductive game of cat-and-mouse with Jean-Louis who is torn between desire and the dictates of Catholic chastity.

But much more than this, the film is a navigation through the submerged shoals and reefs of beliefs and convictions, or lack of them, set against the humdrum backdrop of a French

provincial town.

The lives of the four main characters interweave through chance encounters as random as the conversations they have about marriage, faith, morality.

Jean-Louis, a mid-30s executive for

Michelin, is a devout but conflicted Catholic who has lived abroad, had several affairs, but now wishes to marry. He has come across a young girl, Francoise, in church, and seen her about town. Though they have not yet spoken, he has convinced himself that he

wants to marry her. THE SPEAKING TREE Jean-Louis bumps into his school friend, Vidal, a Communist, who introduces him to Maud, a freethinking divorcee whose marriage ended because her husband had a mist-

ress, and who is Vidal's occasional lover. Throughout the film runs the leit-motif of what is known as Pascal's

Wager. Blaise Pascal was a 17th century French mathematician, scientist, inventor and philosopher. He was one of the pioneers of Probability Theory, which today is applied in everything, from social sciences to economic projections, and marketing.

In popular lore he is best remembered for his famous Wager, which he proposed in his most widely-cited work, Pensees

(Thoughts). Okay, said Pascal, a practising Catholic, I offer you a bet on the existence or non-existence of God. If you bet on His existence, even if

you have just one chance of winning, in an infinity of chances, if you do win you've won an infinite amount.

If you lose, you'll lose nothing, because if God does not exist, the "thinking reed" that is man is bereft of

Vidal, the Communist, does. He explains, "Hypothesis A: A political action is meaningless. Hypothesis B: History has meaning. I'm not sure...if B is more true than A. It might even be less true...however, I'd still bet on B because it is the only one that justifies my life."

Will you take the bet?

The film ends with an epilogue set five years later. Jean-Louis and Francoise are married and have a little son. At a seaside resort they unexpectedly meet Maud, also married, again unhappily. In their brief interaction, Jean-Louis, and the viewer, in a flash of realisation understand the fateful secret Francoise harbours and which, if acknowledged, would shatter their lives.

Once again, implicitly, Pascal's Wager comes into play. Will the couple bet on the hope of happiness, however chancy, against the certitude of despair?

Rohmer accepts the Pascalian gamble. As indeed we all must do.

Can Nintendo's Switch Pip Sony's PS2 To Claim The Console Crown?

Nintendo Switch, which has been on the market for only six years, has a real shot of dethroning Sony's iconic PlayStation 2. While industry observers thought the PS2's global sales to be unattainable by other platforms - its successors never breached the 100mn mark - as of Dec 31, 2023, Nintendo had sold over 139mn units of the Switch. Sony, though, continues to dominate the gaming landscape with three of its PS consoles in the top 4

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New Delhi: The sub-Rs 5 lakh

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market, saw prices jump 65%

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Arguably, the "no-frills"

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'No-Frills' Entry-Level Cars Needed More

Enhancements To Comply With Regulations

Small Cars

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Most companies have

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CHANGING DYNAMICS

Changes in prices over last five years

24%

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Inflation in tolerance band, result of govt measures: FM

Says Employment Looking Up | LS Passes Interim Budget

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New Delhi: Retail inflation is stable and well within the central bank's tolerance band of 2-6% as a result of Centre's efforts to rein in prices, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in Lok Sabha on Wednesday as she rejected Opposition's criticism over the price situation. worth of investment

Responding to Opposition's charge that inflation, poverty and unemployment continued to rise despite govt's claims of a booming economy, Sitharaman, during a discussion on the Interim Budget 2024-25 in Lok Sabha, said retail inflation has declined from an average of 6.8% in April-December 2022 to 5.5% in corresponding period of 2023. Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) stood at 5.7% in December 2023.

She detailed the measures unleashed by govt to check volatility in prices of onions and said govt has progressively increased its buffer size from one lakh metric tonnes

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Nirmala Sitharaman | FINANCE MINISTER

(LMT) in 2020-21 to 7 lakh tonnes in 2023-24. She also said govt launched 'Bharat dal' to make pulses available at concessional rates across retails markets, and chana dal is now available at Rs 60 per kilo in a single pack and at Rs 55 per kilo for a 30kg pack.

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Lok Sabha on Wednesday approved the Rs 47.7 lakh crore Interim Budget with a voice vote. A budget of Rs 1.8 lakh crore for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir was approved and the Finance Bill was also cleared had approved, we will be at 5.8% in 2023-24 Budget. For forthcoming year, we are predicting fiscal deficit will be 5.1%. Actually, 5.9% was what we were expected to reach

and 5.2% was what we were expected to reach next year. We have been fairly prudent and have been able to manage efficiently

late evening, completing the

budget exercise. During her reply, FM asserted that employment in the country was also looking with the workforce strengthening and unemployment rate declining significantly. She said number of people enrolled in EPFO has increased substantially, labour force grew by over 8% in 2022-23, and unemployment decreased from 6.2% in 2017-18 to 3.2% in 2022-23. The minister said while women's partici-

rising, youth participation also grew by 6.3% in 2022-23. Sitharaman said Perfor-

mance Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes created 7 lakh direct and indirect employment so far. "Fourteen sectors benefit from the PLI Schemes brought by our government. Manufacturing locations are coming up in 24 states and more than 150 districts. Govt has committed nearly Rs 1.97 lakh crore over five years starting 2021-22. Rs 1.07 lakh crore worth of investment has been committed under the PLI Schemes,"

The FM also said Opposition's bid to compare per capita incomes of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka as faulty, saying that "just comparing per capita GDP does not give a clear picture" and that India had performed much better than both neighbours in "real GDP" terms. Replying to the debate, the minister said the fiscal deficit of the central government is proposed to be brought down to 5.1% of the GDP during 2024-25.

Cognizant revenue falls 2% in Dec qtr to 2-year low

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Chennai/Bengaluru: services major Cognizant Technology Solutions on Wednesday posted a 0.3% decline in constant currency revenue for the full year 2023, at \$19.4 billion, as weakness in demand continued to plague the IT sector.

Revenue for the Dec quarter came in at \$4.8 billion — a 2.4 % decline in constant currency terms compared to the yearago period. This is the lowest quarterly revenue in eight quarters. Cognizant follows calendar year accounting.

The revenue performance in the quarter was worse than that of Infosys, TCS and HCLTech. Infosys had reported a 1% dip in revenue in constant currency terms, TCS a 1.7% growth, and HCLTech an over 4% growth.

Both financial services and healthcare — Cognizant's top verticals-registered revenue decline of 6.6% and 2.7% yearon-year respectively. Quarterly net income, however, increased to \$558 million in the quarter ended Dec 2023 from \$521 million in the year-ago period as the company's cost optimisation program NextGen started showing results. The company, which gets the bulk of its revenue from North American and European markets, expects headwinds to continue.

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buyers, has there been a similar run in the incomes of the potential buyers? The answer is a no," says Ravi Bhatia, president of research firm JATO Dynamics. "Not only have the prices of the new cars gone up. but even operating costs have become higher as petrol costs more, and maintenance, spares, tyres, and labour charges are up. The dream of the aam aadmi to buy a new car has become distant, and either he compromises by buying an old, used car, or he has to keep using his two-wheeler or public transport," says Bhatia.

Shashank Srivastava, senior executive officer (sales & marketing) at Maruti Suzuki, says post-Covid, disposable incomes may have shrunk for people in the lower income

> Nearly one out of every two cars sold is priced above ₹10 lakh

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bracket, affecting demand. He, however, hastily adds that it is not just a phenomenon of higher pricing that is keeping demand subdued in the Rs 5 lakh category. "Please remember that people are buying variants that offer more features on vehicles in terms of connectivity, safety, entertainment, and design instead of opting for base versions. They are ready to pay for an SUV design, larger infotainment screens, 360-degree camera, sunroof, and connected vehicle, all of which carry their own costs. So, we see a structural shift in the market with buyers more inclined to higher-

up in their EMIs." Tarun Garg, Chief Operating Officer at Hyundai India,

end versions through a bump-

says that not much should be read into the entry-level trend as it's "not a case where the aam aadmi is losing out", but more a case where he or she has decided to upgrade to higher-priced vehicles.

Perhaps that explains why the share of cars priced upwards of Rs 10 lakh has grown nearly four times in the past eight years to 46% of market share against 12.5% in 2015.

However, auto majors are also pushing higher value cars as they come with bigger margins. "Carmakers are obviously choosing to stay with segments that return higher margins, and thus are moving out of low-priced categories. Companies are far more profitable with pricier and loaded cars," says JATO's Bhatia.

Life insurers' stocks surge on surrender charge talks

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Mumbai: In a meeting with the regulator this week, chief executives of life insurance companies made representation on the cap on proposed surrender charges. The regulator is understood to have reassured them that their views would be considered while framing the final guidelines.

Shares of life insurance companies have seen significant activity in the last two days. Industry sources attribute this to the prospect of proposed rules on surrender charges being diluted. Analysts believe that capping surrender charges would have an impact on the bottom line of these companies.

HDFC Life gained 7.5% in the last two days, ICICI Pru Life and LIC were up over 5%, and SBI Life gained 4%. While surrender charges are aimed at defraying the upfront costs of insurers and discouraging policyholders from exiting early, the flip side is that customers who have been mis-sold lose out if they decide to exit policies early. Share prices also rose in anticipation of improved growth in Jan 2024.

Among the listed life insurers, LIC recorded a premium of Rs 18,920 crore on Jan 24 marking a 23.6% increase over Jan 2023. SBI Life's Jan premium of Rs 5,218 crore more than doubled compared to Rs 2,572 crore in the year-ago period. HDFC Life's total premium grew by 2% to Rs 2,400 crore in Jan, while ICICI Prudential witnessed an 8% yearon-year growth to Rs 1,564 crore on January 24.

HUL rolls out key changes in top mgmt

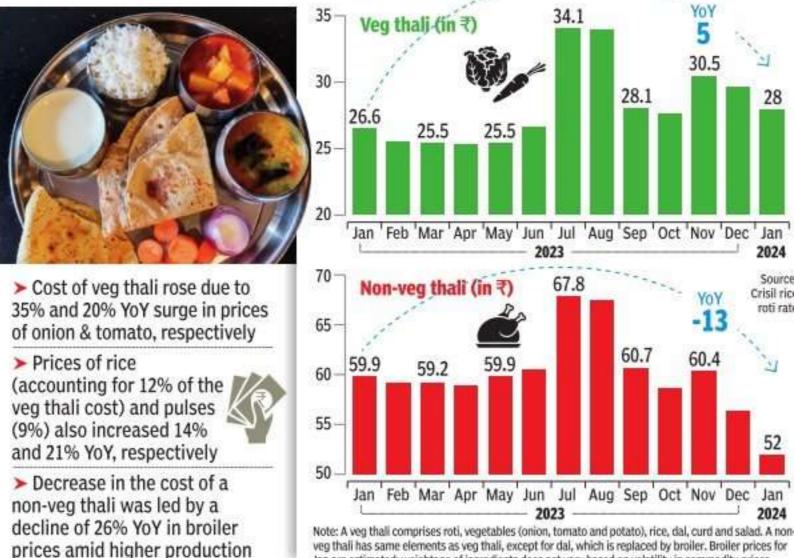
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Mumbai: FMCG major Hindustan Unilever announced key changes and appointments to its management committee on Wednesday. Shiva Krishnamurthy, who currently holds the position of vice president (foods and beverages for South Asia), will join HUL's management committee as executive director (foods and refreshment).

Krishnamurthy has led brands Lifebuoy and Lux in skin cleansing in India, Radiant (Rin) innovation for homecare in South East Asia besides leading South Asia's tea business since 2015. Under his watch, HUL became the market leader in tea in India by localising the product mix and building a strong innovation pipeline. The changes will be effective from

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pation in the labour force was



Paytm shares rally 10% as co sticks to 'no probe' claim

Jan are estimated; weightage of ingredients does not vary based on volatility in commodity prices.

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Mumbai: Shares of One97 Communications, Paytm's parent, rallied for the second day on Wednesday, with shares hitting the 10% upper circuit. The shares gained in hopes that services as a third-party UPI app would continue even if the restrictions on Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) were to be sustained.

The company's shares closed 10% higher at Rs 497 and rose 3% on Tuesday. On Monday, the payment company's shares had touched a new low of Rs 396.

Meanwhile, in an interview with PTI in New Delhi. financial services secretary Vivek Joshi said it is for RBI to deal with the Paytm issue, and govt has nothing to do with the matter for now.

"It is an action taken by the regulator. They regulate the banks. Govt has had nothing to do until now regarding the actions taken aga-

BUMPY RIDE Paytm stock since RBI action (₹)

inst Paytm. And we believe that RBI must have taken the action in the overall interest of the consumer and the economy," Joshi told PTI in an interview.

The company saw the financial services secretary's statement as a vindication of its claim that there was no govt investigation.

"We, at Paytm, have always maintained that there is no investigation pending or ongoing by any agency on the company or any of its associates. The recent state-

ment by senior govt officials has only confirmed that position," a Paytm spokesperson said. "We will continue to work under regulators' guidance and strengthen our processes. We are committed to expanding the digital payments reach across the nation," the statement added.

Regarding FDI in Paytm's payment aggregator subsidiary, Joshi said permission has been sought for investment from China. "The application is under review as it is an inter-ministerial process," he said.

In the interview, Joshi also said that PPBL is a very small bank, and there were no systemic stability concerns as such. "The customers who have an account in the payments bank will have to shift their account... From what I understand, the bank will not migrate the accounts. The customers have to do it," he added.

Tata Steel calls off TRF merger as co sees biz turnaround

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Mumbai: Tata Steel has scrapped the merger of its listed associate company TRF with itself as its business performance has turned around.

In Sept 2022, it had decided to fold TRF into itself as part of a broader exercise to streamline its corporate structure. But since then, it has infused funds, placed orders with TRF, helping the material handling equipment manufacturer navigate a challenging operating environment.

As a result, its financials improved and on Wednesday, the TRF stock hit the 20% upper circuit on the BSE and closed at the same level at Rs 328. Trading volume in the counter also jumped substantially. Compared to an average daily volume of about 36,000 shares over the last two-week period, the day's turnover was nearly 1.6 lakh shares, BSE data showed.

The metal flagship of Tata Group has amalgamated five arms, Tata Steel Long Products (which had a turnover of Rs 7,464 crore in FY23), Tata Steel Mining (Rs 5,000 crore), Tinplate Company of India (Rs 3,983 crore), Tata Metaliks (Rs 3,260 crore) and S&T Mining Company with itself. The consolidation has led to a minor dilution of parent Tata Sons' stake in Tata Steel. Initially, Tata Steel planned to combine seven businesses into it. On Wednesday, it said the merger process of The Indian Steel and Wire Products is in an advanced stage and will be concluded by Q1 FY25. It also proposes to merge Bhubaneswar Power and Angul Energy into it.

EU, US green moves to hit developing nations' exports Brazil and some other parts

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Unilateral moves by the European Union and the US, such as the imposition of carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM) and deforestation rules, are seen to be hampering not just exports from developing countries, such as, India and Brazil but also stand to impact the development of poor nations, govt

officials said on Wednesday. While carbon tax is proposed to be introduced in 2026, EU has already rolled out CBAM, requiring disclosures and forcing Indian companies to comply with the regulations that stand to push up costs. Steps to negate carbon emissions will be calculated in local currency, while the levy will be based on estimates in euros, adding to the burden, argued an official.

Similarly, when it comes to deforestation rules, exporters from countries, such as, of the world are expected to be hit hard by rules requiring certification. An official said there may be attempts to develop new product segments and impose higher customs duties on the so-called "nongreen products". Developing countries like

India have described the measures as non-tariff barriers, which will increase of cost of imports into developed markets. Moves are expected to come into focus at crucial meeting of trade ministers from over 160 WTO member countries in Abu Dhabi later this month, where India and several other developing countries have rejected demands for negotiations on environment, labour and gender, arguing that these are non-trade issues and should be discussed in other platforms like UN or International Labour Organisation.

The stand comes amid attempts by the EU and the US

to thrust these issues into the WTO arena, arguing that these are new issues and are related to sustainable development. WTO officials have also backed these calls, arguing that the multilateral body can be the platform. In fact, at the meeting in UAE, there will be a discussion on some of these issues, with India rejecting the talks.

Last May, India had submitted a paper underlining that there is an increase in the use of unilateral measures such as EU's carbon tax and deforestation law which is impacting trade. The US and the EU are also seeking to add labour standards and workers' rights. "Such measures may not only violate rules of WTO but also have systemic implications for international law as a whole, since unilateral action undermines multilateral ly negotiated rights and obligations of countries," an official said.

India should aim to be \$35tn eco by 2047, says Kant

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant has said that India should aim to be a \$35 trillion economy by 2047 by sustaining the growth momentum.

"Firstly, there's a lot of positivity, there's a lot of energy, and I feel there's a lot of good feel factor about India, not merely because we are the fifth largest economy in the world and heading to be the 3rd largest economy in the world by 2027-end. If we're able to sustain this on a continuo-



us basis, we should aim to become a \$35 trillion economy by 2047," Kant, former CEO of Niti Aayog, said at the fifth edition of Times of India's Right To Excellence series. Right To Excellence is an initiative by The Times of India that focuses on pivotal sectors and toshaping India's

growth story. The series, which took place in the Capital, saw the spotlight was on last week's



Amitabh Kant at fifth edition of Times of India's Right To Excellence series

Budget Masterclass, the

summit brought together experts, industry leaders and policymakers to decode announcements made by FM Nirmala Sitharaman. Author and former CEO of P&G India Gurcharan Das, Maruti Suzuki India senior executive director Shashank Srivastava, Niti Aayog director Urvashi Prasad, and experts from KPMG, PwC and Deloitte were among prominent speakers with tax planning, economic growth, government policies and auto sector being the focus areas of the Masterclass.

"Sustainability in the auto sector will be driven not just by consumer preferences but also by government policies," Srivastava : Interim Budget. Called said at one of the sessions. : me. AGENCIES

No disbursal delay of PLI sops for white goods: DPIIT New Delhi: Applications of

certain companies for claiming incentives under the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the white goods (AC and LED lights) are under examination and there is no delay in disbursement, an official statement said.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said investors were given option to choose one of the two gestation periods — up to March 2022 (one year) and up to March 2023 (two years). All 15 projects companies which have opted for gestation period 2021-22 —

have been commissioned. "Companies opting for one year of gestation period are eligible for PLI in the current year (2023-24) based on achieving threshold investment and net incremental sales in 2022-23. Their online applications are under examination by the PMA (project management agency). The PLI will be disbursed by March 2024," it said. The scheme has attracted a mix of multinational and domestic companies committing to develop a robust com-

ponent ecosystem in India. IFCI has been selected as PMA for the white gods sche-

AI can fuel scientific rigour: Nadella GDP is poised to touch \$500

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jects on Microsoft's code-▲ hosting platform GitHub is from India. "Our mission is to empower every person, every organisation in India to be able to achieve more in this age of AI. We think, at the end of the day, making sure that the workforce has the skills to be able to thrive in this new age is the most important thing that any of us can be doing." With over 13 million developers, India is expected to surpass the US as the largest developer community on GitHub by 2027.

▼ t also said one in four pro-

Nadella's powerful nar-April 1, 2024, the company said. : rative on leveraging AI at her it was (Vannevar) Bush scientific rigour. India's AI forward," he said.

ambitions or what's going to happen even by 2025 SATYA NADELLA | CEO, Microsoft scale and to produce humanlike interface enhances context and insight for businesses of all sizes. "I would say the AI platform shift has two massive shifts. If you think about the computer age, in the last seven years, there's

been this continuous march

to create a more natural user

interface. In fact, the dream

of the early founders whet-

(American engineer and inventor) or (Douglas) Engel bart (American inventor) was you create computers that understand us versus us having to understand computers. I feel like we have kind of arrived at that," he added.

Microsoft top boss said AI has the impact to catalyse economic growth and fuel

clusive and equitable growth. "At the end of the day, you can only talk about tech as a real thing and if it's going to have a real impact on the overall growth of an economy. And in India's case, it is one of the highest growth markets and you see it the buoyancy of the government to have high ambitions or what's going to happen even by 2025. When you have a huge general-purpose technology, how intensely you invest and deploy it across sectors inside an economy maa difference to a country's prospects going

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ROSS & RACHEL ARE NO MORE ON A BREAK! 'FRIENDS' STARS JENNIFER ANISTON, DAVID SCHWIMMER REUNITE FOR ADVERT

30 killed in Balochistan blasts a day before polls

40 Injured; Election Offices Of 2 Candidates Targeted

Omer Faroog Khan | TNN

Islamabad: At least 30 people were killed and more than 40 injured in twin blasts in Pakistan's restive southwestern Balochistan province on Wednesday, a day before the country goes into high-stake general elections marred by violence and claims of pre-poll rigging.

The bomb attacks took place despite the deployment of half-a-million security personnel to thwart violence on the eve of elections to national and provincial legislatures.

The first explosion occurred in front of the election office of an Independent candidate, Asfandyar Khan, in Khanozai tehsil of Pishin district, bordering Afghanistan.

Dr Habib Kakar, a medical superintendent at a local government-run hospital, said his office when the explosive ber Pakhtunkhwa in the nor-14 bodies and 23 injured were was detonated. brought to the facility. Later, he said that the death toll had risen to 18 after four wounded people succumbed to injuries. The condition of seven, Kakar said, was critical and they were airlifted to Quetta, the provincial capital, for better treatment.

Footage aired on media forums showed rescuers and lo- minister Jan Achakzai said cals shifting the bodies and the



injured into ambulances. Jumma Dad Mandokhail, the district's top civilian official, said the blast was caused by an improvised explosive device attached to a motorcycle. A good number of supporters of an Independent candidate had gathered outside

Shortly after, another bomb went off near the election office of Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) in Balochistan's Qilla Saifullah, killing 12 people and injuring 15 others. JUI-F is a rightwing party that had previously been the target of terrorist attacks.

Balochistan information the attacks were the latest at-

A blast victim is taken to hospital in Quetta on Wednesday tempt by terrorists to sabotage elections. "But I want to make

it clear that the elections will

go ahead as scheduled,"

Achakzai added.

and Afghanistan.

The run-up to polls saw frequent militant attacks on security forces and political workers in Balochistan and Khythwest. The outlawed Balochistan Liberation Army has been behind most attacks on security forces in the volatile province. Last week, at least 15 people were killed when BLA targeted military and security installations in Baluchistan's Mach district. Pakistani Taliban and other militant groups also have a strong presence in the province, bordering Iran

'An underground ocean likely on **Saturn's Death** Star-looking moon'

stronomers have found the best evidence yet of la vast, young ocean beneath the icy exterior of Saturn's Death Star lookalike mini moon. The French-led team analysed changes in Mimas' orbit and rotation and reported Wednesday that a hidden ocean 20 to 30km beneath the frozen crust was more likelv than an elongated rocky core. The scientists based their findings on observations by Nasa's Cassini spacecraft.

Barely 400 km in diamet-

er, the heavily cratered moon lacks the fractures and geysers — typical signs of subsurface activity — of Saturn's Enceladus and Jupiter's Europa. "Mimas was probably the most unlikely place to look for a global ocean - and liquid water more generally," co-author Valery Lainey of the Paris Observatory said in an email. "So that looks like a potential habitable world.' Results were published in the

The ocean is believed to fill half of Mimas' volume, according to Lainey. Yet it represents only 1.2% to 1.4% of Earth's oceans given the moon's petite size. Mimas boasts the second largest impact crater of any moon in the solar system — the reason it's compared to the fictional Death Star space station in "Star Wars." AP

Bibi rejects Hamas truce terms: 'Will fight until absolute victory'

Palestinian Outfit Had Proposed 135-Day Truce & Israeli Pullout

Tel Aviv: Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday reiected Hamas' terms for a ceasefire and hostage-release agreement, calling them "delusional," a position that complicates efforts to strike a deal between the sides. Netanyahu vowed to press ahead with Israel's war against Hamas, now in its fifth month, until achieving "absolute victory".

Netanyahu made the comments after meeting the visiting US secretary of state, Antony Blinken, who has been travelling the region in hopes of securing a ceasefire deal.

"Surrendering to Hamas' delusional demands that we heard now not only won't lead to freeing the captives, it will just invite another massacre," Netanyahu said in a nationally televised presser. "We are on the way to an absolute victory." he said, adding that the operation would last months, not years. "There is no other solution." He ruled out any arrangement that leaves Hamas in full or partial control of Gaza. He also said that Israel is the "only power" capable of guaranteeing security in the long term.

Earlier, Blinken said that "a lot of work" remains to bridge the gap between Israel and Hamas on terms for any deal. He was expected to hold his own news conference later.

Hamas laid out a detailed, three-phase plan to unfold over



march to parliament in London

4 1/2 months, responding to a proposal drawn up by the US, Israel, Qatar and Egypt. The plan stipulates that all hostages would be released in exchange for hundreds of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel, including senior militants, and an end to the war. Reacting to the Israeli PM's rejection, senior Hamas official Sami Abu Zuhri said, "Netanyahu's comments are a form of political bravado, indicating his intention to pursue the conflict in the region. return to their homes. The se-The movement (Hamas) is pre- cond phase, would include the pared to deal with all options."

Israel has made destroying Hamas' governing and military abilities one of its wartime objectives, and Hamas' proposal would effectively leave it in power in Gaza and allow it to rebuild its military capabilities. US President Joe Biden said Hamas' demands are "a little over the top" but that negotiations will continue.

Blinken, who is on his fifth visit to the region since the not secure a deal at any cost. AP

war broke out, is trying to advance the ceasefire talks while pushing for a larger postwar settlement in which Saudi Arabia would normalise relations with Israel in return for a "clear, credible, time-bound path to the establishment of a Palestinian state." But Netanyahu is opposed to Palestinian statehood.

Hamas' response to the ceasefire proposal was published in Lebanon's Al-Akhbar newspaper, which is close to the Hezbollah militant group.

In the first 45-day phase, Hamas would release all remaining women and children, as well as older and sick men, in exchange for an unspecified number of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, Israel would also withdraw from populated areas, cease aerial operations, allow far more aid to enter and permit Palestinians to release of all remaining hostages, mostly soldiers, in exchange for all Palestinian detainees over the age of 50, including senior militants, Israel would release an additional 1,500 prisoners, 500 of whom would be specified by Hamas, and complete its withdrawal from Gaza. In the third phase, the sides would exchange the remains of hostages and prisoners.

Netanyahu has said he will

A PIO doctoral student found dead & an IT pupil attacked in US

New York: A 23-year-old who was pursuing a doctoral degree at Indiana-based Purdue University has been found dead, taking the number of Indian-origin students killed in the US to five since the start of this year.

In another incident of violence against Indians, an IT student from Hyderabad was attacked near his house in Chicago.

US citizen Sameer Kamath, a doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering, was found dead at a nature preserve in Warren county on Monday. An autopsy is yet to be carried out.

With Kamath's death, five Indian students have died in the US since the start of this year, including another Purdue student Neel Acharya.

Meawhile, on Feb 4, Indian IT student Syed Mazahir Ali was chased and brutally attacked by unidentified men in Chicago. In videos posted on social media, Ali was seen with a bloodied nose and face. Ali, who moved to the US from Hyderabad six months ago, told ABC7 Eyewitness News that one of the attackers pointed a gun at him. "I came here to fulfil my dreams. The incident gave me trauma," he told the channel. Video surveillance shows Ali walking to his home at night when three men chase him. He was punched in the eve and hit on the face, ribs and back. Ali is pursuing Masters in information technology (IT) from Indiana Weslevan University, PTI&IANS

Trump immunity case may land in PIO judge Sri Srinivasan's court by Monday

Chidanand Rajghatta TNN

Washington: The fate of former US president Trump's immediate political future could land in the court of Indian-American judge Sri Srinivasan as early as Monday if he seeks an "en banc" review of three-judge panel's ruling that rejected his claim of immunity from criminal charges of trying to subvert the 2020 election results.

The Trump campaign has indicated he would appeal the three-judge ruling without revealing which of the two options he will exercise. Trump could appeal directly to the US Supreme Court, which could expedite the matter with no guarantee a decision will go his way despite its 6-3 conservative orientation. Alternately, he could ask for an "en banc" review — one in which the entire 15judge appeals court weighs in to drag out the process and

try and run down the clock to Election Day on Nov 5. If he chooses the latter cou-



rse, the case will land in the court of Sri Srinivasan, chief judge of the Washington DC appeals court that is widely considered the second-most important court in the country, next only to the Supreme Court, because its geographic jurisdiction contains the Capitol and the headquarters of the federalgovernment, and it often deals with constitutional issues. The Chandigarh-born Sri-

nivasan is the first person of Indian origin to lead a federal court in the US. He was nominated to the appeals court by President Obama in 2013 and took oath on the Bhagavad Gita after sailing through a 97-0 Senate confirmation. The DC appe-

als court also has another Indian-American, the Detroit-born Trump-nominated Neomi Jehangir Rao, whose Parsi parents emigrated from India in 1972. The appeals court bench

that rejected Trump's immunity claim has said the lower district court could resume preparations for a trial next Tuesday unless the former president asked the SC to halt proceeding by then. Many legal experts do not see Trump going to the SC first, and even if he does, not getting a favourable ruling despite three of the judges being his nominees, given the court's track record on such issues. "Trump's argument is so weak and the Court of Appeals decision so thorough and well done, I can see SCOTUS voting not to hear it," Neal Katyal, a former US acting solicitor general and SC lawyer, said on X.

Trump also faces other legal pitfalls in the coming days, and one of them could trip him even before he decides on where to appeal his immunity case.

The SC is scheduled to hear arguments Thursday on whether the state of Colorado can keep Trump off the presidential ballot because of the storming of the Capitol on Jan 6, 2021.

If the SC decides to uphold the Colorado decision, as some constitutional experts are urging, then several other states could move to strike the Republican frontrunner from the primaries, much to the delight of many liberals and moderates, including never-Trumpers in the GOP. In fact, the lead plaintiff in the Colorado case is Norma Anderson, a 91-year-old former Republican legislator, a never-Trumper who believes he has betrayed Republican ideals and hijacked the party.

Regardless of the rulings in the cases, the next few weeks are fraught with tension in the political amphitheater, and in the US capital, where local law enforcement officials are already preparing fortifications near the courts to prevent a recurrence of the Jan 6 rampage.

US establishment in 'meltdown' over MAGA mouthpiece Tucker Carlson's Putin interview ne, or what his goals are now. complete meltdown even as so-

Chidanand Rajghatta TNN

Washington: America's national security establishment and its mainstream media is in a total meltdown over an upcoming interview with Russian President Putin by former Fox news host Tucker Carlson, a pro-Trump political commentator with a big following on the right.

Carlson announced in a video from Moscow on Tuesday that he was in the Russian capital to interview Putin, noting that Americans have a right to know about a war (with Ukraine) that they are paying for substantially. Kremlin later confirmed that the interview has already taken place. The US establishment fears that the interview will be used by Moscow to make its case (about my #1 in many western capithe Ukraine war) directly to tals. Trump himself was pillothe American people in what Washington sees as propagan- he was in the White House. da facilitated by Carlson, who shares benign view of Putin as idea why Putin invaded Ukrai-



being Putin's puppet, with some European lawmakers even calling for sanctions against him

does his patron Trump.

Rants and allegations about Carlson being "Putin's puppet" flew thick and fast on Wednesday, with unsubtle threats from some quarters, including from some European lawmakers, about sanctioning him. Carlson was unapologetic about reaching out to the Russian leader, who is regarded as public eneried as "Putin's puppet" when

"Most Americans have no

They've never heard his voice. That's wrong. Americans have a right to know all they can about a war they're implicated in, and we have the right to tell them about it, because we are Americans, too," Carlson said in a four-minute video Tuesday. He also panned the US me-

dia for sucking up to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky, describing their interviews with him as "fawning pep sessions specifically designed to amplify Zelensky's demand that the US enter more deeply into a war in Eastern Europe."

The Putin interview is expected to be posted in the next few hours on Carlson own platform and on X, whose owner Elon Musk (like Trump and Carlson) also has reservations about the mainstream media. and who appeared to implicitly back Carlson's Putin outreach.

But the mainly liberal-left mainstream media went into a me commentators pointed out that the American press has a long history of interviewing leaders Washington regards as enemies, citing Barbara Walters interviewing Fidel Castro at the height of the US-Cuba estrangement. Putin himself has been interviewed by two other US journalists in the past 5 years.

The anti-Trump brigade, which sees Carlson as a Trump surrogate, believe he is more a propagandist than a journalist, and are convinced that MAGA Republicans led by Trump will compromise US national security by throwing Ukraine (and Europe/Nato) under the bus.

"The architects of the coming Russian victory in Europe & the enablers of the new axis of autocracy between Russia, China, and Iran aren't in Moscow, Tehran, or Beijing. They-'re in D.C., & every last one of them is a Republican," one prominent anti-Trumper wrote.

Nikki Haley is outvoted in Nevada primary by 'none of these candidates'

in Nevada's Republican presidential primary by a "None of These Candidates" option on the ballot Tuesday, according to AP, an embarrassment in a contest in which she faced no direct competition.

The primary, which awards

no delegates, had seemed like a foregone conclusion, as former President Trump chose not to take part. On Thursday, he will instead participate in partyrun caucuses where all of the

state's 26 delegates will be awarded, a choice by Nevada Republicans that rendered the primary basically irrelevant. As the top vote-getter after

"None of These Candidates", Haley was still expected to be declared the victor, according to the secretary of state's office, which pointed to a state election law that says "only vo-

Tikki Haley was outvoted tes cast for the named candidates shall be counted". But Haley skipped campaigning in Nevada entirely, choosing instead to spend her time in South Carolina, her home state, after Trump easily won the first two nominating contests in Iowa and New Hampshire.

Supporters Trump in Nevada, including Governor Joe Lombardo, had advocated selecting "None of These Candidates" on the primary ballot as a

protest vote against Haley. Republicans can then vote for Trump in the caucuses two days later, where he is essentially running unopposed after Haley, his last major rival stan-

ding, chose not to compete. Trump jabbed at Haley's ugly result in Nevada, writing on his social media website, Truth Social, that it was a "bad night" for her. "Watch, she'll

soon claim Victory!" he wrote. The fact that a "none of the above" option could

overpower any enthusiasm from the supporters of Haley is another blow to her slim chances of winning the nomination over Trump. Critics of the dual primary-caucus of system in Nevada, including those in Haley's camp, have suggested that the state Republican Party set it up to benefit Trump, which the party has denied. Michael McDonald, the state party chair, was one of the people indicted in the fake elector scheme to overturn President Joe Bi-

> den's 2020 election victory. Haley's team brushed off the result. "Even Trump knows that when you play penny slots, the house wins. We didn't bother to play a game rigged for Trump," a spokesman said. "We're full steam ahead in South Carolina and beyond." NYT

'More likely to be mugged in London than in Delhi,' say Indian biz execs

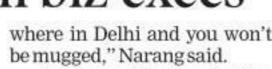
London: India's business executives claim it is safer to walk around Delhi than London where "you are likely to be mugged" and that the growing theft of luxury watches in posh parts of the UK capital is putting them off visiting.

Devin Narang, a renewable energy entrepreneur and a member of the executive committee of FICCI, said the rising theft of Rolex watches on the streets of London was one of the biggest concerns of India's business elite. "People are being mugged in the heart of London — in Mayfair," Narang, said at a meeting on Tuesday held between shadow foreign secretary David Lammy and Indian business leaders. "All CEOs in India have had an experience ur shoulder all the time. You of physical mugging and the police not responding," he added, according to a report in the the streets.... You can walk any-



ROLEX WOES: The rising theft of Rolex watches on the streets of London was one of the biggest concerns of India's business elite during a meeting with shadow foreign secretary David Lammy

Financial Times. Lammy was meeting business figures in Delhi as part of a three-day trip to India to discuss Labour's proposals for a new UK-India strategic partnership. "Indians do carry expensive things, but the police not responding is a matter of concern. London is a walking city. You don't want to look over yodon't want to go to a city where



Lammy said several other Indians had also raised concerns about muggings and thefts in London. Between April and Sept 2022 there were over 300 luxury watches stolen across the boroughs of Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea and Hammersmith and Fulham. Soho, Mayfair and the south part of Kensington and Chelsea account for 40% of all watch

robberies in London. The Met Police have been carrying out undercover operations to target robbery hotspots with undercover officers wearing luxury watches to catch thieves red-handed. A spokesperson for the mayor of London said: "London is one of the safest global cities in the world and the mayor is determined to continue making progress by you're likely to be mugged in being tough on crime with record funding for the police."

AROUND THE WORLD



A diver performs a dragon dance at an aquarium in Bangkok

Taylor Swift can't shake it off! Asks college student to stop tracking her jet

When it comes to dealing with a Florida college student who uses public data and social media to track the private jets of billionaires, politicians and other celebriti



just shake it off. In late Dec, Swift's camp hit Jack

Sweeney, a junior studying information technology at the University of Central Florida, with a cease-and-desist letter that blamed his automated tracking of her private jet for tipping off stalkers as to her location. In the letter, attorneys accused Sweeney of effectively providing "individuals intent on harming her, or with nefarious or violent intentions, a roadmap to carry out their plans." Sweeney says while he has never intended to cause harm, he also believes strongly in the importance of transparency

and public information. At one point Sweeney had more than 30 flight tracking accounts on X, including that of owner Elon Musk. Musk had his own dustup with Sweeney tweeting at one point that his commitment to free speech required him not to ban Sweeney's @elonjet account. But it wasn't long before Musk abruptly about-faced and banned the student from X accusing Sweeney of endangering his personal safety.

Aus to let workers to ignore

after-hrs calls from bosses

Australia will introduce laws

giving workers the right to ignore unreasonable calls and messages from their bosses outside of work hours without penalty, with potential fines for employers that breach the rule. The "right to disconnect" is part of a raft of changes to industrial relations laws proposed by the govt under a parliamentary bill, which it says would protect workers' rights and help restore worklife balance. Similar laws giving employees a right to switch off their devices are already in place in France, Spain and

other countries in the EU.

Setting a precedent in school shootings? Woman convicted after son, 15, kills 4 rate real knowledge? No. The guilty verdict Tuesday sor. "To be honest, I'm not conchildren is one Gascon has con-

against the mother of a vinced that's true." Michigan teenager who murdered four students in 2021 in the state's deadliest school shooting is likely to ripple across the country's legal landscape as prosecutors find themselves weighing a new way to

seek justice in mass shootings. But, legal experts say, don't expect a rush of similar cases. "I have heard many people say they think a guilty verdict in this case will open the floodgates to these kinds of prosecutions going forward," said Eve Brensike Primus, a law profes-sentenced to life term without bley's husband, James, 47, will quisite facts that can demonst-sponsibility for the crimes of pleadeals from parents. NYT

That's because prosecutors

had notably compelling evidence against the mother, Jennifer Crumbley — including messages and the accounts of a meeting with school officials just hours before the shooting on Nov 30, 2021 — that jurors felt proved she should have known the mental state of her son, Ethan, who was 15 at the time. "She could have told the school they (parents) had just gifted him a gun," prosecutors said. Ethan pleaded guilty in 2022 and was



Prosecutors say Jennifer Crumbley had a duty under state law to prevent son Ethan, 15 at the time, from harming others. She was accused of failing to secure the gun that was a gift to the teen by the parents

the possibility of parole.

Jennifer Crumbley was convicted on four counts of involuntary manslaughter, one for each student her son killed. She faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, and sentencing is scheduled for April 9. Crum-

be tried separately in March. "Could more prosecutors fi-

le charges emboldened by this kind of ruling and the verdict?" Primus said, "Sure. Do I think they will be successful around the country getting charges to stick if they don't have the re-

Still, legal experts who have followed the case say the successful prosecution of Jennifer Crumbley, 45, provides a template for prosecutors nationwide to pursue similar cases. "This case will certainly make prosecutors look at their work a little differently when it comes to parents who are neglectful, in terms of how they handle weapons around the home, making weapons available for their kids," said George Gascon, the di-

strict attorney of Los Angeles.

sidered before, with a recent case involving a minor charged with vehicular manslaughter. "I felt very strongly about going after the father," he said. "Eventually I was advised against it." After mass shootings by teens and young adults, scrutiny

often falls on parents, as much to weigh the specific circumstances of the crime as to learn something that could prevent that next shooting somewhere in America. But some experts worry the case will become a The issue of parental re- way for prosecutors to force

KLINSMANN QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS REACTION TO SOUTH KOREA'S ASIAN CUP ELIMINATION



GALLERY

Bumrah becomes first Indian pacer to be No. 1 in ICC Test rankings

Dubai: Jasprit Bumrah on Wednesday became the first Indian pacer to top the ICC Test rankings after a stellar performance against England in Visakhapatnam. The 30-year-old's nine-wicket match haul has helped him leapfrog Pat Cummins, Kagiso Rabada and Ravichandran Ashwin, making him only the fourth from his country to attain number one position. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeia and Bishan Singh Bedi are the other Indians who have been at the top of the charts. Bumrah now has 881 rating points with Ashwin (904) and Jadeja (899) the only India bowlers to have aggregated more rating points. Ashwin and Jadeja also have the unique distinction of being jointly top-ranked in March 2017. The batting rankings see left-handed opener Yashasvi Jaiswal progress 37 places to 29th after completing a fine double-century in the first innings and Shubman Gill go up 14 places to a careerbest 38th after notching a century in the second innings. In the ODI rankings, Australia leg-spinner Adam Zampa is up one place to third and fast bowler Sean Abbott's six wickets in the three-match series against the West Indies this past week have lifted him 35 places to joint-33rd position

Panghal, Akash in quarters at Strandja boxing: Commonwealth Games gold medallist Amit Panghal, national champion Akash and Abhimanyu Loura put up a stellar show to move into the guarterfinals of the 75th Strandja Memorial Tournament here on Wednesday. Amit (51kg) had Rudyk Maksym's challenge to tackle as he eyed his place in the quarters. The experienced campaigner quickly got into his groove and his ability to efficiently get into the attacking position was on display throughout the bout. The first two rounds were all about taking on the opponent, while in the third, Amit employed his defensive tactics to frustrate his Ukrainian opponent and capitalise on his errors, advancing with a dominant 5-0 unanimous decision win. Amit will face Aldarkhishig Battulga of Mongolia on Friday. Akash (71kg) was up against Traore Makan of France. Akash started slow but soon picked up the pace as he displayed swift movement and landed a flurry of punches. surprising his opponents and gaining a significant lead.

Trap shooters miss qualification mark in Rabat World Cup: Indian

shooters Bhowneesh Mendiratta and Zoravar Sandhu shot scores of 118 to finish 16th and 19th respectively in the men's trap qualifiers on day two of the ongoing ISSF World Cup for Shotgun in Rabat, Morocco. The shoot-off mark for the sixth and final spot was 119. There was disappointment in women's trap event as well as Rajeshwari Kumari shot 113 to finish eighth. The sixth and final qualifying spot went at 114.

India face Bangladesh in SAFF U-19 Women's final: The Indian football team will be out to break a jinx as it takes on hosts Bangladesh in the SAFF U-19 Women's Championship final here on Thursday. Despite improvement in women's football, India somehow hold a dismal record in this age-group in SAFF. The title has eluded India on more than one occasion, the latest being the SAFF U20 Women's Championship in Dhaka last year, when Bangladesh pipped them to win the trophy.

Organizers to release tens of thousands of new tickets for Paris

Oly: Olympic organizers will release tens of thousands of extra tickets for the Paris Games on Thursday, when they will also unveil their medal designs. Organizers said the sale will start at 10 a.m. local time on the official ticketing website, with seats available for all sports. TNN/AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

BASKETBALL: NBA, 5.30 am to 9.30 am (Jiocinema) CRICKET: WC U-19 semis, Pak vs Aus, 1.30 pm (Star Sports)

Bumrah, the out of syllabus puzzle in an equal contest

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Paceman Has Taken Pitch Out Of The Equation On His Return From Injury, Leaving Rival Batters Stumped And Experts Raving JASPRIT BUMRAH: BOWLING IN TESTS Dwaipayan.Datta@timesgroup.com Best Test | 5WI | 10WM | Best inngs SR ricket fans who may have M Wkts been busy last Saturday 34 155 20.19 6/27 Overall 9/86 44.5 afternoon, and failed to 15 87 14.04 6/27 32.0 2.63 catch the action of the sec-In wins 9/86 ond session of second day's 13.06 29 6/45 play between India and England,

Rahul Dravid were batting. On a beautiful batting pitch in Vizag, the spell that Jasprit Bumrah produced to remove the classy Joe Root, in-form Ollie Pope and Jonny Bairstow was on par with some of the greatest spells of pace bowling that have been bowled in India in the last 40 years.

missed something incredibly special.

Maybe as special as the fourth day's

play against Australia at Eden Gar-

dens in 2001 when VVS Laxman and

Match figures of 9-91 along with the Man of the Match award on a pitch that was supposed to help spinners went a long way in Bumrah becoming the No. 1 bowler in Tests in ICC rankings—the first Indian pacer to achieve the feat. The other three were Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Bishan Singh Bedi. Don't forget he has already been No. 1 in ODIs and T20I!s, which only underlines the versatility and special skills of the 30-year-old.

Former England captain Nasser Hussain rightly said that there's no shame in losing to "a genius". The England batters hardly put a foot wrong. It didn't have anything with Bazball imploding — it was just that the pace, movement and variation which Bumrah generated completely tilted the balance in India's favour in the second Test. Post tea, England captain Ben Stokes' reaction after being bowled by the Mumbai man said it all — "I don't know how to deal with this"

Bumrah has only played six Test matches in India, but his average at home on pitches which are not conducive for pace bowling is a ridiculous 13.6. Compare this to other Indian greats — Kapil Dev (26.49) and Zaheer Khan (35.87) — and you know what we're talking about.

"Bumrah's overall average is in the

Wkts

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ZAHEER KHAN IN TESTS

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Overall

In wins

early 20s (20.19) and he has already got 150 plus wickets...We used to hear of such numbers from Malcolm Marshall or Richard Hadlee. This is phenome-

nal," Lakshmipathy Balaji told TOI.

126

27

28

Away

Post injury

21.83

11.66

Balaji, the former Indian paceman, was Chennai Super Kings' bowling coach for long and has seen Bumrah's fantastic T20 spells for Mumbai Indians from close. But it's Bumrah's consistency in Test cricket that has left Balaji awestruck. "The angle that Bumrah generates is god's gift. Coming from wide of the stumps, the areas that he can bowl sometimes defies physics. It is Bumrah's ability to take the pitch out of the equation that makes him so special...When we were growing up as cricketers, we used to see Wasim Akram or Waqar Younis do this, it feels good to see one of our own turning the tables on the world," Balaji said.

When the wiry paceman burst into the scene in 2015, he was touted as the next Malinga. Given his unorthodox slinging action from a short run-up which created a lot of pressure on his shoulder and back, the popular notion was that a breakdown was not too far away. Still it was Virat Kohli and Ravi Shastri who decided to use him in Tests abroad, a decision that went a long way in India becoming a feared touring teams in South Africa, England, New Zealand and Australia. But the inevitable did happen. Bumrah had a backstress fracture which kept him out of cricket for almost a year in 2022-23.

On his return, Bumrah once again proved he is one of a kind. Balaji, who himself suffered a back-injury at his peak that made him half the bowler

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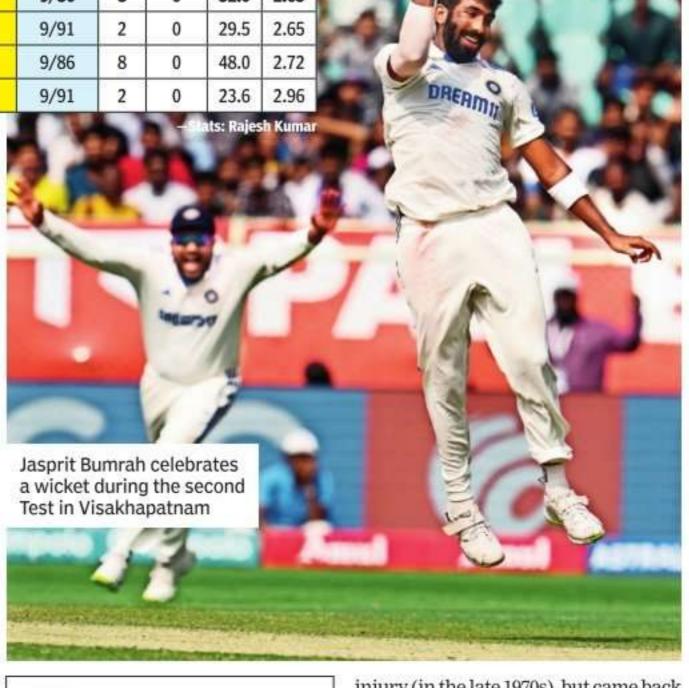
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What a bowler, Jasprit Bumrah! He outbowled other Indian bowlers, but I feel the others took their turn, and it was 'hunting in packs'. The other Indian bowlers figures don't look great, but they did play a role in setting it up for Bumrah. It is not an individual sport, and this is what I like about this Indian attack. -AB de Villiers

that he was, said: "Bumrah's form on his return from injury is something similar to Dennis Lillee's. The Aussie great, who also suffered a serious back

injury (in the late 1970s), but came back as a matured and far more potent bowler. Bumrah is doing just that. He hasn't lost his pace which hasn't diminished his fear factor. I can tell you from experience to do this is incredibly difficult." In four Tests he's played since his

return, Bumrah's average reads 11.66! If it wasn't for Bumrah, India might well have lost the Test series in South Africa at the turn of the year and would have been 2-0 down against England who have come well prepared for spin. But Bumrah's genius is truly out of syllabus. It is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, provided his body holds.

KAPIL DEV IN TESTS

	T	Wkts	Ave	Best inngs	Best Test	5WI	10WM	SR	ER
Overall	131	434	29.64	9/83	11/146	23	2	63.9	2.78
In wins	24	90	18.30	7/56	11/146	3	1	45.2	2.42
Home	65	219	26.49	9/83	11/146	11	2	55.7	2.85

RISHABH IS CONFIDENT OF PLAYING ENTIRE IPL, BUT NOT SURE IF HE WILL KEEP WICKETS: DC COACH PONTING

32.94

25.77

35.87

7/87

7/87

5/72

Melbourne: Rishabh Pant is confident of playing the entire IPL but the flamboyant cricketer could only be

available as a batter and not behind the stumps, according to Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting.

"Rishabh is very confident that he's going to be right to play. In what capacity we're not quite sure yet," Ponting told 'ESPNCricinfo'. "You would have seen all the social-media stuff, he's up and about and running well. But in saying that we're only six

weeks away from the first

game as well. So we're not sure if we'll get wicketkeeping out of him this year. We'll just keep our fingers crossed and hope that he can be out there and play. Even if it's not all the games, if we can manage him through 10 of the 14 games or whatever that might be then whatever games you can get out of him will be a bonus."

Best Test

10/149

10/149

8.137

Ponting takes over as Washington's coach in MLS: Former Australia captain Ricky Ponting has been appointed head coach of Washington Freedom ahead of the second season of Major League Cricket in the United States, the team said. Ponting has signed a twoyear deal and takes over from Greg Shipperd. AGENCIES

'We don't do team meetings anymore'

under Ben Stokes are not big on team meetings and prefer organic conversations about the game to get the best out for reviving Test cricket of players, says Joe Root.

of the great things about how er," Root had told 'JioCinema'

Visakhapatnam: England think that's when you do your best learning," he said.

Botham credits England

Melbourne: Legendary all-"We don't really do team rounder Ian Botham feels that meetings anymore. That's one England's 'Bazball' approach has infused new life into Test we do all of our conversations cricket. "You just have to look away from the game and just at the crowds. The crowds are that enjoyment and buzz about now starting to come back to spending time with each oth- Test cricket," Botham told 'SENQ 693'. "Playing against before the game here. "We India 20-30 years ago in India, don't have to sit in a meeting the grounds were heaving. Sudroom and I think it's more audenly, the IPL came along and thentic and more genuine so did one-day cricket and the when you can have it around a crowds then plummeted. Peodinner table. Having a coffee ple are now coming back and in the morning or whatever, I wanting to see (Bazball)." PTI

UDAY AND I WANTED TO STAY TILL THE **END: SACHIN**

Benoni: Swashbuckling Sachin Dhas, who made 96 in the U-19 World Cup semifinal against South Africa, says he and captain Uday Saharan (96 runs) never lost belief despite losing the first four wickets for 32 runs in their chase of 245. "The plan was to bat till the end. We had the belief that we could take it all the way. But it's fine (as we couldn't complete the chase), but we won that match and that's what matters. I was telling Uday that we would play till the end," Sachin said after the match.

"We thought we would take our time, pace our innings, and understand the opposition bowling attack."

Kohli unlikely for entire series

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The Indian team management may to forced to plan the entire five-match Test series against England without Virat Kohli. It is learned that India's most prolific batter is not likely to come back for the remaining three Tests due to personal reasons.

TOI had reported on Feb 3 that the selectors and team management wanted to check one more time with Kohli if he was willing to make himself available to play any part of the series. It seems Kohli has made it clear that he needs to be with his family and won't be available for the next two Test matches in Rajkot and Ranchi. However, it is unlikely that he will be back for the last Test match in Dharamsala too. "Kohli had asked for leave from mid-February. Three days before the first Test, he conveyed to the BCCI that needs to take an early leave. The board has always respected his decision," a BCCI source told TOI.

Given how vulnerable India's middle order has looked, the board thought it would be wise to check on Kohli one final time. The selectors are unlikely to make any major changes for the next three Test matches. Rajat Patidar is likely to get a longer run.

It will be interesting to see if the team management sticks with Shreyas Iyer or wants to test the uncapped Sarfaraz Khan. Iyer's Test record has been good at home. The team management will have to think it through if it wants to have two raw batters — Patidar and Sarfaraz — in the Test playing XI.

Oz wary of Ubaid's pace in 2nd semis

Benoni (South Africa): Naseem Shah has been a nightmare for batters at the senior level and now his brother Ubaid is ready to turn the heat on as Pakistan square off with Australia in the second

semifinal of the ICC U-19 World U-19 WC

Cup here on Thursday. The winner will meet a formidable Indian team, which is in its ninth championship final and looking to lift its sixth trophy. India and Pakistan have earlier

met once in the U-19 World Cup final in 2006 and that team which comprised Rohit Sharma, Cheteshwar Pujara and Ravindra Jadeja had lost the final to Sarfaraz Ahmed's side.

The younger brother of Naseem, Ubaid Shah stands joint second in the wicket-taking chart in this edition, sitting behind South Africa speedster Kwena Maphaka. Beginning with a 4/26 against Afghanistan, the pacer hasn't looked back. His skillful display with both the new and old ball meant that the bowler has made an impact in all stages of the game and helped Pakistan come back into matches at crucial junctures.

This came to the fore against Bangladesh when Ubaid overcame the ignominy of having dropped a catch to pick the crucial wicket of Mohammad Shihab James in the very next over, changing the momentum of the match and helping Pakistan secure a famous win.

From the prism of results, Australia and Pakistan have done little wrong. Both sides remain undefeated in the competition and have overcome feisty opponents like England, New Zealand, and Bangladesh. But their respective journeys to the knockout stage have been far from smooth. Both the teams had to overcome challenging phases of play in adverse circumstances, something that held especially true for Pakistan in their Super Six encounters.

While these jolts keep them battle-ready for the semifinal, it also makes them aware of the areas that need improvement. PTI

assault.

India women's poor run continues

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Kolkata: The Indian women's hockey team's terrible run in FIH Pro League continued as they went down to Australia 0-3 at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday.

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Australia captain Grace Stewart opened the scoring in the 19th minute while Tatum Stewart made it 2-0 four minutes later from their only penalty corner of the match. With five minutes left on the clock, Kaitlin Nobbs made it 3-0.

It was the same old story all over again as India created opportunities but failed to convert them. They also won a total of five PCs but couldn't find the target. While this was their third loss of the tournament, it was their fifth straight defeat overall in the second.

going back to FIH Olympic

Qualifiers in Ranchi. Their last victory came against Italy and coach Janneke Schopman will just hope for a miracle in their next match on Friday against the USA, who went down to China 1-3 earlier in the day but had beaten India in the opener of the Qualifiers.

Earlier, India had a good start as they won their first PC in the second minute of the match itself. Gurjit Kaur's shot was first blocked and then Vandana Katariya's shot from the deflection was kept out by the Aussie goalkeeper.

Within minutes Vandana randown the right and played the ball to Lalremisiami, who made the overlapping run. Making space in the D, Lalremisiami played the ball to Salima Tete but she failed to ke-

epher shot on target. Despite India doing well in the first quarter, Australia showed their class early

Sunrisers reach second SA20 final in a row

Cape Town: Defending champions Sunrisers Eastern Cape reached their second consecutive Betway SA20 final after securing a convincing 51-run victory over Durban's Super Giants in the rain-affected Qualifier1here.

The match was stopped for around an hour due to heavy rain on Tuesday but no overs were lost. The final will be played on Saturday here while eliminator and second qualifier will take place in Johannesburg.

After Dawid Malan's (63) measured half century which helped Sunrisers put up a modest 157/8 on the board, the pace duo of Marco Jansen(4/16) and Ottniel Baartman (4/10) ripped through Durban's Super Giants' batting line-up, bowling them out for 106 in 19.3 overs.

The two shared eight wickets between them. The game-changer was Baartman, who took two wickets : In a maiden fourth over. PTI : said.

Halep doping ban appeal starts NZ hammer SA by 281 runs in first Test

Mount Maunganui: Black Caps seamer Kyle Jamieson claimed four wickets on Wednesday to drive New Zealand to a 281-run win over South Africa with a day to spare in the first Test.

Dogged resistance from the tourists ended with their dismissal for 247 at Mount Maunganui as the Black Caps notched their secondbiggest Test victory by runs. New Zealand are a step

previous failed attempts, dating back to 1931. Given their struggles at Bay Oval, the vastly inexperienced Proteas will need a dramatic turnaround to win the second and final Test,

closer to a maiden series win

over South Africa after 17

starting on Tuesday in Ha-Captain Neil Brand was one of six South African debutants and conceded his te-

am were well off the pace. "It's very deflating," he

"We were completely outplayed by a very good New Zealand team. "Our patience was tested

on this wicket. Guys got in, then got themselves out. which is disappointing. Hopefully we can compete more in the second Test."

The tourists were forced to name a depleted tour squad with most first-choice players involved in their domestic Twenty20 competition. New Zealand took control with 511 in their first innings and never looked like losing when the tourists were dismissed for 162.

The hosts declared at their overnight 179-4 before play began on Wednesday, leaving South Africa to chase an unrealistic target of 529. AFP

Brief scores: New Zealand 511

& 179/4 dec (Williamson 109, Conway 29, Brand 2-52) beat South Africa 162 & 247 (Bedingham 87, Jamieson 4-58, Santner 3-59) by 281 runs

Lausanne: The top court in global sport began hearing Alves had drunk former Wimbledon and French Open champion Si-

mona Halep's appeal against a doping suspension that could end her career. The 32-year-old Romanian arrived on Wednesday at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne for

three-day proceedings that she hopes will see her provisional suspension lifted. Halep has been provisionally suspended since October 2022 after testing positive for roxadustat, a banned drug

that stimulates the production of red blood cells, at the U.S. Open that year. Tennis anti-doping autho-

rities also charged Halep with another doping offence last year due to irregularities in her athlete biological passport (ABP), a method designed to monitor different blood parameters over time to reveal potential doping.

nied the charges.

The former world number : one has blamed contamina- accepted Halep's argument ruling might be made. REUTERS

Halep has vigorously de-

a lot, friend tells in rape trial

Barcelona: Ex-Brazil

international Dani Alves had drunk a lot of alcohol before entering the Barcelona nightclub where he allegedly raped a young woman, his friend told a court on day two of the footballer's trial.

Some 20 witnesses took the stand during the afternoon hearing at a Barcelona court for a session focused on Alves's state of inebriation and the victim's distress after the alleged

ted licensed supplements for her positive test at the U.S. Open. She has accused the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) of charging her with an ABP violation after the group of experts who assessed her profile learned

her identity. An independent tribunal Monday with the young woman victim testifying for over an hour from behind a screen to avoid being "visually confronted" by Alves in a closed-door hearing. One of the world's most decorated footballers who

The trial opened on

played for Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain during a storied career, Alves is accused of raping the woman in a VIP section of Barcelona's Sutton nightclub in the early hours of December 31, 2022.

The defender was arrested three weeks later and has been detained ever since. He denies all the charges. AFP

that she had taken a contaminated supplement but determined the volume she ingested could not have resulted in the concentration of roxadustat found in her positive sample. Halep will not make any statement until the proceedings ends, CAS said. The court said it was unclear when a

QATAR IN LINE FOR AN ENCORE

In Front Of Home Crowd; To Meet Jordan For Title Doha: Hosts and holders Qatar when Azmoun gave Iran the lead with squeezed into an Asian Cup final show- a well-taken finish, hooking the ball down with Jordan after beating Iran over his head and into the net. 3-2 with an 82nd-minute winner in a

frenetic semi-final on Wednesday. Qatar into their second straight final, further exorcising the demons of their first-round exit

at the 2022 World Cup. Qatar lost all three of their World Cup games on home soil just over a year ago, the worst record of any host in the competition's history.

But that was all a distant memory foul had been given in the build-up. as they celebrated in front of over 40,000 fans after a breathless encounter

at Al Thumama Stadium. Sardour Azmoun gave Iran the lead after the half-hour mark. in the fourth minute be-**ASIAN CUP**

fore Qatar equalised soon

after when Jassem Gaber's shot went in via a heavy deflection. Qatar's Akram Afif then notched his fifth goal of the tournament with a wonderful strike minutes before halftime, only for Iran to equalise through

an Alireza Jahanbakhsh penalty early

in the second period. Match-winner Ali scored an Asian Cup-record nine goals to lead Qatar to their first title in 2019 but he had managed only one heading into the semifinals of this year's tournament.

His late strike was worth the wait for Qatar, and ended Iran's bid for a first Asian title since 1976.

off in second-half injury time, before Jahanbakhsh hit the post in the final minute. The game had barely begun

Mehdi Taremi should have made it two when Jahanbakhsh teed him up Almoez Ali struck in Doha to send in front of goal soon after, and Qatar made them pay with the equal-

iser in the 17th minute.

Afif pulled the ball back for Gaber, whose shot on goal deflected off Iran's Saeed Ezatolahi and looped up over goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand.

Iran were incensed that no

AKRAM

The equaliser gave Qatar new energy but Afif failed to take advantage in a one-on-one with Beiranvand just

Afif made no mistake in the 43rd minute, curling home a superb strike after jinking his way into the box. Iran regrouped at half-time and drew level

A VAR check ruled that Qatar defender Ahmed Fatehi had blocked a goal-bound shot with his hand, and Jahanbakhsh made no mistake from the penalty spot. The action continued at breakneck speed and Ali restored Qatar's lead when he controlled a shot from Abdulaziz Hatem and turned it past Beiranvand. There was more than a hint of offside about the goal but it was allowed to stand. Iran were reduced to 10 men when Shoja Khalilzadeh was Iran had Shojae Khalilzadeh sent sent off for a foul on Afif, but Jahanbakhsh still came close to forcing extra time by hitting the post in the 14th minute of stoppage time. AGENCIES

just six minutes after the break.



KNIVES OUT FOR SMILING KLINSI

Doha: Juergen Klinsmann's position as South Korea coach came under intense pressure on Wednesday after what local media called a "shameful" and "humiliating" Asian Cup

who came into the tournament vowing to win South Korea's first Asian Cup in 64 years,

semi-final defeat to Jordan.

The German Klinsmann,

said after the deserved defeat on Tuesday that he would not quit. But the reaction of fans and media was scathing, saying the

JUERGEN KLINSMANN

latest example of questionable tactics and team selections. Most of all, Klinsmann's army of once more on the way he wears a ready-made smile, even in defeat.

Jordan collapse was just the

"While the players showed their

disappointment and forced smiles. Klinsmann's face was filled with laughter," said the Sports Hankook website. "It was a scene that was extremely perplexing to comprehend, considering he is the coach of the Korean national team."

A World Cup winner as a player for Germany, Klinsmann was never a very popular choice in South Korea.

He found a sympathetic ear in Tottenham star Son, who apologised to fans and said he felt sorry for Klinsmann, AFP

EGYPT NOW

TWIN BROTHERS IN CHARGE OF

Cairo: Egypt have put twin brothers in charge of their national team with Hossam Hassan taking over as coach and Ibrahim Hassan as team director. The Egyptian FA said that Hossam Hassan - the country's all-time top-scorer with 68 goals - will succeed Portuguese coach Rui Vitória, whom they fired Sunday after the team's disappointing

Africa Cup of Nations. As a forward, the Cairo-born Hossam Hassan helped Egypt to three of those titles. He has coached many Egyptian clubs and the Jordan national team. Ibrahim Hassan, a former defender, also played for Egypt. AGENCIES

Age group events: Lack of entries force call-off

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New Delhi: The Indian Olympic Association's (IOA) three -member ad-hoc committee, tasked to run the day-to-day affairs of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) after its suspension by the sports ministry, announced on Wednesday

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the postponement of the U15 and U20 national championships scheduled to be held in Gwalior from February 11 to 17.

The committee cited inability of some state associations to send their teams for trials and problems in making necessary logistical arrangements as reasons for indefinitely adjourning the age group Nationals.

"The ad-hoc committee is of the opinion that their problems are genuine and have decided to postpone the U20 & U15 Nationals. Once decided, revised schedule and location, if any, for organising the championship will be advised," the committee said in a statement.

However, it's been learnt that several state associations have refused to send entries for the event. It's partly because they owe their allegiance to Sanjay Singh, the president of the suspended WFI, and are likely under the pressure to not send entries for the meet.

It's been learnt that the committee didn't receive enough entries to organise the Nationals. The committee had previously announced that the championship would attract around 1200 wrestlers.

Nagal works his way into quarters of Chennai Open

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Chennai: Sumit Nagal's purple patch continued as he brushed past Italy's Giovanni Fonio in straight sets 7-5, 6-2 to qualify for the quarters of the ATP Chennai Open Challenger at the SDAT Tennis Stadium here on Wednesday. Nagal and Fonio held their respective serves till the ninth game of the opening set. From there, things started to fall apart for Fonio, as he managed to win only two games as the Indian ran away with the match.

In the first few games, Fonio made Nagal work for his

points. The Indian struck a few poor service returns at the start, making it easy for the Italian to hold. The Italian played to his strengths and relied on one-handed backhands. However, the 10th game changed the complexion of the match as Nagal broke Fonio for the first time.

In the second set, the Italian continued with the unforced errors which enabled Nagal to break early. Fonio found it hard to control his emotions and skied the ball outside the Centre Court, resulting in a code violation. His serve also faltered making it hard for Fonio to stage a comeback.

Korneeva ends Shrivalli's run

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Mumbai: Shrivalli Bhamidipaty's spirited run in the WTA \$125,000 L&T Mumbai Open came to an end on a windy Wednesday evening, as the Indian qualifier was beaten by highly rated Russian teenager Alina Korneeva 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 at the Cricket Club of India.

Bhamidipaty, the Indian national champion in both singles and doubles, had followed

up her impressive showing in the qualifiers here by rallying from a set down to shock the second seed Nao Hibino of Japan on Tuesday.

Following that win, she would reveal how she admired 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic, particularly for his legendary resilience on court. Clearly, as she has shown in this tournament, resilience is a quality the 22-year-old from Hyderabad hardly lacks herself.

MESSI WOWS TOKYO FANS AFTER HONG KONG NO SHOW Tokyo: Inter Miami's Lionel Messi Leverkusen: Jonathan Tah scored in

played 30 minutes of a friendly match in Japan on Wednesday, days after his no-show in a similar match sparked fury in Hong Kong. The Argentine superstar came in for the tail end of a goalless draw with Vissel Kobe in Tokyo, which his team lost 4-3 on penalties. He started on the bench for the pre-

season game against J-League side Kobe, worrying 28,614 spectators at the National Stadium, who chanted "Messi, Messi" in sporadic attempts to coax out the 36-year-old. They began to sense their good fortune early in the second half, when the eight-time Ballon d'Or winner and other substitutes began warming up.

After the game, Miami coach Gerardo Martino said the decision to use Messi was made Tuesday afternoon.

People rush to

MP blast site

looking for

missing kin

here are a lot of rumours

Tabrez Khan, a resident of

on Tuesday most were attend-

ing a wedding, he said. "Had it

been any other day, it would

have been catastrophic for our

gone district arrived looking

for workers Dhara Singh of

Ambapura village and Kailash

Singh of Nangalwadi village.

Kailash's mother said, "My son

and daughter-in-law worked

here. She survived, but

couldn't find Kailash so she

called me. I rushed to Harda

(200km away). Dhara is from a

neighbouring village. Both of

them have two children." An-

other Harda resident came

looking for her aunt, Shakun

the heat inside the rubble is

estimated to have reached

1,500 degrees Celsius, hotter

than an electric crematorium,

hot enough to melt steel and

concrete, "If people were

trapped here, there would

hardly be anything left ex-

A firefighter told TOI that

Bai (50) of Shukla Mohalla.

Two families from Khar-

family," Tabrez said.

going on here. When we

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Sunday when Messi and the team's coowner David Beckham were booed by tens of thousands of fans in Hong Kong after the star did not play in a friendly, citing injury. Tickets for the Japan leg of the MLS club's globe-trotting pre-season tour cost between 10,000 yen (\$68) and 200,000 yen (\$1,346) with "special experience" packages priced even higher. AFP

LEVERKUSEN GET **CUP SEMIS BOOST BEFORE BAYERN TIE**

the 90th minute to send Bayer Leverkusen through to the German Cup semifinals with a 3-2 win at home over Stuttgart on Tuesday. The win will be a crucial confidence boost for Leverkusen ahead of Saturday's home date with Bayern Munich, who sit two points behind them in the league.

Southampton book Liverpool date London: Southampton set up an FA Cup clash with Liverpool as Sekou Mara struck twice in a 3-0 defeat of fellow Championship side Watford in a fourth round replay on Tuesday. Leeds United also advanced as they overcame Plymouth Argyle 4-1 after extra time. Leeds will play either Chelsea or Aston Villa.

MALLORCA AND SOCIEDAD IN FIRST LEG STALEMATE

Palma: Real Mallorca and Real Sociedad cancelled each other out in a cagey 0-0 draw in the first leg of their Copa del Rey semifinal at a packed Son Moix stadium on Tuesday.

Visiting Sociedad had the better of the few clear-cut chances with Umar Sadig somehow failing to score from point-blank range in a marginally more exciting second half.

Mallorca talisman Abdon Prats went closest for the islanders with a volley midway through the first half and another low shot just off target early in the second half. Sociedad will be favourites to progress from the second leg on Feb. 27.

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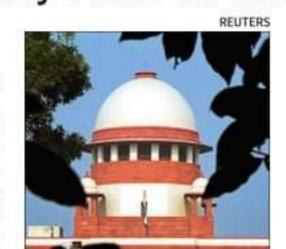
SG: Lack of sub-classification perpetuates inequality zone

SC To Hear Today Views Of Those Who Challenged Sub-Quota

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questioned people, we were told that there was a rguing before a bench of CJI D Y Chandra-15x15-foot basement used for storage. We have checked all ▲ chud and Justices B R the floors. Gravel and other Gavai, Vikram Nath, Bela M materials that are found be-Trivedi, Pankaj Mithal, Malow the floors were seen, indinoj Misra and Satish C Sharcating that there is no basema, Venkataramani said the ment. Still, we are checking Chinnaiah judgment overthe entire area to rule out that looked intense disparity there was any basement," among the SC communities and erroneously treated Sharma told reporters. TOI was there when the them as a homogeneous first seekers approached the group. The AG said once the "lost and found" desk set up on Centre and Parliament insite. All of them had made the cluded a community in the SC list, states should have rounds of hospitals and checked official data before been given freedom to take reporting them missing. measures to end inequality

Manpur locality in Harda city, by rationalisation of quota came looking for his aunt, Jaiamong the groups. jun Bi (57). "My aunt's son Eliminating the space for Abid, alias Addu(22), died in ambiguity over the Union the accident. Both of them govt's support to sub-classification of SC communities, worked at the factory. Abid's body was found but we can't Mehta said the Centre was find any trace of his mother,' committed to the declared Tabrez told TOI. policy of reservation for Several of his family mem backward classes as a meabers worked at the factory but sure of affirmative action to



There is no homogeneity in the degree of suffering of each of the communities in terms of discrimination, the SC said

bring equality to those who suffered hundreds of years of discrimination.

He said sub-classification of SCs for graded distribution of quota benefits depending on the severity of their social and educational deprivation in the larger category would ensure a trickledown effect. This would provide the Centre and states "with appropriate free play to frame policies in furtherance of the high constitutional ideal of social justice, which

seeks to achieve de-facto equality of opportunity". "Lack of sub-classifica-

tion perpetuates the zone of inequality within the reserved category and prevents govts from framing an appropriate policy in this regard. Reservation benefits are limited in nature. The state can only reserve a limited number of seats in govt higher education institutions and posts in jobs. It is important to rationally distribute the limited number of reserved seats and jobs to achieve the purpose of achieving social

equality," Mehta said. The CJI-led bench remarked that "there is no homogeneity in the degree of suffering of each of these communities in terms of discrimination and ostracisation through the centuries", which was in conformity with Sibal's submissions.

The convergence of opinion from senior advocate Shekhar Naphade (Tamil Nadu), Sidharth Luthra (Telan-

gana), K K Venugopal (for an Andhra Pradesh SC community), S Muralidhar (Andhra Pradesh), Arun Bhardwaj (Haryana), Nidhesh Gupta, Salman Khurshid, Rakesh Khanna, D S Naidu and Go-Shankaranarayanan helped the seven-judge bench race through their submissions, signalling a swift conclusion of hearing.

For Chandigarh administration, advocate Kanu Agrawal presented a chart delineating the constitutional provisions relating to identification of communities for inclusion in the SC list by the central govt and the consequential affirmative action through Articles 15 and 16, which he said should be left to states.

On Thursday, SC will hear opposing views from those who challenged subclassification of SC communities resulting in quashing of the legislations by Andhra Pradesh in 2000 and by Punjab in 2006.

Sharad Pawar's name enough to garner votes: **Rohit Pawar**

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or registration as a political party, the Sharad Pawar group will have to follow the process and conditions laid down in Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act as well as EC guidelines in this regard. Once floated, a party must apply to EC for registration — along with documents like the party Constitution, list of office bearers, and affidavits of 100 members including officer-bearers, etc within 30 days. Former senior adviser to EC S K Mendiratta said there is usually some back and forth exchanges between the party and EC on getting the documentation right.

After EC finds the application in order, the poll body, as per its guidelines, asks the applicant party to issue a public notice (through newspaper advertisements) and invites objections to the proposed party name over a 30-day period. However, there have been relaxations of this 30-day window, with EC having reduced it to seven days for assembly polls held during Covid pandemic.

It needs to be seen if EC will repeat such a relaxation, that too for a single party, as it may like to reserve this option for extraordinary and unprecedented situations. EC is expected to announce polls to the Lok Sabha and four state assemblies by early March.

When the party is registered, EC may allot it one of the 'free' symbols (other than the 'reserved' symbols) or any other symbol sought by the party along with its drawing, as long as it does not resemble the reserved symbol of any other party or violates EC norms on poll symbols like it not being a religious one or depicting an animal.

Grandnephew of Sharad Pawar and MLA Rohit Pawar said on Wednesday that Sharad Pawar's name was enough for his party to get the support of voters. Taking a dig at Ajit Pawar and others leaders supporting him, Rohit said they also got elected because they : were with Sharad Pawar.

Nitish meets PM, Shah; says won't leave NDA again

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JP is in touch with Akali Dal, which left NDA to protest against the farm bills, for a fresh tie-up, according to sources. Akali chief Sukhbir Badal is believed to have held preliminary talks with a senior BJP functionary for an alliance in Punjab where both parties have struggled to stay afloat.

The move will find support from many in BJP who held the alliance to be crucial for strengthening the Hindu-Sikh bond in the border state and had argued for the party to persevere with Akalis, a "natural ally", even when their unpopularity had turned the tie up into a costly affair for BJP.

Sources also confirmed that talks with Jayant Chaudhary were progressing well with the scion of Jat patriarch, late Chaudhary Charan Singh, willing to settle for seats fewer than seven offered to him by Samajwadi Party on behalf of INDIA. Sources said a formal announcement was held up not so much because of the number of seats RLD wants to contest but because of specific seats it has claimed.

A flurry of negotiations took place on a day Bihar CM Nitish Kumar met PM Modi in what was their first meeting after JD(U) president dumped INDIA bloc and joined NDA last month and later reiterated that he woul-



when serving as CM with BJP's support, met home minister Amit Shah and BJP chief J P Nadda and is believed to have discussed a host of governance and political issues related to Bihar. In brief remarks to re-

porters, Kumar recalled his association with BJP since 1995, before he broke ties in 2013, and said he might have left it twice but will never do it now. "Never now. We will remain here (in NDA)," he said.

The meetings came five days ahead of Kumar's govt facing a trust vote in the assembly on Feb 12. BJP and JD(U) contest-

ed 17 seats each in Bihar in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls while Lok Janshakti Party, now divided into two factions, contested six. NDA now also includes former Bihar CM Jitan Ram Manjhi and former Union minister Upendra Kushwaha.

2 cops die in J'khand Red encounter

Chatra: Two constables were killed and three sustained bullet injuries in an encounter with extremists of the banned Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee (TSPC) in Jharkhand's Chatra district Wednesday afternoon. One of the injured cops, whose condition was critical, was airlifted to Ranchi, re-: ports Vishvendu Jaipuriar. to control the extremists.

Chief minister Champai Soren condemned the attack and ordered officials to ensure the best treatment for the injured cops. "Govt stands with the families of the martyred constables and will provide them with all possible help," Champai said, adding that govt was taking all necessary steps

U'khand assembly gives nod to UCC bill

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among these communities

Dehradun: The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) bill, which was tabled by CM Dhami in the state assembly on Tuesday, was passed in the house on Wednesday. After approval from the governor and President, it would be enacted as law, making Uttarakhand the first state after independence to implement UCC.

After day-long discussions on the bill during which opposition members demanded that the bill should be sent to a standing committee to examine certain provisions like registration of live-in relationships, the bill eventually went through with a voice cept, perhaps, teeth," he said. : vote around 6 pm.

The bill has seven schedules and 392 sections, focusing on four key areas — marriage, divorce, inheritance and live-in relationships. There are provisions for ending practices of polygamy, polyandry, halala and iddat, besides giving equal inheritance rights to males and females. There are stringent provisions for registration of live-in relationships, failure to do so can invite jail term up to six months and/or fine up to Rs 25,000.

While addressing the house, the chief minister said, "Today is the start of a positive movement which aims to bring uniformity in society and at the same time, empower women and make them self-reliant.

UTTARAKHAND UCC: LIVE-IN COUPLES MUST REGISTER OR FACE JAIL

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INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Our Company was incorporated as Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited under the Companies Act, 1956 on May 10, 2005, in New Delhi with the Registrar of Companies, Delhi and Haryana at New Delhi ("RoC") and received a certificate for commencement of business from the RoC on January 10, 2006. Our Company has obtained a certificate of registration dated December 28, 2005, bearing registration number 02.0063.05. from the National Housing Bank ("NHB") to carry on the business of a housing finance institution without accepting public deposits in accordance with Section 29A of National Housing Bank Act, 1987. For details of changes in our registered office, please see the section entitled "General Information – Changes in the registered office of our Company" on page 71 of the Letter of Offer.

> Registered Office: 5th Floor, Building No. 27, KG Marg Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110 001, India; Telephone No.: +91 11 4353 2950 Corporate Office: One International Center, Tower 1, 18th Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg, Elphinstone Road, Mumbai – 400 013, Maharashtra, India; and Plot No. 422B, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurugram, Haryana - 122 016; Telephone No.: +91 22 6189 1400

Contact Person: Amit Kumar Jain, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer;; E-mail: helpdesk@indiabulls.com; Website: www.indiabullshomeloans.com Corporate Identity Number: L65922DL2005PLC136029

OUR COMPANY IS A PROFESSIONALLY MANAGED COMPANY AND DOES NOT HAVE AN IDENTIFIABLE PROMOTER

FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION TO THE ELIGIBLE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (THE "COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") ONLY

ISSUE OF UP TO 246,226,515 PARTLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹2.00 EACH OF THE COMPANY (THE "RIGHTS EQUITY SHARES") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹150.00 PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹148.00 PER EQUITY SHARE) AGGREGATING TO ₹36,933.98* MILLION ON A RIGHTS BASIS TO THE ELIGIBLE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY IN THE RATIO OF 1 RIGHTS EQUITY SHARES FOR EVERY 2 FULLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES HELD BY THE ELIGIBLE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS ON THE RECORD DATE, THAT IS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 ("RECORD DATE") (THE "ISSUE"). FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE SEE THE SECTION ENTITLED "TERMS OF THE ISSUE" ON PAGE 674 OF THE LETTER OF OFFER.

* Assuming full subscription and receipt of all Call Monies with respect to Rights Equity Shares

RIGHTS ISSUE OPEN

LAST DATE FOR ON MARKET RENUNCIATION* FEBRUARY 8, 2024

ISSUE CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

*Eligible Equity Shareholders are requested to ensure that renunciation through off-market transfer is completed in such a manner that the Rights Entitlements are credited to the demat accounts of the Renouncees on or prior to the Issue Closing Date.

**Our Board or the Securities Issuance and Investment Committee will have the right to extend the Issue Period as it may determine from time to time but not exceeding 30 days from the Issue Opening Date (inclusive of the Issue Opening Date). Further, no withdrawal of Application shall be permitted by any Applicant after the Issue Closing Date.

ASBA* | Simple, Safe, Smart way of making an application - Make use of it!!!

*Applications supported by blocked amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocked. *Applications supported by blocked amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocking the fund in the bank account. For further details, check section on ASBA below.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE RIGHTS EQUITY SHARES									
Amount Payable per Rights Equity Share	Face Value (₹)	Premium (₹)	Total (₹)						
On Application	0.67	49.33	50.00						
Additional Call(s) as may be decided by the Board / Securities Issuance and Investment Committee from time to time	1.33	98.67	100.00						
Total	2.00	148.00	150.00						

*For further details on Payment Schedule, see "Terms of the Issue - Payment Schedule of Rights Equity Shares" on page 689 of the Letter of Offer.

Facilities for Application in this Issue

In accordance with Regulation 76 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the ASBA Circulars, all Investors desiring to make an Application in this Issue are mandatorily required to use the ASBA process. Investors should carefully read the provisions applicable to such Applications before making their Application through ASBA. For details, see "Terms of the Issue - Making an Application through the ASBA process" on page 677 of the Letter of Offer.

ASBA facility: An Investor, wishing to participate in this Issue through the ASBA facility, is required to have an ASBA enabled bank account with SCSBs, prior to making the Application. Investors desiring to make an Application in this Issue through ASBA process, may submit the Application Form in physical mode to the Designated Branches of the SCSB or online/ electronic Application through the website of the SCSBs (if made available by such SCSB) for authorizing such SCSB to block Application Money payable on the Application in their respective ASBAAccounts.

Investors applying through the ASBA facility should carefully read the provisions applicable before making their Application through the ASBA process For details, see "Terms of the Issue - Making an Application through the ASBA process" on page 677 of the Letter of Offer.

Please note that subject to SCSBs complying with the requirements of SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/DIL/13/2012 dated September 25, 2012, within the periods stipulated therein, Applications may be submitted at the Designated Branches of the SCSBs.

Further, in terms of the SEBI Circular CIR/CFD/DIL/1/2013 dated January 2, 2013, it is clarified that for making Applications by SCSBs on their own account using ASBA facility, each such SCSB should have a separate account in its own name with any other SEBI registered SCSB(s). Such account shall be used solely for the purpose of making an Application in this Issue and clear demarcated funds should be available in such account for such an Application.

CREDIT OF RIGHTS ENTITLEMENTS IN DEMAT ACCOUNTS OF ELIGIBLE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS: Pursuant to provisions of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and the SEBI ICDR Master Circular and in terms of the Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlements of the Eligible Equity Shareholders will be credited in their respective demat account and shall be admitted for trading on the Stock Exchanges under the ISIN: INE148I20012 subject to requisite approvals. For details of credit of the Rights Entitlements, see "Terms of the Issue - Credit of Rights Entitlements in demat accounts of Eligible Equity Shareholders" on page 687 of the Letter of Offer. In accordance with Regulation 77A of the SEBI ICDR Regulations read with the SEBI ICDR Master Circular, the credit of Rights Entitlements and Allotment of Rights Equity Shares shall be made in dematerialized form only.

Eligible Equity Shareholders are requested to provide relevant details (such as copies of self-attested PAN and client master sheet of demat account etc., details/records confirming the legal and beneficial ownership of their respective Equity Shares) to the Company or the Registrar not later than two clear Working Days prior to the Issue Closing Date, i.e., by February 9, 2024 to enable the credit of their Rights Entitlements by way of transfer from the demat suspense escrow account to their demat account at least one day before the Issue Closing Date, to enable such Eligible Equity Shareholders to make an application in this Issue, and this communication shall serve as an intimation to such Eligible Equity Shareholders in this regard. Such Eligible Equity Shareholders are also requested to ensure that their demat account is active, details of which have been provided to the Company or the Registrar, to facilitate the aforementioned transfer.

APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED BY BLOCKED AMOUNT (ASBA): An Investor, wishing to participate in this Issue through the ASBA facility, is required to have an ASBA enabled bank account with SCSBs, prior to making the Application. Investors desiring to make an Application in this Issue through ASBA process, may submit the Application Form in physical mode to the Designated Branch of the SCSB or online / electronic Application through the website of the SCSBs (if made available by such SCSB) for authorising such SCSB to block Application Money payable on the Application in their respective ASBA Accounts. For list of banks which have been notified by SEBI to act as SCSBs for the ASBA process, please refer to https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do? doRecognised Fpi=yes&intmld=34. Investors should ensure that they have correctly submitted the Application Form and have provided an authorisation to the SCSB, via the electronic mode, for blocking funds in the ASBA Account equivalent to the Application Money mentioned in the Application Form, as the case may be, at the time of submission of the Application. For details on Designated Branches of SCSBs collecting the Application Form, please refer the above-mentioned link.

ELIGIBLE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS UNDER THE ASBA PROCESS MAY PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EQUITY SHARES UNDER THE ASBA PROCESS CAN BE ALLOTTED ONLY IN DEMATERIALIZED FORM AND TO THE SAME DEPOSITORY ACCOUNT IN WHICH THE EQUITY SHARES ARE HELD BY SUCH ASBA APPLICANT ON THE RECORD DATE.

INVESTORS MUST ENSURE THAT THEIR PAN IS LINKED WITH AADHAAR AND THAT THEY ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CBDT NOTIFICATION DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2020, PRESS RELEASE DATED JUNE 25, 2021 AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2021, CBDT CIRCULAR NO. 7 OF 2022, DATED MARCH 30, 2022, READ WITH PRESS RELEASE DATED MARCH 28, 2023, READ WITH SUBSEQUENT CIRCULARS ISSUED IN RELATION THERETO.

APPLICATION ON PLAIN PAPER: An Eligible Equity Shareholder in India who is eligible to apply under the ASBA process may make an Application to subscribe to this Issue on plain paper in case of non-receipt of Application Form as detailed above and only such plain paper applications which provide all the details required in terms of Regulation 78 of SEBI ICDR Regulations shall be accepted by SCSBs. In such cases of non-receipt of the Application Form through physical delivery (where applicable) and the Eligible Equity Shareholder not being in a position to obtain it from any other source may make an Application to subscribe to this Issue on plain paper with the same details as per the Application Form that is available on the website of the Registrar, Stock Exchanges or the Lead Manager. An Eligible Equity Shareholder shall submit the plain paper Application to the Designated Branch of the SCSB for authorising such SCSB to block Application Money in the said bank account maintained with the same SCSB. Applications on plain paper will not be accepted from any Eligible Equity Shareholder who has not provided an Indian address.

Additionally, in terms of Regulation 78 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, Investors may choose to accept the offer to participate in this Issue by making plain paper Applications. Please note that SCSBs shall accept such applications only if all details required for making the application as per the SEBI ICDR Regulations are specified in the plain paper application. In cases where Multiple Application Forms are submitted for Applications pertaining to Rights Entitlements credited to the same demat account including cases where an Investor submits Application Forms along with a plain paper Application, such Applications shall be liable to be rejected. Please note that in terms of Regulation 78 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations the Eligible Equity Shareholders who are making the Application on plain paper shall not be entitled to renounce their Rights Entitlements and should not utilize the Application Form for any purpose including renunciation even if it is received subsequently. Continued on next page...

The Application on plain paper, duly signed by the Eligible Equity Shareholder including joint holders, in the same order and as per specimen recorded with his/her bank, must reach the office of the Designated Branch of the SCSB before the Issue Closing Date and should contain the following particulars:

1. Name of our Company, being Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited; 2. Name and address of the Eligible Equity Shareholder including joint holders (in the same order and as per specimen recorded with our Company or the Depository); 3. Folio Number (in case of Eligible Equity Shareholders who hold Equity Shares in physical form as on Record Date)/DP and Client ID; 4. Except for Applications on behalf of the Central or State Government, the residents of Sikkim and the officials appointed by the courts, PAN of the Eligible Equity Shareholder and for each Eligible Equity Shareholder in case of joint names, irrespective of the total value of the Equity Shares applied for pursuant to this Issue; 5. Number of Equity Shares held as on Record Date; 6. Allotment option - only dematerialised form; 7. Number of Rights Equity Shares entitled to; 8. Number of Rights Equity Shares applied for within the Rights Entitlements; 9. Number of Additional Rights Equity Shares applied for, if any (applicable only if entire Rights Entitlements have been applied for); 10. Total number of Rights Equity Shares applied for; 11. Total amount paid at the rate of ₹50.00 per Rights Equity Share; 12. Details of the ASBA Account such as the SCSB account number, name, address and branch of the relevant SCSB; 13.In case of non-resident Eligible Equity Shareholders making an application with an Indian address, details of the NRE / FCNR/ NRO account such as the account number, name, address and branch of the SCSB with which the account is maintained; 14. Authorisation to the Designated Branch of the SCSB to block an amount equivalent to the Application Money in the ASBAAccount; 15. Signature of the Eligible Equity Shareholder (in case of joint holders, to appear in the same sequence and order as they appear in the records of the SCSB); 16.An approval obtained from any regulatory authority, if required, shall be obtained by the Eligible Equity Shareholders and a copy of such approval from any regulatory authority, as may be required shall be sent to the Registrar at: KFin Technologies Limited (formerly known as KFin Technologies Private Limited) Selenium Tower B PlotNo.31 and32 Financial District, Nanakramguda Serilingampally, Hyderabad-500 032 Telangana, India Telephone No.: +91 40 6716 2222, E-mail: ihfl.rights@kfintech.com, Investor Grievance e-mail einward.ris@kfintech.com, Contact person: M. Murali Krishna, Website: www.kfintech.com, SEBI Registration No.: INR000000221; and 17.AII such Eligible Equity Shareholders shall be deemed to have made the representations, warranties and agreements set forth in "Restrictions on Purchases and Resales" on page 704, and shall include the following:

"I/ We hereby make representations, warranties and agreements set forth in "Restrictions on Purchases and Resales - Representations, Warranties and Agreements by Purchasers" on page 704 of the Letter of Offer.

I/ We acknowledge that the Company, the Lead Manager, its affiliates and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the representations, warranties and agreements set forth therein."

In cases where Multiple Application Forms are submitted for Applications pertaining to Rights Entitlements credited to the same demat account or in demat suspense escrow account, as applicable, including cases where an Investor submits Application Forms along with a plain paper Application such Applications shall be liable to be rejected.

Investors are requested to strictly adhere to these instructions. Failure to do so could result in an Application being rejected, with our Company, the Lead Manager and the Registrar not having any liability to the Investor. The plain paper Application format will be available on the website of the Registrar at https://rights.kfintech.com.

Our Company, the Lead Manager and the Registrar shall not be responsible if the Applications are not uploaded by the SCSB or funds are not blocked in the Investors' ASBA Accounts on or before the Issue Closing Date.

OVERSEAS SHAREHOLDERS: The distribution of the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Application Form, the Rights Entitlement Letter, any other Issue material and the issue of the Rights Entitlement and the Rights Equity Shares on a rights basis to persons in certain jurisdictions outside India is restricted by legal requirements prevailing in those jurisdictions. Persons into whose possession the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Application Form or the Rights Entitlements Letter may come, are required to inform themselves about and observe such restrictions. Our Company is making this Issue on a rights basis to the Eligible Equity Shareholders and has dispatched the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Application Form and other Issue material only to the e-mail addresses of Eligible Equity Shareholders who have provided an Indian address to our Company. Those overseas shareholders who have not updated our records with their Indian address or the address of their duly authorised representative in India, prior to the date on which we have sent an e-mail or sent a physical copy of the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Application Form and other applicable Issue materials, have not been sent any Issue materials.

NO OFFER IN THE UNITED STATES

The Rights Entitlements and the Rights Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"), or any U.S. state securities laws and may not be offered, sold, resold or otherwise transferred within the United States of America or the territories or possessions thereof (United States or U.S.), except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. The Rights Entitlements and Rights Equity shares referred to in the Letter of Offer are being offered and sold outside the United States in "offshore transactions", as defined in and in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act to the existing Shareholders located in jurisdictions where such offer and sale of the Rights Equity Shares and / or Rights Entitlements are permitted under laws of such jurisdictions. The offering to which the Letter of Offer relates is not, and under no circumstances is to be construed as an offering of any of the Rights Equity Shares or the Rights Entitlement for sale in the United States or as a solicitation therein of an offer to buy any of the Rights Equity Shares or Rights Entitlement. There is no intention to register any portion of the Issue or any of the securities described herein in the United States or to conduct a public offering of securities in the United States. Accordingly, the Issue Documents and the Application Form should not be forwarded to or transmitted in or into the United States at any time.

Neither our Company, nor any person acting on behalf of our Company, will accept a subscription or renunciation or purchase of the Rights Equity Shares and/ or Rights Entitlements from any person, or the agent of any person, who appears to be, or who our Company, or any person acting on behalf of our Company, has reason to believe is, in the United States when the buy order is made. No Application Form should be postmarked in the United States, electronically transmitted from the United States or otherwise dispatched from the United States or from any other jurisdiction where it would be illegal to make an offer of securities under the Letter of Offer. Our Company is making this Issue on a rights basis to the Eligible Equity Shareholders and has dispatched the Letter of Offer or the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Application Form and other applicable Issue materials primarily to the e-mail addresses of the Eligible Equity Shareholders who have provided an Indian address to our Company. Any person who acquires Rights Entitlements or Rights Equity Shares will be deemed to have declared, warranted and agreed, by accepting the delivery of the Letter of Offer, that it is not and that at the time of subscribing for the Rights Equity Shares or the Rights Entitlements, it will not be, in the United States and is authorized to acquire the Rights Entitlements and the Rights Equity Shares in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Our Company is making the Issue on a rights basis to the Eligible Equity Shareholders and the Letter of Offer / the Abridged Letter of Offer and the Application Form have been dispatched only to the Eligible Equity Shareholders who have provided an Indian address to our Company. Any person who acquires the Rights Entitlements and the Rights Equity Shares will be deemed to have declared, represented, warranted and agreed, by accepting the delivery of the Letter of Offer, that, (i) it is not and that at the time of subscribing for such Rights Equity Shares or acquiring the Rights Entitlements, it will not be, in the United States; does not have a registered address (and is not otherwise located) in the United States when the buy order is made; and (iii) it is authorised to acquire the Rights Entitlements and the Rights Equity Shares in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Our Company reserves the right to treat any Application Form as invalid which: (i) does not include the certification set out in the Application Form to the effect that the subscriber does not have a registered address (and is not otherwise located) in the United States and is authorised to acquire the Rights Equity Shares or the Rights Entitlement in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations; (ii) appears to us or our agents to have been executed in, electronically transmitted or dispatched from a person located in the United States; (iii) where a registered Indian address is not provided; or (iv) where our Company believes that Application Form is incomplete or acceptance of such Application Form may infringe applicable legal or regulatory requirements; and our Company shall not be bound to allot or issue any Rights Equity Shares or Rights Entitlement in respect of any such Application Form. The Rights Entitlements may not be transferred or sold to any person in the United States.

LAST DATE FOR APPLICATION: The last date for submission of the duly filled in the Application Form or a plain paper Application is Tuesday, February 13, 2024., i.e., Issue Closing Date. Our Board or any committee thereof may extend the said date for such period as it may determine from time to time, subject to the Issue Period not exceeding 30 days from the Issue Opening Date (inclusive of the Issue Opening Date).

If the Application Form is not submitted with an SCSB, uploaded with the Stock Exchanges and the Application Money is not blocked with the SCSB, on or before the Issue Closing Date or such date as may be extended by our Board or any committee thereof, the invitation to offer contained in the Letter of Offer shall be deemed to have been declined and our Board or any committee thereof shall be at liberty to dispose of the Equity Shares hereby offered, as set out in the section entitled "Terms of the Issue - Basis of Allotment" on page 696.

Please note that on the Issue Closing Date, (i) Applications through ASBA process will be uploaded until 5.00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time) or such extended time as permitted by the Stock Exchanges.

Please ensure that the Application Form and necessary details are filled in. In place of Application number, Investors can mention the reference number of the e-mail received from Registrar informing about their Rights Entitlement or last eight digits of the demat account. Alternatively, SCSBs may mention their internal reference number in place of application number.

ALLOTMENT ONLY IN DEMATERIALISED FORM: In accordance with Regulation 77A of the SEBI ICDR Regulations read with the SEBI ICDR Master Circular, the credit of Rights Entitlements and Allotment of Rights Equity Shares shall be made in dematerialized form only. Prior to the Issue

Opening Date, our Company shall credit the Rights Entitlements to (i) the demat accounts of the Eligible Equity Shareholders holding the Equity Shares in dematerialised form; and (ii) a demat suspense escrow account (namely, "Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited RE Suspense Demat Account") opened by our Company, for the Eligible Equity Shareholders which would comprise Rights Entitlements relating to (a) Equity Shares held in the account of the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) authority; or (b) the demat accounts of the Eligible Equity Shareholder which are frozen or the Equity Shares which are lying in the unclaimed suspense account (including those pursuant to Regulation 39 of the SEBI LODR Regulations) or details of which are unavailable with our Company or with the Registrar on the Record Date; or (c) Equity Shares held by Eligible Equity Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form as on Record Date where details of demat accounts are not provided by Eligible Equity Shareholders to our Company or Registrar; or (d) credit of the Rights Entitlements returned/reversed/failed; or (e) the ownership of the Equity Shares currently under dispute, including any court proceedings, if any. For further details, see "Terms of the Issue - Making of an Application by Eligible Equity Shareholders holding Equity Shares in physical form" on page 696 of the Letter of Offer.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RIGHTS ENTITLEMENT WHICH ARE NEITHER RENOUNCED NOR SUBSCRIBED BY THE INVESTORS ON OR BEFORE THE ISSUE CLOSING DATE SHALL LAPSE AND SHALL BE EXTINGUISHED AFTER THE ISSUE CLOSING DATE. THE LEAD MANAGER AND OUR COMPANY ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY TO BEAR OR PAY ANY COST, APPLICABLE TAXES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING BROKERAGE), AND SUCH COSTS WILL BE INCURRED SOLELY BY THE INVESTORS.

INVESTORS MAY PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RIGHTS EQUITY SHARES CAN BE TRADED ON THE STOCK EXCHANGES ONLY IN DEMATERIALISED FORM.

LISTING: The existing Equity Shares of the Company are listed on BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE" and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges). The Company has received "in-principle" approvals from BSE and NSE for listing the Rights Equity Shares to be allotted pursuant to the Issue through their respective letters, each dated January 19, 2024. Our Company has received trading approval from BSE and NSE for the Rights Entitlements as required under the SEBI ICDR Master Circular. For the purposes of the Issue, the Designated Stock Exchange is NSE.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF SEBI: Submission of Letter of Offer to SEBI should not in any way be deemed or construed that SEBI has cleared or approved the Letter of Offer. The Investors are advised to refer to the full text of the Disclaimer clause of SEBI as provided in "Other Regulatory and Statutory Disclosures - Disclaimer Clause of SEBI" on pages 667-670 of the Letter of Offer.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF BSE: It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE should not, in anyway, be deemed or construed that the Letter of Offer has been cleared or approved by BSE; nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Letter of Offer. The Investors are advised to refer to the full text of the Disclaimer clause of BSE as provided in Other Regulatory and Statutory Disclosures -Disclaimer Clause of BSE" on pages 670 and 671 of the Letter of Offer.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF NSE (Designated Stock Exchange): It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Letter of Offer has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Letter of Offer. The Investors are advised to refer to the full text of the Disclaimer clause of NSE as provided in "Other Regulatory and Statutory Disclosures - Disclaimer Clause of NSE" on page 671 of the Letter of Offer.

BANKER TO THE ISSUE / REFUND BANK: HDFC Bank Limited

MONITORING AGENCY: CRISIL Ratings Limited

DISPATCH AND AVAILABILITY OF ISSUE MATERIALS: In accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations and SEBI ICDR Master Circular, the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Application Form, the Rights Entitlement Letter and other Issue material have been sent/dispatched only to the Eligible Equity Shareholders who have provided their Indian address to our Company and who are located in jurisdictions where the offer and sale of the Rights Entitlement or Rights Equity Shares is permitted under laws of such jurisdiction and does not result in and may not be construed as, a public offering in such jurisdictions. In case such Eligible Equity Shareholders have provided their valid e-mail address, the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Application Form, the Rights Entitlement Letter and other Issue material have been sent only to their valid e-mail address and in case such Eligible Equity Shareholders have not provided their e-mail address, then the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Application Form, the Rights Entitlement Letter and other Issue material have been physically dispatched, on a reasonable effort basis, to the Indian addresses provided by them.

Further, this Letter of Offer was sent/ dispatched to the Eligible Equity Shareholders who have provided Indian address and who have made a request in this regard. In accordance with the above, the dispatch of the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter alongwith the Application Form has been completed on February 02, 2024 by the Registrar.

Investors can access this Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer and the Application Form (provided that the Eligible Equity Shareholder is eligible to subscribe for the Rights Equity Shares under applicable laws) on the websites of:

(i) our Company at www.indiabullshomeloans.com; (ii) the Registrar at https://rights.kfintech.com; (iii) the Lead Manager, i.e., Nuvama Wealth Management Limited (formerly known as Edelweiss Securities Limited) at https://www.nuvama.com/; and InCred Capital Wealth Portfolio Managers Private Limited at www.incredequities.com (iv) the Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com.

To update the respective Indian addresses/e-mail addresses/phone or mobile numbers in the records maintained by the Registrar or by our Company, Eligible Equity Shareholders should visit https://rights.kfintech.com. Eligible Equity Shareholders can also obtain the details of their respective Rights Entitlements from the website of the Registrar (i.e., https://rights.kfintech.com) by entering their DP ID and Client ID or Folio Number (for Eligible Equity Shareholders who hold Equity Shares in physical form as on Record Date) and PAN. The link for the same shall also be available on the website of our Company (i.e., www.indiabullshomeloans.com).

Further, our Company along with the Lead Manager will undertake all adequate steps to reach out the Eligible Equity Shareholders who have provided their Indian address through other means, as may be feasible.

Please note that neither our Company nor the Registrar nor the Lead Manager shall be responsible for not sending the physical copies of Issue Materials, including this Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter and the Application Form or delay in the receipt of this Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter, the Application Form or other Issue Materials attributable to non-availability of the e-mail addresses of Eligible Equity Shareholders or electronic transmission delays or failures, or if the Application Forms or the Rights Entitlement Letters are delayed or misplaced in the transit.

The distribution of the Letter of Offer, Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter and the issue of Rights Equity Shares on a rights basis to persons in certain jurisdictions outside India is restricted by legal requirements prevailing in those jurisdictions. No action has been, or will be, taken to permit this Issue in any jurisdiction where action would be required for that purpose, except that this Letter of Offer is being filed with SEBI and the Stock Exchanges. Accordingly, the Rights Entitlements and Rights Equity Shares may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter, the Application Form or any Issue related materials or advertisements in connection with this Issue may not be distributed, in any jurisdiction, except in accordance with and as permitted under the legal requirements applicable in such jurisdiction. Receipt of this Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter or the Application Form (including by way of electronic means) will not constitute an offer, invitation to or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction or in any circumstances in which such an offer, invitation or solicitation is unlawful or not authorised or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer, invitation or solicitation. In those circumstances, this Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter or the Application Form must be treated as sent for information only and should not be acted upon for making an Application and should not be copied or re-distributed.

Accordingly, persons receiving a copy of the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter or the Application Form should not, in connection with the issue of the Rights Equity Shares or the Rights Entitlements, distribute or send the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter or the Application Form in or into any jurisdiction where to do so, would, or might, contravene local securities laws or regulations or would subject our Company or its affiliates or the Lead Manager or their respective affiliates to any filing or registration requirement (other than in India). If the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter or the Application Form is received by any person in any such jurisdiction, or by their agent or nominee, they must not seek to make an Application or acquire the Rights Entitlements referred to in the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Rights Entitlement Letter or the Application Form. Any person who makes an application to acquire Rights Entitlements and the Rights Equity Shares offered in the Issue will be deemed to have declared, represented and warranted that such person is authorized to acquire the Rights Entitlements and the Rights Equity Shares in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations prevailing in such person's jurisdiction and India, without requirement for our Company or our affiliates or the Lead Manager or their respective affiliates to make any filing or registration (other than in India).

Our Company is undertaking this Issue on a rights basis to the Eligible Equity Shareholders and has sent the Letter of Offer, the Abridged Letter of Offer, the Application Form and other applicable Issue Materials primarily to email addresses of Eligible Equity Shareholders who have provided a valid email addresses and an Indian address to our Company.

The Letter of Offer will be provided, primarily through e-mail, by the Registrar on behalf of our Company or the Lead Manager to the Eligible Equity Shareholders who have provided their Indian addresses to our Company and who make a request in this regard.

The Letter of Offer is also available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in.

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Investors may contact the Registrar to the Issue and Share Transfer Agent or our Company Secretary and Compliance Officer for any pre-Issue or post-Issue related matters. All grievances relating to the ASBA process may be addressed to the Registrar, with a copy to the SCSB giving full details such as name, address of the Applicant, contact number(s), e-mail address of the sole/ first holder, folio number, serial number of the Application Form or demat account, number of Rights Equity Shares applied for, amount blocked, ASBA Account number and the Designated Branch of the SCSB where the Application Forms, or the plain paper application, as the case may be, was submitted by the Investors along with a photocopy of the acknowledgement slip. For details on the ASBA process, see "Terms of the Issue" on page 674 of the LOF.

For INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Amit Kumar Jain Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place: Mumbai Date: February 07, 2024

INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED is proposing, subject to market conditions and other considerations, a rights issue of its Equity Shares and has in this regard filed a Letter of Offer dated January 28, 2024 with BSE, the designated stock exchange, NSE and SEBI. The Letter of Offer is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com, the website of the Lead Manager to the Issue, i.e., Nuvama Wealth Management Limited at www.nseindia.com, the website of the Lead Manager to the Issue, i.e., Nuvama Wealth Management Limited at www.nseindia.com, the website of the Lead Manager to the Issue, i.e., Nuvama Wealth Manager to the Issue, i.e Private Limited at www.incredequities.com, website of the Company at www.indiabullshomeloans.com and website of the Registrar at www.kfintech.com. Investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a degree of risk and for details relating to the same, please see the section entitled "Risk Factors" on page 21 of the LOF.

The Rights Entitlements and the Rights Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered under Securities Act and may not be offered, sold, resold or otherwise transferred within the United States, except pursuant to a an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, the Rights Entitlements and the Rights Equity Shares are only being offered and sold outside the United States in "offshore transactions" as defined in and in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdiction where those offers and sales occur. The Rights Entitlements and the Equity Shares may not be re-offered, re-sold, pledged or otherwise transferred except in "offshore transactions" as defined in and in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act. The offering to which the Letter of offer relates is not, and under no circumstances is to be construed as, an offering of any Rights Equity Shares or the Rights Entitlement for sale in the United States or as a solicitation therein of an offer to buy any of the Rights Equity Shares or Rights Entitlement. There is no intention to register any portion of the Issue or any of the securities described herein in the United States or to conduct a public offering of securities in the United States at any time.