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Sitharaman points to govt's next-gen reforms plan, says not enough data on private investments in sunrise sectors and job creation, asserts inflation under control

No Link Between ED Actions and Poll Bond Purchases: FM

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■ inance Minister Nirmala Sithara-→ man Friday rejected any correlaition between actions taken by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) and donations made by various entities through electoral bonds.

"I don't want industry to be badnammed (defamed) like this. I don't think ₩ they only come and give donations because they want to escape the ED — it doesn't happen that way," Sitharaman said 🛭 at The Economic Times Awards for Cor- ₹ porate Excellence in Mumbai, addres- ≥ sing the audience of industry leaders and top officials. It shouldn't be assumed 5 that those visited by the ED bought bonds & to save themselves, she stressed

"ED existed before Modi and ED will exist for long, even in developed India in 2047... We are not going to speculate on the bonds, the data is now available," she said. "And again, you don't certainly said, aims to pursue next-generation reknow where the donation went. They bo- forms that will be all-encompassing, ught the bonds, but did they give them to with states and local bodies as active and sunrise segments such as semicononly the government that controls the partners. Heralding the likely economic ductors, renewable ener-ED or to the state governments that are agenda if it gets a third term, Sithararun by other state parties?"

Sitharaman said it is also yet to be speci-reforms, I actually mean in every sector, materials. fied as to when payments were made the next stage of reforms will have to be

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ED investigation or after? "Maybe it was before, and maybe ED still chose to go and visit them," she said.

The Narendra Modi government, she man said: "When I say next-generation nia storage and rare earth through the bonds — before the alleged undertaken. But what's more important 'Major Reset in Labour Mkt' → 11

is reforms cannot stop just at the Centre's doorstep. We've worked with states in carrying forward several reforms."

Private investments, the minister said, have been gaining traction in new gy, hydrogen, green ammo-

Deloitte.

THE ECONOMIC TIMES AWARDS know, where they can ac-FOR CORPORATE EXCELLENCE tually support the do-

Minister asks industry to be proactive instead of complaining about China having edge in manufacturing or supply chain, highlights improved infra & political stability

Jaishankar Calls for Support to Domestic Supply Chains

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xternal affairs minister S Jais-→ hankar told India Inc that instead of complaining about supply chains getting concentrated in one geography, and one country (a reference to China) accounting for 30% of manufacturing, businesses should consider supporting domestic networks.

Jaishankar's remarks came at the star-studded Economic Times Awards for Corporate Excellence, where he was conferred the Reformer of the Year honour, in Mumbai on Friday.

"You know, we can't keep complaining that there's one country which accounts for 30% of manufacturing; so many supply chains do that. But

something more than complain." he said. "If we don't build up our own supply chain, and I understand... it cannot be every major company's responsibi-

lity to foster a domestic supply chain, said Jaishankar. "But I would say it is also not something which they should be insensitive to; you

at some stage, we have to do

mestic supply chain, they should."

The minister also emphasised the need to bolster India's manufacturing base and referred to progress being made in improving the country's infrastructure under the Gati Shakti initiative.

id. "Without manufacturing, nobody's certain security layers," he said at the going to take you very seriously on galaevent. technology."

External Affairs Minister an appreciation that... today, we are behaving differently. There is a certain self-assurance, a way we carry ourselves," said Jaishankar, highlighting the

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political stability in the country. He also answered a question on how "There's a kind of an appreciation Indian businesses should craft their that India is actually beginning to take China strategy. "If you fast forward to manufacturing seriously at last," he sa- 2024, in many domains, you would put

"Finally, on the cultural side, there is There is a Desire to Engage India' →> 11

Why Withhold Info that Links Poll Bond Donor, Beneficiary: SC to SBI

State-owned bank to respond Monday on why it didn't disclose unique IDs

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday asked State Bank of India (SBI) why it had withheld the unique numbers associated with electoral bonds purchased and encashed since April 12, 2019, ordering it to respond on March 18. The alpha-numeric ID can be used to connect the purchaser of an

electoral bond with the political bers by SBI, a five-member bench party that encashed it.

When the SC scrapped the bonds in mid-February on the grounds that they were unconstitutional, it had asked SBI to provide full details of the funding instrument to the Election Commission of India (ECI), which was to then

> electoral bonds. "We can take exception" to the non-disclo-

shows the entities that have bought post this publicly. SBI bonds, including how much, and was the sole issuer of the parties that have received mo-

> Notice Issued to SBI ▶▶ 11 THE BONDS OF INDIA: TOP DONORS >> !

headed by chief justice of India

The ECI published the informa-

tion provided by SBI on Thursday.

This related to entities that had

purchased electoral bonds during

the period in question but didn't in-

clude the unique number. The data

ney, including the quantity.

(CJI) DY Chandrachud said Friday.

Goods Exports Hit

Buoyed by engineering, electronic and pharma shipments, India recorded the highest goods exports in the current fiscal so far in February, even as merchandise trade deficit

widened, data showed. >> 7

CCI Orders Probe into Google Billing Policies



The Competition Commission of India (CCI) Friday ordered an investigation into Google's Play Store billing policies after Indian

Cos must commit to invest at least \$500M (approx ₹4,100 crore) in

the country per company

such as Tesla, including a drastic cut in customs du- C'MON, TESLA, ty, as an incentive to set

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it was to establish a plant in India. The policy allows a sharply re-New Delhi: India on Friday annoduced rate of 15% customs duty unced concessional tariffs for glofor up to 8,000 EVs annually imbal electric vehicle (EV) makers ported by a company that com-

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on Friday.

India's 70% import duty on cars if

mits to Make in India. According to the policy document, carryover of any unutilised annual import limits

nistry notified the lower duty rate



New policy drastically cuts customs duty - to 15% - for 8,000 cars a yr

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Incentives capped at ₹6,484 crore Only EVs worth over \$35,000 (approx ₹30L)

→ SEE EDIT up manufacturing facilities in the country. The

Elon Musk-led company to lower 'Several EV Cos Interested' → 11



Modi Talks of DMK Temple Boycott in TN & Solar, Gold Cases in Kerala

At a rally in Kanyakumari, PM says DMK government has 'no respect for traditions and culture of India'

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday alleged that the INDIA bloc wanted to assume power only to engage in 'loot and corruption.' He attacked the Congress in Kerala over the solar case of 2013 and the DMK-Congress alliance in Tamil Nadu.

Addressing a BJP rally in Kanyakumari, Modi alleged DMK-Congress have 'history of scams' and the aim behind their efforts to come to power is to 'loot the people.' He underlined that while the Centre has launched several infrastructure development projects in Tamil Nadu and the people benefited from a slew of welfare schemes, the DMK government was 'steeped in corruption.'

Referring to the consecration of Ram temple at Ayodhya on January 22, Modi said the DMK government boycotted it and tried to 'prevent telecast' of the event. Modi said this showed the DMK government had 'no respect' for traditions and culture of India. He said in the run-up to the main event, he had visited several historical temples of Tamil Nadu. Modi also tried to take credit for restarting Jallikattu, though it was done by cultural organisations after the Supreme Pathanamthitta. BJP is yet to win a tion was 'caught napping' when Sri people' whenever they came to po- cause wherever even one Indian was in Lankan authorities arrested some wer. Incidentally, Antony led the Ke- trouble, our government stood with

Several corporates

have funded both -

opaque bonds as well

as transparent trusts

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New Delhi: The recently released

list of corporate contributors to po-

litical parties under electoral bonds

is under examination, although ma-

ny of these have been frequent do-

nors, paying large sums to political

The latest electoral trust data spe-

aks. Five electoral trusts gave politi-

cal parties ₹366 crore in 2022-23, in-

cluding ₹259.08 crore going to the ru-

Megha Engineering and Infrast-

ructure, the second-highest electo-

ral bond giver, also donated Rs 87

crore to Prudent, the richest electo-

trust donor lists include vaccine

producer Serum Institute of India

Over time, electoral trusts have re-

ceived donations from Arcelor Mit-

tal, Essel Mining, Vedanta, Airtel

Bharti, Torrent, Western UP Power

ral trust that favours the BJP.

and Greenko energy.

CID Probe

In Pocso Case

Yediyurappa

Against Ex-CM

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Bengaluru: The Karnataka go-

vernment on Friday ordered a probe

by the Criminal Investigation de-

partment (CID) into the charges of

sexual assault against former chief

minister and BJP parliamentary bo-

The Bengaluru Police registered a

first information report against Ye-

diyurappa late Thursday night under the Protection of Children against Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act,

based on a complaint from a woman who accused him of sexually assaul-

ting her 17-year-old daughter last month. The government later trans-

The complainant said the alleged

incident took place when she and

ferred the case to the CID.

ard member BS Yediyurappa.

Ordered

parties through electoral trusts.

ling BJP.



Modi during a road show in Hyderabad on Friday--IANS

Electoral Trusts Since 2014 Have

Also Weighed In Favour of BJP

back safe, overlooking the point that the Centre oversaw external affairs. Referring to the attack on AIADMK leader J Jayalalithaa in the Tamil Nadu assembly several decades ago, Modi said it showed DMK 'did not re-

Later at a BJP rally in Pathanamthitta, Modi claimed that BJP would do well in the Lok Sabha elections in Kerala. Congress leader AK Antony's son Anil is the BJP candidate in Court lifted the ban. He alleged that Lok Sabha seat from Kerala. Modi alwhile the DMK-Congress dispensa- leged that LDF and UDF 'looted the back from every part of the world be-Tamil Nadu fishermen recently, he rala government in 1977-78, 1995-96 them strongly," Modi claimed.

ELECTORAL BONDS TO TRUSTS AND THE CORPORATE HAND

used diplomatic clout to bring them and 2001-2004, and is known for 'ho-

nest politics'. LDF is known for 'looting through the gold scam' while the UDF was involved in 'solar scam,' Modi said. CBI under Modi government had given a clean chit to Oommen Chandy, who was accused in the case.

"In the last 10 years, we have made every effort for every category of people in every area as much as possible. We brought back nurses from Iraq who were stuck in a war. We brought back priests who were stuck amid a crisis. During Corona, Indians were brought

AS BJP SETS 370-SEAT TARGET IN LS POLLS

Modi Begins South Push With Rallies, Road Show

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New Delhi: A day ahead of announcement of 2024 poll schedule, Prime Minister Narendra Modi started his South push and adressed a rally each in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

It was followed by his road show in Telangana.

The BJP sees more wins in the southern states as crucial to achieving its target of 370 seats in the Lok Sabha and ensuring a third term for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) at the Centre.

Party sources said a programme is being chalked out for Modi's March 15 to 19 southern India campaign, which will include at least two public events each day. He is expected to address three

two in Kerala. On March 17, Modi is likely to

programmes in Tamil Nadu and

address a NDA rally at Palnadu in na units, too. These include an NDA Andhra Pradesh, where he after a long time would share stage with TDP supremo N Chandrababu

BJP before the 2019 LS polls, ₹356 cro-

res from its 7800 crore purse. The

Congress received no more than Rs

55 crores, while AIADMK and BJD

Previously, Reliance was linked to

The Aditya Birla groups backs the

eponymous the AB General Electo-

ral Trust which has also gravitated

to BJP. This Trust gave the BJP its

After years of supporting the New

Democratic Electoral Trust and gi-

ving to both parties, the Mahindras

The Bajaj group has backed the Ba-

jaj Electoral Trust and Vedanta gro-

up is earlier known to have backed

Janhit Trust. The Samaj Electoral

Trust counts the TVS group and the

The Murugappa group helped

fund the Triumph electoral trust

while Kotak group is associated

with the Janta Nirvachak Electoral

Trust. The M P Birla group backs

The electoral trust mechanism en-

sures that the name of the corporate

donor is revealed through contribu-

tion reports submitted to the poll pa-

nel and hence the public, unlike the

opacity in case of electoral bonds.

Once the key legal corporate fun-

ding route, it had been overshado-

wed by the electoral bond mecha-

the Paribartan electoral trust.

are now electoral bond donors.

received ₹46 crore and ₹25 crore.

the People's Electoral Trust.

whole ₹10 crore in 2021-22.

Birlas among its donors.

TDP moved out of NDA in 2019 and fought Lok Sabha polls in alliance with Congress.

In Tamil Nadu, Modi is likely to address another public meeting in Salem on March 16 and hold a roadshow in Coimba-

During his Tamil Nadu visit, Modi may hold meetings with NDA partners regarding Lok Sab-BJP lines up ha polls.

big events for Modi's March 15 to 19 southern

campaign

In Kerala, Modi is likely to hold a roadshow in Pallakad besides Friday's rally in Pathanamthit-

tore on the 18th.

ta. The BJP's Karnataka unit has proposed programmes for Modi in Shimoga and Gulbarga in coming days. Similar requests have come from the party's Andhra Pradesh and Telangarally in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, where he may share the stage with



PARTIES FOR 'ONE POLL'

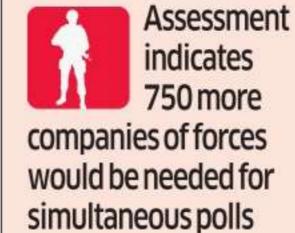
JK Poll Suspense Persists But Two Clear Views Emerge

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New Delhi: As the Election Commission of India (EC) readies to announce the Lok Sabha poll schedule, suspense persists on Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) assembly elections but the recent EC visit to J&K threw up two clear and opposite views, ET has learnt.

Political parties have unequivocally sought simultaneous parliamentary and assembly elections in J&K in their discussions with EC. Many are learnt to have said that if the Centre is looking at a 'One Nation, One Election' plan, it should make a start with J&K which has been without an elected government since the PDP-BJP coalition collapsed in June 2018. However, both the administrati-

HEAVY DEPLOYMENT



ve and security establishment have made assessments that indicate that conducting a simultaneous assembly poll will be hugely challenging.

It is estimated an additional 750 or so companies of paramilitary forces will need to deployed-over and above Lok Sabha election related deployment- for conduct of simultaneous assembly polls. ECI is learnt to have earlier sought nearly 635 companies for holding parliamentary polls alone in the border state.

The heavy deployment required for a simultaneous poll is not seen as feasible amid Lok Sabha elections across the country by the administrative machinery. Both the views will be reconsi-

dered closely by the ECI before taking a final call on the poll calendarfor J&K.



BLAMING MODI FOR ELECTORAL BOND SCHEME

Electoral Bonds Biggest Extortion Racket: Rahul

'BJP has captured institutions...This is biggest anti-national activity,' says Cong MP

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New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi termed electoral bonds "the world's biggest corruption scandal and extortion racket" and squarely blamed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for it. He sought an investigation and said he hoped Supreme Court would take up the matter.

"Some years back, the Prime Mi-matter can be discussed within nister introduced a concept that he claimed was designed to clean up Indian political finance. At the heart of the concept was the idea of electoral bonds-the ability for corporates to give electoral bonds anonymously," Gandhi said, addressing a press conference in Thane. "Now it turns out that this is a way of extorting money from India's largest corporates, a method of stealing money for the biggest contracts in the country, intimidating corporates and forcing them to donate money to the BJP. It is the world's biggest corruption scandal and extortion racquet, and the PM is doing it."

At the presser, Gandhi also said "The BJP has captured the institutional framework of the country... This is the biggest anti-national activity which is going on... The CBI, ED and income tax departments are being used, big

companies are extorted, shares of big contracts are being taken and before taking the contracts electoral bonds are being given." Gandhi said since opposition

through

agencies, it was clear what the ruling The CBI, ED. are being used by the companies are extorted,

Gandhi

establishment was departments doing and why the BJP made the most of electoral bonds. Asked whether the opposition parties would henceforth electoral bonds, he said the

parties were not in

a position to re-

ward companies or

the INDIA bloc. He said whenever the BJP is voted out of power, there would be an investigation into the issue.

Stalin, Akhilesh to Attend Rahul Yatra in Mumbai

Mumbai: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin is prominent among the INDIA bloc leaders, who will attend the concluding rally of the Rahul Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in Mumbai on Sunday, a Congress leader said. RJD leader Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav to also attend the March 17 rally.-PTI

Tejashwi Yadav and Samajwadi

CONGRESS SEEKS FREEZE ON BJP'S ACCOUNTS

Oppn Seeks SC Probe Into 'Quid Pro Quo' in Bonds

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New Delhi: Opposition parties on Friday accused the government of using pressure of investigative agencies and quid-pro-quo methods on business firms to help the BJP get the largest chunk of political donations through electoral bonds, and demanded a Supreme Court-monitored investigation into what they saw as corruption by the ruling establishment. The Congress also demanded a freeze on BJP's bank accounts.

Citing the electoral bond data that State Bank of India provided to the Election Commission, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the BJP received about half the total donations while the principal opposition party, Congress, got only 11%. "There are many dubious donors. Who are these people? Which companies are these? Why have so many companies donated only after ED, IT and CBI raids? Who put the pressure on such companies," Kharge asked, and sought a Supreme Court-led investigation into "the saga of corruption".

"It is quite worrying that while the accounts of the Congress party have been frozen, no action has been taken against the BJP which has illegally acquired crores and crores of money," he said, referring to a lien the Income Tax Department imposed on its account. "Thus, along with an inquiry, we demand that accounts of BJP should be frozen with immediate effect due to the illegal nature of the funds received through the electoral bonds scheme," he added.

The politburo of the CPI-M, a petitioner in the electoral bond case, welco-

med the apex court asking SBI to provide the full details of the donors. The alphanumeric code of electoral bonds

will disclose the contributor-recipient identity, the party said. Absence of this information in the data provide by the SBI showed that there are efforts to undermine the verdict of the top court on making funding to political parties more transparent for citizens, it said, adding: "However, even the preliminary analysis (of SBI data) shows instances of both quid pro quo and using agencies like the ED to forcibly extort funds from corporates through bonds." Independent MP Kapil Sibal sought

a probe by a special investigation team. "Like it was done in 2G case, where a SIT was made, in this case also a SIT should be constituted to probe the matter. We have to see how the law will see it now," said the lawyer-politician. "It should also be found out who donated to the PM-CARES. It's a matter of investigation which party got how many funds," he said.

Nitish Expands Cabinet, Inducts 21 Ministers

Kumar.Anshuman

New Delhi: The Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government expanded the cabinet on Friday by inducting 21 ministers, 12 from the BJP and nine from the JD (U), taking the total number of ministers including the chief mi-

new ministers.

After the expansion, which took place after weeks of discussions among the allies, there are 15 ministers in the cabinet from the BJP, 13 from the JD (U), one from the Hindustani Awam Morcha and one independent. The composition is similar to the NDA government in 2020.

The BJP inducted six new faces among its 12 ministers. Former deputy CM Renu Devi was among those who took oath as minister. Apart from her, Mangal Pandey, Neeraj Singh Bablu, Nitin Navin, Janak



with CM Nitish Kumar -ANI

From the JD (U), all erstwhile ministers have been repeated. Jama Khan is the lone Muslim face in the cabinet. Out of the 21 ministers who took oath on Friday, six each are from upper castes and Scheduled Castes, four each from backward and extremely backward castes and one from the minority community.

ministers. Among the freshers are

Santosh Singh, Kedar Gupta, Su-

rendra Mehta, Hari Sahni, Krishna

Nandan Paswan and Dilip Jaiswal.

12 BJP MLAs, nine from JD (U) take oath as ministers; 6 each from upper castes and SCs

Ram and Nitish Mishra took oath as

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nister to 30.

Bihar governor Rajendra Arlekar administered the oath of office to the

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her daughter went to see the former CM seeking help in a police case. Yediyurappa told the media that he would deal with the complaint legally. He said the woman and daughter visited his house a few times, but he found them in tears one day six weeks ago. He said, he called the police commissioner and asked him to lo-

ok into their grievance. He even gave

them money, he said.

BJP ₹41.3 cr in FY2013. OTHER NEWS OF THE DAY Many INDIA **Bloc Netas to**

Transmission Co, and real estate gi-

Corporate money has also shifted

towards BJP in recent years. Politi-

cal parties' contribution and yearly

audit reports reveal BJP getting mo-

Since 2013, when Electoral Trust

data was made available under new

transparency criteria, the situation

is similar. Public data on all Electo-

The Congress-BJP financial dispa-

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re electoral bonds.

Both electoral bond and electoral ral Trusts founded between 2002-03



Lucknow: Uttar **Pradesh Congress** chief Ajay Rai said the INDIA alliance

parties from outside of the state will also campaign in UP for the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, even as his party is formulating a joint campaign strategy with the Samajwadi Party in the state.

Leaders of non-UP-based parties will be called as per need in specific constituencies, he said.

The SP on Friday, in its announcement of candidates from seven seats, left Bhadohi for the All India Trinamool Congress, which is expected to field Lalitesh Pati Tripathi.-OPB

Suspense **Continues Over** BJP, BJD Pact

This difference grows signifi-

The Prudent Electoral Trust gave

96% of corporate donations to the

BJP in FY17. Since then, it has sent

Electoral Trusts attracted large In-

Prudent received funding from

Bharti Airtel, DLF, and DCM Shri-

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Many were shocked when this

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opposed to any such move discussion between top leaders

the BJD. Samal made these of our party and BJD, BJP leaders said.—OPB

as the former's state unit is



New Delhi: Suspnse continues over BJP-BJD alliance in Odisha

while leaving the final call to taken by its central leadership. Odisha unit president Manmohan Samal on Thursday had asserted that his party would form the next government in the state "on its own", amid talks of a pre-poll alliance with remarks a day after he along with party's leaders from Odisha met Union Home Minister Amit Shah. All depends on the

Paras Indicates RLJP May Walk



New Delhi: Union minister Pashupati Kumar Paras on Friday accused the BJP of not doing justice to his LJP faction and indicated that he may walk out of the ruling National Democratic Alliance, saying they are "free" to go anywhere and the "doors are open".

His expression of disappointment with the BJP came days after the ruling party struck a seat-sharing deal with his nephew Chirag Paswan, who heads another faction of the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), ignoring the Union minister's claim over a number of Lok Sabha seats in Bihar, including Hajipur.-PTI

Out of NDA if Not Given 'Respect'

VBA ABSENT

nism introduced in 2017.

Congress **Leaders meet MVA Allies**



Mumbai: Congress general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal, the party's

Maharashtra in-charge Ramesh Chennithala and general secretary Mukul Wasnik on Friday met leaders of the allies NCP (SP) and Shiv Sena (UBT) here to finalise seat-sharing for the Lok Sabha elections in the state.

Representatives of the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) led by Dalit leader Prakash Ambedkar, however, were not present at the meeting, having participated in the talks earlier.-PTI

SC Refuses to Stay Appointment of 2 New ECs

Says Centre will have to respond to the issue raised in the plea regarding exclusion of CJI from selection panel which appoints the ECs

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to stay the appointment of two new Election Commissioners (EC) appointed by the central government on Thursday.

A bench headed by Justice Sanjiv Khanna verbally observed that legislative enactments are "not normally stayed by way of interim orders". The bench made the remark in response to pleas challenging the appointment of two new ECs and the new legislation—Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023.

Refusing to stay the new law, the SC, however, verbally observed that the central government will have to re-

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New Delhi: India on Friday reac-

ted strongly to the criticism of

some countries, including the

United States against the Citi-

(CAA) and said that "vote-bank

politics" should not determine

views about a "laudable initiati-

Lectures by those who have a li-

mited understanding of India's

pluralistic traditions and the re-

gion's post-partition history are

best not attempted, Ministry of

External Affairs (MEA) spoke-

sperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"The Constitution guarantees

freedom of religion to all Indi-

There are no grounds for any

concern on treatment of minori-

His strong comments at a media

briefing came when asked about

the criticism against the CAA

from Washington and other co-

"The CAA is about giving citi-

zenship, not about taking away

citizenship. It addresses the is-

sue of statelessness, provides

human dignity and supports

human rights," Jaiswal said, as-

serting that the law is an inter-

nal matter of India. "As regards

the US State Department's sta-

tement on the implementation

of the CAA, we are of the view

that it is misplaced, misinfor-

med and unwarranted," the

ties," he added.

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zenship (Amendment)

ve" to help those in distress.

'OUR PARTNERS SHOULD WELCOME THE INTENT'



CEC Rajiv Kumar with the newly-appointed Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Gyanesh Kumar, in New Delhi - ANI

regarding exclusion of the Chief tion panel which appoints the ECs. The SC has listed the matter for resumed hearing on March 21, Advocate Prashant Bhushan, counsel for one demanded that the appointment of

spond to the issue raised in the plea of the petitioners — Association of Democratic Reforms—has challeng-Justice of India (CJI) from the selec- ed the new law excluding the CJI from the panel to select the ECs.

US View on CAA Misplaced, Unwarranted: India

tan and Bangladesh who ente-

red India on or before Decem-

ber 31, 2014," Jaiswal said.

"Partners and well-wishers of

India should welcome the in-

tent with which this step has be-

Earlier in the day US State De-

partment spokesperson Matt-

hew Miller was asked if the

American government is con-

cerned that the CAA could af-

fect religious freedom in India.

"We are concerned... we are clo-

sely monitoring this law (and)

how it will be implemented. Re-

spect for religious freedom and

equal treatment under the law

for all communities are funda-

mental democratic principles,"

Miller said in response to a qu-

en taken," he added.

Says CAA is about giving citizenship, not about taking it away, and it addresses issue of statelessness, supports human rights

Refugees from Pakistan and Afghanistan protest against Congress over

its remarks on CAA in New Delhi on Friday - ANI

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India's pluralistic tra-

weekly media briefing. "The

Act grants a safe haven to perse-

cuted minorities belonging to

the Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Ja-

in, Parsi and Christian commu-

ditions are best not

attempted: India

2023 which mandated fresh appointments to the poll body by a panel comprising Prime Minister, leader of op-In another plea, filed earlier this week, Congress leader Jaya Thakur had lection committee for appointment

SC MARCH 2023 ORDER

Thakur had demanded

should take place as per

SC's March 2023 order

the top court's order passed in March

Solicitor General,

of petitioners

appearing for Centre,

questions locus standi

Press Trust of India

New Delhi: The Supreme Court

on Friday agreed to hear on

March 19 the pleas seeking a di-

rection to the Centre to stay the

implementation of the Citizens-

hip Amendment Rules, 2024 till

the apex court has decided the

petitions challenging the consti-

tutional validity of the Citizens-

A bench comprising Chief Jus-

tice D Y Chandrachud and justi-

ces JB Pardiwala and Manoj Mis-

ra took note of the submissions

of senior advocate Kapil Sibal,

appearing for the Indian Union

Muslim League (IUML), that on-

ce Indian citizenship has been

granted to migrant Hindus, it

cannot be taken back, and so an

early hearing was warranted.

"The CAA was passed in 2019.

There were no rules at that time

and hence, no stay was granted..

Now the government has notifi-

ed the rules ahead of the Lok Sab-

hip (Amendment) Act, 2019.

that EC appointment

Another plea

filed by Cong

leader Jaya

be mentioned here that the Supreme Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service And The SC has twice in the recent past refused to stay the new law. During the hearing on Friday, counsel for Jaya Thakur argued that the case deals with the basic structure of the Cons-ECs should take place according to titution. "Free and fair elections form the foundation of our democracy... There have been several occasions when this court has stayed the position and the CJI. The PM-led se- operation of a statute," Thakur's co-

DAYS AFTER CENTRE NOTIFIED CITIZENSHIP AMENDMENT RULES

SC to Hear Pleas for Stay

on CAA Rules on Mar 19

of new Election Commissioners met on Thursday and appointed Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Gyanesh Kumar as Election Commissioners. It might Court is yet to adjudicate on petitions challenging the validity of the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Term of Office) Act, 2023 (CEC Act).

ha polls. If citizenship is gran-

ted, then it will be impossible to

reverse. So the interim applica-

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, qu-

estioned the locus standi of the

"We will hear this on Tuesday.

There are 190 plus cases. All of

them will be heard. We will place

a full batch with the IAs (Interim

IUML, a Kerala-based politi-

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applications)," the CJI said.

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IUML's plea

seeks court's

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31,2014.

direction to

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tion may be heard," Sibal said.

DELHI EXCISE POLICY CASE

ED Arrests BRS' Kavitha After Raids at Hyderabad Home



BRS leader Kavitha after she was arrested from her residence, in

Our Political Bureau

New Delhi: The Enforcement Di-

The agency officers raided the BRS leader's premises in Hyderabad earlier on Friday and later arrested her. Kavitha had been questioned earlier by the federal agen-

She was also

seek her custodial interrogation. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had also

the Delhi excise policy case for over seven hours at her Hyderabad residence in December 2022.

The ED had earlier named Kavitha Kalvakuntla, daughter of former Telangana chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao, in a remand paper while seeking custodial interrogation of businessman Amit Arora, when he was arrested last November under the PMLA. Arora, director of Gurgaon-based Buddy Retail, is allegedly an associate of former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia. The ED tion

Court Rejects Kejriwal's plea to Stay Proceedings for Skipping Summons

New Delhi: A Sessions Court on Friday turned down a plea by Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal seeking a stay on the proceedings before a Magistrate's Court in a complaint filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against him on account of non-complian-

ce with agency's summons. Refusing to stay the proceedings, the Sessions Court said that Kejriwal can request the magistrate from exempting him

from personal appearance. Kejriwal had requested the Sessions Court to exempt him from personal appearance. He had argued that he is ready to appear before the Magistrate's Court through his

for Kejriwal's appearance. The Sessions Court, however, refused to decide the application leaving it to the Magistrate's Court for final decision. - OPB

counsel on March 16, the date set

had earlier alleged that Kavitha

The BRS leader has repeatedly

Hyderabad on Friday - PTI

To be produced before a Delhi court today where ED will seek her custodial interrogation

rectorate (ED) on Friday arrested Bharat Rashtra Samithi leader Kavitha Kalvakuntla after questioning her in connection with the Delhi government's now-scrapped excise policy.

cy last year. She

will be produced

before a Delhi co-

urt on Saturday

where the ED will

questioned by CBI in connection with Delhi excise policy case at her Hyderabad residence in Dec 2022

questioned her in connection with

was linked to a "South Group" lobby of liquor traders who were trying to play a larger role under the now scrapped Delhi excise policy for 2021-22.

denied the allegations against her. It might be mentioned here that Kavitha had challenged the issuance of summons to her by the ED in the Supreme Court last year. Her petition is pending final adjudica-

TO COUNTER RULING TRINAMOOL GOVT

BJP to Capitalise on 'Viksit Bengal' Funds **During LS Elections**

MEA spokesperson said at his nities from Afghanistan, Pakis-

Our Political Bureau

to West Bengal in the last five years apart from the ₹11,000 crore in food and fertiliser subsidy. Compared to million bank accounts have been the other states, West Bengal has received the highest support for rural development in six out of the last 10 financial years." As per government including roads, rail and waterways. data, the state received a total of As per government sources, ₹15,675 793,171 crore for rural development in all these years.

Under the PM AWAS scheme, 489,959 houses have been sanctioned in the urban areas of the state West Bengal is also a major beneficiary of the PM

more than 60 million people in the state receiving free foodgrains under compared to 10 years of UPA," BJP's The BJP-led NDA government has viya, told ET. "Grants-in-aid have also given special attention to women welfare in the state. As per data,

₹5,744 crore has been released for em-

the last six years. crore has been released under PM ruption, irregularities and misuse till date, and 51% of this has gone to Banerjeee government needs to be

sion Shakti, the state has received ₹334 crore in funds," they added.

Under the PM Vishwakarma sche-New Delhi: The upcoming general me, 735,664 applications have been election will be a test of how effective received till date, of which 212,530 the Modi government's 'Viksit West applications (about 29%) were from Bengal' programme has been in di- women. Under the central governminishing the clout of the ruling Tri-ment's flagship scheme PM Kisan, namoolCongress in the eastern state. ₹8,492 crore has been disbursed to As per government sources, "The farmers. The state's farmers have Centre has provided ₹5.36 lakh crore also received ₹30,000 crore as fertiliser subsidy.

> Under PM Jan Dhan Yojana, 50.7 opened in the state. Over the last few years, special attention has been given to infrastructure development, crore has been allocated for

> > road projects in the state. "There has been a significant increase in central transfers to West Bengal under the Modi government.

Tax devolution has increa-Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana, with sed by 287% in 10 years of the NDA government (till February 29, 2024) West Bengal co-incharge, Amit Malincreased by nearly 322% in 10 years of NDA compared to 10 years of UPA. Despite such a massive jump powerment of women in the state in in allocation, the benefits are not reaching the poor and deserving in Government sources said that ₹415 Bengal because of wide scale cor-Kaushal Vikas Yojana to the state under the TMC, which the Mamata women-led startups. "Under Mis- made accountable for," he added.

India Trusted Partner of Bhutan: Tobgay derstanding with Bhutan, inclu-

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New Delhi: Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay heaped praises on his Indian counterpart and expressed his deep appreciation for India's role as a reliable, trusted and valued partner in his country's developmental priorities.

In their talks on Thursday night, the two leaders reviewed dia's role as a reliable, trusted and ce. Besides, creation of a pool of the progress in bilateral ties in valued partner in Bhutan's deve- energy professionals in Bhutan is various areas, including infrastructure development, connectivity, energy, hydropower cooperation, people-to-people exchanges and development cooperation, officials said. "They (Modi and Tobspecial and unique India-Bhutan cleared two memorandums of un-



friendship," said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). "The Prime Minister of Bhutan conveyed his deep appreciation for In-

lopmental priorities.' Tobgay's first overseas trip since assuming office in January came days before PM Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Bhutan, often described as India's closest neighgay) reaffirmed their commit-bour, on February 21-22. Ahead of ment to further strengthen the Tobgay's trip, the Indian cabinet

Soaring High!

Women cadets celebrate during the passing out ceremony of

class 2020-2024 of B. Tech Marine Engineering at the Indian

Maritime University campus, in Kolkata on Friday - PTI

ding on extending cooperation in the field of energy efficiency and energy conservation measures. As part of the MoU, India aims to assist Bhutan to enhance energy efficiency in the household sector by promoting star labelling developed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency. The formulation of building codes, to suite the climate condition of Bhutan, will be facilitated based on India's experienenvisaged by institutionalising

training of energy auditors. The cabinet also approved the signing of an agreement between Bhutan Food and Drug Authority, health ministry and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India regarding cooperation in food sa-

Campaign, Praises PM Says everyone kept on thinking about Article 370 but Modi got it abrogated in 2019 DP.Bhattacharya @timesgroup.com

FOR HANDLING OF NATIONAL & INT'L AFFAIRS

Shah Launches Poll

Ahmedabad: Union Minister for Home and Cooperative Affairs Amit Shah on Friday launched his election campaign for the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha seat in Gujarat, where he heaped praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his handling of national and international affairs. "When China tried to enter India's

territory in Doklam, the entire world watched in silence as to what was to happen. Earlier such incidents were brushed under the carpet.

But Narendrabhai

looked into the eyes

of China and said,

"This is India's land

and no entry' and,

after 45 days, China

withdrew," Shah sa-

id, addressing BJP

Modi has also po-

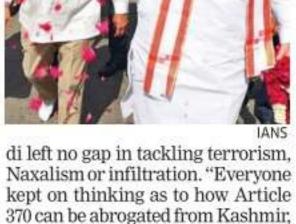
'Modi has positioned flag of Indian

diplomacy at highest level globally through his

sitioned the flag of foreign policy' Indian diplomacy at the highest level globally through his foreign policy, he said, adding: "And that is why Narendrabhai has been the most popular person not only in India but globally for the last four years."

workers.

If there is anyone who has done something to secure the country since independence, it is Modi, the home minister said, while adding that Mo-



Shah said. Recollecting his early days in the BJP. Shah said it is only in the BJP that a worker who used to distribute pamphlets and paste posters could go on to become the home minister

but he got it done on August 5, 2019,"

of the country. Meanwhile, the Aam Aadmi Party also launched its election campaign from Gujarat on Friday. AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal, at an event in Vadodara, said while Gujarat has

been sending 26 MPs from BJP to the Lok Sabha for the last two terms, what was the use of them if they could not raise the concerns of the state in Parliament. Kejriwal said AAP's Bharuch

candidate Chaitar Vasava was put behind bars because he was working for justice to a farmer over his land. Vasava's wife was also incarcerated, he said. They tried hard to woo him, but Vasava remained steadfast with the AAP, the Delhi chief minister said.

UP POLICE CONSTABLE RECRUITMENT EXAM

UP STF Arrests 3 Accused in Paper Leak Case

Our Political Bureau

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force (STF) has arrested the three prime accused who facilitated the leak of the question paper for UP police constable recruitment examination held in February which had to be scrapped after the incident, said director general

police Prashant Kumar. The exam, held on February 17-18, attracted more than 4.3 million The three arrested by STF inclu-

aspirants to fill 60,244 posts. A total of 178 cases had been lodged across the state and 396 suspects arrested. The STF lodged 15 of

these cases and made 54 arrests. Kumar said the investigation so far has established that the papers were outed from the warehouse of the transport company TCI Express where they were brought in after being printed and due to negligence of the agency responsible for the exam.

SAYS DGP KUMAR



link. Now, the probe will focus on who got paper from the masterminds

ded Shivam Giri and Rohit Pandey, current employees of TCI Express, as well as Abhishek Shukla, a former employee of the company. Two other prime accused, Rajiv Nayan Mishra and Ravi Attri, are still on the run. Mishra was arrested earlier for perpetrating the leak of the UP-TET exam and also served jail for being involved in the leak of the MP Nurse recruitment exam. Attri had promised Rs 5 lakh to the three for leaking the paper, and up to Rs 20 lakh later, according to the police.

DAY AFTER A FALL AT HER RESIDENCE

Banerjee Stable, Under Observation



Kolkata: West Bengal chief mi- The Trinamool chief will be under nister Mamata Banerjee is stable and under observation of a team of doctors, people in the know said on Friday, a day after she had a fall at her home.

sed at the state-run SSKM hospital where she received four stitches to her forehead and nose. She was later released from the hospital after a CT

observation for the next few days. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin are among After the fall, the CM was hospitali- the leaders who enquired about Banerjee's health and wished her a speedy recovery.

Meanwhile, Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyel said they scan and other medical tests, and left are monitoring security at the CM's for home with nephew Abhishek Ba- residence as the "push from be-

Companies: Pursuit of Profit

The Economic Times, New Delhi / Gurgaon, Saturday, 16 March 2024

LTTS Bags \$100 m Cyber Security Project from Maharashtra

Our Bureau

Bengaluru: Mid-sized engineering and technology services firm L&T Technology Services (LTTS) on Friday said it has bagged a \$100-million (about ₹800 crore) cyber security project of the Maharashtra State Cyber Department.

Mumbai-headquartered Larsen & Toubro (L&T), said it

will establish an arti- partner), LTTS will provide adintelligence (AI), machine learning (ML)-driven cythreats, it said in a statement. ber security and digital threat analytics centre for Maharashtra Cyber, a nodal agency for

safety and awareness. As a consortium with M/s LTTS, a listed subsidiary of KPMG Assurance and Consulvestigations by leveraging AI ting Services LLP (forensics

cyber security and investiga-

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vanced cyber security solutions for the state, enhancing public safety against cyber

The project entails designing a sophisticated cyber security system and establishing a state-of-the-art, fully equipped, cyber security and cybercrime tra, to enhance citizen cyber prevention centre to address cybercrime incidents and inand digital forensic tools.

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Dargah of Ajmer **Sharif Goes to Court** over YouTube Video

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Chennai: The Dargah of Ajmer Sharif has filed a petition in the Rajasthan High Court and has questioned YouTube's "laxity" in taking down a video that it described as being intended to outrage the religious feelings of followers of Khawaja Gharib Nawaz by using "highly objectionable, derogatory, defamatory and insulting remarks."

In the petition, filed on Thursday, the dargah also said the police have not yet filed an FIR despite the dargah filing a written complaint, it said.

This is the first time that a Sufi sect has gone to court against a social media company for alleged inaction to remove an allegedly inflammatory video.

A representative of the dargah told ET that several other videos were also floating around on YouTube that painted the Sufis at large as being "barbaric" and amounted to hate speech.

The Dargah said this petition is a "precursor" and that its upcoming petitions will take on big tech platforms over hate speech.

> In spite of making a complaint, YouTube has still not taken down the objectionable content, the dargah, which is the representative body of the Khadim community, said in the petition, referring to a video uploaded on a news portal's YouTube channel on December 2. ET has seen the petition.

US Court Prohibits Byju's from Using \$533 Million, Say Lenders

Say Delaware Court finds Byju Raveendran, Divya Gokulnath to be working with Byju's Alpha

Our Bureau

Bengaluru: Members of a consortium that lent \$1.2 billion to Byju's said a US bankruptcy court prohibited the edtech firm from further transferring or utilising \$533 million from the loan proceeds that it had held with a hedge fund but now moved to an unnamed offshore trust.

Judge John T Dorsey on Thursday also ordered the arrest of William Morton, founder of hedge fund Camshaft Capital, after his repeated refusal to appear in court and provide information on the transfer of the windfall gains. This cartel has selecmoney, they said.

The Delaware bankruptcy court, according to a statement from the lenders on Friday, found that the edtech firm's founders, Byju Raveendran and Divya Gokulnath, were working in concert with Byju's Alpha and ordered them to comply with its ruling. Byju's had parked \$533 million from the term loan in Byju's Alpha, a US subsidiary of its parent Think & Learn Pvt Ltd, before the money was allegedly transferred to the hedge fund.

Byju's Alpha is now undergoing in its statement. bankruptcy proceedings in the US.

of its subsidiaries and,

Letter no.- 336

Back and Forth

BYJU'S SAID THAT The ad-hoc group is working with investors of the co to

exploit the situation The cartel has selectively released some of the judges' remarks to create a fake narrative

The order merely maintains the status quo' as the funds will remain safely parked in one of their subsidiaries

THE LENDER GROUP SAID The ruling confirmed that Raveendran was working with his brother wife and others to defraud the lenders

The freezing of assets was an important step in recovering the \$533 million

rightfully remain there, the company said in a news release.

"It is now clear that this so-called ad hoc group is working in cohort with certain large investors of Byju's to exploit the situation and make tively released some remarks made by the presiding judge to build fake narratives in the media," Byju's said, adding that it will continue to fight this "falsehood".

"This ruling confirms that Byju Raveendran himself is acting in concert with, among others, his brother, Riju (Ravindran), his wife, Divya, and fugitive William Morton, and that these individuals are continuing to intentionally defraud Byju's lenders," the lender group said

Byju's, responding to the lender grosets is an important step towards reat Learning to clear the loan. up's claim, said the order "merely macovering the missing \$533 million, intains the status quo". The company and we will take all necessary legal has always maintained that the funds actions to recover what we are rightare safely parked in one fully owed," the group said.

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"the architect of a scheme that has vaporised tens of billions of dollars in value in what was once a great Indian company".

"We call on Byju (Raveendran) to accept the will of Think & Learn's shareholders and immediately step down as CEO and director to prevent further harm to the company's employees, students and their families, and India's credibility among the global investment community," the statement added.

Byju's and the lender group have been trying to resolve the matter for about a year now after the latter recalled the full loan following alleged breach of terms by the edtech firm. including a delay in furnishing audited financial results for fiscal years 2022 and 2022. Byju's has been trying "The court-ordered freezing of as- to sell group assets like Epic and Gre-

It is also in the middle of a battle with a group of investors who have moved court to block the company's \$200 million rights issue as well as The lender group said Byju is not change the board of the firm and reas per the order, it will the "victim he purports to be", but is move Raveendran as CEO.

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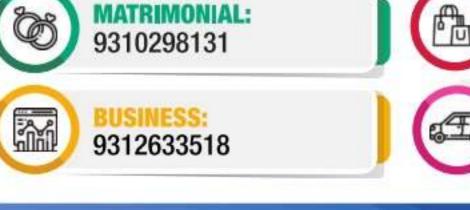
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The Bonds of India

The Supreme Court asked for details of electoral bond purchases to be made public when it scrapped the political funding instrument earlier this year. Here's a look at the top bond buyers along with an examination of some of the other key numbers that have emerged from the initial data dump

FUTURE GAMING & HOTEL SERVICES

Bettor than Rest: A Realty Check for 'Lottery King'

The top buyer of electoral bonds is Coimbatore-based Future Gaming & Hotel Services, founded in 1991 by Santiago Martin. The group bought electoral bonds worth ₹1,368 crore between April 12, 2019, and January 24, 2024. The website of Martin Charitable Trust hails him as a "lottery king" who "built nothing into an empire". The lottery conglomerate also has interests in the real estate, hospitality and textiles sectors in India and Myanmar.

After then chief minister J Jayalalithaa banned lottery business in Tamil Nadu in 2003, Martin took his business outside the state, including online. He began operating through subsidiaries,

such as Martin Karnataka and Martin Sikkim Lottery. The group has established its presence in 13 states where lottery is legal, including Maharashtra, Punjab and West Bengal. The company has more than 1,000 employees and reported a turnover of ₹20,000 crore in its annual report for 2021-22.

Martin has had run-ins with the Enforcement Directorate and the Income-Tax Department for more than a decade. Most recently, Punjab-based lottery distributor Arunjot Singh Sodhi moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court in August 2023, alleging a ₹900 crore lottery scam in the state.

Martin was also arrested in 2012 and detained in Vellore prison for alleged illegal activities.

MEGHA ENGINEERING & INFRASTRUCTURE

Infra Giant with Diverse Interests: EVs to Irrigation

Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Ltd (MEIL) the second largest donor to political parties - bought electoral bonds worth ₹966 crore between April 2019 and October 2023.

It was established in 1989 as Megha Engineering Enterprises by Pamireddy Pitchi Reddy. His nephew PV Krishna Reddy joined the company in 1991 and now runs it. Last year, Forbes ranked the duo at 54th in the Richest Indians list, with a net worth of \$4.05 billion.

MEIL is the holding company of electric bus maker Olectra Greentech, which has a technology alliance with Chinese EV company BYD. Last July, MEIL pro-₹966 posed to invest \$1 billion jointly with BYD to build an EV factory in Telangana. However, intense scrutiny on Chinese investments amid strained bilateral ties between the two countries led to the Centre

rejecting the plan. In April 2023, MEIL pipped L&T to win the tender to build the ₹14,400 crore Thane-Borivali twin tunnel project in Mumbai and, two months later, its group company IComm got a ₹500 crore order from the defence ministry. Three of its associated companies — Western UP Power Transmission Company (₹220 crore), SPEC Power (₹40 crore), and Evey Trans Private (₹6 crore) — also made significant contributions to political parties. Cumulatively,

MEIL and associated firms purchased electoral bonds of ₹1,200 crore. The \$14 billion Pranahitha Chevella Lift irrigation scheme in droughtprone Telangana are among the major projects commissioned by MEIL.

QWIK SUPPLY CHAIN

Building Blocks: Storage and Warehouses Boost Revenue

Qwik Supply Chain, a nondescript unlisted private company in Mumbai, is the third largest donor to political parties, having bought electoral bonds worth ₹410 crore. The bonds were purchased through multiple

transactions in January and November 2022 and November 2023. Incorporated in November 2000, the company posted revenue of ₹15,747 crore and net profit of ₹33.7 crore in FY23. According to Qwik's regulatory filings to the Registrar of Companies accessed from business intelligence platform Tofler, the company has links with Reliance Industries

The filings show that Qwik is primarily engaged in constructing warehouses and storage units, which make up nearly 91% of revenue. Last November, it also issued bonus shares to raise ₹129.54 crore.

Six of its promoter shareholders, as of March 2023, are Reliance Fire Brigade Services, Reliance Group Support Services, Vibrant Advertising, Imaginationworks Production Company, Reliance Hospital Management Services, and Gujarat Petcoke and Petroproducts Supply.

A private Facebook group named 'RGSS - Reliance Group Support Services' describes the company as "a Reliance Group Company, which provides security and allied support services to all RIL group companies". As per the filings, the email addresses of the company contact and two of the three directors are RILIDs. The directors also hold posts in other Reliance entities, the filings show. When contacted, a spokesperson for RIL said Qwik is not a subsidiary of any Reliance entity.

VEDANTA

Eager to Prove its Metal while Mining for More

Vedanta, the mining major controlled by billionaire Anil Agarwal, was the fourth-largest buyer of electoral bonds with purchases worth ₹400 crore. The company has a revenue of \$18 billion and employs 87,500 people. It is the country's largest private sector oil producer and has a big presence in aluminium, zinc, silver, copper, iron and steel.

The company though has been engaged in several legal wrangles with the government over the years.

Vedanta operates the country's largest onshore oilfield in Rajasthan. And for years, it has fought the government over the terms of renewal of the contract to operate this block. It has also challenged the government in court over the cost the operator could

recover from the Rajasthan field. Vedanta also initially resisted paying the windfall tax on crude production, which the government imposed in 2022, but later gave in. For nearly a decade, the company has unsuccessfully lobbied the government to bring down cess on domestic oil production. Vedanta had shown keen interest in buying the government stake in state-run Bharat Petroleum Corp but

bidder. As a mining company, Vedanta is expected to meet stiff environment and other regulatory norms. Its copper smelter in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu has been shut for years due to alleged violation of green norms.

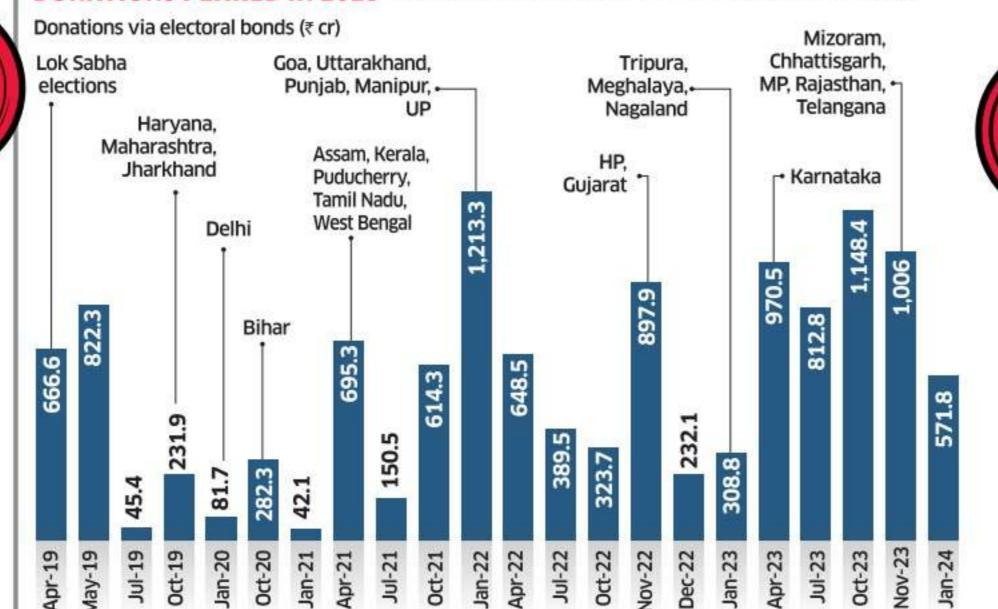
the government cancelled the sale process in 2022 as there was no other

It partnered with Taiwan's Foxconn in 2022 to set up a semiconductor business in India but the project didn't take off.

Corporates Strike a Bond With Political Parties

Companies and individuals have contributed ₹12,155.5 crore to political parties via electoral bonds since April 12, 2019. Of this, 97.2% came from corporates, with individuals contributing ₹336 crore. ET breaks down the data:

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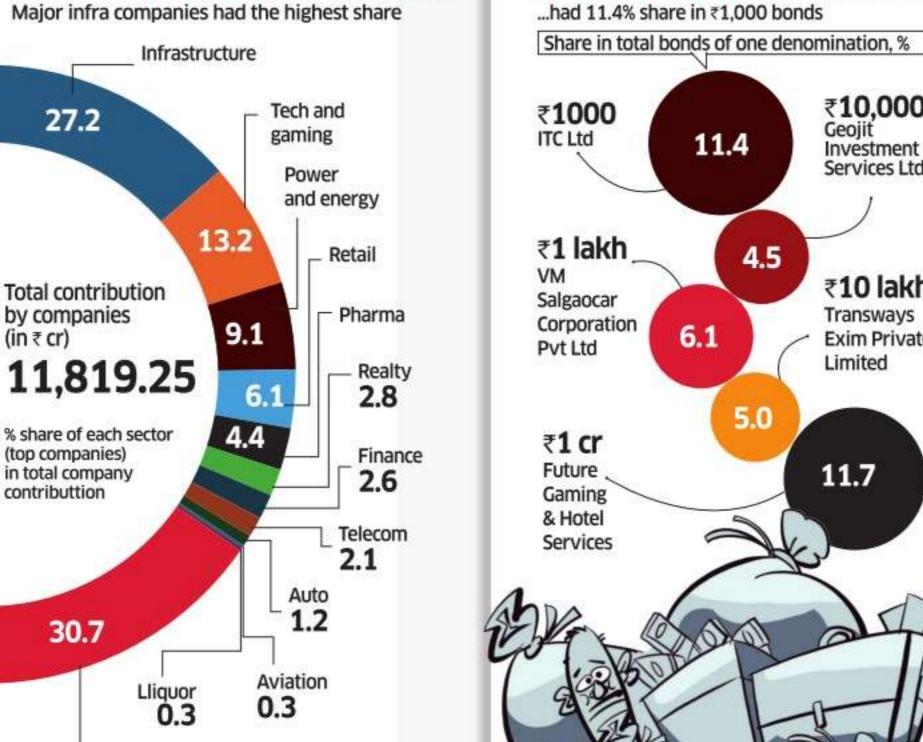
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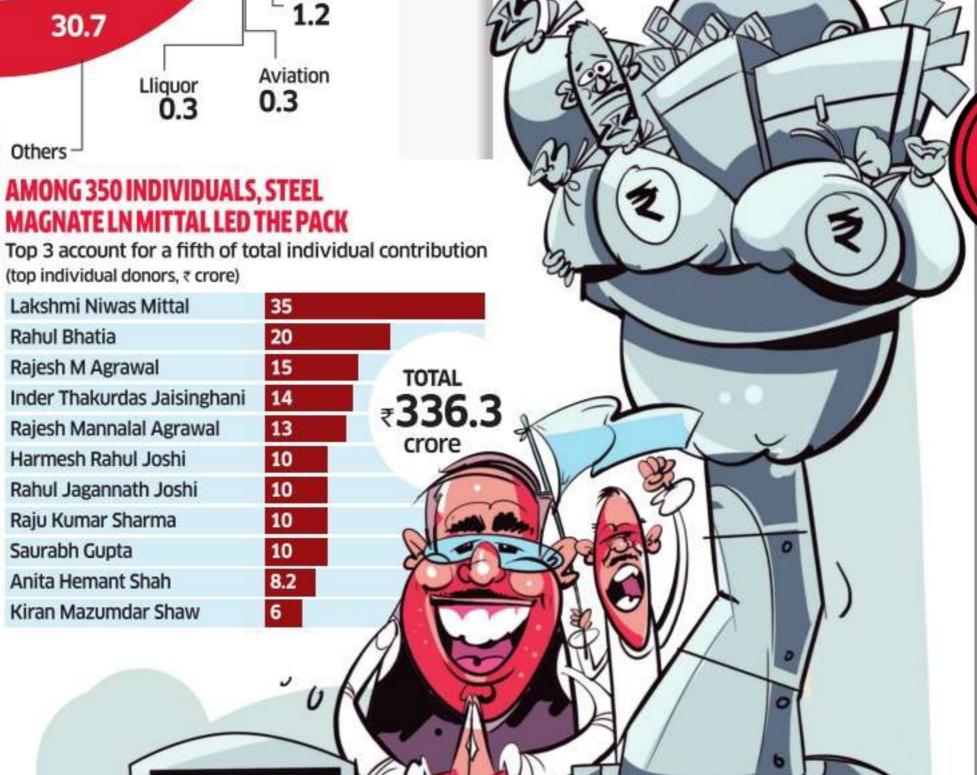
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HALDIA ENERGY

Powerhouse of Bengal is on a Strong Wicket

Haldia Energy, controlled by billionaire Sanjiv Goenka, operates a 600-MW power plant at Haldia in West Bengal. The company bought electoral bonds worth ₹377 crore.

The power generation company is part of the RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group and sells electricity to CESC, which distributes power in Kolkata and other parts of West Bengal. A wholly-owned unit of CESC, Haldia Energy is listed on national bourses. In 2022-23, it reported a profit of ₹261 crore on a turnover of ₹1,948 crore. The same fiscal, its parent CESC reported a profit of ₹830 crore on a revenue of ₹8,150 crore.

The RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group was created in 2010-11 after veteran industrialist RP Goenka split his businesses between elder son Harsh and younger son Sanjiv. The latter also owns the IPL cricket team Lucknow Super Giants and Mohun Bagan football team.

> The conglomerate, based in Kolkata, has a growing presence in several businesses including media, sports, carbon black, IT-enabled services, consumer and retail. In 2020-21, it earned a revenue of more than ₹26,000 crore. PCBL, one of the group companies, is India's largest carbon black manufacturer and a key exporter. The group is also

engaged in producing tea, rubber and spices. It is evaluating opportunities in solar, wind and hydropower. It also operates multi-format retailer Spencer's, IT-enabled service provider FirstSource and music label Saregama. To cater to aficionados of classical film music, the group launched the niche digital music player 'Saregama Carvaan' in 2017.

BHARTI GROUP

With Eye on 5G, Telecom **Titan Catches the Signal**

The Bharti Group donated ₹247 crore to political parties in the last five years through electoral bonds, a bulk of which were made during November 2023 and this January. The payments were made by group firms Bharti Airtel, Indus Towers, and Bharti Telemedia, with Airtel accounting for 80%, or ₹198 crore, of the total. Airtel is India's second largest mobile services company with 381.73 million

a heavily regulated telecom sector, it is inching closer to pan-India rollout of 5G services. The Bharti Group owns a majority stake in satellite communications firm Eutelsat OneWeb, which recently received a licence from the telecom department and is awaiting the grant of spectrum to start offering services. Last December, the Centre notified the new Telecommunication Act, which

subscribers as on December 31, 2023. Competing in

states that satcom licence holders will be given spectrum administratively, or without auctions. The Sunil Mittal-led group had previously backed administrative allocation of satcom spectrum, even as rivals Jio and Vodafone Idea demanded auctions.

Bharti Infratel, which has merged with Indus Towers, operates more than 211,775 towers. DTH company Bharti Telemedia had 16.1 million customers on December 31, 2023.

ESSEL MINING & INDUSTRIES

Coal Call: Looking to Strike Black Gold

Set up in 1950, Essel Mining & Industries Limited (EMIL) is a part of the \$60 billion Aditya Birla Group. The Kolkata-headquartered company purchased electoral bonds worth ₹224.5 crore between 2019 and 2022. EMIL is among India's largest private coal miners and the first Indian mining services provider to operate the Bhubaneswari Open Cast Project (OCP) in Odisha, the largest coal mine in the state. It has operations in

other states such as Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. EMIL is primarily involved in coal mining, iron pellets, Noble Ferro Alloys (NFA) and contract coal mining. Recently, it bagged three new coal mining developers-

cum-operators (MDOs) in Madhya Pradesh's Amelia, Odisha's Subhadra, and Chhattisgarh's Madan Nagar. EMIL is also developing a greenfield commercial coal mining project in Bandha area of Singrauli district in Madhya Pradesh. It is expected that over the next few fiscals, EMIL will incur substantial capex towards coal MDO operations and commercial coal mining business, which are expected to be funded through infusion from the Aditya Birla Group and external borrowings.

According to CRISIL, the commercial coal block in Bandha requires a total capital outlay of around ₹3,500 crore. The project involves acquisition of large land parcels, receipt of multiple approvals from various state and central government agencies and subsequently, its successful commissioning, which is expected by fiscal 2027. In a December 2023 note, CRISIL said the greenfield project exposes

EMIL to risks related to delays and cost overruns. EMIL is also tying up long-term project loans.

WESTERN UP POWER TRANSMISSION

UP, UP & Away! Powered Up for Transmission

Western UP Power Transmission Company Ltd (WUPPTCL), a company controlled by Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Ltd, bought electoral bonds worth ₹220 crore between 2019 and 2024, making it one of the top 10 political donors under the scheme.

The company is executing projects in the transmission sector in Uttar Pradesh under the build-own-operate-transfer model. It had signed transmission service agreements with four UP-based power distribution companies to build, commission and operate seven substa-

the western part of the state, India Ratings & Research said in a report in June 2022. Operation of the transmission lines was being carried out by an in-house team or the sponsor, Megha

tions and 12 transmission lines of different voltages in

Engineering, the ratings firm had said. WUPPTCL is owned by Megha Engineering and Cobra Instalaciones Y Servicios SA, as per informa tion from India Ratings. Megha Engineering has a con-

trolling shareholding. Telangana-based Megha Engineering, run by PV Krishna Reddy, is the second largest political donor through electoral bonds, according to information provided by State Bank of India to the Election Commission.

Source: State Bank of India. Election Commission of India

MKJ GROUP

Dairy Notes: Milking an Opportunity in Packaged Foods, Realty and Steel

Little known nationally, the Jalans of Agro, is involved in areas including Kolkata have spent the third highest on dairy, fresh food, packaged food and a consolidated basis on electoral bonds. Led by founder-chairman Mahendra Kumar Jalan, MKJ Group has a well- Mayank, is the chief of the FMCG busidiversified set of businesses.

The group spent a cumulative ₹617 crore through four entities — Keventer Foodpark Infra, Madanlal Ltd, MKJ Enterprises and Sasmal Infrastructure

— since April 2019. The group's flagship entity, Keventer Congress president Adhir

beverages, FMCG contract manufacturing, real estate and steel. Jalan's son, stake sale. In 2017, MKJ Group purchased

the West Bengal government's

47% stake in their joint ven-

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Ranjan Chowdhury in the Calcutta High Court, the Enforcement Directorate had started an investigation in 2019 into this In his plea, Chowdhury had alleged

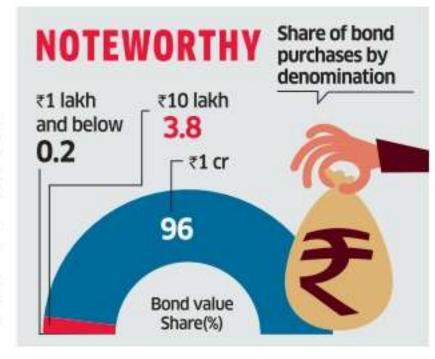
that the stake was purchased by Keventer at a huge discount, bleeding the state exchequer. Subsequently, the high court and even the Supreme Court dismissed the appeals

According to India Ratings & Research, Keventer Agro recorded a revenue of ₹1,231 crore and an EBITDA of ₹14.3 crore in 2022-23. In the same fiscal, Madanlal Ltd posted a total income of ₹10.85 crore and net profit of ₹44 lakh, according to filings available on its website.

On its website, Keventer Agro claims to be the 'third largest in frozen foods in owns around 15% in Keventer Agro. The the East', 'second largest in ultra-high group had announced plans for an IPO filed by the Congress law-temperature milk', 'second largest in by Keventer Agro but is yet to go ahead.

ice cream in Kolkata' and 'the leader in branded fresh bananas'. The company is also involved in sourcing, manufacturing, distribution and sale of Parle Agro's products such as Frooti and Bailley packaged water across West Bengal, Jharkhand, North-East, Bhutan and Sikkim.

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6. Date, time for online opening of Technical bid

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(Notice Inviting Tender No. - MR-3054-122/2023-24) : Office of Engineer-in-chief, Rural Works Department, Bihar, Patna

> : From 01.04.2024 (9:00) to 15.04.2024 up to 15:00 hrs. Fromwebsitehttp://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in

> : Date 03.04.2024 time 15:00 hrs. Place O/o Concerned Superintending Engineer : Date 15.04.2024 up to: 15:00 hrs. Document by bidder

http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in

: Date 15.04.2024 up to Time: 15:30 hrs. : Till 15:00 hrs on 15.04.2024

: Place-O/o-concerned (i) Executive Engineer Or (ii) Superintending Engineer

Or (iii) Chief Engineer 8. The Engineer in chief, Rural Works Department on behalf of Governor of Bihar invites bids from the eligible bidders for the works

No	Package No.	District	Name of Division	Block	Name of Road	Length (In Km)	Cost of Initial Rectification with Surface Renewal (In Lakhs)	Cost of 5- Years Maintenance (In Lakh)	Total Estimated Cost (In Lakhs)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs)	Bid Security (In Lakhs)	Amou Payabl Work Divisi				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
		Araria	Araria	Kursakatta	L052 L021 to West Muslim tola	0.940	54.846	5.316	60.162			EE, RV				
1	MR-N/23-24 Araria/06	Araria	Araria	Kursakatta	Megha SSC Camp to Ashram tola	2.373	180.013	20.161	200.174	10000	13.12	Work Division				
		Araria	Araria	Kursakatta	L039 L033 to Plusbanni VR 39	2.184	109.081	18.542	127.623			Arari				
		Araria	Araria	Kursakatta	L028 T02 to Kaolwa	4.533	229.394	38.613	268.007							
				Total for the	Group	10.030	573.334	82.632	655.966							
2	MR-N/23-24 Araria/07	Araria	Araria	Palasi	L046 T03 to Pipra	2.320	94.080	30.977	125.057	10000	2.50	EE, RV Work Divisio Arari				
				Total for the	Group	2.320	94.080	30.977	125.057							
3	MR-N/23-24 Araria/08	Araria	Araria	Sikti	Benga East Pokhar to Kharwar Primary School	0.902	57.850	8.182	66.032	10000	1.32	EE, RV Work Division Aran				
				Total for the	Group	0.902	57.850	8.182	66.032							
		Araria	Forbisganj	Forbisganj	Raniganj Road se Patwa tola	3.019	112.990	41.868	154.858							
4	MR-N/23-24	Araria	Forbisganj	Forbisganj	Saifganj se Aesari Adiwasi	1.749	87.655	24.423	112.078	10000	11.20	EE, R Wor				
•	Forbisganj/09	Araria	Forbisganj	Forbisganj	tola Kirkichiya se Adiwasi tola	0.754	29.460	10.040	39.500	10000	11.20	Divisi Forbis				
		Araria	Forbisganj	Forbisganj	Araha to Yadav Tola via Harijan tola	3.280	226.613	27.154	253.767							
				Total for the		8.802	456.718	103.485	560.203							
		Araria	Forbisganj	Forbisganj	Aurahi Satar tola	4.748	181.734	61.724	243.458							
60	MR-N/23-24 Forbisganj/10	Araria	Forbisganj	Forbisganj	Ramai School Chowk se Adiwasi tola	1.033 72.290	72.290 10.910	83.200	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	16.80	EE, R Wo Divis
		Araria	Forbisganj	Forbisganj	L033- T06 Haripur to Mehta tola	5.200	213.620	67.480	281.100	1.		Forbi				
-		Araria	Forbisganj	Forbisganj	Parwaha (SC) Aadiwasi tola	2.980	194.910	37.530	232.440	-						
		Araria	Forbisganj	Total for the G Bhargama	LO21 TO1 to Kajbai South VR4	13.961 4.835	662.554 287.386	177.644 38.638	840.198 326.024							
	MR-N/23-24 Forbisganj/11	Araria	Forbisganj	Bhargama	Contruction of Road from House of Bindeswari Singh of Gurha Narpat Block to Pawan tola tola primary school via the house of Damodar Kamat Bhargama	2.010	117.240	22.430	139.670	10000	9.31	EE, R Wo Divis Forbi				
ij				Total for the	Group	6.845	404.626	61.068	465.694							
	MR-N/23-24 Forbisganj/12	Araria	Forbisganj	Raniganj	Koskapur Middle School to going toward north to Nityanand tola to Bengwahi East (VRSO)	2.000	94.734	24.961	119.695	10000	5.53	EE, F Wo Divis				
		Araria	Forbisganj	Raniganj	L050 Parsa Hat to Bengwahi east VR50	3.070	114.120	42.590	156.710			Forbi				
				Total for the	Group	5.070	208.854	67.551	276.405							
8	MR-N/23-24 Forbisganj/13	Araria	Forbisganj	Narpatganj	Achra-Ghurna Pakki Road Motin Motivi ke House to Jat	3.500	191.910	46.470	238.380	10000	11.14	EE, F Wo				
		Araria	Forbisganj	Narpatganj	Dumra more to Amaria	4.500	260.580	58.280	318.860			Forbi				
				Total for the	Group	8.000	452,490	104.750	557.240							
		Purnea	Dhamdaha	Dhamdaha	Dhamdaha Kerosine Tel Dipu to Chandrahi Satsang Bhawan Damailey Bajrangbali Asthan	3.240	154.780	28.610	183.390							
	21235553555	Purnea	Dhamdaha	Dhamdaha	to Kadam tola	0.924	45.489	7.724	53.213			EE, F				
8	MR-N/23-24 Dhamdaha/06	Purnea	Dhamdaha	Dhamdaha	Satmi Ghat tola to Satmi Adiwasi tola to Mohna	1.240	55.340	11.010	66.350	10000.00	13.45	Divi:				
		Purnea	Dhamdaha	Dhamdaha	Amnaha to Basbitta	2.250	165.930	20.460	186.390			,Dhan				
		Purnea	Dhamdaha	Dhamdaha	L045 L032 to Mehta tola Priyankar (VR 45)	1.170	47.838	10.848	58.686							
		Purnea	Dhamdaha	Dhamdaha	L070 T01 to Ful tola(VR70)	2.315	104.160	20.480	124.640							
				Total for the	5,0000	11.139	573.537	99.132	672.669							
	<u>7000000000000000000000000000000000000</u>	Purnea	Purnea	Purnea East	Ranipatra SH Matiya Chowk Katihar PWD Road to Ranipatra SH Dhangama	3.969	197.930	38.170	236.100			EE, I				
)	MR-N/23-24 Purnea/10	Purnea	Purnea	Purnea East	L039 MahendraPur Fasiya se Bouari	2.139	81.000	20.420	101.420	10000	10.64	Wo Divis				
		Purnea	Purnea	Purnea East Purnea	Kaliganj to Nilganj Bhoga more se Chativa	2.100	75.980	20.740	96.720			Pun				
		Purnea	Purnea	Purnea East	Bhoga more se Chatiya Chauhan tola	1.690	80.710	16.840	97.550							
= }		h		Total for the (Group Bijendra Public School se	9.898	435.620	96.170	531.790							
		Purnea	Purnea	East	Verma tola Repair of MMGSY to	1.763	94.990	14.000	108.990			part.				
	MR-N/23-24 Purnea/11	Purnea	Purnea	Purnea East	Divanganj to Dimiya Chhatargaj Repair of MMGSY to	2.600	195.750	24.360	220.110	10000	10.76	EE, F Wo Divis				
		Purnea	Purnea	Purnea East	Devanganj to Dimia Chhatarjan	2.850	182.870	25.990	208.860							
-				Total for the	25	7.213	473.610	64.350	537.960							
	337033	Purnea	Purnea	Banmankhi	LD68 Budhiya Dhankatta to Kamat tola	3.116	141.880	32.370	174.250			EE, F				
	MR-N/23-24	Purnea	Purnea	Banmankhi	Pakka Road to paswan tola	3.400	166.050	36.280	202.330	10000	11.97	Wo				
2	Purnea/12	Durana	Purnea	Banmankhi	SH Pakka Road se Harbhanga	3.506	186.670	35.170	221.840			Pun				
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For further details please visit: www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

PR- 019944 (RWD) 2023-24 नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

Additional Commissioner-cum-Special Secretary **Rural Works Department** Bihar, Patna

Paytm Transfers Card Processing Terminals at Outlets to RBL Bank

Paytm will retain branding and merchant relations but use RBL Bank for 'bin' services

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Bengaluru: Paytm is set to transfer its point of sales (PoS) terminals used for processing card payments at merchant outlets to RBL Bank, said two ban-

kers in the know. While One 97 Communications, which runs Paytm, will continue to operate and manage these terminals carrying the Paytm brand at the backend, the processing of transactions will be done by RBL Bank, the bankers told ET.

"In technical parlance, it is called 'bin'; so any Visa, Mastercard or RuPay card payments made at Paytm's PoS terminal will be settled via the 'bin' of RBL Bank," one of the bankers said, asking not to be named.

The transactions will be passed on to the nodal accounts of Axis Bank for eventual settlePaytm's Loss is RBL Bank's Gain

As per RBI data, RBL Bank The move has currently deployed will increase RBL Bank's around **840,000** total PoS PoS terminals terminals by more than 500,000

The RBI's extended deadline for Paytm Payments Bank to stop its basic banking services ends Friday

From Saturday. Paytm will start operating as a thirdparty payment application on UPI

ment with the merchant. On February 16, One 97 Communications (OCL) said it has started using the services of Axis Bank for all its nodal accounts, moving them from Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL), an associateentity of OCL.

Emailed queries to RBL Bank and Paytm went unanswered. "Eventually as things settle

down, Paytm might set up nodal accounts with more banks but as of now they are using Axis Bank, so card payments will be sent from the RBL Bank system to Axis Bank," the second banker said.

The move will increase RBL Bank's total PoS terminals by

more than 500,000. Datafrom RBI showed the priva-

te lender has currently deployed around 840,000 PoS terminals.

"It is estimated to help RBL Bank push up the volume of transactions on its own systems by at least 50%," one of the ban-

kers said. The central bank's extended deadline for PPBL to stop its basic banking services ends Friday. From Saturday, Paytm will start operating as a third-party payment application on UPI.

NPCI announced on March 14 that Axis Bank, Yes Bank, State Bank of India and HDFC Bank will support UPI payments pro-

cessed through Paytm app. As per details shared by NPCI on its website, Yes Bank will be handling volumes from Paytm through the @paytm handle. Currently, NPCI is testing out in a closed user group new handles to be created with Axis Bank (ptaxis) and Yes Bank (ptyes). The other two lenders are still under work in progress.

CCI Orders Probe into Google's Play Store Billing Policies

Regulator says co violated provisions of Competiton Act, needed detailed probe

Our Bureau

New Delhi: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) Friday ordered an investigation into Google's Play Store billing policies after Indian companies raised concerns. In a 21-page order, the antitrust regulator said it is of the view that, prima facie, Google has violated provisions of the Competition Act, which warrants a detailed probe into the matter.

The issue pertains to Google's billing policies under which it charges internet firms providing digital services 11-30% commission on in-app purchases made by their users. Internet companies have opposed this commission.

On March 1, Google delisted hundreds of apps by ten companies including Info Edge, People Interactive and Matrimony from its app marketplace for violating its billing policies. Later, following intervention from the Indian government, Google reinstated these apps on the Play Store. The matter is also being heard by the Supreme Court, which is expected to take it up next on March 19.

"We are examining CCI's order initiating the investigation. The CCI has previously examined our service fee in detail between 2020 and 2022 and found no illegality. However, we take our commitment to comply with local laws and regulations in India seriously and will cooperate with the process in every way," a Google spokesperson said

The CCI has asked its director general to conduct the probe into the matter and submit its report within 60 days.

ABUSE OF DOMINANCE

Among the key observations made by the CCI in its order is that the fee charged by Google to app developers "appears to be disproportionate to the economic value of services being rendered" and "appears to be an abuse of dominant position by Google."

In this case, the antitrust watchdog studied complaints made by Shaadi.com parent Interactive, Mebigo Labs – the company that runs audio streaming app Kuku FM, the Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation and the Indian Digital Media Industry Foundation.

Date: 15.03.2024

KARNATAKA STATE ELECTRONICS KEONICS
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD., 150 9001 : 2008

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

As per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and

2000, Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Limited

(KEONICS), Bengaluru invites tender of 30 days through Karnataka

The information regarding the tender is made available in

https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Last date for submission of tender is

at 05.00 PM on 15-04-2024. For any tender related gueries or more

information, Bidders may contact KEONICS during office hours.

KEONICS/2023-24/ Design Consultancy (DDC) and structural

Corporation Ltd.

Public Procurement Portal for renovation of Hubli IT Park (CALL-2).

No.: KSEDCL/ITP-H/001/2023-24

(Telephone Number 080-2222 5645).

Tender

No. Notification No.

DIPR/CP/BCPL/4325/2023-24

Govt Withdraws Mandate Requiring Al Models to Seek **Approval Before** Deployment

Our Bureau

Chennai | New Delhi: The government has withdrawn its mandate for artificial intelligence (AI) models like LLMs (large language models) and algorithms having to mandatorily seek explicit permission before deploying it for Indian

In a fresh advisory issued on Friday, the ministry of electronics and information technology said that unreliable AI foundational models, LLMs, generative AI software or algorithm or any such model should be made available to Indian users only after "appropriately labelling the possible inherent fallibility or unreliability of the output generated," the advisory read. ET has seen a copy of the new advisory.

While doing away with the mandate for explicit permission, the ministry retained the need for "consent popup" and said that such mechanisms

mediaries, AI models, LLMS, and generative AI software to inform the users of the output being false or unreliable.

should be used by inter-

On March 1, the IT ministry had issued an advisory in which it had mandated that all AI models, LLMs, software using generative AI or any algorithms currently being tested and are in the beta stage of development or unreliable in any form must seek "explicit permission of the government of India" before being deployed for

users on the Indian internet. The advisory, the first of its kind globally, faced a lot of flak from companies across the globe, with several startups terming it disastrous for innovation. The ministry later clarified that the advisory would not apply to startups.

The clarification, however, failed to stem the criticism of the advisory. In Friday's advisory the ministry

said that intermediaries and platforms were often 'negligent' when it came to undertaking due diligence obligations.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank 📣 2nd Floor, TTMC 'A' Block, BMTC Complex, Shanthinagar, K.H. Road, WING, 14, M G ROAD, BENGALURU - 560 001 Bengaluru-560027 Tel: 080-22225645, Fax: 080-22232652 TENDER NOTICE

Canara Bank Invites Tenders for "RFP 03/2023-24 dated 14/03/2024 for Selection of Joint Lead Managers (JLMs) for the Proposed International USD Bonds Issuance under Medium

Term Note Programme (MTN)" The details are published in the Bank's website: https://canarabank.com/ pages/Tenders.aspx and CPPF website: https://eprocure.gov.in/ epublish/app

Interested parties may respond Amendments will be hosted in our website **DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER**

🚳 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🚳 E-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender Notice No. 70 of 2023-24 (Open) On line (through E-Tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/Engg/DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings.

Tender No. 30-DDU-SR DEN-I-23-24 (i) Name of work with its location : Supply of portion and other consumable materials for Maintenance of SSE(P.Way)/CDMR, BBU and XBKJ under Sr. DEN(I)/DDU (ii) Advertised Value : ₹2616649.00. (iii) Earnest Money: ₹52300.00

Tender No. 31-DDU-SR DEN-I-23-24 (i) Name of work with its location : Supply of SKV portion and other consumable materials in connection with Rail Flyover SSM under SSE(P.Way)/XBKJ (ii) Advertised Value : ₹1978036.00. (iii) Earnest Money: ₹39600.00 (iv) Closing Date & time for submission

www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager East Central Railway, DDU

of e-tender: 04.04.2024, Up-to 12:00 hrs. (v) Website particulars of e-tendering

PR/02567/DDU/ENGG/T/23-24/36 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

ईसीआर-सीएओ-कॉन-उत्तर-ई.निविदा-उत्तर/70-23-24 E-TENDER NOTICE NO. - ECR-CAO-CON -NORTH-ECR-CAO-C-N-ETN-70-23-24 E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK. S.N.: 1. Name of work: Linking B G

track, spreading of ballast, carriage of P. Way materials spreading of PSC sleeper, linking and packing of points and crossing, etc. in connection with 3rd & 4th line work of Barauni-Bachhwara section project including Barauni Yard Remodeling in Sonpur Division of East Central Railway. 2. Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 24,01,05,010.68, Bid Security: Rs. 13,50,500.00., 3. Date and time for closing of tender: 05.04.2024 at 14:30 hrs., 5. Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed of the office from where the tender form be purchased etc. : The above E-Tender. E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in and also can see in the office of CAO/Con/ECR,MHX,Patna. Note: Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in response to this E-tender

CAO/Con/North E. C. Railway, MHX, Patna

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गढ्वा

Sd/- Director (Operations)

Details of Tender

Empanelment of eligible consultants / firms

for undertaking consultancy services for

Detailed Project Report (DPR) / Detailed

retrofitting and repairs in Hubli IT park of

Karnataka State Electronics Development

मुख्यमंत्री ग्राम सड्क योजना अन्तर्गत ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या - 28/2023-24/RWD/GARHWA

		आईडेन्टी फिकेशन	92		क्कलित राशि	कार्य
화0	प्रखण्ड	संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	अंक में (लाख में)	अक्षर में	समाप्ति की अवधि
1	गढ़वा	RWD/GARHW A/75/2023-24	गढ़वा शाहपुर मुख्य पथ विनोद साव के घर से तेली टोला देवी धाम होते हुए पैठान टोला तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (6.000 कि0मी0)	763.710	सात करोड़ तिरसठ लाख एकहत्तर हजार रूपये।	18 (अठारह) महीना
2	मेराल	RWD/GARHW A/76/2023-24	पतहरिया पी०एम०जी०एस०वाई० रोड से देवनकारा सिवाना होते हुए बिशुनपुर पी०डब्लू०डी० रोड तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (3.140 कि०मी०)	481.178	चार करोड़ एकासी लाख सन्नह हजार आठ सौ रूपये।	18 (अठारह) महीना
3	चिनियाँ	RWD/GARHW A/77/2023-24	रानीचेरी चौरायाम से इमलीटॉड होते हुए छतैलिया मेन रोड तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (5.050 किं0मी0)	624.107	छः करोड़ चौबीस लाख दस हजार सात सौ रूपये।	18 (अठारह) ਸहीना
4	रमकण्डा	RWD/GARHW A/78/2023-24	कृष्णा जयसवाल के घर से पत्थल दामर हरीण झोका गैस गोदाम होते हुए रमकण्डा रक्शी मुख्य पथ तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (3.250 कि0मी0)	357.118	तीन करोड़ सन्तावन लाख ग्यारह हजार आठ सौ रूपये।	18 (अठारह) महीना
5	मेराल	RWD/GARHW A/79/2023-24	चिनियाँ मुख्य पथ रूपन उराँव के घर से लखुराम के घर तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (2. 900 कि0मी0)	320.871	तीन करोड़ बीस लाख सतासी हजार एक सौ रूपये।	15 (पन्द्रह) महीना
6	रंका	RWD/GARHW A/80/2023-24	एन0एच0-343 सिंजो मोड से सिंजो पश्चिम कोरवा टोला स्कूल तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (7.350 कि0मी0)	872.139	आठ करोड़ बहत्तर लाख तेरह हजार नौ सौ रूपये।	18 (अठारह) महीना
7	गढ़वा	RWD/GARHW A/81/2023-24	एन0एच0-75 बाईपास रोड बिरजु मिस्त्री के घर से घिवा नदी होते हुए जिला मुख्यालय (नया समाहारणालय) तक पथ का निर्माण कार्य। (1.400 कि0मी0)	178.706	एक करोड़ अठत्तर लाख सत्तर हजार छः सौ रूपये।	12 (बारह) महीना
8	गढ़वा	RWD/GARHW A/82/2023-24	ग्राम-कल्याणपुर में मंगरही बॉध सें ग्राम नावाडीहा एवं धर्मडीहा टोला होते हुए नया समाहरणालय तक पथ का निर्माण कार्य। (4.600 कि0मी0)	506.061	पाँच करोड़ छः लाख छः हजार एक सौ रूपये।	18 (अठारह) महीना
9	रमकण्डा	RWD/GARHW A/83/2023-24	हरिजन टोला शिव मंदिर से खुटी टोला होते हुए प्रखण्ड मुख्यालय तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (4.400 कि0मी0)	468.155	चार करोड़ अड़सठ लाख पन्द्रह हजार पाँच सौ रूपये।	18 (अठारह) ਸहीना
10	गढ़वा	RWD/GARHW A/84/2023-24	एन0एच0-343 मुख्य पथ से टोंगरी टोला होते हुए लोटो प्राथमिक विद्यालय तक पथ निर्माण। (2.270 कि0मी0)	255.884	दो करोड़ पचपन लाख अठासी हजार चार सौ रूपये।	15 (पन्द्रह) महीना

ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 06.04.2024 अपराहन 5:00 बजे तक। निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 08.04.2024 पूर्वाहन 11:30 बजे।

निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्राठकाठविठ कार्य प्रमंडल, गढवा। ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0: 06561-299963

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenderers.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यपालक अभियंता PR/02565/CONN/ENGG/T/23-24/40 PR 322942 Rural Work Department (23-24) D ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गढ़वा

TO KEEP PULSES INFLATION UNDER CONTROL...

Yellow Peas may be

Allowed Beyond Apr

Move comes as supply of chana is

Duty-Free Imports of

The Economic Times, New Delhi / Gurgaon, Saturday, 16 March 2024

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ge and lower productivity, said an

"Yellow pea imports are expected

to help offset the anticipated short-

fall in the supply of chana as the domestic crop is projected to be lo-

wer than that last year on drop in

acreage and weather impacting

In early December 2023, the

Centre allowed duty-free imports

of yellow peas until March 2024

and later extended it till April as

part of efforts to cool the prices

of pulses which had kept food in-

flation high for the past few

The Wholesale Price Index in-

flation in pulses was 18.48% in February, up from 16.06% in Janua-

ry. With the general election sche-

duled for April-May, the govern-

ment has made several attempts

to curb price rise in food items

such as export restrictions, stock

limits, offloading its own stocks

"The area under chana is less

this year and the yield in Madhya

Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karna-

taka is expected to be 10-12% lo-

wer this year," said Suresh Agra-

wal, president, All India Dal

The sown area under chana de-

Govt Approves 17% Wage Hike for LIC Employees

The revision incorporates an enhancement in NPS contribution

from 10% to 14% for a better future of nearly 24,000 employees

who had joined after April 2010," the insurer said in a statement.

"The revision includes a one-time ex-gratia payment to LIC pen-

to the organisation," the statement added. -Our Bureau

sioners as a gesture of appreciation of their valuable contribution

NEW DELHI: The Centre has approved wage revision for

Insurance Corporation which will benefit over one lakh

employees. "The overall hike in wage bill shall be 17%.

the employees of the country's largest insurer, Life

Mills Association.

and removal of import duties.

did not wish to be identified.

official.

months.

Exports Rise 11.9% to 11-month High in Feb

Engineering goods, electronic items and pharma products boost exports; trade deficit widens to \$18.71 billion

Our Bureau

New Delhi: Buoyed by increased shipments of engineering goods, electronic items and pharmaceutical products, India recorded the highest goods exports in a month in this financial year so far in February, even as the merchandise trade deficit widened, showed data released on Friday.

Merchandise exports increased 11.9% year-on-year to an 11-month high of \$41.40 billion in February. while imports increased 12.2% a four-month high of \$60.11 billion, led by gold imports which went up 133% to \$6.15 billion.

\$18.71 billion in February from a ni-

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New Delhi: The Federation of Indian Mi-

cro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FIS-

ME) has urged the government to consider

legalising work-from-home for the self-emp-

loyed in the sector, technological upgrada-

tion to revive manufacturing in such units,

In a submission to parliamentarians,

FISME also sought reduction in cost of

contractual litigation for MSMEs, insol-

vency rules to destigmatise failure and

prevent suicide attempts among the stressed owners of small units, and making

MSMEs resource-efficient to ensure susta-

FISME secretary general Anil Bhardwaj

said the demands should be included in

the manifestos of all political parties. Da-

tes for the general election in the country

and allowing them easier access to credit.



2023. "Despite the Ukraine war, Suez canal (issues), tight monetary poli-India's trade deficit widened to cies in western world and fall in cesecretary Sunil Barthwal. commodity prices, February trade ne-month low of \$17.49 billion in Ja- data has surpassed all our expecta- month from January while im-

Legalise WFH for Entrepreneurs

to Allow Credit Access: MSMEs

Federation seeks reduction in cost of contractual litigation, insolvency rules

are to be announced soon.

India. Because of their informal setup, the

organisations these entrepreneurs mana-

government schemes and can't access for-

Sector Growth in Feb (YoY, %) Gems & jewellery -11.26 4.88 Readymade garments Electronics 54.8 Engg goods 15.9 22.24 Drugs & Pharma

achieved in both goods and services in the last 11 months," said commer-

Exports increased 12% month-onnuary and \$16.57 billion in February tions, with highest export growth ports fell 10.5%. Engineering goods

solvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) is

important as at present the pre-packaged

insolvency resolution process applies only

to corporate MSMEs and not to firms and

proprietorships. Around 97% of MSMEs

are firms or proprietorships. Another de-

mand pertains to making MSMEs environ-

ment-friendly, as different countries impo-

se additional costs on goods that have a big

environmental footprint. The MSME sec-

tor accounts for 50% of India's exports, in-

cluding employment intensive sectors like

textiles and garments, leather, jewellery

and light engineering products. The fede-

carbon intensity to develop a roadmap of

greening their processes. The fourth de-

MSMEs which has always been a chal-

lenge. The estimated credit gap in MSME

exports increased 15.9% year-onyear to \$9.94 billion in February. while electronic goods shipments went up 54.81% to \$3 billion.

Emphasising that India has been able to withstand the crisis, Barthwal said it showed the country's resilience and optimism about next year. He said the Red Sea crisis is unlikely to dampen India's export demand if there is a revival in developed economies. "The worst is over. Our export demand will rise in 2024... When we close 2023-24, (we) expect overall exports to be higher than last fiscal's record export figures," Barthwal said.

2022-23 totalled \$451.07 billion, while services exports amounted to \$325.33 billion. Fresh fruit and vegetables, electronics, engineering goods, leather and drugs and pharmaceuticals

were the top export sectors. In April 2023-February 2024, India's trade deficit amounted to \$225.2 billion, down from \$245.94 billion

in the first 11 months of 2022-23.

Officials said the new gold vaulting facilities in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, where gold is being stored, led to high imports of the yellow metal and such spurts can be expected in the future as well. Oil imports increased 0.04% year-on-year to \$16.89 billion in February.

TRADE PACTS

Officials said negotiations are continuing for India's free trade agree-India's merchandise exports in ment with the UK and the two sides are committed to a fair and equitable deal where sensitivities are respected. "It is a complex deal, a detailed one. We are waiting for negotiations to conclude," said an official.

DEVELOPED INDIA BY 2047

Need Matured, Developed Real Estate Sector: Puri

New Delhi: Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Friday said a highly matured and developed real estate sector with an estimated market size of USD 1 trillion by 2030 is needed to achieve the vision of a developed India by 2047.

Addressing an event organised by realtors' body CREDAI's youth wing, the minister said the enactment of real estate regulatory law 'RERA" has been a transformational development for the entire sector. "A developed India by 2047 will also require a highly matured and developed real estate sector, both in the residential and the commer-



cial segment," Puri said. He highlighted that investments are coming into commercial real estate including data centres and warehousing. The establishment of

Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) has also helped in attracting investments into the real estate sector, the minister added. "RERA was a transformational development. It is unbelievable that one of the largest sectors in the economy didn't have a regulator for nearly 70 years," Puri said. The minister highlighted that 1,22,553 real estate projects and 86,262 real estate agents are registered under the RERA across the country. More than 1.2 lakh consumer complaints have been disposed of by regulatory authorities. "Some states are doing better than others (in implementation of RERA) law," he added. Talking about the importance of the real estate sector, Puri said it is the second largest employer in the country with market linkages across 250 sectors. "It is estimated that the sector will con-

expected to be low, says an official New Delhi: India may allow duty-free imports of yellow peas, which are used in place of chana, beyond April to keep the pulses inflation under control as the yield of chana is expected to be low on account of a decline in acrea-

clined more than 5% year-on-year during the rabi season 2023the yields," said the official, who 24, according to agriculture ministry data. Erratic rainfall and concerns over moisture are also expected to reduce the overall

> India is expected to import about a million tonnes of yellow peas by March 31 in this financial year, which could be the highest in recent times, according to government estimates.

India largely imports yellow peas from Canada and Russia.

A large consumer and grower of pulses, India meets a portion of its consumption needs through imports. The country primarily consumes chana, masur, urad, Kabuli chana and tur.

Food inflation has been ruling high for several months, with pulses being a major factor. Erratic monsoon rains in 2023 on account of EL Nino put pressure on farm output. The statistics ministry estimates farm output growth of 1.8% for this fiscal, down from 4% in 2022-23.

SC Notice to Govt on Deloitte's Plea Seeking Review of May Judgment

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inable jobs.

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday issued a notice to the government on various pleas led by Deloitte Haskins and Sells LLP seeking review of its May judgment that allowed the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) to resume criminal proceedings against it and BSR & Associates LLC, the two being former auditors of IL&FS Financial Services, for their alleged role in financial irregularities at the beleaguered firm. Similar pleas were filed by their chartered accountants Kalpesh J Mehta, Udayan Sen and

A bench led by Justice M.M.

sought response from the ministry of corporate affairs, SFIO, the Maharashtra go-

mal credit.

vernment and others. The SC had on May 3 directed the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to decide the government's plea for imposing a five-year

ban on the auditors for failing to red-flag problems at the lender. The financial affairs of IL&FS Group came under scrutiny in 2018 after it defaulted on short-term and longterm debt obligations to the tune of \$91,000 crore. IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN) was audited by BSR, a KPMG-affi-

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KIIFB-WSS to Kasaragod municipality and Chemmanad panchayath

liated firm, in FY19 and jointly by BSR and Deloitte in FY18. Deloitte was the sole auditor Sundresh and S.V.N. Bhatti of the firm in FY16 and FY17.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Construction of OHSRs at Chattanchal kunnupara & Delikunnupara andLaying gravity main-Pipeline Work, EMD: Rs. 500000, Tender fee: Rs. 19518. Last Date for submitting Tender: 26-03-2024 03:00:pm. Phone: 04972705902 Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in & www.etenders.kerala.gov.in. Superintending Engineer

KWA-JB-GL-6-2641-2023-24

PH Circle, Kannur

JAMMU & KASHMIR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (JKTDC) A GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR UNDERTAKING JKTDC ("The Authority") intends to Development (Design, Refurbishment, Upgradation)

Operation & Maintenance and Transfer of Select Tourism Assets owned by the Authority through Public Private Partnership in the following assets/projects. Est. Project Cost

Pahalgam club & convention center & Pahalgam Hutments INR 108.37 crores INR 7.70 crores Kud: Hotel Maple Sanasar: Tourism facilities at Sanasar Lake & Tourist Bungalow | INR 14.21 crores

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING Request for Proposals are invited from reputed National or International entities, joint

ventures for undertaking Development, Operation & Maintenance and Transfer of aforementioned select tourism assets. Concession period for all the projects is 40 years. For the said assets/projects, the Important dates Authority has adopted an online Invitation of RFP 16.03.2024 single-stage two parts e-forward auction process accessible at Last date for receiving queries 01.04.2024 https://www.jktenders.gov.in Pre-Bid Conference 02.04.2024 for Bidder selection for award. Bid documents can be downloaded Bid Due Date 03.05.2024 from www.jktenders.gov.in

The Managing Director, JKTDC, Srinagar- Kashmir, Tourist Reception Centre, Raj Bagh, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. Mobile: +91 9906725383 Email: outsource@ jktdc.gov.in

		OF E-AUCTION NOTICE (SCRAP S edule E-Auction time from 10 AM to 05 PM	ALL
Month	DIVISION	DATE	Mobile
	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhayay	01.04.2024 (Monday), 08.04.2024 (Monday), 15.04.2024 (Monday) & 22.04.2024 (Monday)	9794848770
	Dhanbad	02.04.2024 (Tuesday), 09.04.2024 (Tuesday) 16.04.2024 (Tuesday) & 23.04.2024 (Tuesday)	9771426770
April	Danapur	03.04.2024 (Wednesday), 10.04.2024 (Wednesday), 24.04.2024 (Wednesday) & 29.04.2024 (Monday)	9771449770
2024	Samastipur	04.04.2024 (Thursday), 18.04.2024 (Thursday), 25.04.2024 (Thursday) & 30.04.2024 (Tuesday)	9771428770
	Sonepur	05.04.2024 (Friday), 12.04.2024 (Friday) 19.04.2024 (Friday) & 26.04.2024 (Friday)	9771429770
	Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhayay	06.05.2024 (Monday), 13.05.2024 (Monday), 20.05.2024 (Monday) & 27.05.2024 (Monday)	9794848770
	Dhanbad	07.05.2024 (Tuesday), 14.05.2024 (Tuesday) 21.05.2024 (Tuesday) & 28.05.2024 (Tuesday)	9771426770
May 2024	Danapur	01.05.2024 (Wednesday), 15.05.2024 (Wednesday), 22.05.2024 (Wednesday) & 29.05.2024 (Wednesday)	9771449770
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inspect the lot, on an authority from the concerned officer of Railway Administration, at the site of lot mentioned in the auction catalogue on any working day (except Sunday) (b) The complete details of materials and terms and conditions will be as per Auction Catalogue, which shall be available with the respective auction conducting authority of East Central Railway or from our website www.ireps.gov.in prior to the date of auction. PR/02563/HQ/STORE/N/23-24/72 Principal Chief Material Manager/Hajipur

REC Arm, BHEL Sign Pact to Develop Utility-scale Renewable Energy

According to the submission, some 11 ration said that 62 clusters account for 80%

million entrepreneurs work from home in of exports, and suggested mapping their

ge aren't identified as beneficiaries under mand aims to improve credit access for

The demand to widen the ambit of the Infinancing is ₹25 lakh crore, it said.

New Delhi: REC Power Development and Consultancy and BHEL on Friday inked an initial pact to form a special purpose vehicle (SPV) for developing utility-scale renewable energy projects. Renewable energy projects of 10 MW or more are referred as utility-scale projects.

REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL) is a wholly owned subsidiary of state-owned REC Ltd. The SPV will be benefitted by the core engineering expertise of BHEL and infrastructure investment expertise of REC, a statement said. It will focus on catering to the energy requirement of commercial and industrial (C&I) segment with initial capacity of 1 GW which would be scaled further. "This SPV will play a crucial role in achieving India's ambitious renewable energy targets and contribute to a cleaner and greener future," REC Chairman Vivek Kumar Dewangan said. —PTI



भारत के शत्रु संपत्ति अभिरक्षक का कार्यालय Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property for India प्रथम तल, पूर्वी विंग, शिवाजी स्टेडियम, कर्नाट प्लेस, नई दिल्ली-११०००१ First Floor, East Wing, Shivaji Stadium, Connaught Place, New Delhi-11000

NOTICE FOR DISPOSAL OF ENEMY PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION

The office of the Custodian of Enemy Property for India (CEPI) is a Statutory Authority under the provisions of the Enemy Property Act, 1968. The Head Office is a Delhi with Branch Offices at Mumbai, Kolkata and Lucknow.

The O/o CEPI is undertaking E-Auction of 57 Enemy Properties located in Sonbhadra, Kanpur Dehat, Lucknow District of Uttar Pradesh. Details of properties and other conditions/details are available on:- https://enemyproperty.mha.gov.in, https://www.mstcindia.co.in/TenderEntry/Lot_Item_Details_AucID.aspx?ARID=427431 The details can be downloaded/viewed from above websites / by

scanning QR Code. The E-Auction notice/inspection period is from 07.03.2024 till 27.03.2024. The E-Auction will take place on 28.03.2024 from 11:00 Hrs to 16:00 Hrs. All interested persons are advised to see Amendments/Changes in the Bid Document, if any which will be uploaded on the website.



Date and Time of E-Auction 28.03.2024 11:00 Hrs. to 16:00 Hrs.

7th E-AUCTION

The O/o CEPI is undertaking E-Auction of 57 Enemy Properties located in District of Amethi, Ayodhya, Amroha, Budaun, Bijnor, Etah, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Sitapur, Sonbhadra, Sultanpur, of Uttar Pradesh and Mumbai (Coloba Sobhani road and Village Ghodbundar Thane). Details of properties and other conditions/details are available on:- https://enemyproperty.mha.gov.in, https://www.mstcindia.co.in/ TenderEntry/Lot_Item_Details_AucID.aspx?ARID=427432 The details can be downloaded/viewed from above websites / by

scanning QR Code. The E-Auction notice/inspection period is from 07.03.2024 till 28.03.2024. The E-Auction will take place on 29.03.2024 from 11:00 Hrs to 16:00 Hrs. All interested persons are advised to see Amendments/Changes in the Bid Document, if any, which will be uploaded on the website.



Date and Time of E-Auction

29.03.2024 11:00 Hrs. to 16:00 Hrs. Custodian of Enemy Property for India

dia with pump house and generator

room at MAU. Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDERING NOTICE

Open Tenders for the following works:-Sl.No.-01, Tender reference No.: E- E-Tender-L-41-23-24, Name of work: Varanasi Division:-Illumination | Infrastructural Facilities for 02 T/Shift occasions., Approx. Cost (in Rs.): Coaching Depots Banaras and ₹ 34,94,797.56, Earnest Money (in Chhapra., Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹ Rs.): ₹69,900/-, Completion period: 36 | 51,83,517.47, Earnest Money (in Rs.): Months., Date & time of Closing ₹ 1,03,700/-, Completion period: 120 Tender: 08-04-2024, 14:30 Hrs., Date Days. Date & time of Closing Tender: & time of Opening Tender: 08-04-2024, 14:30 Hrs., Sl.No.-02, Tender reference | Opening Tender: 10-04-2024, 14:30 work: BSB Div.- Replacement of E-Tender-L-42-23-24, Name of work: old/defective earthing by new earthing | Segregation of 30% & 70% light on of residential Quarters., Approx. Cost Platform at 45 stations and (in Rs.): ₹19,51,075.76, Earnest Money Replacement of 50% Conventional (in Rs.): ₹ 39,000/-, Completion | Ceiling Fan by BLDC fan at different period: 120 Days. Date & time of service building in Varanasi Division., Hrs., Date & time of Opening Tender: | Earnest Money (in Rs.): ₹ 2,04,200/-08-04-2024, 14:30 Hrs., Sl.No.-03, Completion period: 120 Days. Date & Tender reference No.: E-Tender-L-39- time of Closing Tender: 12-04-2024, 23-24, Name of work: Mau-Electrical 14:30 Hrs., Date & time of Opening work connection to Diesel Crane Tender: 12-04-2024, 14:30 Hrs. Maintenance shed in connection of 140 | Sl.No.-07, Tender reference No.: E ton break down crane., Approx. Cost Tender-L-43-23-24, Name of work: Money (in Rs.): ₹ 40,900/-, Completion period: 120 Days. Date & Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹ 54,92,108.14, time of Closing Tender: 08-04-2024, Earnest Money (in Rs.): ₹ 1,09,900/-14:30 Hrs., Date & time of Opening | Completion period: 120 Days. Date & Tender: 08-04-2024, 14:30 Hrs., time of Closing Tender: 12-04-2024, Sl.No.-04, Tender reference No.: E-Tender-L-40-23-24, Name of work: Electrical work connection to-(1) Provision of RCC overhead tank and to participate in tenders please visit 50000 -gallon capacity at PRRB, Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in (2) Provision of RCC overhead tank | Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G),

12,90,179.75, Earnest Money (in Rs.): Divisional Railway Manager ₹ 25,800/-, Completion period: 120 Electrical), North Eastern Railway, Days. Date & time of Closing Tender: Varanasi for and on behalf of President | 10-04-2024, 14:30 Hrs., Date & time of of India invites Online (E-tendering) Opening Tender: 10-04-2024, 14:30 Hrs. Sl.No.-05, Tender reference No.: Tender-L-37-23-24, Name of work: Electrical work connection to Set up of of important Stations buildings on special capacity of Mechanized Laundry at 10-04-2024, 14:30 Hrs., Date & time of No.: E-Tender-L-38-23-24, Name of Hrs., Sl.No.-06, Tender reference No.: Closing Tender: 08-04-2024, 14:30 Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹1,08,45,223.07, (in Rs.): ₹ 20,46,349.34, Earnest Electrical work for Energy Efficiency & Green Energy work over BSB Division., 14:30 Hrs., Date & time of Opening Tender: 12-04-2024, 14:30 Hrs., For full details of above E-Tenders

25000 -gallon capacity with pump CPRO/Vidyut-302 Varanasi

house and generator room at MHC,
(3) Sinking of tube well 200/350 mm

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tribute 15 % to the GDP and will reach a market size of USD1 trillion by 2030," he said. —PTI





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BIDDING SCHEDULE

Date of uploading of documents	14.03.2024 on https://etender.up.nic.in
Last date of receiving clarifications	Upto 15:00 hrs on 04.04.2024
Pre Bid Conference	05.04.2024 (at 11:00 hrs) at Conference Hall, Parivahan Bhavan, Tehri Kothi, Lucknow
Date of uploading of addendum/ corrigendum, if any	19.04.2024 on https://etender.up.nic.in
Bid submission date & place (the "Application Due Date")	10.05.2024 (upto 15:00 hrs) on https://etender.up.nic.in
Opening of technical bid	10.05.2024 (16:00 hrs onwards)

Managing Director

For Enquiry Mr. Yajuvendra Kumar (GM-IT/PPP) Mob.: 9219615066

E-mail: ppp@upsrtc.com



The Economic Times, New Delhi / Gurgaon, Saturday, 16 March 2024



DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010 Email Id: ppp.uptourism@gmail.com

Request for Qualification for Operation of Rahi Tourist Bungalows at Basti, Uttar Pradesh through Private Sector Participation on Lease and Development Basis

Directorate of Tourism (DoT), Government of Uttar Pradesh, invites Request for Qualification for Operation of Rahi Tourist Bungalows at Basti, Uttar Pradesh through Private Sector Participation on Lease and Development Basis on PPP (Public Private Partnership) DBFOT (Design, Built, Finance, Operate & Transfer) mode.

Interested parties may download bid document from e-tender website http://etender.up.nic.in and also from Department of Tourism official website:- http/uptourism.gov.in from 16th March 2024. This bid document is open and non-transferable.

Pre bid meeting will be held online on 22nd March 2024, 16:00Hrs. For join the meeting the link is as under Google Meet joining info:

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/gcj-qpkh-zet

Request for Qualification [RFQ] can be submitted online on or before 14:00 PM by 08th April 2024, on the website http://etender.up.nic.in. Amendments to this Notice Inviting Tender (NIT), if any, would be published on the website http://etender.up.nic.in and uptourism.gov.in.

The issue of this Request for Qualification (RFQ) does not imply that the DoT is bound to select an agency or appoint the selected developer as the case may be, for operation of Rahi Tourist Bungalow and DoT reserves the right to reject all or any of the applications/bids without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

For inquiry, Department of Tourism can be contacted through email: pmu.uptourism@gmail.com or mobile +91-9415000534 or +91-9182465664 or through office visit at its main office Directorate of Tourism Government of Uttar Pradesh Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010, Uttar Pradesh (India)

(Director General Tourism)



DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010 Email Id: ppp.uptourism@gmail.com

Expression of Interest EOI for Integrated Development of 05 Land Parcels in the State of Uttar Pradesh on PPP model

Directorate of Tourism (DoT), Government of Uttar Pradesh, invites Expression of Interest (EoI) for Integrated Development of 05 Land Parcels in the State of Uttar Pradesh on PPP model (Public Private Partnership) DBFOT (Design, Built, Finance, Operate & Transfer) mode, namely:

- 1. Dudhwa Chandan Chowki, Tehsil Palia, Gram Chediya Poorab, Lakhimpur kheri
- 2. Near Sharda Barage, District Lakhimpur kheri, Tehsil Sadar, Gram Garosa, Lakhimpur kheri
- 3. Near Sharda Barage, Tehsil Sadar, Gram Kothiya, Lakhimpur kheri
- 4. Farenda, Maharajganj
- Gram Chakrbhandar, Tehsil Ekona, Shravasti

Interested parties may download bid document from e-tender website http://etender.up.nic.in and also from Department of Tourism official website:- http/uptourism.gov.in from 16th March 2024. This bid document is open and non-transferable.

Pre bid meeting will be held on 25th March 2024, 14:00Hrs at Paryatan Bhawan, Lucknow.

Google Meet joining info:

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/ydz-vscg-obz

Expression of Interest [EoI] can be submitted online on or before 14:00 PM by 05th April 2024, on the website http://etender.up.nic.in. Amendments to this Notice Inviting Tender (NIT), if any, would be published on the website http://etender.up.nic.in and uptourism.gov.in.

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Government of Jharkhand **Rural Works Department** JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT **AUTHORITY (JSRRDA)**

3rd Floor, F.F.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi 834004

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (National Competitive Bidding Through e-Procurement) eTender No.- 387/ 2023-24- Ranchi, Dated: 15.03.2024 The undersigned on behalf of Government of Jharkhand invites item rate bids through e-Procurement

from the eligible bidders registered* in appropriate class with any State/Central Government/State Central Government Organization for construction and maintenance for five years of the works (List of schemes shall be displayed in the website pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in) of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) of Phase XIV (Bach-II, 2016-17)

Sr. No.		District Name	Block name	WORK NAME	Length (in KM)	Cost of Const. and Maint. (in Lakh)	Earnest Money (in Lakh)	Time Period
1,	JH-XIV-RP- PAK-06	Pakur	Pakur	Remaining work of L040- Srirampur to Kasiadanga	3.50	201.92	4.09	09 Months

The bid should be submitted online in the website **pmgsytendersjhr.gov.in**. The bidders should have valid Digital Signature Certificate for online submission of bid. Details of bid submission is as under:

Procurement Officer	Place of Opening	Control Control	y of tender or bidding	Date & time of opening (on-line) of tender		
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Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	Chief Engineer, JSRRDA, Ranchi	20.03.2024 at 10.00 AM	05.04.2024 upto 5.00 PM	05.04.2024 at 05.30 PM	To be informed later	

Non-registered bidders may also submit bid, however the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authority before signing the contract.

** Cost may change. Note:-

- Amount of Bid Security should be taken as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet of the Bidding Document. 2. Cost of Bid Document (Rs. 10000) and Bid Security (as mentioned in the Bid Data Sheet) shall be
- In case, it is found, even after the award of work that the bidder has submitted/ uploaded any false/erroneous/fraudulent statement/document, he/she is liable for blacklisting and forfeiture of
- Bidders must submit GST registration certificate without which bid is liable to be rejected.
- 6. Bids submitted by bidders, who have long pending ATR(s) / made inordinate delay in execution of
- earlier allotted construction/ maintenance works of PMGSY, may be rejected summarily.
- 8. Participating bidders are free to submit grievances, if any, against the decision of technical evaluation within five working days from the date of uploading of decision of technical evaluation only through email at jh-ce@pmgsy.nic.in Grievance submitted after stipulated period shall not
- 9. Bidders must have valid registration with Employee Provident Fund organization under EPF and
- 10. Bidders must not quote rate for routine maintenance. The amount for routine maintenance as indicated in the Bill of Quantities must be acceptable to bidders. 11. For unbalanced bids, extra security will be required to be deposited by the bidder at the time of
- 12. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel the tender at any stage without giving prior
- All other details can be seen in the bidding document which is available in website pmgsy

tendersjhr.gov.in as per schedule mentioned above.

na's ByteDance-owned TikTok posted the risk of being banned, the Financial Reuters

TikTok's US revenue Hits \$16 B as Times reported on Friday. ByteDance's Washington Mulls Ban: ReportChi- revenue of \$120 billion in 2023 was up about 40% from a year earlier, driven revenue of about \$16 billion last year in by TikTok's exploding growth, althothe United States, where the viral video ugh China accounts for a big portion of app that has hooked Gen Z users is at the company's sales, the report added.



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केवल ई0 निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार बेबसाईट एवं www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर SBD पद्धति ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निविदा संख्या :-31/2023-24

- विज्ञापन दाता का नाम एवं पता
- 2. निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि परिमाण विपन्न (डाउनलोड करने) एवं निविदा :- दिनांक-15.04.2024 से दिनांक-जमा करने (अपलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय
- निविदा खोलने (तकनीकी बीड) की तिथि एवं
- वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय
- प्रीबीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान

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सरकार भवन (विशनुपुर बालाधारी

हाजीपुर प्रखंड अन्तर्गत पंचायत

सरकार भवन (चकुन्दा उर्फ मिल्की

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इस्लामपुर पर्वादत, मनुआ पंवायत)

भवन का निर्माण कार्य विद्युत कार्य

भगवानपुर प्रखंड अन्तर्गत पंचायत

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इमादपुर पंचायत) भवन का निर्माण

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सरकार भवन (शीतल भक्रस्टर

पंचायत, पुरेनिया पंचायत, पुरसीर्ल

पर्वायत, गुड्मिया पंचायत) भवन का

वैशाली प्रधायत, फुलाढ़ पंचायत

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सरकार भवन (बेलसर पंचायत,

करनेजी पंचायत) भवन का निर्माण

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निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।

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पंचायत, अग्रैल खुर्द पंचायत, तिभरवाडा

पंचायत) भवन का निर्माण कार्य विद्युत

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पंचायत, चेहराकला पंचायत, करहरिया

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9. निविदा वैधता की तिथि

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प्रमण्डल, हाजीपुर। :- 15.03.2024

:- कार्यपालक अभियंता, वैशाली भवन

- 15.05.2024 को 3:00 बजे अप0 तक
- :- दिनांक-20.05.2024 को 3:30 बजे
- अपराहन तक
- :- तकनीकी बीड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात :- (1)दिनांक-24.04.2024 के 3:30 बजे
- अपराहन मे अधीक्षण अभियंता, का कार्यालय, भवन अंचल, मुजफ्फरपुर। (2) दिनांक-02.05.2024 के 3:30 बजे अपराहन में मुख्य अभियंता (उत्तर) का कार्यालय, भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार,
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> mitted by Palestinian militant group Hamas was discussed, according to a statement.

ring for the operational aspects and for the evacuation of the population," it said, without indicating a time frame. The move is likely to increase tensions between Israel and the US President Joe Biden said last week that an invasion of Rafah would represent a "red line."

delegation to Qatar for fresh talks on a ceasefire and hostage release in Gaza, keeping faint hopes for a truce alive despite rejecting a long-awaited counteroffer from Hamas.

Negotiators failed this week to reach a ceasefire agreement for the Gaza war in time for the Ramadan Muslim holy month. But Washington and Arab mediators are still determined to reach a

Israel Prepares to Evacuate Rafah as Netanyahu Okays **Ground Operation Plan**

Tel Aviv to attend new Gaza ceasefire talks in Qatar despite rejecting Hamas' offer



Parcels of humanitarian aid are airdropped over Gaza on Friday AFP

Israel is preparing to move the civilian population of Rafah in Gaza ahead

The premier "approved the operation plans" following a war cabinet meeting where a ceAasefire deal sub-

Israel Defence Forces are "prepa-

Israel said on Friday it would send a

deal to head off an Israeli assault on Rafah and let in humanitarian aid to stave off mass starvation. Palestinians shot own people

More than two weeks after receiving an Israeli-approved proposal for a truce, Hamas gave mediators on Thursday its first formal counter-proposal in more than a month. Like previous proposals from both sides, the offer foresees dozens of Israeli hostages being freed in return for hundreds of Palestinians held in Israeli jails, during a weeks-long ceasefire that would let in aid. It also calls for talks in a later stage on

ending the war, seen as anotherna to Israel which says it will negotiate only over a temporary truce.

Meanwhile, the Israeli army said Friday that "armed Palestinians" opened fire on civilians awaiting humanitarian aid in northern Gaza, rejecting claims by the Hamas-ruled territory's health ministry that Israeli soldiers were responsible. "Armed Palestinians opened fire while Gazan civilians were awaiting the arrival of the aid convoy' in Gaza City on Thursday and then "continued to shoot as the crowd of Gazans began looting the trucks", the army said in a statement.

Agencies

भवन निर्माण विभाग पटना सिटी भवन प्रमंडल गुलजारबाग, पटना

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ई-निविदा संख्या २४ / प०सि०भ०प्र०ग्०पटना / वर्ष २०२३-२४

1 विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता 2 निविदा आमंत्रित करने की तिथि

3 निविदा कागजात प्राप्त करने (डाउनलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय

4 निविदा जमा करने (अपलोड करने)

6 प्री विड मीटींग की तिथि

7 निविदा पत्र बिकी का स्थान

की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 5 (क) तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (ख) वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय

 दिनांक-16.05.2024 को 15:00 बजे तक। दिनांक-18.05.2024 को 16.00 बजे। :- तकनीकी बीड अनुमोदन के पश्चात्

गुलजारबाग, पटना ।

:- दिनांक- 15.03.2024

अपराहन तक।

- कार्यपालक अभियंता, पटना सिटी भवन प्रमंडल

:- दिनांक- 15.04.2024 से 15.05.2024 को 15:00 बजे

समय एवं स्थान दिनांक-22.04.2024 को 15:00 बजे, मुख्य अभियंता, (पटना) भवन निर्माण विभाग, पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में।

- दिनांक-20.04.2024 को 1:30 बजे. अधीक्षण अभियंता, पटना भवन अंचल, पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में ।

8 निविदा बैद्धता की अवधि

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कं० सं०	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपन्न की	अग्रधन की राशि	निविदा	Bid	वार्य
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1	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत अथमलगोला प्रखंड के रामनगर करारी कछार, करजान, रामनगर दियारा एवं फुलेलपुर नूरूरा ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023-24)	12,20,00,000.00	22,20,000.00	10,000.00	As per E-proc 2	12 month
2	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत मसौढ़ी प्रखंड के कराय एवं बारा ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023–24)	6,10,00,000.00	12,20,000.00	10,000.00	As per 2	12 month
3	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत घोसबरी प्रखंड के सम्यागढ़, गोसाईगांव एवं तारतर ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023–24)	9,15,00,000.00	18,30,000.00	10,000.00	As per E-proc 2	12 month
.4	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत पंडारक प्रखंड के खुषहालचक, अजगरा, बांकवा, ग्वास शेखपुरा ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार मदन का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्ष 2023–24)	9,15,00,000.00	18,30,000.00	10,000.00	As per E-proc 2	12 month
5	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत मोकामा प्रखंड के औटा, मेंराची, रामपुरडुमरा ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023-24)	9,15,00,000.00	18,30,000.00	10,000.00	As per E-proc 2	12 month
6	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत धनरूआ प्रखंड के पथरहट देबा, उलासचकवीर, मौरयावीं ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023–24)	12,20,00,000.00	22,20,000.00	10,000.00	As per E-proc 2	12 month
7	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत बिख्तयारपुर प्रखंड के मोगलपुरा, सतभैया रामनगर ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023–24)	6,10,00,000.00	12,20,000.00	10,000.00	As per E-proc 2	12 month
8	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत बाढ़ प्रखंड के सरकट्टी सैदपुर, अगवानपुर एवं इब्राहिमपुर ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023–24)	9,15,00,000.00	18,30,000.00	10,000:00	As per E-proc 2	12 month
9	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत बाढ़ प्रखंड के एकडंगा एवं भटगाँव ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023–24)	6,10,00,000.00	12,20,000.00	10,000.00	As per E-proc 2	12 month
10	पटना जिला अन्तर्गत पुनपुन प्रखंड के					

onth inth onth अकौना, पोठही एवं बराह ग्राम में पंचायत 9,15,00,000.00 18,30,000.00 10,000.00 As per 12 month सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष E-proc 2023-24) पटना जिला अन्तर्गत दनियावाँ प्रखंड में के बोंकीपुर मछरियावीं एवं खरमैया ग्राम में 6.10,00,000.00 12,20,000.00 10,000.00 As per पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । E-proc (वर्ष 2023-24) पटना जिला अन्तर्गत संपतचक प्रखंड के कण्डाप तारणपुर ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार 3.05,00,000.00 6.10,000.00 10,000.00 As per भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023-24) E-proc पटना जिला अन्तर्गत बेलछी प्रखंड के कोरारी ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन का 3.05,00,000.00 6.10,000.00 10,000.00 As per 09 month निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023-24) E-proc पटना जिला अन्तर्गत धनरूआ प्रखंड के भखरी, जनकपुर, दोभारा एवं छाती ग्राम में 12,20,00,000.00 12 month As per पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । 22.20,000.00 10,000.00 (वर्ष 2023-24) पटना जिला अन्तर्गत पंडारक प्रखंड के डमावां, दर्वे भदीर एवं बरुआने बधोई ग्राम 10,000.00 9.15,00.000.00 18,30,000.00 As per 12 month में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (वर्ष 2023-24) पटना जिला अन्तर्गत पटना सदर प्रखंड के नकटा दियारा, पुनाडीह एवं महुली ग्राम में 9,15,00,000.00 18.30,000.00 10,000.00 12 month As per पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023-24) पटना जिला अन्तर्गत पुनपुन प्रखंड के ड्मरी, केवड़ा एवंध्येखपुरा ग्राम में पंचायत 9,15,00,000.00 18,30,000.00 10,000.00 As per 12 month सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष E-proc

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PR. No. 020123 (BCD) 2023-24

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यटना जिला अन्तर्गत खुसरूपुर प्रखंड के

अलावलपुर ग्राम में पंचायत सरकार भवन

का निर्माण कार्य । (वर्ष 2023-24)

कार्यपालक अभियंता पटना सिटी भवन प्रमंडल, गुलजारबाग, पटना

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deposited **online** in form as mentioned in Bid Data Sheet failing which the bid will be treated non responsive and action shall be taken as per Sec. 2 of ITB clause 12.2 (d).

5. Bidders whose names appear in the Debar/blacklist of RWD, any department of GoJ/GoI (including JSRRDA) shall not be allowed to participate in the above bids.

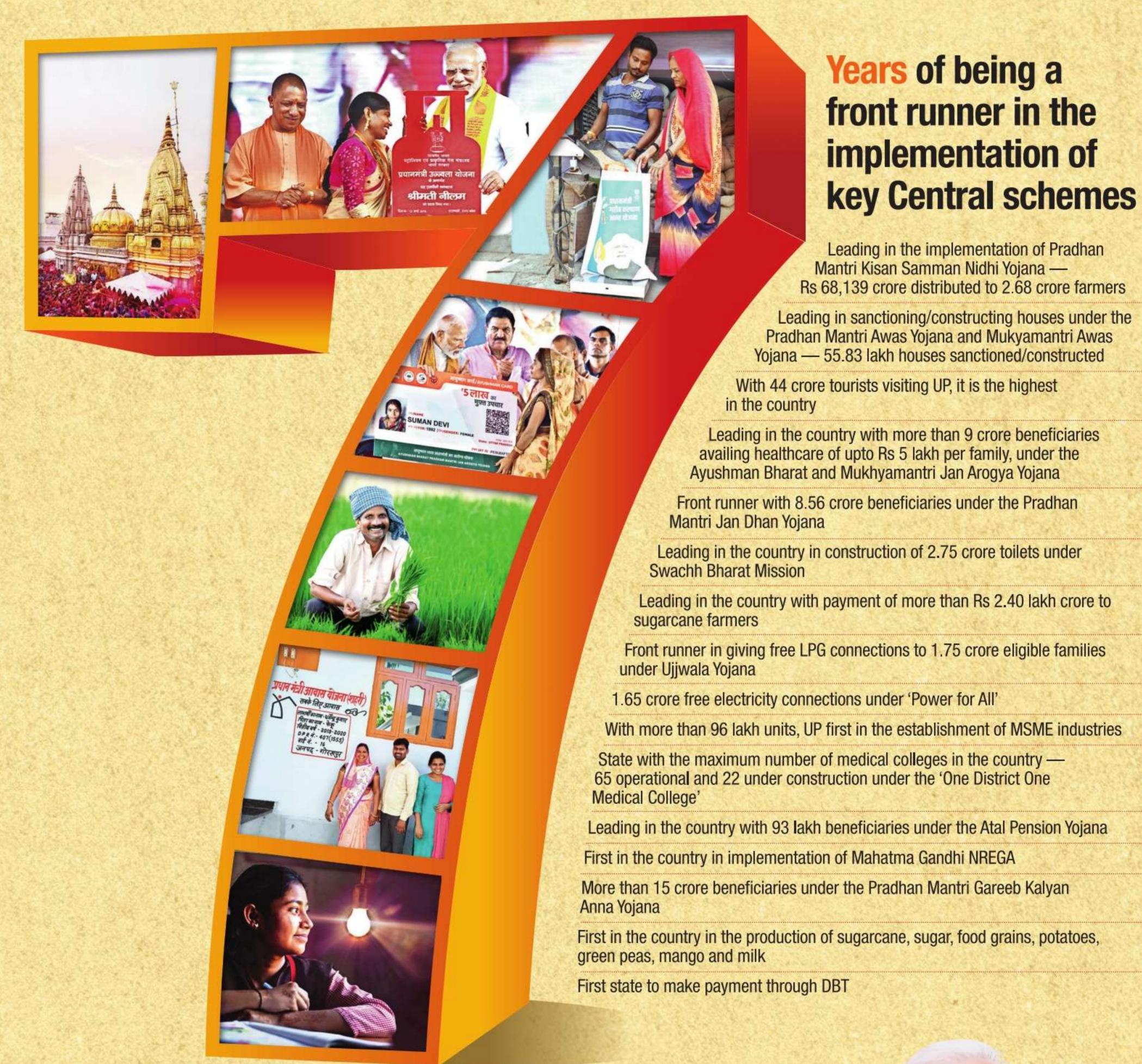
7. In case of any discrepancy/dispute about units in BOQ, units as mentioned in Current SOR on which BOQ has been prepared shall prevail.

Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952 failing which the bid shall be rejected.

PR- 020086 (BCD) 2023-24 Chief Engineer नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार PR.NO.322915 Rural Work Department(23-24):D JSRRDA, Ranchi



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Agra and Varanasi included in top 10 cities of the country in smart cities ranking.

Uttar Pradesh as an Achiever State in 10 Various Categories at India Smart Cities Conclave-2023, Varanasi awarded as the top smart city of North Zone.

Under the Smart City Mission, 670 projects of worth ₹9313 crore under progress in 10 cities (Agra, Aligarh, Bareilly, Jhansi, Kanpur, Lucknow, Moradabad, Prayagraj, Saharanpur and Varanasi).

646 works completed out of approved works in 6 categories in 10 smart cities.

Development of Ayodhya, Firozabad, Gorakhpur, Ghaziabad, Mathura-Vrindavan, Meerut and Shahjahanpur as smart cities under the State Smart City Scheme.

Under Amrut Yojana, 157 projects of drinking water, 84 of sewerage, 530 of green land & parks have been completed, work on 91 projects under progress.

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Mukhyamantri Nagar Srijan Yojana operational for providing basic facilities in newly created/ extended/ upgraded municipal bodies, Provision of ₹550 crore.

Aspirational City Plan launched for overall development of 100 Aspirational Municipal Bodies.

Implementation of Aspirational City Scheme based on 3C approach i.e. Convergence, Collaboration and Competition.

Appointment of 100 professionals as Chief Minister Fellows in Aspirational Urban Bodies.

Construction of 9 lakh individual toilets, 69,381 community and public toilets.

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Cleanliness campaign conducted at 75 tourist & historical places in the state.

Employment to more than 48,501 workers by registering 1.50 lakh workers through 63 urban livelihood centers in 51 cities.

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Formation of Emergency Response Sanitation Unit to assist Safai Mitras in cleaning sewers and septic tanks.

Live monitoring of buses in cities through 'Chalo App'

The work of preparing GIS based master plan in 59 AMRUT cities and GIS based property tax management system in 15 municipal corporations under progress.

Construction of 17 lakh 62 thousand houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

Construction of 1,040 houses in Lucknow under Light House Project based on Global Housing Technology Challenge.

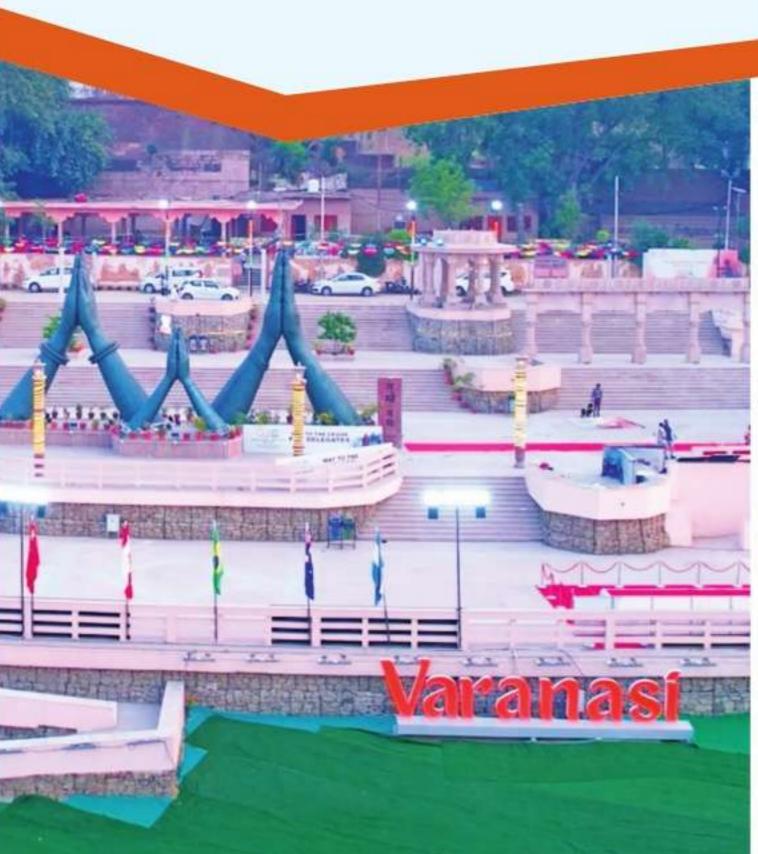
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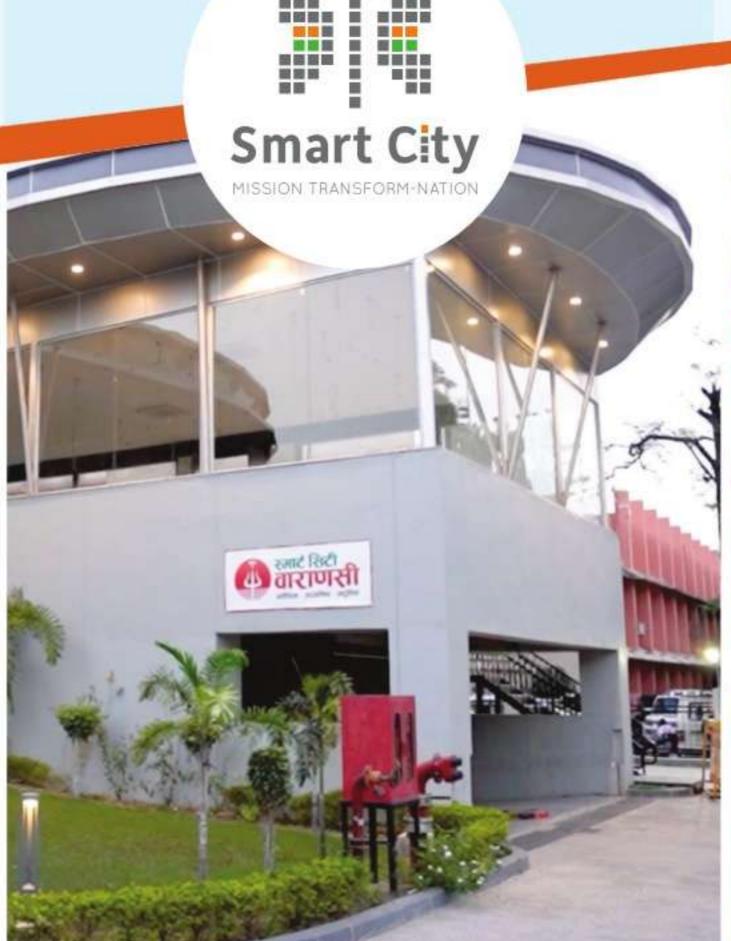
in the country in India Smart Cities Awards Contest

Arrangement of 'Sambhav' portal and statewide

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operational for resolving public grievances







'Major Reset in **Labour Market'**

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But these investments are not as adequately captured in the data collection as those in traditional manufacturing sectors, she indicated.

tion in FY24 will account for 34.1% of gross domestic product, the highest in over a decade, the National Statistics Office said in its second advance estimate last month.

The minister rued the near absence of meaningful structural reforms in the early 1990s after liberalisation and during the decade of Congress-led UPA rule. She cited the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) and the goods and services tax (GST) among others as significant reforms that the NDA regime put in place.

Sitharaman said India's labour market is going through a major reset, with the informal sector getting increasingly formalised and creating employment, but data collection is lagging. Workers are upskilling themselves and pursuing opportunities in the new sectors. However, there is not enough information on women's participation in the labour force or the number of informal sector jobs among others.

"So you do have a data pauci-

"Companies setting up manufacturing fa-

cilities for EVs will be allowed a limited im-

port of cars at lower custom duties," said

heavy industries minister Mahendra Nath

Pandey. The new scheme offers the conces-

sional import duty for five years to compa-

nies that commit fresh investment of at le-

ast \$500 million in the country. "The go-

vernment has unveiled a groundbreaking

policy aimed at supercharging domestic

EV manufacturing," said EY

This will propel India into the

While the heavy industries

ministry notified the policy, it

has been steered by the Depart-

ment for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

under the Ministry of Com-

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

E-Tender Notice No. : CH-WP-

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Tender Value: ₹ 2,34,64,300/- including

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0. Tender Closing Date: 10.04.2024

Completion period of the work: 04

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9. निविदा की वैधता की अवधि

10. कार्य का विवरण

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partner Saurabh Agarwal.

high-tech EV arena, he said.

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ty. And without adequate data on this, many of us are playing with anecdotal examples of people not finding jobs,"

Sitharaman said. The minister pointed at the rising offtake of collateral-Gross fixed capital forma- free credit by small-time or new entrepreneurs through various official schemes, even in subsequent phases after initial loan disbursements. This suggests they too are creating jobs that aren't quite reflected in the data system.

Sitharaman asserted that the government has kept inflation under control despite global supply chain disruptions in the wake of the pandemic and the Ukraine war. Retail inflation has breached the central bank's targeted band of 2-6% just a few times in the past 10 years against 22 months of double-digit inflation during the UPA regime, she said.

"I think this government has been very focused on keeping inflation within the tolerance band," she stressed.

Retail inflation held steady at 5.1% in February, remaining within the RBI's target band for a sixth straight month. Core inflation stayed below 4% for three successive months through February even though food prices prevented the headline gauge from a downward spiral.

car manufacturing in India, with very

while also ensuring that we allow imports

in a very limited quantity," said DPIIT se-

Headded that 15% is the normal custom du-

ty in most countries, including China. "In

Europe and US... it is far less," Singh said.

"The idea is to kickstart four-wheeler, e- in India.

Without naming any automakers, he said ser to ₹40 lakh.

'Several EV Cos Interested in India'

merce and Industry (MOC&I).

the thinking behind the policy.

NIT No. - 730/PR/ JUSNL/ 2023-24

Name of work

Estimated cost (Rs.)

Earnest Money Deposit Completion Period

e-Tender fee

Start Date & Time of Download the

Tender Documents

Start Date and time of upload of BID

End date and time of upload of BID

BID Opening date for technical part

BID Opening date for price part

Procurement Officer and address for

communication

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भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, जहानाबाद

अल्पकालीन राष्ट्रीय / स्पर्द्धा ई० निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

संख्या 11/JEHANABAD/2023-2024 (एस0बी0डी0 आधारित प्रतिशत दर निविदा)

'Today, There is a **Desire to Engage India'**

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Instead of grousing that supply chains are getting concentrated in one geography (China), he urged businesses to be proactive. "If you were asking me what business does — it doesn't depend on which part you know, what you do, which domain you are (in)... There would be certain areas where, I think, sensitivity, transparency and trust (matter)... anything digital today, telecom, these are areas where trust will actually be a very, very crucial factor,"

said the minister. Jaishankar said, "People had better wake up to this because if they make business choices that lead them to situations where they might find themselves in difficulties... the rest of the system will not be facilitating the execution of that choice.'

stringent kind of value addition norms more," he said, "There are multiple such

cretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, highlighting should be worth more than \$35,000 (Rs 30

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S JAISHANKAR External Affairs Minister

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today be an interest in

When asked about India's

Lakshman in the context of

Jaishankar's latest book.

which references the Rama-

yan, the minister replied,

"We have this ability to be

relevant to the north, to be

relevant to the south, to be

able to bridge east and west.

There would today be an in-

terest in India and a desire

to engage India. You can

just see it in the traffic of pe-

ople coming (here). There is

probably not a day that pas-

ses where there isn't some-

body from some part of the

world out here, who is actu-

ally trying to make friends,

influence people and do bu-

siness.'

EV companies are interested in investing

"At least two are there but there could be

Under the policy, each vehicle imported

lakh) without local levies when being bro-

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General Manager, C&M (NWBP)

JUSNL, Ranchi

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Jaishankar said, "There are many businesses where it might be more efficient to go there but you don't want to go there because there are many other implications, including security implications... Another factor which we'll put in is actually the socioeconomic consequences."

which the unique number would have revealed. We have this ability to The bench has asked SBI to respond by Monday, March 18, be relevant to the the day the matter will come up for hearing again. north, to be relevant "The judgment of the consti-

tution bench clarified that all details of electoral bonds will be made available including date of purchase, name of purchaser, the denomination. It has been submitted that SBI has not disclosed the electoral bond numbers," the bench said in its order issuing notice to SBL

The Economic Times, New Delhi / Gurgaon, Saturday, 16 March 2024

The data now available doesn't

show who gave what to whom,

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The notice was issued after solicitor general Tushar Mehta suggested that a response be sought from the bank before proceeding further. Mehta clarified that he was not appearing on behalf of SBI.

Speaking for the bench, the CJI remarked that SBI had not made full disclosure as mandated by the top court in its February 15 judgment.

When the matter came up for hearing on Friday, the CJI asked who was appearing on behalf of SBI. The bench was informed that there was no one doing so as the bank was not a party to the case. The CJI said someone should have been in attendance since the matter

Notice Issued to SBI was being taken up in the resumed hearing.

Echoing the CJI's concern that the electoral bond number had not been disclosed by SBI, senior advocate Kapil Sibal read out the February 15 judgment, stating that it was an "inclusive" order.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, counsel for the co-petitioner, also argued that SBI had conceded before the bench that it has the unique electoral bond numbers and yet it chose not to divulge the information. At the last hearing, senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing on behalf of SBI, had sought extension of the deadline to furnish details on the bonds to June 30 from March 6. The bank told the court in a petition last week that "decoding" the data and "matching do-

a complex process". Refusing to extend the deadline, the bench had on March 11 asked SBI for a "plain disclosure" of donations and "not to conduct a matching exercise". Holding that the information was "readily available" with SBI, the top court had directed the bank to provide the information to the ECI by March 12. The poll panel had been directed to upload the information on its official website by 5 pm

nors to the donations would be

on March 15.

U.P. nahi dekha. Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010 Expression of Interest (EOI) for Design,

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

Build, Operate, Maintain and Transfer Multi-Level Four-Wheeler Parking at Shilpgram, Tajganj, Agra

Online e-bids are invited from the interested bidders, starting from 16th March 2024; 1000 hrs for 'Design, Build, Operate, Maintain and Transfer Multi-Level Four-Wheeler Parking at Shilpgram, Tajganj, Agra'.

Pre-bid meeting will be organized on 22/03/2024; 14:00 PM at Paryatan Bhawan, Lucknow. Last date of submission of e-bids is 05/04/2024; 12:00 PM. The technical e-bids shall be opened on 05/04/2024; 14:00 PM or afterwards.

EOI document is available on the e-tender website https://etender.up.nic.in. The Department of Tourism. Government of Uttar Pradesh reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-bids or annul the bidding process without assigning any reason thereof. (Director General Tourism)

Govt. of Jharkhand ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

Road Divison, Seraikella-Kharsawan

		RAIKELLA/33 Date :- 13.03.2024			
1.	Name of the work	Construction of basic infrastructure of international level for industrial area at Adityapur Region (i) Adityapur-Industrial Area Phase-III (ii) Adityapur-Industrial Area, Near Phase-III (iv) Adityapur-Industrial Area, New Proposal for the year 2023-24			
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 111,91,46,500.00 (Rupees One Hundred Eleven Crore Ninety One lakh Forty Six thousand Five Hundred only)			
3.	Time of Completion	14 (Fourteen) Months			
4.	Last Date /Time for receipt of bids	27.04.2024 (12.00 Noon)			
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	30.03.2024 (10.30 AM)			
6.	Date and Place of Pre-bid Meeting	04.04.2024 (11:30 A.M.) Office of the Chief Engineer (C), Road Construction Department, Jharkhand, First Floor, Engineers Hostel No02, Dhurwa, Ranchi			
7.	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	Ganesh Ram Hembrom O/o Executive Engineer, Road Construction Department, Road Division, Seraikella-Kharsawan			
8.	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	8809347906			
9.	Helpline number of e- Procurement cell	0651-2401010			

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in Estimated Amount may increase or decrease Executive Engineer RCD, Road Division PR 322766 Road (23-24) D Seraikella-harsawan

Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd. (CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001704) Regd. Office: 2nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-02

(E-mail:cetjusnl@gmail.com)

e-TENDER NOTICE NIT No. - 732/PR/ JUSNL/ 2023-24

E-tender in two parts i.e. Technical (Part-I) and Financial (Part – II) is invited from reputed, capable, experienced

Name of work	Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 220 kV D/C and 132 kV D/C transmission line for diversion of 220 kV S/C RCP- Joda (loc. 329 to 346) and 132 kV S/C Joda-Kendposi (loc. 292 to 312) transmission line under turnkey basis.
Estimated cost (Rs.)	Rs. 11,82,22,990.00 (including GST)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 23,64,500.00 On line mode
Completion Period	09 (Nine) Months
e-Tender fee	Rs. 15,000.00 + 18% GST On line mode.
Start Date & Time of Download the Tender Documents	20.03.2024 at 11:00 AM
Start Date and time of upload of BID	20.03.2024 at 11:00 AM
End date and time of upload of BID	08.04.2024 upto 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for technical part	09.04.2024 at 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for price part	Will be communicated
Procurement Officer and address for communication	General Manager, C&M (NWBP), 2 nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002

 e-Tender document and BOQ including terms & conditions, tender specification can be downloaded from website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned (8987421011) during office hours.

2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode

No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snag.

स्वहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकयतों को 18003456570(कॉल सेन्टर) पर दर्ज करायें।

PR 322828 Jharkhand Urja General Manager, C&M (NWBP) Sancharan Nigam Ltd(23-24)#D JUSNL, Ranchi

MADHYA PRADESH BUILDING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(An Agency of Govt. of M.P. Public Works Department) 16-A, CEDMAP Building, Arera Hills, Bhopal (MP)-462011 Telephone No.: 0755-4853297, 0755-4853295

Email: einc-mpbdc@mp.gov.in, ajay.nagaria@mp.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR NIT No.-055

NIT No.: 5010/GM/MPBDC/CW/24/NIT-055 Bhopal, Dated: 15.03.24

Madhya Pradesh Building Development Corporation invites online tender for the following work in Singrauli District of M.P.:- Proposed Construction Work of 200 Bedded District Hospital at Singrauli, District Singrauli (M.P.) -

01 Work - Rs. 5736.75 Lakhs From bidders registered in M.P. PWD Department under appropriate category. Detailed NIT and tender documents can be viewed and purchased online only from 05.04.2024 at 18:00 hrs. to 08.05.2024 at 15:30 hrs. from website www.mptenders.gov.in

PAC can very at the time of uploading in tender document if required Any amendment/corrigendum, if any, will be published on website only, will not be published on newspapers. M.P. Madhyam/114474/2024 MANAGING DIRECTOR



DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010 Email Id: ppp.uptourism@gmail.com

Empanelment of Chartered Engineer / Valuer Firms for Providing Advisory Services for PPP & non-PPP Projects (Call 2)

Online e-bids are invited from the interested bidders, starting from 16th March 2024; 1000 hrs for 'EMPANELMENT OF CHARTERED ENGINEER/ VALUER FIRMS FOR PROVIDING ADVISORY SERVICES FOR PPP & NON-PPP PROJECTS (Call 2)'.

Pre-bid meeting will be organized on 21/03/2024; 14:00 PM at Paryatan Bhawan, Lucknow. Last date of submission of e-bids is 04/04/2024; 14:00 PM. The technical e-bids shall be opened on 04/04/2024: 16:00 PM or afterwards.

RFP document is available on the e-tender website https://etender.up.nic.in. The Department of Tourism, Government of Uttar Pradesh reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-bids or annul the bidding process without assigning any reason thereof. (Director General Tourism)

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED (CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001702) Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 4,

Email:- itcelljbvnl@gmail.com Expression of Interest (EOI) 574/PR/JBVNL/ 2023-24

Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL), invites EOI for "On-Site Accuracy Checking & Testing of Single and Three Phase Smart Meter (Pre-Paid/ Post Paid) Energy Meter installed at consumer premises from NABL Accredited Third Party across

Sl. No.	Particulars	Estimated Date
1	Start Date and time for downloading for EOI.	From 19.03.2024 at 10:30 hrs.
2	Last date & time for submission of clarification if any on the EOI	26.03.2024 upto 18:00 hrs. (through e-mail)
4	Last date & time of submission of EOI documents online	12.04.2024 upto 18:00.
5	Due date of opening :	Part - I - Technical Bid: - - 15.04.2024 upto 17:00.

Expression of Interest

JBVNL" with following timelines:-

Bid uploading / opening will be through e-tendering norms only. The complete EOI documents can be downloaded from 19.03.2024 at 10:30 hrs onwards through website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in . Bidder may contact help desk of e-Procurement system at the following web address: www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

Contact Official:- General Manager (IT)- 9431709163

General Manager (IT) PR 322783 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(23-24)D

Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology (An Autonomous body under Department of Information Technology & eGovernance, Govt. of Jharkhand) Ground Floor, Engineer's Hostel - I, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand Phone. 0651 - 2401044 & 2401067 eMail: japit_doit@rediffmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER eTender Ref. No.: JAP-IT/HC/VMS-ePass/01/2024

1. Invitation of Bids

On behalf of Dept. of IT & eGov., GoJ, Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology (JAP-IT) invites online bid through eProcurement portal i.e. https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/ nicgep/app from reputed System Integrator (SI) / System Provider (SP) for 'Customization & Maintenance of VMS/ePass application and Installation of IOT Based Boom Barrier Solution along-with other IT Support Infrastructure in course of implementation of Visitor's Management System (VMS) i.e. ePass at Hon'ble High Court & different courts in the State of Jharkhand'.

The invitation of bid is open to all SI/SP who fulfilling the eligibility criteria as mentioned in this Request of Proposal (RFP) document and the bidder must also agree to terms and conditions mentioned under the RFP. Bidders are advised to study the RFP document and Terms & Conditions carefully and completely.

1.1 Tender Schedule SI.

No.	<u>Item</u>	Description				
1.	eTender Ref. No.	JAP-IT/HC/VMS-ePass/01/2024				
2.	Name of Work	Request for Proposal for Selection of SI/SP for 'Customization & Maintenance of VMS/ePass application and Installation of IOT Based Boom Barrier Solution along-with other IT Support Infrastructure in course of implementation of Visitor's Management System (VMS) i.e. ePass at Hon'ble High Court & different courts in the State of Jharkhand'.				
3.	Tender Fee	INR 10,000.00 (Rs. Ten Thousand only) submitted through on-line mode, as per terms & condition o Jharkhand eProcurement Portal.				
4.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	INR 30,00,000.00 (Rs. Thirty Lakh only) submitted through on line mode, as per terms & condition of Jharkhand eProcurement Portal.				
5.	Availability of Tender Online for bidding					
i.	Bid Downloading Date	From 16.03.2024				
ii.	Last date of submission of the Pre-Bid Query	Latest by 02.04.2024				
iii.	Pre-Bid Meeting at the office of JAP-IT	On 04.04.2024 at 03:00 pm				
iv.	Start date and time of Online Bid Submission	From 06.04.2024 at 12:30 pm				
V.	Last date and time of Online Bid Submission	Latest by 22.04.2024 till 05:30 pm				
vi.	Technical Bid Opening	On 24.04.2024 by 03:00 pm				
vii.	Financial Bid Opening	Will be announced accordingly.				

Hostel No. 1, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi.

EMD amount will be refunded to L1 bidder through on-line mode in the same bank account through which on-line EMD payment have

been made during the tendering process. Bids shall be submitted online through eProcurement portal i.e.

https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app. JAP-IT will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason. For this, bidder is requested to upload the complete bid

well advance in time so as to avoid 11th hour technical issues like slow speed; choking of web site due to heavy load or any other unforeseen problems/technical glitch. The Authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the tender

(s) received without assigning any reason thereof. Chief Executive Officer, JAP-IT, Ranchi PR.NO.322834 Information Technology(23-24):D

विस्तृत जानकारी www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखी जा सकती है।

PR- 20106 (B C D) 2023-24

कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।

जहानाबाद जिलान्तर्गत, घोषी प्रखंड के शाहपुर एवं साहोबिगहा में

पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।

जहानाबाद जिलान्तर्गत, मोदनगंज प्रखंड के बन्ध्गंज, विश्नपुर

कार्यपालक अभियंता

भवन प्रमंडल, जहानाबाद।

As Per Online

Requirement

As Per Online

:- कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, जहानाबाद। 1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता 2. निविदा आमंत्रित करने की तिथि :- दिनांक- 15.03.2024 3. निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (डाउनलोड) करने की तिथि एवं समय:- दिनांक-30.04.2024 से 21.05.2024 को 15.00 बजे तक। केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर :- दिनांक-22.05.2024 को 15.00 बजे तक। केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर :- केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर

4. निविदा जमा (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय

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5. निविदा बिकी का स्थान तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-24.05.2024 को 15.30 बजे।

7. वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- तकनीकी वीड मूल्यांकन के पश्चात।

कार्य का नाम

(i) :- दिनांक- 07.05.2024 को 15.00 बजे अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन अंचल,

अग्रधन की

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गया का कार्यालय में। (ii) :- दिनांक- 14.05.2024 को 15.00 बजे मुख्य अभियंता (द0), भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना का

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2	2	जहानाबाद जिलान्तर्गत, मखदुमपुर प्रखंड के पंचायत पुनहदा, कलानौर, सुमेरा एवं बेला विर्रा में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित)।	10,00,92,516	20,02,000	10000	As Per Online Requirement	12 महीना
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5	5	जहानाबाद जिलान्तर्गत, रतनी फरीदपुर प्रखंड के सोहरैया, सेसम्बा, उचिटा, पण्डौल एवं मुरहारा में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्यत कार्य सहित)।	12,51,15,645	25,02,500,	10000	As Per Online Requirement	12 महीना

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The Economic Times, New Delhi / Gurgaon, Saturday, 16 March 2024

C'mon, Tesla, Now eCar Do Faisla

Gol's turned the key on boosting EV

GoI has found a way out for EV makers to test the Indian market while they make up their minds on local manufacturing. This was a sticking point in negotiations with Tesla, which wanted import duties lowered as a precondition to investing in the country. GoI was clear that it would not permit dumping of cars manufactured in China. The policy tweak that allows limited imports against off-setting investments is a sensible workaround that helps all parties keen to speed along the road. EV makers gain access to a promising market as global sales are plateauing. The government ensures protection to domestic automobile companies. Indian car buyers acquire a taste for electric mobility, which speeds up the economy's transition towards clean energy.

Tesla needs to be in India with local automobile companies like Tata Motors and M&M pushing the envelope on EVs, whose sales are minuscule but are expected to power ahead on production-linked incentives. Market leader Suzuki has, in association with Toyota, finetuned its



portfolio of hybrids that make the most compelling case to Indian car buyers, given the poor charging infrastructure for all-electric vehicles. Other Asian and European carmakers operating in the country are expected to be ready with their EV offerings for India as they churn their product portfo-

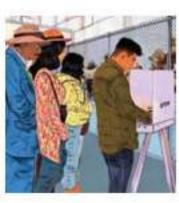
lios in their home markets. The Indian market for EVs is evolving uniquely and will benefit from higher competitive intensity technology leaders like Tesla can provide.

India's energy transition is expected to create an export market for EVs that gain traction locally. This involves cheaper cars that cater to India's price-sensitive market while addressing environmental concerns. The policy for import of high-end EVs bears parity with subsidies offered to local manufacturers, and has a small impact on tax revenue. There are also second-order effects on India's oil import bill. More importantly, the policy adjustment signals India's accommodative stance in order to make bigger inroads into global manufacturing.

Not Just Polls: Fifty Shades of Democracy

Elections are in the air. Whether it's India's that's around the corner, Russia's currently underway, or Britain's and America's this winter, democracies take pride in conducting elections—even when some do it less freely and fairly than others. Incumbent Vladimir Putin, for instance, will be declared victor for the fifth—and third consecutive—time. And we know this not because we're clairvoyant, but because Kremlin-style democracy is markedly 'different' from ours, even as on paper, it may be the same process, with similar rules of popular political representation and 'mandate'.

The democratic process, even at its most efficient, faces myriad challenges. While in some countries, opposition leaders



are pushed out of the fray, imprisoned or worse, in others, disinformation can, and does, play havoc. Mud-slinging and questions raised about the voting process—remember the last US elections—can make elections extra challenging. There is also the genuine concern that the world is moving away from liberal democracy, as

This weekend, as Russians engage in a form of democracy that is akin to Roman acclamations, it's essential to remember that holding elections alone is not the only parameter for a successful democracy. Not even when they are free and fair. Institutions, conventions and practices that sustain and protect the people's right to make an informed choice without fear are also chief ingredients. The popular vote and elections, serving as handrails for democratic principles, ensure that divergent voices retain their potency. Yet, while the spectrum of democracies may fall short of perfection, they are, warts and all, the 'least bad' option for free citizens.

politicians stoke fear and promote identity politics.

A US fast-food giant goes aggregator price rogue if the customer's hungry

Hungry? Now You'll Just Have to Pay More

Businesses routinely come up with catchy terms to entice customers and make profits. So, you have Happy Hours, Bogo, Ladies Nights, Early Bird offers... all designed to push the consumer to shell out more than planned. And then there's this nasty thing called surge pricing in aviation and appbased taxi business, the fear of which makes one review and re-review plans. But, now, the surge pricing vendetta has moved beyond the two sectors and is ready to punch you right in the wallet, well, tummy. Reports suggest that Wendy's, the US fast-food giant, was planning to introduce 'dynamic/surge pricing', which means, brace yourself for sticker shock when your stomach's growling the loudest. Picture this: it's high noon, hunger's knocking on your door and, suddenly, as you scroll through a restaurant app/visit a restaurant, BAM! Prices have shot up faster than an Isro rocket. When this news appeared, hungry masses raised their digital pitchforks in protest. Wendy's swooped in like a culinary superhero to save the day, revealing their plan was for 'off-peak deals'. This is just a sneakier way of doing the same thing — spreading the demand across the day. Thankfully, this fudge is yet to come to India. But if it does, let's sharpen our forks and knives. For, in the battle against wallet-walloping whimsy, we shall dine on justice and feast

on fair pricing.

Making our country an attractive home for the wealthy will fast-track Viksit Bharat

Seduce HNIs, Better India



Harsh Goenka

ver the last 15 years, there has been a steady uptick in the number of Indian billionaires migrating to other parts of the world, with around 7,500 leaving our shores in 2022 alone. There are so many indicators showing that India is growing at a rapid pace. Which makes this exodus somewhat perplexing.

But the Henley Private Wealth Migration Report 2023 brings some optimism to the table. It says that with annual exodus figures closer to 6,500, there was a dip in the number of Indian HNIs leaving the country. If this 'slowdown' continues, it could be another indicator of the India growth story.

Why? Decisions of HNIs to migrate are multifold. They are driven not just by personal or lifestyle preferences but also by a keen sense of where their wealth can be maximised. As they are the wealthiest in the country, they are more choosy, have greater expectations and can afford to relocate to places that offer them better living and economic conditions.

▶ Paisa vasool HNIs are always looking for opportunities of optimising wealth management and tax liabilities. Nations offering favourable tax regimes, sophisticated financial services and lucrative investment avenues naturally attract wealth. Sadly, some of our HNIs also depart to evade Indian tax and legal authorities.

Lifestyling Contrast in living conditions — air quality, traffic management, public services, etc—between vast parts of India and developed nations is immense, even as noticeable efforts have been made to improve the situation. The global elite prioritise environments where their families can access world-class education, healthcare and lifestyle standards that include entertainment and culture.

In many developed countries, proactive municipalities work at continually improving public amenities and transportation, so that they



Go on a charm offensive

become the preferred option for larger sections of the population, including the rich. Not so much here.

▶ Stable, political Uncertainties stemming from political interference, bureaucratic red tape and fluctuating policies also contribute to the discomfort of India's wealthy.

▶ Mobility, fluidity Ease of international travel and the global nature of business have heightened the importance of mobility for HNIs. The appeal of dual citizenship or residency rights, facilitated by policies such as golden visas, further influences their choice of domicile.

Migrant story contd Another factor influencing relocation is parents and family migrating to countries where family members have already set-



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tled. Often, HNI children leave shores for higher education, and continue to stay on in that country.

Data shows that the rich from all over the world gravitate to only a handful of countries like Australia, the US, Canada, Singapore, Switzerland and Dubai. Indian HNI preference seems to be more for Dubai, Singapore and London. If we were to make concerted efforts to address shortfalls of our country, perhaps we could create conditions not only for a ghar wapsi of our wealthy but, more importantly, vastly improve living conditions of all our citizens.

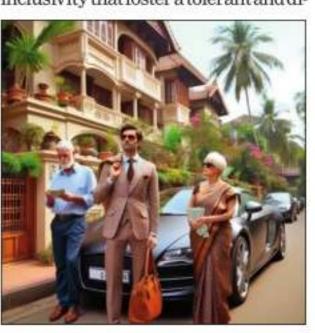
The departure of our billionaires has other implications as well. It can lead to a drain of capital and reduction in tax revenues, crucial for funding public services and infrastructure. Reversing this trend necessitates a holistic approach:

▶ Pub service Investments in public services, health and hygiene, pollution control, urban planning and efficient rapid transport systems are critical towards enhancing the living conditions of Indian cities. While in the last few years, we have seen encouraging signs, these efforts will have to be multiplied across all metros beyond examples like Indore on a war footing. Our civic sense is not well-developed. Garbage dumps, spitting, littering, etc, is common. Civic values need to be inculcated in our young. This means education across all strata and age groups.

► It's about gov, luv Ensuring an efficient and fair governance framework is essential to foster confidence among the wealthy. A stable and predictable legal environment is also important, with impartial implementation and quick resolution.

▶ Eco chamber Economic incentives, coupled with a competitive tax regime and stable economic policies, can retain and attract global wealth. India's challenge lies in offering comparable economic benefits, including stability in policy and regulation, which are essential for wealth preservation and growth.

► Culture club Cultural and social inclusivity that foster a tolerant and di-



coupled with a competitive tax regime and stable

economic policies, can retain and attract global wealth verse society are key to creating an environment where individuals from va-

rious backgrounds feel welcome. Also,

ensuring respect and safety of women.

As Indians, we gravitate to regions that are Indian-friendly and already sustain a diaspora and émigré population. Similarly, it will be important to create a healthy, vibrant environment that could nurture different expat communities. For this, cultural experiences will be a determining factor — world-class galleries, theatre, music, cuisine and other experiences that HNIs from other countries can identify with. This would add to the lure of

residing in India.

Rooting out the causes that are leading to this current migratory pattern will certainly put us on the fast track towards becoming a strong economic and socially developed—viksit—nation.

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Not All Gold Actually Glitters



Ajay Mathur

India's official gold imports are roughly 700 t/year, worth around \$44.8 bn.
Smuggled gold volumes are reported to be around 200-300 t/year, worth \$19.2 bn. Gold smuggling takes place via air, sea and road routes and in different forms: bars, powder/dust and paste.
To prevent good smuggling, it's im-

portant to find out the reasons that allow it.

Customs In India, these work out

Customs In India, these work out to be 18% for officially imported gold. Direct saving for smugglers is ₹18 lakh for every ₹1 cr of gold smuggled in,

which is a little less than 2 kg.

Laundering Indians holding unaccounted income send it abroad and receive smuggled gold, thus converting the former into gold holdings that are easier to store and are liquid.

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are easier to store and are liquid.

Crim fin Smuggled gold is reportedly used to bankroll criminal activities, such as drug trafficking and terrorism.

Can anything be done to curb gold smuggling? If there's no import tax, there would be no financial incentive to smuggle gold (even as other reasons will still be there). However, even smugglers have financial costs of 2-3%. As such, the break-even level of import tax where the financial incentive to smuggle gold would be negated could be guesstimated at 3%.

If authorities reduce import tax to, say, 3%, then the loss to the exchequer on 700 t of official gold imports at 12% would be \$5.38 bn. But since smuggled gold of 300 t would now come officially, it would generate an import tax income of 3%, or \$0.576 bn. As such, the net loss to the exchequer would be \$4.8 bn.

On the contrary, if the import tax is retained at the current level of 15%, then authorities only need to catch smuggled gold equivalent to \$0.576 bn for the exchequer to break even—around 9 t of gold.

So, here's the conundrum. Authorities need to catch 3% of smuggled gold every year and yet not give up on income from import tax on gold. A good balance would be to reduce import tax to 10% initially for a year and gradually move towards a 7% mark.

We must also focus on official imports to ensure these are sold legitimately.

Ban cash purchases and sales of



Precioussss!

gold, jewellery and diamonds, notwith standing the quantity involved. All transactions must be digital. Indians have a habit of keeping their

savings in cash and using this to buy gold, jewellery and diamonds. However, many keep their income and savings in a bank account or post office, withdrawing only what is required. As a first step to curb gold smuggling, strictly implement this no-cash policy for gold/jewellery/diamond purchases.

▶ Payment for the sale of old gold, jewellery and diamonds must be made directly to the seller's bank account via RTGS/NEFT to ensure all purchases and sales are appropriately accounted for.

▶ Delink old & new Selling of old gold and jewellery to buy new gold/ jewellery/diamonds must be shown as two different transactions and not clubbed under one invoice.

First invoice should be for the old

gold and jewellery that a customer is selling and the proceeds of that should be paid directly to the seller's account via RTGS/NEFT. ▷ Second invoice should be for the new

purchase by the customer on which all duties/taxes are shown and collected (not in cash but via debit/credit card or via RTGS/NEFT). The netting of transactions, while convenient, should not be allowed as it can camouflage unaccounted gold being sold without a trace.

▶ When retailers or wholesalers buying old gold or jewellery from individuals have to sell or settle the gold he
has received, it should also be accounted for in the same way by way of two
separate invoices. This will ensure
they are able to sell only that much
gold they bought legitimately.

These are sweeping changes. But if these steps are implemented simultaneously, it will remove the root cause: unaccounted income will not be converted to gold and already-held unaccounted income in the form of gold won't find its way out, thereby forcing those holders to take other measures to dispose of them.

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Let a Thousand Flowers Bloom



Kiran Somvanshi

Homeowners in India may be in for some pampering by paint companies. Several deep-pocketed players such as JSW Group, JK Cement, Pidilite and Grasim have forayed into the ₹65,000 crore oligopolistic decorative paints segment, giving competition to the market leader Asian Paints, which has reigned for more than five decades.

Pressure of this (unexpected) competition is visible on Asian Paints' stock. In the past year, when the benchmark indices have gained over 25%, the stock of India's largest decorative paints company has not posted any gains.

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However, what's happening in the paint industry is more of an exception. Several of India's leading sectors, such as aviation, telecom, automobiles, cement, tyres, and media and entertainment have become oligopolistic over the years. As an industry grows and the large players grow larger, it is difficult for smaller (or weaker) players to keep pace with them in investment, tech adoption and

management bandwidth. As a result, a few players end up commanding the bulk of the industry. This market structure makes it vul-

nerable to collusion or cartelisation among sellers—either directly or indirectly—depriving the consumer of benefits accruing from price wars between players or healthy competition between them to roll out better products/services. The consumer hardly remains the king in an oligopolistic or a duopolistic market.

Take healthcare. The industry's

ongoing consolidation, partly funded by private equity investment, has coincided with the country's rising medical inflation. Patients have not benefited from the consolidation in getting more affordable medical services. Instead, hospital chains,

> placed to command a higher price from their patients. Similar is the case of the aviation industry, where a handful

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With its recent surge in M&A activity, the FMCG industry is also consolidating in a small way. Large FMCG companies are picking up stakes in direct-to-consumer (DTC) startups or buying out regional players in snacks and spices businesses. Cash-rich large companies find it easier to buy out their competition rather than compete with them in the marketplace.

It is not just consumers who bear the brunt of a consolidating industry. Other stakeholders, such as employees and suppliers, are impacted as their bargaining power is adversely impacted. Employees risk losing their jobs in the merged entity, and it may become unviable for small suppliers to do business on the tougher terms laid down by a large corporate client.

In her 2020 book, Break 'em Up, Zephyr Teachout highlights how the irresponsible business practices of monopoly businesses in the US drive economic inequality, wage disparity and the 'chickenisation' of the American middle class. Teachout makes a compelling case for reining in the growing clout of monopoly businesses across different sectors, such as technology, agriculture or finance, by breaking them up

In India, former RBI deputy governor Viral Acharya mooted a similar idea last year. In a paper presented at Brookings Institution, he suggested, among other things, that the top five Indian conglomerates — Reliance, Tata, Aditya Birla, Adani and Bharti
Telecom — should be dismantled as
their market dominance could be
responsible for keeping core inflation
persistently at a high level.

While the unorganised sector is getting organised and the formalisation of the economy is underway at a steady clip, care must be taken to ensure that not a few business groups end up being the biggest beneficiaries of this shift.

Sectors such as pharma and banking in India have shown how consumers benefit and pay low costs when the industry has many players, ensuring the share of the market leader is not high. For instance, Sun Pharma, India's largest pharma company, has a market share of over 8%. It isn't coincidental that drug costs in India are among the lowest in the world.

Similarly, the banking sector has dozens of banks, ensuring accessibility and affordability. Unsurprisingly, RBI has not allowed corporate houses to own banks. Of course, a sizeable fragmented market calls for more scrutiny from the regulator to oversee many small players rather than a small number of large players. However, the benefits accruing to the consumers far outweigh the regulatory hassles involved As consolidation is underway across sectors, CCI's role becomes critical in shaping how big businesses become bigger, especially when addressing complaints against global tech giants.

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Prayers

As opposed to atheists, theists find solace in communion with the divine. And, in this, prayers form a significant part of religious practices across faiths, worldwide. They are not considered mere rituals. Prayers are poetic expressions of devotion as can be seen in the Upanishads, Ramayan, Mahabharat, Puranas and many other scriptures.

In the Bhagwad Gita chapter on Yog of Knowledge and Wisdom, seekers are classified into four categories, revealing multiple reasons for turning to prayers, such as distress, material desires, curiosity and the quest for genuine wisdom.

Yet, it is essential to discern that prayers are a means to an end, not the culmination of one's journey. Effort is the silent companion that transforms the latent power of prayers into tangible outcomes. As the petals of devotion unfurl, the soul embarks on a journey beyond the immediate, seeking connection

beyond the physical realm.
Prayer is a transformative journey where the boundaries of anxieties dissolve, and a profound sense of belonging takes root. As Rumi says, 'Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and right-doing, there is a field. I'll meet you there.' Prayer then becomes the ethereal invitation to that boundless field, where bliss pervades, transcending the dualities of life—right and wrong, sadness and joy. And here lies the true power of prayers.

BLISS OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Unpacking a New Gadget

You have long been eyeing an electronic gadget on the internet, and, finally, it has arrived. The next step—the box-opening exercise—becomes a joyous occasion and something to cherish for a long time.

Excitement courses through as you carefully unpeel the cover and lift the box lid. Inside lies a treasure trove of innovation waiting to be discovered. Eve-

ry component
—from the device to the accompanying accessories — promises to make your life easier or busier.

The tactile experience of handling the gadget for the first time is exhilarating. Your fingers trace the smooth contours, explore the buttons and marvel at the precision engineering that went into its creation. If it's a well-designed product, you are also in for a sensory delight that awakens your senses and ignites your imagination.

Unpacking a new gadget is more than just a practical exercise. It's a celebration of innovation, creativity and technology's boundless potential to enrich our lives. So, the next time you unbox a new gadget, savour the moment—for it marks the beginning of an exciting journey into the future.

Chat Room

What's Cooking? Empowerment Apropos Ujjwala Burning Brig-

ht?" by Neeraj Kaushal (Mar 15), the PM Ujjwala Yojana has benefited almost every rural household in India. The scheme is keeping away the diseases and problems the rural households faced due to burning coal for cooking. This scheme also transfers the subsidy directly to women's accounts, which was earlier transferred to the husbands' accounts and was used for other purposes. Essentially, Ujjwala is one of the ways to support women's empowerment. In addition, PM MUDRA Yojana, National Digital Literacy Mission and PM Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan are giving women opportunities to contribute to not only their households but the nation's economy too. In fact, the MUDRA scheme facilitates women in self-help group access easy financial support. Such initiatives are yielding impressive outcomes and supporting women to unlock their potential.

SHLOK KHANDELWAL

People to be retrenched

include those who did not

opt for VRS or availed of

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Air India Set to

Lay Off 200 Staff

to Recast Business

Star India **Initiates Arbitration** against Zee

SUB-LICENCE OF ICC TV RIGHTS



Our Bureau

New Delhi: Walt Disney-owned Star India has initiated arbitration proceedings against Zee Entertainment Enterprises before a London arbitration court for alleged violation of an alliance agreement on the International Cricket Council (ICC) TV rights until 2027.

Star has alleged that Zee is in noncompliance with the terms of the deal executed between the two companies on August 26, 2022. The Walt Disney-owned company has sought specific performance of the alliance agreement or payment of damages, which are vet to be determined. Zee said it would file an appropriate response.

Zee has previously argued that the ICC TV deal was contingent upon its successful merger with Japan's Sony. On January 22, Sony terminated the merger deal with Zee due to alleged non-fulfilment of merger closing conditions.

This is the second arbitration proceeding against Zee. Earlier, Sony Group Corp-owned Culver Max Entertainment had terminated the merger agreement with Zee and sought \$90 million in termination fees from the company for alleged violations of the aborted merger agreement.

Culver has filed the arbitration proceedings against Zee before the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

Under the alliance agreement, Star had sub-licenced the TV rights to the ICC men's cricket events from 2024 to 2027 to Zee for \$1.5 billion.

Star had acquired the ICCTV and digital rights for \$3 billion and retained the ICC digital rights.

ET was the first to report on December 28, 2023, that Star's deal with Zee is on the brink of collapse and the Walt Disney-owned company could initiate legal proceedings against the entertainment giant.

In a recent interview with ET, Zee Entertainment CEO Punit Goenka stated that the ICC TV deal is null and void due to Star's action of airing the entire ICC Men's U-19

World Cup on both TV and digital.

HC seeks SpiceJet Response on Lessor's Plea

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New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday sought a response from cash-strapped SpiceJet on a petition by its aircraft lessor GASL Ireland Leasing A1 seeking enforcement of a UK court decree that awarded \$5.33 million to the lessor in February 2022 and \$8.49 million in May 2023.

Justice Jasmeet Singh, while issuing a notice to the low-cost airline, posted the matter for further hearing on May 27. In 2017, GASL Ireland had leased its B737-800 aircraft to the airline. But SpiceJet had not made certain rental payments and owed \$5.33 million to lessor in February 2022. GASL then started proceedings against the airline relating to the alleged non-payment of rent and the alleged failure to comply with the return conditions.

GASL also sought action against

SpiceJet alleging



that the airline failed to meet pre-set aircraft redelivery conditions. In 2022, the aircraft was returned to the lessor allegedly in "worst condition". The lessor then had sought unpaid lease amounts plus the cost of repa-\$5.33 m to the lessor in

Feb 2022 and On February 18, 2022, GASL obtained \$8.49 m in May 2023 summary judgment on the claim for outstanding rent of \$5,334,121.25. The amount still re-

mained unpaid, as per the lessor.

Accepting failure to comply with other redelivery conditions by SpiceJet, UK court in May last year awarded over \$8.49 million to GASL.Court held that there had been a breach by SpiceJet of redelivery condition to return engines with sufficient flight hours and cycles remaining to next engine perfor-

mance restoration.

Airline Set to Lease 2 A340 Planes for Hai

NEW DELHI: SpiceJet said it will lease two wide body A340 planes for Haj operations and these aircraft will be operated from Srinagar and Guwahati. The first phase of the Haj operations is scheduled to commence on May 9 to Medina. Each of the wide body aircraft will have a seating capacity of 324. -PTI

PLANNING TO EXPAND THROUGH MORE BOUTIQUES

Bulgari Bets On Bigger India Footprint for a Better Year

Launch of Jio World helped co, lack of quality retail space an issue, says CEO Jean-Christophe Babin

Vinod Mahanta & Anumeha Chaturvedi

Mumbai | New Delhi: Italian luxury fashion house Bulgari saw its best-ever sales performance in India in 2023 and this year looks even better with robust demand for its jewellery products, Jean-Christophe Babin, CEO, told ET in an interview. Babin said the opening of the Jio World Plaza, a luxury mall in Mumbai, has delivered "very good" results for Bulgari, which rolled out India-inspired creations such as the Mangalsutra and the B.zero1 Kada bracelet.

"While Indians love our Serpenti watch, we have thought of creating jewellery that resonates better with Indian hearts. Indians are deeply rooted in their tradition and culture," Babin said.

"We are probably the only global jeweller to have Indian products such as the Mangalsutra and the Kada. The Mangalsutra got sold extremely quickly. Now we have had to re-manufacture it. But it's always sold out at the stores. It's always on waiting lists. We are selling this to non-Indians because they see the beautiful aesthetic from Bulgari. The kada was created for tion of men wearing jewellery here, but we think it will be a success outside India too," he added.

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New Delhi: Fixed wireless access

(FWA), one of the initial use cases

of 5G mobile networks, will "defi-

nitely" get monetised in India as

telecom operators cannot use fi-

bre in every place due to the ex-

pense and time involved, said a se-

"We (telcos) cannot try to fiberi-

issues and consumes time," Ran-

deep Sekhon, chief technology of-

ficer (CTO) of Airtel, said at the se-

venth edition of ETTelecom 5G

Both Airtel and rival Reliance Jio

are struggling to monetise the next

generation 5G services even after a

year of launch. Both rolled out the-

ir 5G FWA services in key metros

last year in a bid to start moneti-

According to Peter Jarich, head

of GSMA Intelligence, telecom

operators worldwide have not been

able to monetise 5G networks de-

spite billions of dollars in invest-

ments. "The promise of 5G was

that it was going to unlock new re-

venues and new capabilities that

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sing their 5G networks.

6G Congress 2024.

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nior executive of Bharti Airtel.



Bulgari is planning to grow presence in India by opening more boutiques in Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Mumbai. It is also looking to expand its footprint from the current 12 stores in six cities to about 20 stores in at least a dozen cities through multi-brand partners. Babin however pointed out that the biggest hindrance for luxury brands to expand in the Indian market is the dearth of quality retail space in the form of luxury malls.

"Today, the main issue is the landlords. If we manage to convince them that western luxury revenue for the government, then there are no limits," he said.

5G Fixed Wireless Access to Get

Monetised in India: Airtel CTO

we could monetise. I think, as we

have seen across the world, we ha-

ven't quite done that...," he said se-

Jarich, though, added that the up-

coming 5G-advanced technology

may solve some of the monetisa-

For now, FWA seems to be the

"By the time we come down to

FWA, the technology is mature.

The modern prices are now reaso-

nable. We can create a cost of home

pass comparable to a home pass in

FTTH (fibre-to-the-home), which

means now the operators will not

shy away from deploying AirFiber

or FWA in large numbers," Sek-

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JEAN-CHRISTOPHE BABIN CEO, Bulgari

"I mean, if I were a top landlord in India, I would try to engage with more luxury brands in order to open at least one mall in each of the top 10 cities of India, considering the size of India. India has a huge upside and potential as long as we can provide more shelter to luxury brands here," he said.

Bulgari is also considering an ecommerce play in the country. "We are also considering some partnerships with Ethos for instance, because Ethos has a very, brick-and-mortar network toget- ty here," he added.

Some of the areas where 5G

FWA will be suitable include re-

mote locations, remote villages

Sekhon said use cases driven by

the latest 5G networks have also

started emerging in the industrial

"One case is a factory which is a

commercial contract. The factory

is 5G-first. In the (said company's)

first factory, it was wired (connecti-

vity), while the second factory was

a hybrid between wired and Wi-

Airtel is also in discussions with

first responders to explore net-

work slicing-based 5G use cases,

Sekhon said. For instance, a high-

bandwidth 5G slice could help poli-

cemen transmit high-resolution

videos to their command-and-

A second major use case of 5G is

in healthcare. A 5G-connected am-

bulance, according to the executi-

ve, could help medical workers ad-

minister critical care on the way to

"There is no doubt that 5G use ca-

ses will be coming and they will be

monetisable use cases as well,"

the hospital and help save lives.

The year 2023 witnessed some landmark events that gathered large engagement from

Indian mobile phone users. According to a report by mobile marketing company InMobi, the

Cricket World Cup and the Chandrayaan mission were the most trending topics last year,

attracting 4 billion and 2 billion glances (views), respectively, on its smart lock screen plat-

form Glance. Reality TV show Bigg Boss Season 17 updates also generated 6 billion glances

throughout the season. Text: Himanshi Lohchab

Gender split (%)

Actress Kiara

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Sekhon said.

Cricket World Cup, Chandrayan Top List Of Trending Topics in 2023

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cities

her with touch points which are digital. So, our website is one but we can also partner with others. We are partnering with a platform in China for instance," he added. Noting the pandemic was tough on India, like some other countries, Babin said normalcy has returned in the past one and a half years.

"We can feel a really strong desirability for Bulgari among Indians. It is related, obviously, to some specific products. But I also think the style of the brand itself is magnificent, and the fit between Bulgari jewellery and India is probably the best fit between any European jeweller and the Indian culture," he said.

"India has always worshipped coloured stones, and not only diamonds. In some other countries, it's diamonds only. We do both. So that's great, Look at the Indian monuments such as the Taj Mahal, it's magnificent, it's huge, like our jewellery which is also pretty bold. We like big stones, contrasts, colours and emotions, and all these characteristics are very Indian. So, I'm pretty sure that getting to the right location, the right retailing, borrowing from the Indian very well-organised supply chain culture some symbols which can when it comes to e-commerce. We resonate very well with our custo-Indians, as we see a strong tradi- brands can generate important won't build 200 boutiques in In- mers, and expanding our presence additional revenues, jobs and tax dia," said Babin. "So this is impor- and our awareness will create for tant. We have to complement the Bulgari a very, very big opportuni-

Bhive Takes on Lease 62K sq ft

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Mumbai: Coworking office space provider Bhive Workspace has picked up over 62,000 sq ft across seven offices in Adani Realty's commercial tower Inspire BKC situated on the edge of Mumbai's business

The company is planning to use the space through two separate agreements to set up managed coworking offices. Bhive's holding company Tusker Workspace has entered into this lease agreement with Adani subsidiary Sunbourne

The lease rental has been set at ₹205 per sq ft a month and the agreement includes a clause to escalate the same by 15% after three years, shows documents accessed through Pro-

AT BKC IN MUMBAI

in Adani Tower

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district Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) through a five-year

Developers.

pstack.

Age split (%)

Below 24 years

Below 24 years

Between 25-34 years

27

reskilling opportunities Arindam.Majumder @timesgroup.com New Delhi: Air India is set to lay off about 200 people as its new ow-

airline business. Air India said the retrenched staff will comprise less than 1% of its workforce who had not taken voluntary retirement schemes or availed reskilling oppor-

ner, Tata group, continues to rest-

ructure the erstwhile state-run

airline as part of a broader conso-

lidation of the conglomerate's

tunities given by the airline. Air India has more than 18,500 employees while group airline Air India Express has around 6,200. The two airlines had a total workforce of 12,085 people, including contractual workers, when Tata group acquired the airline.

"We are honouring all contractual obligations during this process," a spokesperson for Air In- able to utilise VRS or reskilling dia said. According to a commu- opportunities, we have to part wanication sent to the employees and seen by ET, the retrenched employees will receive a compensation package equivalent to 15 days' salary for each year of ser- of the initiative, the airline added vice with the airline.

ok control of Air India in January 2022. As part of the agreement with the government during privatisation, the new owners had to retain all employees of Air India for a year. The airline had earlier announced two rounds of voluntary retirement schemes which were availed by more than 2,500 employees.

formational initiative, we are witnessing the emergence of the new Air India. One key aspect of this transformation is to build an agile and effective organisational structure in line with the business model to support our expansion and ambition. As part of the fitment process, employees in non-flying functions have been assigned roles based on organizational needs and individual merit," the spokesperson said.

Right Balance AIR INDIA 18,400 9,426 **AIR INDIA EXPRESS** 6,200 **Total Employees** 1,347 2023 Source: Air India & Bid document of Air Idia | Tata group has merged Air India Express and AirAsia India in 2022

lowed to assess the suitability of all employees over the past 18 months during which there have also been multiple VRS schemes besides reskilling opportunities for employees. "However, for those employees who have not been

ys," the spokesperson said. Air India had roped in Boston Consulting Group for restructuring its large workforce. As part new talent, revamped organisa-The salt-to-steel conglomerate to- tional roles and increased salaries of existing staff to bring them on par with new recruits.

> In FY23, Air India widened its net loss to ₹11,381 crore from ₹9,591 crore in FY22, due to write-offs and exceptional items.

Since the Air India deal, the Tata group has been consolidating its aviation business by merging Air In-"As part of our multi-year trans- dia Express and Air Asia India to create a low cost airline while Vistara will be merged into Air India to create a full service carrier. To expandits headcount, Air India has hired aggressively from rival airlines and also from other industries. The group has also tapped people from other Tata companies, "We have hired more than 250 top-notch graduates from premier institutions. Our technology team based in Kochi and Gurugram are attracting some of the best talent in the industry," Sa-The spokesperson said a com- tya Ramaswamy, chief digital and prehensive process has been fol-technology officer at Air India said.

No Extension of **June Deadline for New Pilot Duty Hrs**

DGCA asks airlines to get timings approved by April 15; move may lead to fewer flights

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New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has decided to stick to its June 1 deadline for new pilot duty hours, a step that will force domestic airlines to cut flights during the peak summer schedule. The civil aviation regulator has instead asked the airlines to start preparations for DGCA is concerned about ensuimplementing the new norms and get their new pilot flight duty timings approved by April 15.

Airline executives said they will be forced to cancel up to 20% of flights which will inflate air fares during the peak summer travel season. Fares are already higher, according to online travel portals as almost 20% of the fleet of Indian airlines are grounded due to engine issues and financial crunch. Among the primary changes, the

new rules rewrite the definition of night period, extending it by an hour from 12 am-5 am to 12 am-6 am, besides limiting the duty period to landings a pilot can do to two. DGCA has also cut the period for ke-up call to address issues.

which airlines can exceed the limit during unforeseen circumstances. such as bad weather or air-traffic delays from three to two hours. "The provisions may seem rest-

rictive or liberal depending on if it is being viewed by airlines or pilots. While perceptions may vary, ring safe operation," the regulator said in a letter to airlines, a copy of which was reviewed by ET.

The Federation of Indian Airlines, which includes IndiGo and Air India, has said the rules are more restrictive than anywhere in the world and will make the Indian aviation industry less competitive than other countries. They added that the new rules will require them to increase the number of pilots by 25% and hiring and training them will not be possible by June 1, forcing them to cancel up to 20% flights.

The regulator said multiple incidents of pilot deaths due to punis-10 hours. It also caps the number of hing schedules and its impact on the health of pilots is an urgent wa-

US Autocos Race to Build More Hybrids as EV Sales Slow

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Automakers & suppliers add capacity to build gasoline-electric hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles for the US market to cater to demand

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tric hybrid vehicles surge and electric-vehicle sales cool, automakers and suppliers are betting consumer demand for a compromise between all-combustion and all-electric is a durable trend.

Automakers and suppliers are adding capacity to build gasoline-electric hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles for the US market, responding to increased consumer demand for techother automakers once planned to phase out in favor of all-electric fleets, industry executives

and analysts said.

Geographic distribution (%)

Tier-1 cities

Entertainment Games Business

Most trending topics

G20 Summit | World Cup | Chandrayaan | Bigg Boss | Karnataka elections

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Source: Glance Smart Lock Screen Trends Report India 2024

US sales of hybrids grew five times faster than EV sales in February, Morgan Stanley said. A plug-in hybrid version of the Jeep Wrangler SUV accounted for half of total US. Wrangler sales in the second half of 2023, up from 37% in the first half of the year, Stellantis said.

Sales of Ford Motor hybrids rose nearly 37% during the first two months of the year, driven by demand for the hybrid Maverick compact truck that starts at \$25,315. "The hottest car on our lot right now is the Maverick hybrid," said Scott Simmers, general manager at Palm Springs Motors in Cathedral



City, California. The hybrid Maverick now them. "We had to rush to add capacity for Maverick," Jim for product development, told

shift to respond to demand." The industry shift toward hybrids challenges the Biden administration's pro-EV climate policies, and environmental groups that want automakers to phase out CO2-emitting internal combustion engines as quickly as possible. The White House is expected this month to issue vehicle CO2 emissions standards designed to force automakers to increase the share of fully electric vehicles they sell to as much as 60% by 2030. The

November US presidential

EV subsidies and emissions

rules at risk, however. Most

election puts the White House's

Reuters. "We added a whole third legacy automakers lose money on EVs and hybrids are a more profitable path to reducing CO2 if a future administration changes course, analysts said. "Hybrids are a big hedge aga-

inst an administrative change that cools down the push from a regulatory standpoint," said Mark Wakefield, head of Alix-Partners' global automotive practice. Supporters of strong limits on combustion-engine emissions are concerned the Biden administration could offer incentives for automakers to sell more plug-in hybrids with combustion motors. "If the hybrids are flying off the lot, there is no need for EPA (the Environmental Reuters.

Protection Agency) to further encourage their sale with loopholes that allow more pollution," said Dan Becker of the Center for Biological Diversity in Washington. Led by Toyota, Ford and Honda,

North American production of hybrids could rise to as much as 20% of total light-vehicle production by 2025, compared with 14% for EVs, according to data provided to Reuters by AutoForecast Solutions. "While the EV outlook has been depressed by about a million units in the last year, hybrid models have surged by roughly the same volume," AFS vice-president Sam Fiorani told

Detroit: As US sales of gas-elec-

nology that General Motors and

accounts for about half the model's sales and dealers said they could sell more if Ford could build Baumbick, Ford vice-president

COMFED:MKTG: 936 Date: 15.03.2024 TENDER NOTICE Invitation of Bid for hiring a reputed established and experienced firm/company

for manufacturing, packaging & transportation of "SUDHA" brand UHT Cream flavoured drinks, fruit juices, milk shakes, etc., Interested parties can participate in the bidding process as per following time

 Tender Documents availability 25.03.2024 & onwards 2. Tender Bid Queries through E-mail by Bidder on - marketingcomfed@gmail.com 25.03.2024 to 01.04.2024 3. Pre-Bid Meeting Date, Time & Place 02.04.2024 at 11.00 am. Bihar State Milk Co-operative Federation Ltd. Dairy Development Complex, PO - BV College Patna, Bihar - 800014 4. Final Tender Document Upload by COMFED with amendment if any, 03.04,2024 5. Last Date for Tender Submission 18.04,2024 lates by 5.30 P.M. 6. Technical Bid Opening Date 19.04,2024 at 11.00 A.M. 7. Bid Validity

The bidders are advised to download the detailed terms and conditions and operational requirements from our website: www.sudha.coop. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons before the award of work.

GENERAL MANAGER



For Supply, Operation & Maintenance of 5,000 Electric Buses and Allied **Electrical & Civil Infrastructure on Gross Cost Contract Basis**

Request for Proposal for Selection of Agencies

Pre Bid Conference: 18.03.2024 (at 12.00 hrs) at Conference Hall, Parivahan Bhavan, Tehri Kothi, Lucknow Bid submission date: upto 28.03.2024 15:00 hrs on https://etender.up.nic.in Technical bid Opening: 28.03.2024 16:00 hrs

Details of RFP are on https://etender.up.nic.in

For Detail Contact Chief General Manager (Tech.) +91 87260 05007, 0522-2628841

Managing Director Email: md@upsrtc.com

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation KOLKATA URBAN RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (KURIP)

E Tender Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS Date: 16.03.2024

Kolkata Municipal Corporation represented by Project Director, KURIP, 206, A.J.C. Bose Road, 2nd Floor, Kolkata-700 017, West Bengal, India invites eligible bidders to submit bids online in the e-Tendering platform of the Government of West Bengal (URL: https://wbtenders.gov.in) for the

Development of S&D Network in Kabardanga Catchment (Part of Wards 142 & 143) including Construction of Kabardanga Pumping Station in Borough-XVI, Contract Package No.: KURIP/OCB/SD07/2023-24, proposed to be funded under Asian Development Bank.

Bidders may download the tender documents from https://wbtenders. gov.in Bid submission start date (online): From 09:30 hours on 24.04.2024. Bid submission closing date (online): Up to 14:30 hours on 29.04.2024.



WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED (A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)

Registered Office: Vldyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700 091 CIN: U40101WB2007SGC113474 • web: www.wbsetcl.in

E-TENDER FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS ARE INVITED:-Replacement of existing ACSR/AAAC Panther Conductor by HTLS Conductor (800A) and allied works on turnkey basis i.r.o. the following transmission lines:-NIT No.: CE/(O&M)-I/HTLS/2023-24/11 (i) 132 kV D/C Jeerat-Gaighata (ii) 132 kV D/C Jeerat-Mohishpota

NIT No.: CE/(O&M)-II/ (i) 132 kV D/C KTPP-Bagnan HTLS/2023-24/26 132 kV D/C Domjur-Uluberia Date: 16.03.2024 (iii) 132 kV D/C Durgapur-Bamunara (iv) 132 kV S/C AB Zone-C Zone

(v) 132 kV D/C DPL-C1 Zone ICA- T7588(2)/2024 Bid submission starting date (online): 05.04.2024, 09:00 A.M. and closing date online): 22.04.2024, 03:00 P.M. Visit the following websites:- www.wbtenders.gov.in, https://etender.wb.nic.in, www.wbsetcl.in for details.



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. Tel.: 022 2651 7913 MSRDC Website: www.msrdc.in, email: eenodal@msrdc.in E-Tender Portal: https://mahatenders.gov.in

MSRDC/CONS/RFP/ 1792 /2024 Date: 14.03.2024 E-TENDER NOTICE

MSRDC Ltd, Mumbai invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from eligible consultants for supervision for engaging Authority's Engineer (AE) on the basis of Competitive Bidding for construction of (i) Access Controlled Pune Ring Road (ii) Access Controlled Multi-Modal Corridor from Navghar to Balavali (iii) Access Controlled Expressway Connector to Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg from Jalna to Nanded (iv) Nagpur-Gondia Expressway including Tiroda & Gondia Bypass, (v) Bhandara-Gadchiroli Expressway including Sawarkheda-Gadegaon Expressway link (vi) Nagpur-Chandrapur Expressway including Chandrapur Connector in the State of Maharashtra on EPC Mode under Consultancy Packages. The complete BID document can be viewed / downloaded from official

portal of https://mahatenders.gov.in from March 18, 2024 to May 02, 2024 (up to 11.30 Hrs. IST). Vice Chairman & Managing Director,

MSRDC Ltd., Mumbai

PUNJAB STATE TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED CORPORATE IDENTITY NUMBER: U40109PB2010SGC033814 www.pstcl.org Office of EIC/P&M, PSTCL, Ludhiana-141001.

Tel. No. 0161-2456704 & Mob-9646118223 email : Srxen.prot2-ldh@pstcl.org Description of Tender Sr No Tender Reference No. 172/2023-24 The department of Punjab State Transmission Corporation Limited invites online bids for "Reclamation of Power Transformer Oil with Low IFT (Inter-Facial

Tension) at Various Substations of PSTCL. ". Closing date and time: 26-04-2024 11:00 AM Tender Reference No. 162/2023-24 For Procurement of 3 No. Self Propelled Articulated Boom

for 400KV Substations. 1. Last date & time for downloading of tender- 15/04/2024 upto 11.00 AM. 2. Last date & time for submission of tender- 15/04/2024 at 11:00 AM. 3. Date & Time for opening of tender 18/4/2024 at 11:00 AM

Note: It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on official PSTCL website www.pstcl.org. Terms and conditions may be downloaded from PSTCL's web site https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

ASE/P&OS, O/o EIC/P&M PSTCL, Ludhiana.

DPR/Pb::76/12/1036/2023/33792

OFFICE OF PATHYA PUSTAK ADHIKARI, U.P., VIDYA BHAWAN, NISHATGANJ, LUCKNOW

Dated - 15.03.2024

Letter No.-B/8749/2023-24

Short Term e-Tender Notice

Online Bids are invited from Printers for the Printing/Publishing and Supply of Free Textbooks and Workbooks of Class-1 & 2 for the academic year 2024-25 vide e-Bid reference no. DIR_BASICEDU_NCERTTEXTBOOKS_24. Bid documents with detailed terms and conditions has been uploaded on the State Government e-Tender portal https://etender.up.nic.in Bids must be submitted online only at e-Tender portal https://etender.up.nic.in up to 12:00 Hrs on 01.04.2024.

The Technical e-Bids shall be opened on 01.04.2024 at 13:00 Hrs or afterwards in the Directorate of Basic Education, Vidya Bhawan, Nishatganj, Lucknow. The details of submission of e-Bids are available in the tender document uploaded on e-Tender portal.

Pathya Pustak Adhikari, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow

CEO Cook's China comments: Apple has reached a \$490 million settlement to resolve a class-action lawsuit that alleged chief executive Tim Cook defrauded shareholders by concealing falling demand for iPhones in China. A preliminary settlement was filed on Fri-

Apple Reaches \$490 M Settlement over day with the US District Court in Oakland. California, and requires approval by US District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers. It stemmed from Apple's unexpected announcement in Jan, 2019 that Apple would slash its quarterly revenue forecast by up to \$9 billion. blaming U.S.-China trade tensions. Reuters

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गढवा

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सचना

ई-निविदा संख्या - 27/2023-24/RWD/GARHWAिदनांक - 15.03.2024 1.कार्य का विवरण :-आईडेन्टी प्राक्कलित राशि फिकेशन कार्य समाप्ति कार्य का नाम संख्या / पैकेज की अवधि अक्षर में (लाख में) संख्या तेरह करोड चिनियाँ खुथुआ मेन रोड से RWD/GARH अडतालीस लाख 1348.94 बिलैतीखैर तक पीसीसी पथ (अठारह) WA/74/2023-चौरानबे हजार दो निर्माण। (12.25 कि0मी0) महीना सौ रूपये।

वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 26.03.2024

ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 06.04.2024 अपराहन 5:00 बजे तक। निविंदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 08.04.2024 पूर्वाहन 11:30 बजे।

निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्राठकाठविठ कार्य प्रमंडल, गढवा। ई-निविदा प्रकोश्ठ का दरभाश सं0: 06561-299963

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenderers.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। कार्यपालक अभियंता PR 322941 Rural Work Department(23-24)D ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गढवा

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग

ई-अति अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ई-निविदा सं0 :- 10/RE/2023-24/RWD/EE/HAZARIBAG दिनांक :- 13.03.2024

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है ।

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2. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:-18.03.2024

3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :-26.03.2024 अपराहन 5.00 बजे तक । निविदा खोलने की, तिथि, एवं समय—27.03.2024 पूर्वाहन 11.30 बजे ।

निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग ।

6. ई--निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दरभाष सं0-06546-265286 । विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट iharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है ।

PR 322914 Rural Work Department(23-24).D

कार्यपालक अभियंता. ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, हजारीबाग



RAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Bhakta Mata Karma Complex, New Rajendra Nagar, RAIPUR (Chhattisgarh) 492006

Website: https://rda.cgstate.gov.in, Email: ceordaryp@gmail.com, Tele Fax: 0771-2536188 NIT FOR PM EKTA MALL AT RAIPUR

Raipur Development Authority invites online percentage rate composite bids on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC Mode-I) basis from eligible contractors registered/enrolled with Central/ Semi Central/State Govt./PSU/Local bodies of the state of Chhattisgarh in appropriate class meeting the financial and technical criteria and also empanelled on GOC-procurement system through the department's portal https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in fulfilling the prequalification criteria for the following work:

NIT No. 8, Dated: 15.03.2024 System Tender No - 154348

Name of work: Planning, Designing, Construction, Testing and Commissioning of Commercial building of RCC framed structure (Basement 2 + GF+ 6 Floors+ Terrace) "PM EKTA MALL" at Pandri Haat Campus, Pandri, Raipur (Chhattisgarh) which meet GREEN Building norms and obtain the certification of the same by incorporating stipulated specification along with all services (Civil and E&M) as per NBC-2016/CPWD/CGPWD Specification, including site survey, soil investigation, provision of parking planning and design of required services, preparation of preliminary architectural & detailed working drawings, structural analysis & design, planning, designing, execution of all Civil and E & M services, obtaining all statutory approvals including Dismantling of existing building, cutting/transplant of trees, Environment Clearance/Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and commencement certificate from local body and commissioning of services etc. as per detailed scope and specifications for Civil and E & M works including internal water supply & sanitary installations, Internal electrical installations and Fans, External Civil and Electrical service connections, power wiring, Telephone conduiting and wiring, Lightning conductor system, Lifts, Escalators, Addressable intelligent Fire Alarm System, Fire fighting system with wet riser and sprinkler system & Pressurized Mechanical Ventilation i/c Chiller, illuminated Signage, LAN System, IP based EPABX System, Wifi system, IP based CCTV system, Façade lighting, Façade projection Mapping, Water Supply Pump sets, dewatering pumps and panels, Online UPS System with 30 minutes backup, DG set, Integrated Building management system, Audio - visual/Conference system, Auditorium, Solar water heating system, compound and street lighting with LED, STP, Horticulture work etc and any other component necessary for completion, making the facilities functional, obtaining fire clearance, water connection, electrical connection and lift from authorities concerned, Obtaining Occupancy Certificate/ Building Use (BU) permission from local body, obtaining GREEN certification, preparation and submission of "as built drawings" and handing over of the building all complete as per directions of Engineer-in-charge including 1 year of Operation and Maintenance & 3 years of Defect Liability period.

Composite Estimated cost	Rs. 146,60,91,603/-
Earnest Money	Rs. 50,00,000/-
Time Period	27 (Twenty Seven) Months (Including Rainy Season)
Defect Liability Period	36 (Thirty Six) Months (i/c 1 year Operation & Maintenance)
Cost of Tender (INR) (Fee + 18% GST)	Rs. 29,500/-
Bid submission start date	From 15.03.2024, 5:00 PM Onwards
Pre-bid conference	Pre-Bid conference shall be held with the intending Bidders by The Superintending Engineer, RDA, 3rd Floor Bhakt Mata Karma Parisar, New Rajendra Nagar, Raipur, Chhattisgarh at 11:30 Hrs. On 2/04/2024
Bid submission due date(Online)	On 29.04.2024 up to 5:00 PM.
End date for Physical Submission	On 30.04.2024 up to 3:00 PM.
Opening of Technical bids	On 01.05.2024 at 04:00 PM.

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in The press notice is also available on https://rda.cgstate.gov.in. **Superintending Engineer**

Name of Barrower (D)

After Record, Bubble Talk: Bitcoin Extends Fall, Drops Over 7%

Bitcoin extended a retreat from its latest record Magnificent Seven stocks and the all-time high amid an intensifying debate about whether the bull run in cryptocurrencies is evidence of speculative froth in global markets.

7.2% on Friday before paring some of the slide to change hands at \$67,725 as of 7:57 AM in New

York. The token set a fresh all-time peak of almost \$73,798 a day earlier.

Both this year's advance in Bitcoin and a gauge of the top 100 tokens - comprising the likes of Ether, BNB and Solana — moderated to less than 60%. Bets on looser Federal Reserve monetary policy helped to power rallies in global stocks, bonds and crypto in the past few months, but investors are

reassessing such wagers following evidence of persistent inflationary pressure in the US.

TROUBLE AHEAD? In a Bloomberg Television interview, Bank of America chief investment strategist Michael Hartnett said markets are showing the characteristics of a bubble in the record-setting surge by the technology sector's so-called

highs in crypto. The comments feed into a live debate on Wall Street about whether many markets are vul-The largest digital asset dropped as much as nerable to a pullback. For Bitcoin, supporters point to about \$12 billion of net inflows into

dedicated US exchange-traded funds since their debut on Jan. 11 as a fundamental support, as well as an upcoming reduc-

> tion in the token's supply growth. Sylvia To, head of token partnerships and research at crypto exchange Bullish, flagged a cooling in the net ETF inflows to approxima-

tely \$133 million on Thurs-

day. "Buyer exhaustion in the market could be a catalyst" for the Bitcoin

selloff, she said. A report showing a jump in US producer prices stoked worries that the Fed's campaign to get inflation under control is far from over.

Meanwhile, Bitcoin was "undercut by the rise in US yields and the US dollar that followed the hot producer-price inflation data," Tony Sycamore, a market analyst at IG Australia Pty, wrote in a note. Bloomberg

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Corrigendum E-Tender Notice No.: SPJW-24-BOXNHL

400-BRAKE, Due Date:- 30/03/2024 Name of work: - Supply, fitment, installation & commissioning and testing of Air Brake equipments, Air Brake Pipe & Pipe fittings and complete Brake Gear arrangement including Hand Brake arrangements in BOXNHL wagons at Mechanical Workshop. E. C. Railway, Samastipur. In connection to the above Tender Notice Following corrigendum may be noted:- Sr. No.: 01 Details of change: New Documents added Particulars: Corrigendum-1toTende Document.pdf. All other Terms and Condition of the above Tender shall remain unchanged. Detail information is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Chief Workshop Manager

East Central Railway/Samastipur PR/02572/CWMSPJ/MECH/C/23-24/24

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY Corrigendum

E-Tender Notice No.: SPJW-24-BOXNHL 400-BODY, Due Date: - 30/03/2024. Name of work:- Fabrication and Supply of Side Wall, End Wall, Flap Door Complete and their fitment with Underframe of BOXNHL wagon at Mechanical Workshop, E.C.Railway, Samastipur. In connection to the above Tender Notice Following corrigendum may be noted:- Sr. No.: 01, Details of change: New Documents added, Particulars: Corrigendum-1toTender Document.pdf. All other Terms and Condition of the above Tender shall remain unchanged. Detail information is available

Chief Workshop Manager East Central Railway/Samastipur PR/02573/CWMSPJ/MECH/C/23-24/24

on www.ireps.gov.in.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING TENDER Tender Notice No. RE-DNR-160kmph

On behalf of the President of India. Dy. Chief Engineer, Railway Project, ECR, Danapur invites E-tender for the following work from experienced financially and technically sound contractors, to be opend on 08/04/2024. 1. Name of the work & its location

Construction of Control building along with

RCC boundary wall and misc. works for provision of LILO arrangement a Sonenagar and Karamnasa in connection with raising of speed to 160 kmph in Pradhankhanta - Manpur GC Section of Dhanbad Division and Manpur - Deendayal Upadhyay GC Section of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Division of East Central Railway 2. Approximate cost of the work ₹3,89,28,546.20/-, 3. Earnest Money to be deposited : ₹3,44,700/-, 4. Date for submission of the tender and opening of tender: For submision:- From 25/03/2024 & Up to 14:00 Hours on 08/04/2024. Tender will be opened at 15:00 Hrs. on 08/04/2024 5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of nder can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : Website ttps://ireps.gov.in/ Notice board location Add. of the office :- Office of the Dy. Chief Engineer, Railway Project Office, Danapur (Near Jagjeevan Stadium), PO- Khagaul, Patna-801105, (Bihar)

Dy. Chief Engineer Railway Project Office, ECR, Danapur PR/02568/RP/ENGG/T/23-24/44

EMD Amount

Buy Local Chips, China Urges EV Makers as US Clash Deepens

The Chinese government has quietly asked electric-vehicle makers from BYD to Geely Automobile Holdings to sharply increase their purchases from local auto chipmakers, part of a campaign to reduce reliance on Western imports and boost China's domestic semiconductor industry.

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology asked carmakers this year to expand their buying of homegrown components to accelerate the adoption of Chinese chips, according to people familiar with the matter. The country's tech overseer previously set an informal target for automakers to source a fifth their chips locally by 2025, but has grown dissatisfied with the pace of pro-

gress, the people said. The ministry is now directly instructing firms to avoid foreign semiconductors if at all possible, said the people, who asked to remain anonymous discussing sensitive information. That means overseas chip firms effectively have to manufacture their silicon through a local foundry such as Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp. or Hua Hong Semiconductor Ltd., one of the people said. During a recent tender conducted by a major domestic brand, one foreign bidder failed to secure a contract despite offering a price they estimated was 30% lower than the eventual winner, another person said. Bloomberg



The Odisha State Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited D-2, Sahid Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751007 PH NO.: 0674-2546030, 2540273, 2540417, 2540974 Email Id: omfed@yahoo.com

Tender Notice for Processing and Packing of UHT Milk & UHT Milk Products on Work Charge-Basis MFED invites techno-commercial offer from Manufacturer for Processing and Packing of UHT milk &

JHT milk products on work- charge basis. Dairy Plants having adequate milk UHT processing & packing facilities may down load the Tender Document from the OMFED web site www. omfed. com from 10.00 AM of 15.03.2024 to 05.04.2024 for bidding. Tender cost of Rs.2000/- + 18%- GST along with E.M.D. o Rs.2,00,000/-shall be submitted in shape of Demand Drafts in favour of OMFED drawn on any Nationalize Sank payable at Bhubaneswar & should reach at the above office address on or before 02.00 PM o 5.04.2024. The Bid shall be opened at 03.00 PM on 05.04.2024 at the OMFED Corporate Office in the resence of the interested bidders. Tenderers are requested to visit OMFED website regularly as any rrigendum / addendum may be published in OMFED website and not in any other media/ news papers Aanagement reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid documents or part thereof withou

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Website :- www.sudha.coop Email:- comfed.patna@gmail.com NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT No.COMFED:ERP:1041: 938 Tender for maintenance work of Network at COMFED, Head Office, Patna

Bihar State Milk Cooperative Federation Ltd. (COMFED), Patna invites tenders from the reputed Firm/Company for onsite Maintenance services of Network etc. as detailed in the tender documents. Interested bidder may visit our website at www.sudha.coop for obtaining further detailed terms and conditions in respect of the required services

and may submit tender documents latest by 3.00 PM on 08.04.2024. The undersigned reserves the right to modify and or cancel the notice and reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason thereof. **GENERAL MANAGER**

Submission of Bid

STATE BANK OF INDIA, Stressed Assets Management Branch-1, 12th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (STC Building), 1, Tolstoy Marg, Janpath, New Delhi-110001 E-Auction **Sale Notice**

Date & Time of

Ph. No.: 011-23701157, E-mail ID: team4samb1.del@sbi.co.in, sbi.04109@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Sale notice for sale of movable & Immovable Property E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable & Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the

Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable property/ies hypothecated/charged & Immovable property/ies Mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been

taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", As is what is" and Whatever there is" on 09-04-2024, for recovery of amount as mentioned below, due to the Secured Creditor from following Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The reserve price and earnest money to be deposited is mentioned below respectively. Reserve Price(RP) Date and Time For

Guarantor/s (G) with address/es	Address of Security charged covered under Auction	10% of The Reserve Price Incremental Amount	Demand Notice Date & Amount Due	Inspection of Property with name of Authorized Officer	Application Form, KYC Documents, PAN Card, Proof of EMD etc. and EMD through MSTC Wallet.	E-Auction with auto extensions of 10 minutes each
M/s Soni Traders, 5/9, Gurunanak complex, Shop no. 106, Saraswati Marg, W.E.A. Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005 Shri Arjun Kumar S/o Shri Sunder Pal Singh, Personal Guarantor, Mortgagor G-259A, H.I.G Flat Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad-201001 Deepak Kumar Mittal S/o Shri Shiv Kumar Mittal, Personal Guarantor, Mortgagor, R/o-26/23, Shakti Nagar Malka Ganj Delhi-110007 Smt Shama Dua W/o Shri Surinder Pal, Personal Guarantor, Mortgagor, R/o-J-127,2nd Floor, Vikaspuri Delhi-110018 & BG-7/101, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 Shri Purushottam Lal Soni S/o Shri Sohan Lal Soni, Personal Guarantor, Mortgagor, R/o 4/14 W.E.A Saraswati Marg, Near Hotel Crest Inn Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 Smt. Munni Devi W/o Shri Purushottam Lal Soni, Personal Guarantor, R/o 4/14 W.E.A Saraswati Marg, Near Hotel Crest Inn, Karol Bagh New	(Physical Possession with bank)	₹ 28.80 Lakh ₹ 1.00 Lakh	Rs. 17,93,67,215/- (Rs Seventeen crore ninety three lacs sixty seven thousand two hundred fifteen only) as on 30.09.2018 with future interest and incidental charges w.e.f. dated 01.10.2018	11.00 PM to 04.00 PM Authorised Officer :	for more information refer to https://www.mstc ecommerce.com	From 11.00 AM to 01.00 P.M. with auto extensions of 10 minutes each

EMD to be transferred / deposited by bidders in his / her / their own wallet provided by M/s MSTC Ltd. on its E-Auction site https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp by means of NEFT

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E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS", AS IS WHAT IS" AND WHATEVER THERE IS" basis and will be conducted "On Line".

The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s MSTC Ltd. (Helpdesk No. 033-2290-1004) at their web portal https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp; Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims / rights / dues / affecting the property/ies, prior to submitting their bid. In this regard, the e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights / dues. The sale shall be subject to rules / conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and

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Date: 15-03-2024, Place: New Delhi

Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India



Sebi Pushes for Ease of Doing Biz; Clears **Relaxations for FPIs**

Mumbai: Regulator Sebi on Friday approved a raft of relaxations for foreign portfolio investors, alternative investment funds and entities seeking to raise funds through initial share sales, as part of facilitating the ease of doing business in the securities market.

Also, the board of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) gave its nod for a uniform approach for verification of market rumours by entities that have listed their equities. In a move aimed at testing the feasibility of the optional T+0 settlement mechanism, a Beta version for a limited 25 scrips and limited brokers will be launched.

Sebi will continue to do further stakeholder consultation, including with the users of the Beta version. The progress will be reviewed at the end of three months and six months, after which further course of action will be decided, Sebi said in a release.

These proposals were cleared by the Sebi board at its meeting that ended late on Friday. Among other measures, the regulator decided to exempt additional disclosure requirements for FPIs having more than 50% of their India equity assets under management in a single corporate group, subject to certain conditions. The Sebi board also decided to relax the timelines for disclosure of material changes by FPIs.

In a move aimed at ensuring compliance as well as providing ease of doing business, Sebi has mandated that an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF), its manager and key management personnel should carry out "specific due diligence" of both their investors and investments. Amid concerns about funding through AIFs, Sebi has come out with a measure to ensure that investors and investments do not circumvent any financial regulations. "... verifiable compliance with such due-diligence requirements would provide the regulatory comfort necessary for the introduction of other Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) proposals/ measures relating to AIFs, to facilitate sustained capital formation," the release said.

"Considering unaffected price for transactions wherever pricing norms have been prescribed under Sebi regulations provided that the rumour pertaining to such transaction has been confirmed within twenty-four hours from the trigger of material price movement," Sebi said.

Oil Prices Dip, but Set to End Week over 3% Higher

Reuters

Oil prices edged lower on Friday but were on track to gain over 3% for the week, boosted by the International Energy Agency raising its 2024 oil demand forecast and an unexpected decline in US stockpiles.

Brent crude oil futures were down 47 cents or 0.6% to \$84.95 a barrel at 1434 GMT, a day after topping \$85 a barrel for the first time since November. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude was down 49 cents or 0.6% to \$80.77.

"Crude futures were staging a mild retreat from fresh fourmonth peaks ... likely entering a consolidation phase to await further direction," said Vandana Hari, founder of oil market analysis provider Vanda Insights.

Prices had remained range bound for much of the last month roughly between \$80 to \$84 a barrel before the IEA on Thursday raised



Houthi forces continue to disrupt Red Sea shipping. World oil demand is expected

to rise by 1.3 million bpd in 2024, the IEA estimated in its latest report, revising its previous forecast up by 110,000 bpd. It also forecast a slight supply deficit this year - should OPEC+ members sustain their output cuts-having previously forecast a

surplus. Also supporting prices were Ukrainian strikes on Russian oil refineries, which caused a fire at Rosneft's biggest refinery in one of the most serious attacks against Russia's energy sector in

recent months. US crude oil stockpiles also fell unexpectedly last week as refineries ramped up processing while gasoline inventories slumped as demand rose, the Energy Information Administration said on Wednesday. Economic policy in China and the United States is also

set to influence demand for crude. On Friday, China's central bank left a key policy rate unchanged as authorities continued to prioritise currency stability amid uncertainty over the timing of expected US Federal Reserve interest rate cuts.

MARKETS DROP PARING THURSDAY'S GAINS

Indices Fall as Valuation Woes Trouble Investors

Indicators point to further consolidation in the market

Our Bureau

Mumbai: Indian equity indices dropped almost half a percentage point Friday, paring Thursday's gains, as valuation discomfort continued to weigh on investors after regulatory caution over likely bubbles in the riskiest pockets of equity assets. Of the 50 stocks in Nifty, 11 advanced and 39 declined.

"The investors in the markets are worried after the corrections seen this week," said Sandeep Raina, Executive VP- Research, Nuvama Professional Client Group. "Although there is no actual change in the markets after yesterday's up move and the corrections.

BSE's Sensex fell 0.62% or 453.85 points to close at 72,643,43 while Benchmark Nifty declined 0.56% or 123.3 points to close at 22,023.35. The indices gained over 0.5% on Thursday, after crashing over 1.5% on Wednesday. The Nifty

respectively, on Wednesday.



down from a flag and pennant pattern, which indicates consolidation. All expiries had high open interest buildup on 22,500 levels on the call side and 22,000

winding of open interest on call and put side, Nifty is expected to stay at this level and witness range bound movement," said Dharan Shah, Founder, Tradonomy Research Company. "Multiple Relative Strength Indicator (RSI) divergences were also observed, where Nifty made new highs while RSI made lower lev-

0.32% while the Smallcap 250 in- and covered post the big move," Midcap 150 and Smallcap 250 in- dex closed slightly higher at said Shah. "This indicates 8% dex plummeted 4.17% and 5.18%, 0.21%.

Mahindra & Mahindra emerged Technical indicators indicate as the top loser on both the indic-crore on Friday, while their domesfurther consolidation in the mar- es and BPCL and Coal India were tic counterparts were sellers to the ket as benchmark Nifty broke top losers in Nifty, falling 4.9%,

4.15% and 2.85%, respectively. Raina said that the range bound movement of the index is expected to continue in the near term.

"The sentiment is cautious due levels on the put side, said analy- to the expensive valuations which is leading to consolidation "Unless and until there is un- in Nifty," said Raina. "The 150-200 points range bound movement is likely to continue till the markets find a base."

> Analysts said that the pre-election rally took place slightly earlier this time in December, with the markets rallying around 12% like the historical pre-election rallies at 7-10%.

"The markets have not filled the els indicating weakness in the run-away gap at 20,200 levels from the December rally and run-Nifty Midcap 150 index declined away-gaps are generally retraced correction from current levels."

FPIs bought shares worth ₹848.56 tune of ₹-682.26 crore.

DURATION NEEDED TO LIQUIDATE UNITS VARIES WIDELY

Stress Tests Indicate Diverse Risk Profiles of MF Schemes

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Mumbai: Stress test results published Friday for small and midcapthemed mutual funds demonstrated wide variations in the duration asset managers would need to liquidate units, underscoring the diverse risk profiles of such investments after the capital markets regulator mandated the exercise over concerns of 'froth' or 'bubbles' in some pockets of local equities.

While a midcap fund can redeem 50% of its portfolio in about a day, there are some small cap funds that could take as many as 60 days to redeem half their portfolio. Investors need to keep in mind other parameters like PE of the fund, corpus of the fund, volatility measurement and cash holding before taking a

decision, planners said. "The stress test results are more relevant for short-term investors who are participating in the euphoria and have a time frame of just a year," says Vishal Dhawan, Chief Financial Planner, Plan Ahead Wealth Advisors. Dhawan believes long term investors who participa-

Room for Redemption			Days to liquidate of portfolio	
Fund House	Scheme Name	AUM (₹crore)	50%	25%
CDIME	SBI Midcap Fund	16467	24	12
SBI MF	SBI Small cap fund	25534	60	30
UDEC LIE	HDFC Midcap opportunities Fund	60187	23	12
HDFC MF	HDFC Small cap Fund	28599	42	21
Ninnan ME	Nippon India Growth Fund	24481	7	4
Nippon MF	Nippon India Small Cap Fund	46044	27	13
	Kotak Emerging equity Fund	39738	34	17
Kotak MF	Kotak Small cap Fund	14196	33	17

benefitting from the growth story of the country should not read much into these tests.

Markets regulator Sebi had asked cap schemes to disclose their stress test results for such schemes. This helps identify the risks associated with investing in such schemes. Results help investors find out how the scheme can handle redempexisting investors.

te in such schemes with a view of umber of days it will take a fund to liquidate 25% and 50% of a portfolio. They will also show the standard deviation of the scheme, its benchmark, PE ratio, portfolio befund houses with mid and small ta and help an investor take an informed decision. "Long term mutual fund investors should do risk mitigation through asset allocation and should not be unduly worried about stress tests. They should rebalance portfolios, where mid tions without causing damage to and small cap allocation is above their risk taking capacity," says Vi-Stress tests were based on the neet Nanda, Founder, SIFT Capital.

Global Stocks Set for Weekly Dip on Fed Cut **Expectations**

Reuters

New York: A gauge of global stocks was poised to snap a seven-week streak of gains on Friday, while the dollar was on track for its strongest week since mid-January, as recent US inflation data has led to a reassessment for the path of interest rates.

Equities have struggled for upward momentum this week, after readings on US consumer prices and producer prices indicated inflation remains sticky, dampening expectations the US Federal Reserve will cut rates by its June meeting.

Markets are pricing in a 54.9% chance for a rate cut of at least

INFLATION STILL A WORRY

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25 basis points (bps) by the Fed in June, down from 59.5% in the prior session and 73.3% a week ago, according to CME's Fed-Watch Tool. The central bank is widely expected to hold rates steady at its policy meeting next week. Data on Friday showed US im-

port prices increased marginally in February as a surge in the cost of petroleum products was partially offset by modest gains elsewhere, suggesting an improving inflation picture.

"We've taken a breather this week, and that's okay," said Liz Young, head of investment strategy at SoFi in New York.

"Seeing certain stocks go up uninhibited, almost unhinged, makes everybody a little nervous... A breather here, particularly in the names that have seen that big run-up, is healthy."

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 93.81 points, or 0.24%, to 38,810.44, the S&P 500 lost 22.68 points, or 0.44%, to 5,127.80 and the Nasdaq Composite lost 101.22 points, or 0.63%, to 16,026.22.

In addition, a survey from the University of Michigan showed its preliminary reading on consumer sentiment and inflation expectations were little changed in March.

The dollar index gained 0.01% at 103.39, recouping most of the prior week's decline, with the euro up 0.06% at \$1.0888. Sterling weakened 0.07% at \$1.274.

Against the Japanese yen, the dollar strengthened 0.4% at 148.92. The Bank of Japan is expected to end its negative interest rate policy at its meeting next week.

Muthoot Microfin Enters Telangana

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ANDHRA FORAY BY JUNE

Kolkata: Muthoot Microfin has announced its entry into Telangana while it is in the process of foraying into Andhra Pradesh by June. Pure microfinance lenders are slowly returning to these states after the state high court ruled that entities regulated by the Reserve Bank of India cannot come under state law in terms of doing business. In 2010, Andhra Pradesh enacted a law to prohibit microfinance companies from doing business in the state.



The Kerala-based non-banking finance company-microfinance institution (NBFC-MFI) is planning to open four branches in Telangana this month.

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"In line with our growth strategy of increasing our distribution network and acquiring new customers, we will further expand our operations in Telangana. Soon, we will be entering Andhra Pradesh as well," chief executive million active customers served Sadaf Sayeed said.

"We maintain a rigorous market across 18 states at present.

analysis approach, ensuring thorough assessments of new geographies," Sayeed added.

The branches in Telengana will be in Bhuvanagiri, Jangaon, Hanmakonda and Parakala.

Muthoot Microfin, a part of Muthoot Pappachan Group, provides financial assistance through income-generating microloans to women engaged in small businesses such as tailoring, vegetable vending and running tea-shop, among others. The lender has 3.28 through 1,424 branches spread

Adani Cap Raises ₹300 cr in Senior **Secured Bonds**

Anchor investor **ICICI Prudential** Corporate Bond Fund invests ₹45 cr

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Mumbai: Adani Capital, a nonbanking financial company of the Adani Group, on Friday raised ₹300 crore in three-year senior secured bonds offering 9.75% coupon, people aware of the development said.

Bondholders can accelerate payments if the Adani Group's proposed stake sale in Adani Capital to Bain Capital is called off or if the capital adequacy ratio falls below 18% or the net non-performing asset breaches 3%, according to the information memorandum document circulated by the company.

On July 23 last year, Bain Capital, a global private investment firm, entered into a definitive agreement to acquire 90% of Adani Capital and Adani Housing, another NBFC of the Adani Group. ET reported on July 22 that the Adani Group would sell its entire stake in Adani Capital to Bain for ₹1,500

The terms of the bonds said that above said. the bondholders could accelerate payments if the sale transaction is not consummated by March 31, 2024. It further stated that the debenture trustee will have the discretion to provide an extension of 15 calendar days for consummation of the sale transaction. One of the negative covenants stated that Gauray Gupta, MD and CEO of Adani Capital, cannot resign before the bonds are due to mature.

ET's request for comments.



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Anchor investor, ICICI Prudential Corporate Bond Fund, invested ₹45 crore in the bonds, people cited

The finance company has raised ₹300 crore bonds in series A and series B of ₹150 crore each. While both offer 9.75% coupon, series A will mature on March 18, 2027 while series B will mature on February 18, 2027.

The bonds have a put and a call option, giving the borrower and the bondholders the right to redeem or exit, respectively. For series A and Bput and call option is at the end of Adani Group did not respond to 18 months and 17 months, respectively, the document showed.

RBI Asks Lenders to Plug Gaps in Customer Grievance Mechanisms

Fair treatment of customers would mean fair pricing of products and services: Guv Das

Our Bureau

Kolkata: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has told banks and other financial intermediaries to plug deficiencies in customer grievance mechanisms and ensure fair pricing of products and services. Governor Shaktikanta Das said that the central bank's assessment of grievances received at RBI offices

dures in financial institutions. "We have brought such deficiencies to the notice of the individual banks and NBFCs. Our effort is to work with the regulated entities and rectify such deficiencies," Das said at the annual conference of the RBI Ombudsman held in Mumbai.

revealed gaps in systems and proce-

The focus of the top management proach and commitment to consumer protection, the Governor said.

"Regulations only provide a framework within which financial institutions operate, but the effectiveness of the regulations ultimately depends upon how they are actually implemented by the regulated entities," he said.

Decision-making by consumers has become all the more challenging with the increasing range and complexity of financial products and services. "Fair treatment of customers would mean fair pricing of products and services, putting in place systems and procedures for transparency in dealing with customers and avoidance of mis-selling," he



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the regulated entities and rectify such deficiencies said, adding that fair treatment and

effective grievance redress mechanism would enhance public trust in the financial system as well as in individual entities.

"This in turn, would contribute of regulated entities should be on to the long term success of individnurturing a customer centric ap- ual entities and promote financial inclusion. Our endeavor in the Reserve Bank has been to include these principles in the various regulatory measures being undertaken from time to time," the Governor added.

> The use of artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities for complementing customer service through personalised interaction, chatbots and virtual assistants tailored to specific products also underscores the need of appropriate safeguards otherwise this may lead to compromise of customer data. Deployment of AI in prevention of frauds, identity verification, vulnerability mitigation and data protection are still at nascent stages, Das said.

Fed Seen Sticking With Three 2024 Cuts Despite Higher Inflation

Federal Open Market Committee will keep rates steady in the 5.25% to 5.5% range for a fifth consecutive meeting next week

Bloomberg

A recent pickup in inflation isn't likely to shift Federal Reserve policymakers' forecasts for three interest-rate cuts this year and four in 2025, according to economists surveyed by Bloomberg News.

The Federal Open Market Committee will keep rates steady in the 5.25% to 5.5% range for a fifth consecutive meeting next week, with policymakers reducing rates for the first time in June, economists say. A solid majority of survey respondents see Fed officials penciling in three or more cuts in 2024, while more than a

third expect two or fewer. Fed Chair Jerome Powell and his colleagues will update their economic and rate projections at the March 19-20 meeting for the first time since December, and survey respondents expect only small tweaks to their outlook with no

change in the projected rate path. "We look for the FOMC to nudge up its median forecast for inflation for this year, but otherwise we do

not anticipate large changes to the macro or interest-rate projections," said Kathy Bostjancic, chief economist at Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. Recent sticky inflation "should add to Powell's reticence in sending a green light on a near-term rate cut."

US gross domestic product to an annual rate of 1.7% from 1.4% and lifting their inflation projection to 2.5% from 2.4%. The survey of 49 economists was conducted March 8-13.

Economists see policymakers

marking up their 2024 forecasts for

In congressional testimony last week, Powell emphasized the central bank has made good progress in nudging inflation toward its 2% target and needed "just a bit more evidence" before making an initial rate cut. "We're not far from it," he told lawmakers.

WHAT BLOOMBERG ECONOMICS SAYS...

"We are expecting the dot plot to continue to show that the median FOMC participant expects 75 bps rate cuts this year. In the SEP, the



median forecast for neutral rate likely edges higher as at least five FOMC participants had flagged the possibility of higher neutral rate during the inter-meeting period."—Anna Wong, chief US economist

Recent economic data reinforces the case for caution. Underlying US inflation topped forecasts for a second month in February, and a key gauge of pipeline price pressures accelerated. "With growth, jobs and inflation all too hot for

comfort the Fed isn't in a position to cut interest rates in the nearterm," said James Knightley, chief international economist at ING.

Almost all respondents expect the Fed to maintain its January guidance that no reduction would be appropriate until the central bank has more confidence inflation is moving sustainably toward 2%.

In addition to the decision on rates, the committee is scheduled recession in the next 12 months,

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to hold a discussion of issues surrounding its \$7.5 trillion balance sheet. The Fed has been passively shrinking its portfolio of assets through the runoff of maturing securities — a process known as quantitative tightening.

A plurality of economists expect the Fed to announce a slower pace of tightening in June, with the tapering starting in June or July. As a result, they expect the balance sheet to fall to \$6.7 trillion in December 2025.

SOFT LANDING?

Economists have become increasingly optimistic about the economic outlook. Just 17% of respondents are forecasting a

"The economy continues to outperform amid a resilient American consumer," said Joe Brusuelas, chief economist with RSM US. That strength creates a risk "that the Fed remains much more patient on rate cuts than the market has priced in." But most forecasters don't think

the Fed can declare victory just

well below the 58% seen last July.

yet. Only 27% agree with former Vice Chairman Alan Blinder's

assessment that the Fed has already achieved a soft landing for the economy, while 73% disagreed. Blinder recently argued in a Wall Street Journal commentary that such an outcome — low inflation and a still strong labor market had already been achieved.

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Dharmic Leader in Modern Times

Good and bad are not the binary of Dharmic leadership, which values yoga for uncrumpling the mind



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estern leadership motracking tasks and achieving targets. Indian leadership models were about people — reminding them that the purpose of life is not to eat, but to feed. To feed is dharma. He who enables feeding is the Dharmic Leader.

All of us have the capacity to fe- withdraw from the kinged and be fed. Those who feed first are the 'Yajaman'. Those who reciprocate are the 'Devata'. It is the hungry, frightened, crumpled mind that creates notions of superiority and inferiority. This crumpled mind is aham, the ego. Yoga enables uncrumpling. The uncrumpled mind is atma, the soul, which is infinite, and so is able to empathise with the hunger and insecurities of those around. The Dharmic Leader, therefore, values yo-

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

QUARTERFINALS DRAW

Holders Manchester City will come

up against record 14-time winners

Real Madrid in the Champions League

quarter-finals after being paired

together in Friday's draw, meaning the

sides will meet in a third consecutive

season in the competition. Here is the

complete draw:

Arsenal vs Bayern Munich

Atletico Madrid vs Borussia Dortmund

Real Madrid vs Manchester City

Arsenal/Bayern vs Real/City

1ST LEG April 30-May 1; 2ND LEG May 7-8

own. When we do yagna without voga, we are unable to empathise. Empathy is key to becoming a Yajaman. Yajaman can see Ravana is not a villain, he is anxious, controlled by aham, hence the need to dominate everyone around him. Ram has no such anxiety. He is relaxed. He is no victim or hero; he is in touch with atma.

A yajaman knows there is no happily-ever-after, nothing is permanent, everything changes, and everyone dies, eventually. All one can do in the process is make things a bit pleasant: reduce the violence and enhance the joy. Key to this is recognising one's mortality as the king does in the Makhadeva Jataka. The king's barber told the king he had spotted a grey hair. That day, the king decided it was time to retire. His job was done. He had let go of his crown and

To distract themselves from mortality, kings pursue wealth and power. In the Ramayana, when Ravana is dying, Ram asks him to share his know-

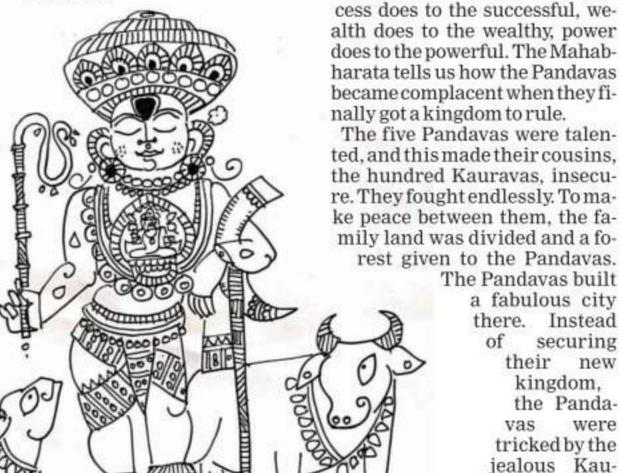
ledge with the future kings of Lanka. Ravana hesitates but then relents. In the Mahabharata, when Bhisma is dying, Krishna asks him to share his knowledge with the Pandavas. Know-Yoga enables us to exchange ledge that needs to be transmitproperly, focus on other people's ted is not technological, about hunger rather than simply our how to generate wealth and regu-

Domestic Air Traffic Growth Slows to 4.8% in Feb

the same month last year. Domestic airlines carried around 12.6 million passengers

Growth of domestic air traffic has slowed down to 4.8% in February, compared to

late power. It is psychological, about overcoming one's ambitions and insecurities, and becoming content and generous, despite failure. That is easier said than done.



NEED FOR RAJ DHARMA

Raj dharma is not about justice of it all. But Krishna asgrabbing kingdoms and rest. Forest creatures did not expanding empires. It's about treating people you govern as devata

ET GRAPHICS

is designed around indulging the ego. In their final year of exile, the Pandavas had to hide like servants. They were abused by the royal masters and experienced first-hand how the rich and powerful misuse their privile-

The forest-exile in the Ramayana and the Mahabharata are not punishments. It is a time for kings to learn and transform, realise no one is superior or inferior to other beings in the natural scheme of things. Kings can establish a culture where everyone adores or fears them, but they are still organisms, strong in some situations and weak in others. The Pandavas realised that when they had wealth and power, they too had become arrogant. They forgot they existed for the kingdom; the kingdom did not exist for them. The kingdom was not property to be gambled away.

Parashurama punishes kings who do not value dharma. Ram is the king who values dharma. Krishna is a cowherd, a metaphor for one who takes care of the earth. He does not need to be king. He is teaching kings how to be a caretaker of culture, and nature. Raj-dharma is not about grabbing kingdoms, and expanding empires, or gambling them away. It is about treating the people you govern as the devata. You give them what you have, and they want, and nudge them to do the same. The greatest return survival of the body, while hie- on investment is when the Devata rarchy and property in culture strives to be a Yajaman too.

Chinese Satellites Heading

Beijing: A pair of Chinese sa- flight, causing the satellites to tellites failed to reach a planned fail to enter the preset orbit acorbit on their way to the moon after experiencing abnormalities, a rare setback for Beijing's high-profile space programme.

The satellites, known as DRO-A and DRO-B, were launched on Wednesday evening from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the Sichuan Province, the launch centre said in a press release on Thursday.

They were carried by A Yuanzheng-1S (Expedition-1S) upperstage aircraft, attached to a Long March-2C carrier rocket, rocket last month - to test laser-

red an abnormality during

curately, it said.

The relevant disposal work is currently underway, state-run Xinhua news agency reported, citing the launch centre.

The plan was for the two satellites to head towards the moon and enter a distant retrograde orbit (DRO).

From there, they would fly in formation and work with DRO-L – a third satellite that was successfully placed into low-Earth orbit by a Jielong 3 based navigation technologies on, known as cislunar space, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported. —PTI

Perfection Mania is Another Pandemic

Editing Glitch: The Photogate embarrassment of the British royal family reflects a wider malaise

Silk Stalkings



Reshmi Dasgupta

For much of the past week, the British public, mainly via social media, has been agog over the purported "manipulation" of a photograph of the Princess of Wales with her three children. As it turns out, she clumsily edited a family photo hurriedly taken by her husband and put it out on social media. The image was promptly scrutinised by millions of eyes and many embarrassing errors were pointed out, leading to its withdrawal by major news agencies.

She issued a statement owning up to the careless editing attempt but ended up stoking even more malicious and wild speculation about not only her health but also her marriage. Their family, of course, is not an ordinary one like ours are. The British royals are subject to far more inspection and judgement than we all are and must be aware of it. Yet they still try to act "normal", which in this case meant posting a picture perfect family photo for Mother's Day.

They were not the only ones to put up lovely, laughing photos with the kids for the occasion. Millions did. It almost seemed as if not posting photos may have led to similar speculation in their own much smaller social (media) circles about the absence. That is what probably prompted the Waleses to post that hasty photo even though the princess is recuperating from surgery and may not have felt like getting dressed up (even in jeans and jacket) to be photographed.

Why was Catherine compelled to try her hand at editing the photograph so that everyone looked their best? In fact, why do so many of the general public also need to post perfect images of themselves and their families for the world to see, sometimes every day, on social media? Must we always show everyone that we are happy, healthy, well groomed and wonderful? Does the absence of such photos necessarily indicate that all is not well in our lives?

Many questions have arisen in the aftermath of Photogate, but the most important of these is the imperative to disseminate only "perfect" images. If Catherine had not felt the need to resort to editing, the matter would not have blown up in their faces. Did



she really need to try to alter the angle of her daughter's arm, knee and skirt, the curve of her younger son's sweatered shoulder, the slant of her own jacket zipper, and even the gradient of the stone ledge behind?

The editing glitches related to such minor aspects of the family photo that it is hard to understand why she tried to change them at all. She was evidently anticipating that the eagle-eyed British public would spot imperfections-—in her husband's handiwork as a photographer if not in her children's deportment-and wanted to correct

them beforehand. In hindsight, they sho-A lot of uld have hired a proquestions have fessional to do the nearisen in the edful and saved themaftermath of selves a lot of grief. Photogate, but Technology most important of these is the

enabled each one of us to always be "the best imperative to version" of ourselves, disseminate with filters and all only 'perfect' sorts of other editing options available on cellphones and laptops. Few resist that temptation. It is al-

most de rigeuer to use such tech tools or risk either pity or ridicule for being less than whatever is the current definition of perfect. It is easy to smirk at Catherine's folly, but many ordinary people among us are also as afflicted by this perfection mania.

images

For those who are older, this perfection addiction—and the means to perpetuate it—has come relatively late in their lives. Time was when images were pretty much what you clicked them as, with airbrushing and other alternations the prerogative of only models and celebrities. There was no shame in being "caught" squinting into the camera or standing at an awkward angle. Scarily, young people have come to regard perfection—edited or otherwise—as normal.

last month, compared to 12.06 million flyers in February 2022, data released by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation showed. Traffic fell from **AIRLINE** Growth rate has slowed Occupancy (%) 13.1 million down from double 60.1 IndiGo 88.4 flyers in January | digits since January 12.8 Air India 87.3 Aircraft supply constraint a key factor others 9.9 Vistara 94.2 Airlines had 90% average occupancy 6.1 Air India Express* 87.6 IndiGo 1,55,000 24-26 % 5.2 SpiceJet 93.7 maintains passengers of the total 4.5 Akasa Air 92.4 fleet will be lead as the were grounded by country's affected by flight delays March 31: largest in February Note: Go First airline grounded flights MOST PUNCTUAL

from May 3 *AirAsia has been merged into Air India Express of Air India Express flights were on time

to Moon Fail to Reach Orbit

Modern retellings of the Ma-

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Perry never had anyone supporting her

for a lengthy period and wickets falling at regular interval did also made her judi-

Towards the end, Georgia Wareham (18

not out off 10 balls) used the long handle

to good effect and hit a last ball six off

Saika to take the team past 130-run mark.

It was 21-year-old Shreyanka whose vi-

tal 18th over raised visions of victory

as she removed the MI skipper

Harmanpreet Kaur. Richa Ghosh was

slow to react when she failed to stump

Harmanpreet off Shreyanka. But the

young off-spinner flighted the ball once

more to get Harmanpreet caught at

Needing 16 off 12 balls, the experi-

enced Aussie Sophie Molineux (1/16)

bowled a brilliant penultimate over in

which she gave only four runs to leave

12 runs off final over for leg-spinner

The 32-year-old spinner, who hasn't

played for India, gave away only six runs

as RCB team's joy knew no bounds with

Indian vice-captain Mandhana outwit-

cious in shot selection.

LATE COMEBACK

long-on fence.

Sobhana to defend

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ICC won't Ask BCCI to Go Against Govt Policy

A 'hybrid model' to host next year's Champions Trophy in Pakistan remains an option as India's participation cannot be decided by the ICC if there is a government policy against it, a source in the governing body's all-powerful executive board told PTI on Friday.

The Champions Trophy, which will be held in February-March 2025, is not on the agenda but the newly-elected PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi has stated that he wants to speak with his BCCI counterpart Jay Shah as well as the ICC bigwigs on the sidelines, seeking some kind of assurance. However, an ICC Board member, who is privy to the developments, feels that any decision by BCCI, will only be taken closer to the tournament and once again, the idea of using UAE as a potential venue cannot be entirely discarded.

"Every member can raise concerns for discussion at Board meetings and then it would go to a vote. But if the government (of a member nation) expressly says that they can't play there, ICC would need to look for an alternative," a veteran administrator told PTL "....because the ICC Board's position remains that it doesn't expect its members to go against any policy/instructions issued by its own government," he said.

ICC BOARD MEETING OUTCOMES ▶ STOP CLOCKS to become mendatory

in limited-overs internationals from June 1. Teams will get 60 seconds to start a new over, failing which two warnings will be issued before a five-run penalty per

incident is applied. ▶ RESERVE DAYS for the semifinals and the final of

the upcoming men's T20 World Cup. ▶10 OVERS of the chase needed to be bowled for the T20 World Cup knockout games to be considered a

complete match. For the group matches, the criteria will remain at five overs. ▶THE 2026 T20 WORLD CUP will feature 20 teams. 12

teams - the co-hosts India and Sri Lanka, top eight teams in the 2024 T20 WC and the next two bestranked sides in the ICC rankings as of June 30, 2024 - will qualify automatically. The remaining eight will come through the ICC Regional Qualifiers.

4 Start to relax in club with a

Pair with Maureen in Italian

Negotiator to leave Elizabeth

posh mime artist (7)

with tiny note (2-7)

8 How one might describe a

baseball hitter refusing to

11 Rugby playing nation, fine one

14 Measure department in a hos-

15 Term I got wrong with Henry

16 Consume chicken, perhaps, af-

ter polishing off starter (3)

18 Foresee Gene struggling to ac-

quire official document (8)

20 A late part of autumn coming

21 Companion with Martin, say,

24 Close-fitting coat adjusted in

retains love for soft leather (7)

for colourful insect (5.4)

17 Search for something to go

with brush? (4)

up to see river (4)

22 Remaining in debt? (6)

26 Smile having caught rare

27 Gear lies regularly in very

freshwater fish (5)

strong wind (4)

cut (5)

followed by James largely (4)

cathedral (5)

work? (2,6)

pital? (4)

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Paris Saint-Germain vs Barcelona 1ST LEG April 9-10; 2ND LEG April 16-17 SEMIFINALS Atletico/Dortmund vs PSG/Barcelona

BADMINTON Satwik-Chirag Pair Exits All **England Championships** World No. 1 Indian pair Satwiksairai Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty bowed out in the men's doubles pre-quarterfinals of the All England

Badminton Championships after a straight game defeat against Muhammad Shohibul Fikri and Bagas Maulana of Indonesia. Satwik and Chirag on Thursday night lost 16-21 15-21 against the Indonesians, who were champions in 2022. Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa also exited in the women's doubles round of 16, after a 21-11 11-21 11-21 defeat against Zhang

CHESS

Carlsen Launches Freestyle Tour, India First on List

Shu Xian and Zheng Yu of China. PTI



Chess great Magnus Carlsen is launching a world Freestyle Chess tour as the variant of the game, also known as Chess960, that is gaining in

on Friday. Norwegian Carlsen, a five-time classical chess world champion who relinquished his title last year, has partnered with German entrepreneur Jan Henric Buettner to set up a new, exclusive tour that will start in chess powerhouse India in November. The prize money for the Indian leg of the tour will be \$500,000, Carlsen and Buettner said in a joint statement. Reuters

WATCHOUT! TONIGHT

FA CUP Man City v Newcastle United 11pm (Sony Ten) PREMIER LEAGUE Fulham v Tottenham 11pm (Star Sports) LALIGA Osasuna v Real Madrid 8:45pm (Sports18) JNDESLIGA Darmstadt 98 v Bayern Munich 8pm (Sony Ten)

A Perry Good Show WPL ELIMINATOR Australian all-rounder and spinners

help RCB stun Mumbai and set up final against Delhi



Young off-spinner Shreyanka Patil and uncapped leg-spinner Asha Sobhana showed nerves of steel to take Royal Challengers Bangalore into WPL final with a five-run victory over defending champions Mumbai Indians in the 'Eliminator' on Friday.

Chasing an easy target of 136 and needing 20 off last three overs, MI's innings ended at 130 for 6, RCB, who entered their maiden final in the second edition, will meet last year's runner-up Delhi Capitals in the summit clash on Sunday.

PERRY STANDS TALL

Mini Crossword

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Shaguille

7. Play station?

Painful places

"Let me make it

2. How electricity is of-

Arranges in a heap,

ten charged: as per

Green tea flavour

Basketball legend

Across

Down

Earlier, Ellyse Perry stood tall amid ru-

ins with yet another elegant knock as RCB posted a below-par 135/6, which proved to be enough in the end, though. Perry's 66 off 50 balls was the cornerstone of RCB's total after their top-order was blown away by a disciplined MI attack, reducing them to 24/3 inside four overs. Hayley Matthews bowled a flighted off-

Source: DGCA

break that breached veteran Sophie Devine's defence to draw the first blood. Perry was, however, at her stylish best with some crisp boundaries and a straight six off Saika but the best shot

short third-man off Shabnim Ismail's

delivery.

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Important decider at

golden rule word

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SOLUTION TO No 0032:

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8. SORES,

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Created and edited by Mangesh Sakharam Ghogre

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BRIEF SCORES Bangalore 135/6 (Perry 66 off 50; Matthews 2/18, Sciver-Brunt 2/18, Ishaque 2/27)

off 17, Harmanpreet 33 off 30, Kerr

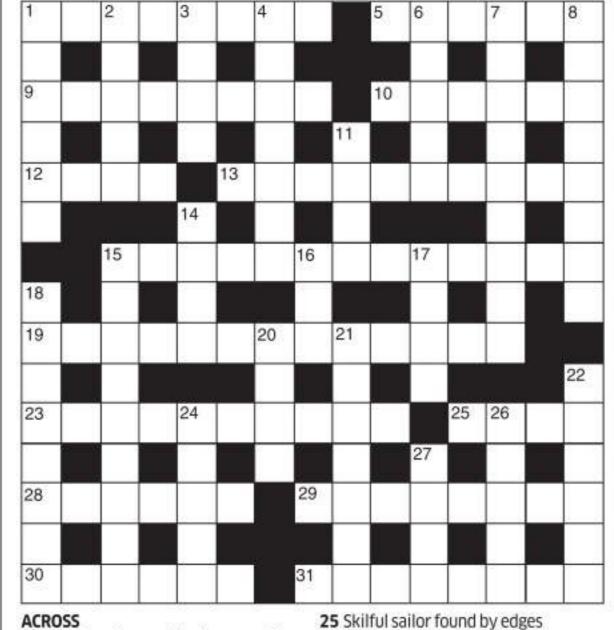
27* off 25; Patil 2/16) by 5 runs

YA KNOW, LUCY, TO START THINKING ABOUT THE FUTURE AND HOW I MAYBE IT'S CAN PREPARE FOR THE TIME ... RESPONSIBILITIES OF **STAHW** BEING A GROWN-UP



NON-SEQUITUR

Crossword Pointed tooth beginning to trouble Welsh banker (4)



Omit fare for cooking temporarily

(3.1.4)5 Fuss about a man serving slowly (6)

9 Fantastic star I hear has creative

10 Party possibly bust? There are suspicions (6)

12 Irish singer occupying green yard (4) 13 Cheer pilot that's manoeuvred aerial transport (10) 15 German, maybe, favoured sauce in

an ironic fashion (6-2-5) 19 Titled figure, we hear, to look after chap, lower order player (13)

23 Intro a liar concocted is unfounded (10)

of lake (4)

28 A connection around university gets to proliferate (6)

29 Gymnast Nadia came in with twists behind company (8) 30 Film here in Rome with first sign of

suspect morals (6) 31 Established writer featuring in English edition is revered (8)

1 A flex moved over back of screen that's light yellow (6)

2 Hear again about score at

Twickenham? (5)

SOLUTION TO No. 8921: ACROSS: 6 Oceanographers. 9 Emerge. 10 Rooftops. 11 Instance.13 Sodden. 15 Thelma. 17 Sleeve. 19 Franck. 20 Parasite. 22 Edge tool.24 Potato. 26 Double concerto. DOWN: 1 Community radio. 2 Jeer. 3 Andean. 4 Carousel. 5 Chit.7 Garnet. 8 Representation. 12 Tie-in. 14 Deeds.

16 Makeover. 18 Apollo.

21 Repack. 23 Elbe. 25 Turf. ©The Daily Mail