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## GOOGLE RELISTS SOME APPS UPON COMPLIANCE 'App delisting can't be allowed: Govt

**JATIN GROVER**  
New Delhi, March 2  
**A DAY AFTER** Google delisted some apps over non-compliance of its billing policy, the government has said such actions cannot be permitted, and it has summoned the tech giant and the app companies to seek clarity on the matter and resolve the dispute.  
"The delisting by Google cannot be permitted. We have called Google and app developers next week for a meeting," communications and IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told *FE*, adding, "We are clear in our policy that our startups will get the protection that they need."  
The meeting is expected to happen on Monday.  
While Google has started reinstating some of the apps on compliance, sources in the know said it was expedited after Vaishnaw intervened in the matter. However, most of the apps that have been reinstated are returning as consumption-only apps and not with in-app billing.



**GOOGLIED**  
■ Govt summons Google, app firms for meeting  
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**STARTUPS WILL GET THE PROTECTION THEY NEED**  
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**JATIN GROVER**  
New Delhi, March 2  
**THE GOVERNMENT ON** Saturday issued an advisory to all intermediaries and generative AI platforms using artificial intelligence (AI) models, software or algorithms to seek permission from the government and label their platforms as "under testing" before making them available to the public.  
The platforms — including Google's Gemini, ChatGPT and

## 'Ensured non-trade issues not mainstreamed at WTO'

The World Trade Organization's 13th ministerial conference (MC13) ended in Abu Dhabi early Saturday, with an outcome that most analysts described as 'muted'. While no headway was made on further liberalisation of world trade, the conference, which dragged on for an additional fifth day, could not even forge a consensus on reviving the dispute resolution mechanism with a functional appellate body. India has managed to foil attempts by many members to bring 'non-trade issues' into the mainstream of the multilateral framework, and protect the interests of its fishermen. While no permanent solution to the grain stock-holding issue was found at the meet, India has no major worries on this front, as an

enduring peace clause exists in its favour. The West, particularly the EU, blamed India for the sub-optimal outcome of the conference. Minister for commerce and industry, food and public distribution Piyush Goyal told *FE* that rather than dwell on non-trade issues, the WTO at this juncture would do well to restore the credibility of the dispute resolution mechanism. "By and large the objectives with which we had come to Abu Dhabi are largely met and we go back satisfied," he told Mukesh Jagota in an interview. Edited excerpts:  
**How do you see the outcome of the conference? Are you satisfied with what it implies for India?**  
It's a good outcome and we are completely satisfied. A lot of issues continued to make progress in terms of discussions, especially contentious issues that had not been closed for many years. Such forward movement is always a sign of a possible closure going forward. India continues to retain full policy space for the benefit of our farmers, our fishermen, and in every respect we have been able to safeguard India's interests.  
**What were the issues that were problematic for us?**  
On agriculture, we did not have any problematic issues. As we have the benefit of a peace clause on the public stock-holding of food grains, distribution of grains to the poor free continues uninterrupted and without hindrance.

**PIYUSH GOYAL, COMMERCE MINISTER**  
**BY AND LARGE THE OBJECTIVES WITH WHICH WE HAD COME (TO MC13) ARE LARGELY MET AND WE GO BACK SATISFIED**

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## LOK SABHA POLLS BJP releases first list of 195 candidates; Modi from Varanasi

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
New Delhi, March 2  
**THE RULING BJP** on Saturday announced Prime Minister Narendra Modi will fight again from Varanasi in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections as it named 34 Union ministers, including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh and Smriti Irani, in the first list of 195 candidates.  
The list includes two former chief ministers — Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Biplab Deb — as well as Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, who will fight again from Kota in Rajasthan. Chouhan has been fielded from Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Deb from Tripura West. Union ministers on the list include Mansukh Mandaviya, Jitendra Singh, Sarbananda Sonowal, Gajendra Shekhawat, Bhupender Yadav, G Kishan Reddy, Kiren Rijiju, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Arjun Ram Meghwal and Arjun Munda.  
Announcing the list, BJP national general secretary Vinod Tawde said the party is confident of a third term with a much bigger mandate. The list



**Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a public meeting at Krishnanagar in Nadia, West Bengal, on Saturday**  
includes 28 women and 47 young leaders, he said.  
The announced names include those for 51 seats in Uttar Pradesh, 20 in West Bengal and five in Delhi. The list saw major changes for Delhi with Ramesh Bidhuri, Parvesh Verma, Meenakshi Lekhi and Harsh Vardhan being dropped from their respective seats, while Sadhvi Pragya Thakur was dropped from her Bhopal seat.

## Byju's defers Feb salaries, blames investor dispute

**ANEES HUSSAIN**  
Bengaluru, March 2  
**BYJU'S HAS TOLD** its employees in a letter that February salaries have been deferred as the funds raised through a rights issue are inaccessible due to a legal dispute with certain investors, including Prosus, GA, Sofina and Peak XV.  
In a letter to staff on Saturday, founder & CEO Byju Raveendran said the rights issue, launched a month ago, has been successfully closed. "This was supposed to be a happy correspondence. After all, we now have funds to meet our short-term needs and clear our liabilities. However, I regret to inform you that we will still be unable to process your salaries," he wrote.  
The letter added that the company is still striving to ensure that salaries are paid by March 10. "We shall make these payments the moment we are permitted to do so as per law."  
Raveendran said last month, the company faced challenges due to a lack of capital, and "now we are experiencing a delay despite having funds."  
He wrote: "Unfortunately, a select few (four out of our 150-

**Trouble over 'hidden funds'; valuation cut**  
A SMALL FLORIDA hedge fund that allegedly helped Byju's parent Think & Learn hide \$533 million must reveal where the money is located or face possible sanctions on Monday, reports **Bloomberg**. Macquarie Capital, meanwhile, is writing down nearly its entire investment in Byju's. **PAGE 3**  
plus investors) have stooped to a heartless level, ensuring that we are unable to utilise the funds raised to pay your hard-earned salaries. At their behest, the amount raised through the rights issue is currently locked in a separate account."  
Raveendran accused these investors of having a callous disregard for the lives and livelihoods of others even though they had reaped substantial profits from their investment.

## On wedding checklist: A viral edition

**SHUBHANGI SHAH**  
New Delhi, March 2  
**EVEN AS THE** entire country is voyeuristically hooked to the Ambani pre-wedding festivities this weekend, where global celebrities have converged, pop star Rihanna performed, and reportedly 2,500 dishes will be served in three days, novel wedding experiences are not the domain of the rich alone.  
Take the example of a couple from Gujarat who recently tied the knot at minus 25 degrees C amid snowfall in Himachal Pradesh's Spiti Valley in the name of novelty, with the video going viral.  
"In recent years, there has been a noticeable surge in

**NOVELTY NUPTIALS**  
■ Couples increasingly looking to differentiate their weddings  
■ 20% of budget set aside for entertainment and novel acts  
■ Trend fuelled by social media and the possibility of going viral  
ILLUSTRATION: ROHNIT PHORE  
unconventional wedding trends driven by social media exposure. Couples are increasingly seeking unique experiences to differentiate their weddings, often inspired by viral sensations



















# Well Being

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## UNPLEASANT NOISES

A study by the University of Newcastle identified the most unpleasant sounds, which include a knife scraping against a bottle, a fork scratching on a plate, chalk on a blackboard, a ruler on a bottle, nails on a blackboard, an electric drill

KUNAL DOLEY

**P**EOPLE WHO PLAY video games may be risking irreversible hearing loss and/or tinnitus—persistent ringing/buzzing in the ears—a new study highlights. The study, published in *BMJ Public Health*, reviewed 14 studies from nine countries which involved more than 50,000 people in all. While headphones, earbuds and music concerts have been recognised as sources of potentially unsafe sound levels, relatively little attention has been paid to the effects of video games, including e-sports, on hearing loss, say the researchers. “Gamers often play at high-intensity sound levels and for several hours at a time,” they add. One estimate indicates that there were over 3 billion gamers worldwide in 2022.

“This study is very important in today’s time because most of us, knowingly or unknowingly, are being exposed to (such) noise, and that is one of the major reasons that causes hearing loss and gives us tinnitus,” says Dr Neha Sood, associate director, ENT and cochlear implant, BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital, Delhi. “Gaming is becoming increasingly popular over the past few years. Youngsters, and even adults, are gaming online or on mobiles using headphones, and that is increasing the occurrences of hearing loss,” she adds.

Sound is measured in decibels (dB). Sounds at or below 70 dB are considered safe. As a comparison, a whisper is about 30 dB, normal conversation about 60 dB, and a motorcycle engine running is about 95 dB. Loud noise above 120 dB can cause immediate harm to your ears. Sound gets louder as one moves closer to the source and softer as one moves away. Being far away from a loud noise lowers the risk of damage to the hearing. The impact of sound increases when exposed for a longer duration. A single loud burst can equally damage hearing than over a sustained period of time.

“Having said that, kids and teens are often exposed to noise levels that could permanently harm their hearing over a period of time. Unsafe sound levels as in video games, loud music (at concerts or listening to with earphones), motorised sporting events like car races, movie theaters, firecrackers and even some children’s toys, can cause hearing loss when exposed over a long period of time at a regular basis,” says Dr Atul Mittal, principal director and head, department of ENT, Fortis, Gurugram.

## Not music to your ears

Over 5% of the world’s population – or 430 million people – require rehabilitation to address their disabling hearing loss, as per the World Health Organisation (WHO). These include 34 million children. It is estimated that by 2050, over 700 million people – or 1 in every 10 people – will have disabling hearing loss, the WHO adds.

According to the WHO, disabling hearing loss refers to hearing loss greater than 35 decibels (dB) in the better hearing ear. Nearly 80% of people with disabling hearing loss live in low- and middle-income countries. The prevalence of hearing loss increases with age, among those older than 60 years, over 25% are affected by disabling hearing loss, the world health body adds.

The issue of hearing loss is getting bigger day by day. “According to WHO, India has some 63 million cases of hearing loss. The habit of using headphones, which increased during Covid, has caused people to end up with earaches, minor headaches and hearing loss. I cannot say right now that the number of kids landing with hearing loss has increased but this population who is constantly either on Bluetooth headphones, airpods

# Sound check

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**LOUD & UNCLEAR**

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**35 dB** Disabling hearing loss refers to hearing loss greater than 35 decibels (dB) in the better hearing ear

Source: World Health Organization

## PLAY SAFE

- Choose headphones over earbuds
- Follow the 60:60 rule – listen at 60% of the maximum volume for no more than 60 minutes a day
- Take periodic breaks of 15–20 minutes to allow your ears to recover
- Set personal listening device volume limits

Never listen at **100%** volume level

When listening to music through headphones or earbuds, keep the volume level low enough so that you can hear people speaking around you

Wear ear plugs when attending concerts or sporting events to limit noise by 15 to 35 decibels



Wear protective earmuffs when working with loud machinery



Don't stick anything into your ear canal, including cotton swabs or hairpins. These objects could become lodged in your ear canal or cause an eardrum rupture

Dr Atul Mittal, principal director and head of department, ENT, Fortis, Gurugram

or earphones will land with the issue five to 10 years down the line. And this issue is gender agnostic as of now,” says Dr Shama Kovale, consultant, ENT, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai.

So, what are the warning signs of hearing loss and when should one seek medical help? According to Dr Shikha Sharma, head of department, ENT,

Yatharth Hospital, Noida Extension, common indicators include difficulty understanding speech, particularly in noisy environments, asking others to repeat themselves frequently, turning up the volume on electronic devices, and experiencing ringing or buzzing sounds in the ears (tinnitus).

Individuals may also notice a gradual decline in their ability to hear high-

pitched sounds or voices, as well as difficulty following conversations, especially over the phone. In children, signs of hearing loss may manifest as delayed speech and language development or difficulty learning in school. “If any of these symptoms are present, it is advisable to seek medical help promptly. Additionally, sudden or severe hearing loss, ear pain, drainage from the ear, or dizziness war-

rant immediate evaluation,” adds Dr Sharma.

In babies and children, signs of hearing loss may vary according to age, as per Dr Mitul C Bhatt, a noted ENT specialist based in Mumbai. “Babies with hearing loss may not startle in response to loud noises, fail to turn toward the source of a sound after six months of age, lack single-word speech by age one, or not react to their name being called,” the doctor explains.

Older children with hearing loss may frequently say “huh,” have delayed speech development compared to their peers, exhibit unclear speech, struggle to follow instructions, or increase the volume on televisions or tablets, Dr Bhatt adds.

## Safe listening habits

There are various ways to adopt safe listening habits. “Use headphones wisely, invest in good noise cancellation headphones. Listen at a level of 60% volume for not more than 60 minutes a day. Preferably use wired headphones, prefer headphones over earphones, and protect your ears at loud events by using ear muffs or cotton plugs at least. You can use apps which can monitor your sound levels. Get regular hearing check-ups done at least once a year,” says Dr Kovale of Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital.

Dr Sharma of Yatharth Hospital adds: “Individuals should be mindful of the volume levels when using personal audio devices such as smartphones and MP3 players, keeping them at a moderate level and taking regular breaks to rest their ears. Utilising noise-cancelling head-

phones can help reduce the need to increase volume levels in noisy environments.”

Additionally, maintaining a safe distance from sources of loud noise, such as speakers at concerts or machinery in industrial settings, can minimise exposure. “When engaging in activities with potentially harmful noise levels, wearing hearing protection such as earplugs or earmuffs is crucial,” offers Dr Sharma.

As far as prevention is concerned, the most important thing is for people to be educated, feel doctors. “Everybody needs to be educated that this exposure to loud intensity sound is hazardous. Most people don’t realise that. And that is why they continue that exposure for prolonged periods of time,” says Dr Sood of BLK-Max Super Speciality Hospital.

Dr Bhatt of Mumbai agrees: “It’s essential for parents, educators, and healthcare professionals to educate children and young adults about the potential risks associated with these activities and encourage the use of hearing protection devices whenever necessary to prevent hearing loss.”

One should seek medical help if they experience any signs or symptoms of hearing loss as discussed earlier. “Additionally, if parents notice any concerning signs in their child’s hearing development, such as delayed speech or unresponsiveness to sounds, they should consult a healthcare professional. It’s important to seek timely medical assistance to address any potential hearing issues and prevent further complications,” Dr Bhatt adds.

# Mood & mind

Scents can cure depression, finds a new study

FE FEATURES

**A NEW STUDY** says scents can help alleviate low mood. Is olfactory and aromatherapy traditionally used in psychiatry, or is this a new revelation? Dr Shailesh Jha, consultant psychiatrist, Indraprastha Apollo Saarthak Mental Health Services, says, “Aromatherapy and essential oils have been used traditionally and anecdotally for centuries to lift mood and relieve stress. However, there wasn’t always clinical evidence behind these practices.” He says in the early 20th century, some psychiatrists did begin incorporating pleasant fragrances into treatment programmes to create a more calming environment for patients. So the connections between scent and mood/mental health have long been explored. The mechanisms linking smell to mood are becoming better understood — olfactory receptors are closely tied to the brain’s limbic system and emotion/memory centres. And the ability for scents to activate those parts of the brain



Dr Shailesh Jha

is likely behind the antidepressant-like effects being measured. Solid scientific evidence verifying aromatherapy in addition to antidepressant treatment specifically for depression has really only accrued more recently through controlled clinical studies. The latest research is providing confirmation it can indeed help alleviate depressive symptoms. What other sensory instruments are used as wellness strategies for mental health and for what?

Other sensory modalities and instruments that have been utilised in psychiatric treatments include:

**Light therapy:** Exposure to bright light is often used to help treat seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Light boxes or light visors provide targeted, regular doses of light to replace the sunlight that



SAD patients lack, helping lift depression. It helps reset the body’s circadian rhythms.

**Auditory stimulation:** Techniques like auditory integration therapy and binaural beat stimulation use purposeful sound exposure that aims to impact psychological states. They may be used to help conditions like autism, ADD/ADHD, and anxiety by influencing brain wave patterns.

**Vibration therapy:** The use of

mechanical vibration from devices has shown tentative promise for treating symptoms like stress and anxiety. The vibrations produce sensory nerve stimulation thought to activate parts of the sympathetic nervous system. Clinical evidence here is still limited.

**Tactile therapy:** Stimulating touch therapies like weighted blankets, deep pressure stimulation, and massage therapy leverage the tactile system to help

regulate mood, anxiety and possibly even psychological trauma. Touch helps stimulate nerves that signal the release of neurotransmitters like serotonin.

In many cases, the mechanism relates to how stimulating various sensory organs produces neurological changes that help regulate mood and behaviour disorders. More research continues on which sensory-based approaches have the strongest evidence behind their efficacy and safety. But the mind and body responses to sensory input are proving useful for psychiatry.

Do most such tools basically help boost levels of serotonin and other happy hormones, or is there something else at play?

You are correct that many sensory-based therapies for mental health do seem to work by influencing levels of key neurotransmitters like serotonin. However, there are likely additional mechanisms that contribute to the observed benefits:

Increasing serotonin is likely a major effect — sensory stimulation triggers nerve pathways that signal the release of serotonin, dopamine, and other neuro-

transmitters that regulate mood and behaviour. This offers a neurochemical explanation for uplifted mood and anxiety/stress reduction.

The stimulation causes downstream changes in areas of the nervous system tied to circadian rhythms, relaxation, fight-flight-or-freeze response etc. So effects extend beyond neurotransmitter activity to how the mind-body system regulates emotions and arousal.

Attention and memory centres of the brain also seem impacted by some sensory therapies. Those suffering from trauma and adverse childhood events have shown more organised brain function after certain sensory-based treatments.

Factors unrelated to neurotransmitter activity, like feelings of comfort and security from tactile stimulation, or a sense of calmness from smells, can benefit mental health. So in some cases the precise neurological mechanisms are still being explored.

So while the mood-regulating neurotransmitter effects play a crucial role, the benefits sensory therapies provide to mental health likely involve more complex pathways which is still experimental, affecting not just chemical messengers, but wider physiological and psychological processes influencing emotional states. More research continues.

STIMULATING TOUCH THERAPIES LEVERAGE THE TACTILE SYSTEM TO HELP REGULATE MOOD AND ANXIETY

# Opinion

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Anthony Kim is playing the LIV Golf Tour's third event of the year this weekend at the Royal Greens Golf Club in Jeddah

## Guess who's back

Anthony Kim returns to pro golf after a 12-year exile

### OVER THE TOP

Meraj Shah

ANTHONY KIM IS everywhere. News feeds are popping up with stories about him; what he's saying about the time he spent away from the game, how he's feeling about returning to pro golf, how much money LIV Golf has paid him to return, what clubs he's using...it goes on and on. The return of the prodigal golfer — once ranked sixth in the world — who just walked away from pro golf at the age of 26 is the stuff that sporting lore is made of. No surprise then that his return has sent the world's media and golf fans into a tizzy. If you've missed the commotion then know that Kim is playing the LIV Golf Tour's third event of the year this weekend at the Royal Greens Golf Club in Jeddah. And you can catch it on YouTube.

By the time you read this on Sunday, all the anticipation would have settled a bit, that was reserved for the very first time Kim teed it up at a pro event since he withdrew halfway through the 2012 season. On Friday, as he teed it up, Kim did look ill at ease. "This guy doesn't give a rat's derriere about anything," on-course reporter Dom Boulet said on the broadcast, "but he really did look nervous on that first tee." After looking down the target a couple of times Kim did what everyone had been hoping for: smashed a terrific drive right down the middle 300 yards down. Fairy tale anyone?

It was too good to last: no one, not even Anthony Kim can come back after more than a decade away from the top echelons of a sport and expect to pick up where he left off. Kim's second shot on the first hole left the broadcasters somewhat perplexed until they realised that the 37-year-old had just cold topped it. An overhead drone might have been an unexpected distraction; there weren't any drone cameras in golf broadcasts in 2012. A messy bogey ensued, and Anthony Kim's comeback was well underway.

Kim was one of the most eclectic players in a game that desperately needed colour and verve. He was brash, wore flashy belt buckles, parted hard, and played out of his shoes. Kim became one of the few players in the history of the PGA Tour to win three titles before he turned 25 but ran into injury issues that culminated with him withdrawing from the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship. Out of action to nurse a torn Achilles tendon, Kim was expected to return to action within a few months. Months turned to years, and finally over a decade passed with the grapevine buzzing with all kinds of theories about what was keeping him away from the game. Earlier this week, Kim was at the range asking Dustin

Johnson for pointers on the finer nuances of using a launch monitor. It just underlines just how long this man has been away from the game. "I'm 37 now...don't know most of the guys out there," he says in a promotional video for LIV. The same isn't true of the younger players who've followed Kim's footsteps on the PGA Tour: stories about AK, have only grown over the years, precipitated by the fact that he didn't just disappear from the world of golf. He disappeared from public view.

During the first round, LIV Golf's CEO Greg Norman popped into the broadcast booth for a chat about Kim. "Whatever happens today doesn't really matter. I said to Emily (Kim's wife) on the first tee today, 'The journey of 1,000 miles starts with a single step, and that first step is his first swing today' and there'll be a process for him to go through," said Norman. "AK will find himself in a better place, not this first round it's not the second round it's not the second tournament, but you start looking when he starts feeling comfortable with himself, the oozing of the talent is going to start coming through."

That's what the world will be hoping to see. Not just because Kim had such promise but because it's clear that he's been through a tough time the last few years. Kim hasn't said that much yet about where he was, what he's been doing, and what's brought him back. But he made it clear that he wasn't planning just to show up every week to take advantage of the no-cut 54-hole event format at LIV. "I would be lying to say that I didn't have certain expectations," Kim said after the first round. "At least even if I played bad (sic), I thought I would shoot around par. It was unfortunate that I made so many unforced errors from the middle of the fairway. That's generally my strength is my iron game. To make so many unforced errors is really disappointing." At the end of the first day, Kim had shot a six-over 76 for his first outing to finish the first round in dead last place. It's unlikely that he's going to ascend that leaderboard this week, but it's a start.

A time will come for me to tell my story, "he carries on in the same video, but for now, I'm just focusing on golf," he signs off. The entire golfing world will be watching this weekend, which tells you precisely why LIV Golf has brought Kim back to play on the tour. The eyeballs that will tune in to watch the Tour's are expected to be much higher this week. "When I think of Anthony Kim," LIV CEO Greg Norman said in a press release announcing Kim's signing, "I can't imagine a more perfect fit for what we're trying to do." If that means putting LIV Golf at the centre of attention in the golfing world, then that's precisely what he means.

*Golfer, Meraj Shah also writes about the game*

### ACROSS THE AISLE

P Chidambaram



Does the NITI Aayog seriously argue that any person whose monthly spend is about ₹2,112 or ₹70 a day in rural areas is not poor? Or any person whose monthly spend is ₹3,157 or ₹100 a day in urban areas is not poor? I suggest that the government give the NITI Aayog officials ₹2,100 each and ask him/her to go and live in a rural area for a month and report on how 'rich' his/her life was

**DON'T BE SURPRISED** if you wake up one morning and read the screaming headline in the newspapers "No more poor: India abolishes poverty". That is what the NITI Aayog wants you to believe. A venerable institution like the Planning Commission has been reduced to an ingratiating spokesperson of the government. First, it announced that its estimate of the proportion of people who are multi-dimensionally poor was 11.28%. Now, its CEO has announced his discovery that the poor in India are no more than 5% of the population.

The CEO made this astonishing claim based on the results of the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) published by the National Sample Survey Office. The HCES did throw up some pleasant surprises but it certainly did not lead to the conclusion that the proportion of the poor in India amounted to no more than 5%.

#### Reading data

HCES was conducted between August 2022 and July 2023. It collected information from 8,723 villages and 6,115 urban blocks covering 2,61,745 households (60% in rural areas and 40% in urban areas). We shall assume that the sample was sufficiently representative and the methodology was statistically sound. The aim was to calculate the Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) in current/nominal prices. On average, a person's monthly expenditure was:

	Rural India (₹)	Urban India (₹)
Top 5%	10,501	20,824
Average (mean)	3,773	6,459
Bottom 5%	1,373	2,001
Median	3,094	4,963

Median expenditure means that the



The CEO of NITI Aayog has announced that the poor in India are no more than 5% of the population

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# There are no poor in India

per capita expenditure of 50% of the total population was no more than ₹3,094 (rural) and ₹4,963 (urban). Take the bottom 50%. Go down fractile by fractile. Statement 4 of the Report gives the numbers:

	Rural India (₹)	Urban India (₹)
0-5%	1,373	2,001
5-10%	1,782	2,607
10-20%	2,112	3,157

Let's stop at the bottom 20%. Does the NITI Aayog seriously argue that any person whose monthly spend (on food and non-food) is about ₹2,112 or ₹70 a day in rural areas is not poor? Or any person whose monthly spend is ₹3,157 or ₹100 a day in urban areas is not poor? I suggest that the government give the NITI Aayog officials ₹2,100 each and ask him/her to go and live in a rural area for a month and report on how 'rich' his/her life was.

#### Observed realities

HCES revealed that the share of food in consumption had reduced to 46% in rural areas and 39% in urban areas. That is probably true because of rising income/expenditure and the value of food consumption remaining the same or rising at a slower rate. Other data confirmed long-observed realities. Scheduled castes and Scheduled tribes

are the poorest social groups. They are below the average. OBC are near the average. It is the 'others' who are above the average.

State-wise data also confirm the observed realities. The poorest citizens are those who live in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Meghalaya — their MPCE is below the all-India average MPCE for rural areas. There is only a little difference in the names of states if we consider the all-India average MPCE for urban areas. These states were ruled for long years by the BJP and other non-Congress parties. Surprisingly, demolishing the hype, Gujarat, ruled by the BJP since 1995, hugs the all-India average MPCE in rural areas (₹3,798 vs ₹3,773) as well as in urban areas (₹6,621 vs ₹6,459).

#### Blind to the poor

What riles me is the claim that the poor in India are no more than 5% of the population. The implication is that the poor are a vanishing tribe and let's turn our attention and resources to the middle class and the rich. If the claim is true —

Why does the government distribute 5 kg of free grain per person per month to 80 crore people? After all, cereals and substitutes account for only 4.91% (rural) and 3.64% (urban) of the total MPCE.

■ If the poor are no more than 5%, why did the the National Family Health Survey-5 record the following alarming facts:

	per cent
Children age 6-59 months who are anaemic	7.1
All women age 15-49 years who are anaemic	7.0
Children under 5 years who are stunted	5.5
Children under 5 years who are wasted	9.5

■ Has the NITI Aayog closed its eyes to the children who beg on the streets of Delhi? Does it not know that there are hundreds of thousands of people who are homeless and sleep on pavements or under bridges?

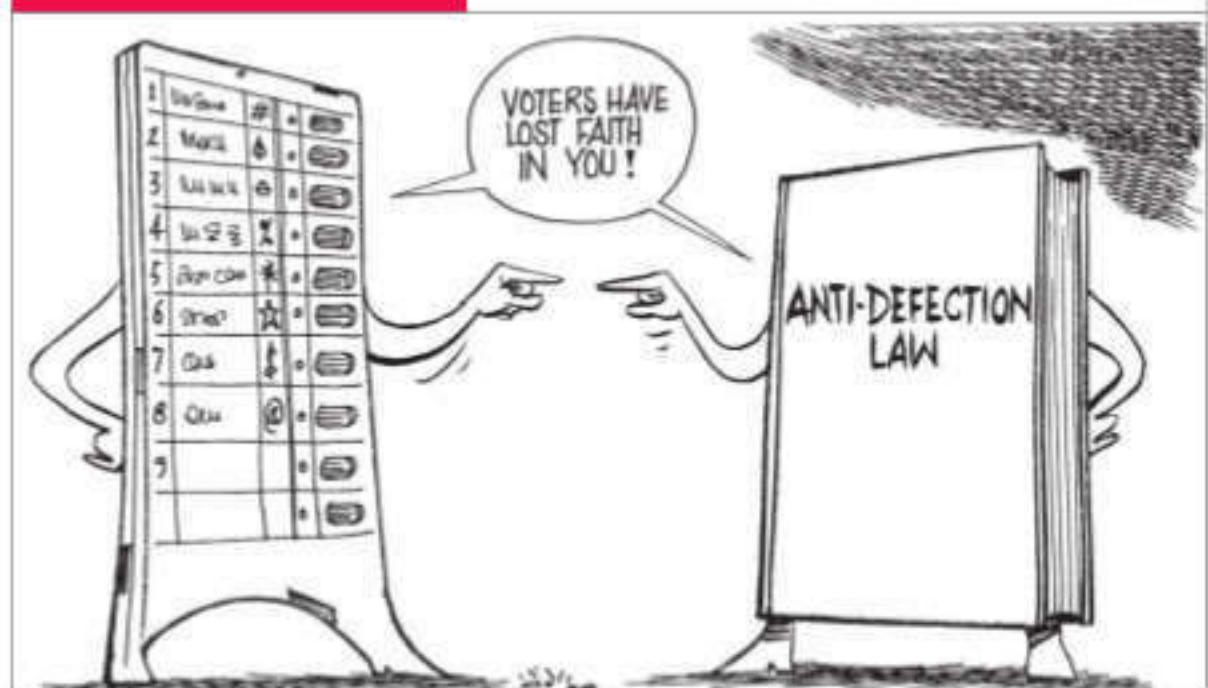
■ Why are there 15.4 crore active registered workers under MGNREGS? Why do Ujjwala beneficiaries, on average, buy only 3.7 cylinders in a year?

If the NITI Aayog wants to serve the rich, let it do so, but let it not mock the poor. The government may not succeed in eliminating poverty, but it is trying hard to banish the poor from its sight.

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### FIFTH COLUMN TAVLEEN SINGH

## Misplaced priorities or wrong priorities

IT WAS FROM a two-paragraph story, on an obscure inside page of a newspaper last week, that I learned that only forty-six out of four hundred and eighty-five Indian cities supply citizens with clean drinking water. This is an official figure from a government report. It drew my attention because I am always puzzled about why it is things like the denial of clean water to our citizens that do not become the biggest issues at election time. Why do we in the mighty Indian media think these issues are so inconsequential that we bury this kind of story on inside pages? Why does political wrangling and seat-sharing seem so much more important that they make endless dreary headlines?

Clean water is a need so fundamental that in countries that are truly 'developed' you can drink the water that comes out of the taps in your home. What has gone wrong with Indian policy-making that we

have not yet succeeded in giving our citizens this basic facility? It is not just our poorest citizens who are deprived of clean water. We all are. Those who can afford the filters needed to clean the filthy water that municipalities supply, get them. But for rural Indians and those who live in urban slums, this is a luxury they cannot afford. The result is that more than 5,000 children die in India every day from diarrhoea caused by dirty water. Why is this not the biggest issue in the coming general election?

By coincidence, it was just after reading that story about how few Indians have access to clean water that I happened to catch a clip of the Prime Minister campaigning in West Bengal. He was greeted by shrill cries of "Modi, Modi, Modi" that went on for so long, he had to stop his speech and smile in gratitude. He said that he must have done many good deeds in past lives to get so much love from the people and that he would not betray their love. He would return it by 'guaranteeing' that India would become a developed country someday soon. In fairness to Modi, he has tried harder than any of the Prime Ministers who came before him to make these supposedly small issues into big ones.

It is because he drew attention to the horrors of open defecation that the Swachh Bharat campaign began and because of it that rural sanitation improved hugely. But he then moved onto new promises and selling new

dreams and forgot that our rivers, lakes and other waterways, continue to remain dangerously polluted by raw sewage and poisonous industrial waste.

Having just spent a week driving around Sri Lanka, I can report that between Colombo and Anuradhapura, and between there and Kandy, I came across no visible garbage except in one hill town. For the rest, I was amazed by the spotless villages, small towns and bazaars I drove through. And I marvelled at how pristine the lakes were and how wonderfully clean the temples were. Sri Lanka is much, much poorer than India. If they can achieve 'swachhata', why can we in India not?

Other questions came to mind on my travels. Of these, literacy was the most troubling. If Sri Lanka, despite decades of war and political turmoil, can achieve a literacy rate of 92%, why does India lag shamefully at 72%? Reliable NGO surveys report that even this statistic is more mythical than true. When they conduct their own studies, they find that Indian children leave school without ever learning basic mathematics and reading. Our real problem is not unemployment, but unemployability. But again, these are things that our political leaders prefer not to talk about. Their own children never go to government schools. And the children of high officials go only to the best private schools so that they can get admission to the finest Amer-

ican universities.

Last week came the happy news that the economy has grown at 8.4% in the last quarter. Modi has 'guaranteed' that when he wins a third term, he will ensure that the Indian economy races ahead even faster. And it is true that in a time when the world is in the grip of wars in Europe and the Middle East, it is remarkable that the Indian economy has been insulated from these uncertainties. What worries me when I see the images from Gaza is that the thousands of displaced people living without clean water and basic hygiene are not much worse off than millions of Indians.

Something has gone very wrong with our priorities. Not so much in the past ten years but in past decades. In the past ten years, the reality is that there has been improvement in the choice of our priorities. Modi may not have achieved the standards of sanitation and clean water that he set before us, but he has tried. We must hope that if he wins a third term he will try harder still and not distract from these priorities by reverting to what has memorably been described as the 'opium of the masses'.

What point is there in building grand new highways and airports, and aiming to land four Indians on the Moon, if we cannot provide our citizens with their most basic needs? As for us in the media, we should be ashamed for always putting political slugfests above more important things.

# Mind & Games

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

## What is a species, anyway?

Some of the best known species on Earth may not be what they seem

CARL ZIMMER

**N**ATURALISTS HAVE BEEN trying for centuries to catalogue all of the species on Earth, and the effort remains one of the great unfinished jobs in science. So far, researchers have named about 2.3 million species, but there are millions — perhaps even billions — left to be discovered. As if this quest isn't hard enough, biologists cannot agree on what a species is. A 2021 survey found that practicing biologists used 16 different approaches to categorising species. Any two of the scientists picked at random were overwhelmingly likely to use different ones.

"Everyone uses the term, but no one knows what it is," said Michal Grabowski, a biologist at the University of Lodz in Poland.

The debate over species is more than an academic pastime. In the current extinction crisis, scientists urgently need to take stock of the world's biological diversity. But even some of the best known species on Earth may not be what they seem.

Take the giraffe. In 1758, the Swedish taxonomist Carl Linnaeus described a single species of giraffe: Giraffa camelopardalis. Although the species has declined in recent decades, 117,000 giraffes still survive across Africa, prompting an international conservation group to designate the species as vulnerable, rather than endangered.

But some conservation biologists argue that giraffes are in great peril, because what looks like one species is actually four. Genetic studies have found that giraffe DNA falls into four distinct clusters: the Northern giraffe, the reticulated giraffe, the Masai giraffe and the Southern giraffe.

The Northern giraffe, which lives in pockets from Niger to Ethiopia, has suffered catastrophic losses from civil wars, poaching and the destruction of its wild habitat. If the Northern giraffe were considered a separate species, it would be "one of the most threatened large mammals in the world," said Stephanie Fennedy, the executive director of the Giraffe Conservation Foundation, a nongovernmental conservation organisation.

For Linnaeus, species were divinely created forms of life, each with its own distinctive traits. A century later, Charles



Darwin recognised that living species had evolved, like young branches sprouting off from the tree of life. That realisation made it harder to say exactly when a new group became a species of its own, instead of just a subspecies of an old one.

In the 1940s, Ernst Mayr, a German ornithologist, tried solving this problem with a new definition of species based on how animals breed. If two animals couldn't breed with each other, Mayr argued, then they were separate species.

The biological species concept, as it came to be known, had a huge influence on later generations of researchers. In recent years, Christophe Dufresnes, a herpetologist at Nanjing Forestry University in China, has used this concept to classify different species of frogs in Europe.

Some of the groups of frogs interbred a lot, whereas others had no hybrids at all. By analysing their DNA, Dr Dufresnes found that groups with a recent ancestor — that is, those that were more closely

related — readily produced hybrids. He estimates that it takes about six million years of diverging evolution for two groups of frogs to become unable to interbreed — in other words, to become two distinct species. "This is very cool," Dr Dufresnes said. "Now we know what the threshold is to deem them species or not."

Dr Dufresnes's method for finding new species takes a lot of work in the field. Other researchers have looked for more efficient ways to identify species. One popular method is to sequence DNA from organisms and observe the differences in their genetic code.

This search can yield a lot of surprises, as illustrated by the giraffes in Africa. Dr Grabowski's team has discovered an even more dramatic diversity hiding among European crustaceans, a group of aquatic creatures that includes lobsters, shrimp and crabs. The researchers have shown that animals

that look identical to each other and appear to belong to a single species may actually be dozens of new species.

For example, a species of common freshwater shrimp called Gammarus fossarum split 25 million years ago into separate lineages that are still alive today. Depending on how researchers classify their DNA differences, the single species of Gammarus fossarum might in fact be 32 species — or as many as 152.

"For us, it's mind-blowing," Dr Grabowski said.

As scientists gather more genetic data, fresh questions are emerging about what seem, on the surface, to be obviously separate species.

You don't have to be a mammalogist to understand that polar bears and brown bears are different. Just one look at their white and brown coats will do.

The difference in their colours is the result of their ecological adaptations. White polar bears blend into their Arctic habitats, where they hunt for seals and other prey. Brown bears adapted for life on land further south. The differences are so distinct that paleontologists can distinguish fossils of the two species going back hundreds of thousands of years.

And yet the DNA inside those ancient bones is revealing an astonishing history of interbreeding between polar bears and brown bears. After the two lineages split about half a million years ago, they exchanged DNA for thousands of years. They then became more distinct, but about 120,000 years ago they underwent another extraordinary exchange of genes.

Between 25,000 and 10,000 years ago, the bears interbred in several parts of their range. The exchanges have left a significant imprint on bears today: About 10 percent of the DNA in brown bears comes from polar bears. Beth Shapiro, a paleogeneticist at the University of California, Santa Cruz, said that the interbreeding most likely occurred when swings in the climate forced polar bears down from the Arctic and into brown bear territory.

But the exchange of DNA did not blur the bears into one species. Some of the traits that benefit polar bears in their own environment can become a burden for brown bears, and vice versa. "They clearly demand separate strategies for conservation management," Dr Shapiro said. "It makes sense to me to consider them distinct species."

The uncertainties about what makes a species have left taxonomists with countless conflicts. Separate groups of ornithologists have created their own lists of all the bird species on Earth, for example, and those lists often clash. —NYT

SO FAR, ABOUT 2.3 MILLION SPECIES HAVE BEEN NAMED, BUT THERE ARE MILLIONS, OR EVEN BILLIONS, LEFT TO BE DISCOVERED



## It is the cat's meow but you just don't understand

Humans often misinterpret a pet's signals; even purring doesn't guarantee a contented cat: Study

ANTHONY HAM

**WHAT IS THE** meaning of a cat's meow that grows louder and louder? Or your pet's sudden flip from softly purring as you stroke its back to biting your hand?

It turns out these misunderstood moments with your cat may be more common than not. A new study by French researchers, published last month in the journal *Applied Animal Behaviour Science*, found that people were significantly worse at reading the cues of an unhappy cat (nearly one third got it wrong) than those of a contented cat (closer to 10%).

The study also suggested that a cat's meows and other vocalisations are greatly misinterpreted and that people should consider both vocal and visual cues to try to determine what's going on with their pets.

The researchers drew these findings from the answers of 630 online participants; respondents were volunteers recruited through advertisements on social media. Each watched 24 videos of differing cat behaviours. One third depicted only vocal communication, another third just visual cues, and the remainder involved both.

"Some studies have focused on how humans understand cat vocalisations," said Charlotte de Mouzon, lead author of the study and a cat behaviour expert at the Université Paris Nanterre. "Other studies studied how people understand cats' visual cues. But studying both has never before been studied in human-

cat communication."

Cats display a wide range of visual signals: tails swishing side to side, or raised high in the air; rubbing and curling around our legs; crouching; flattening ears or widening eyes.

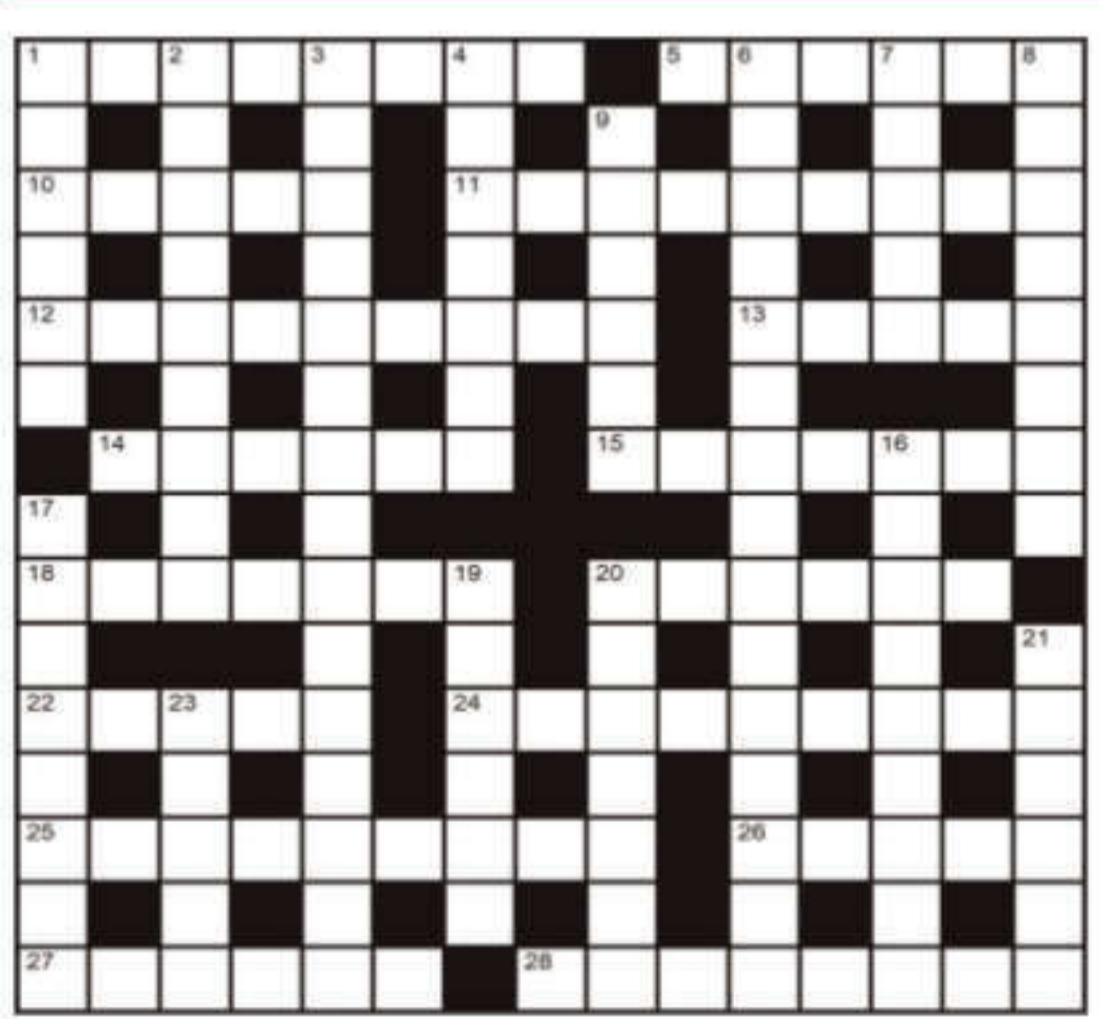
Their vocals can range from seductive to threatening: meowing, purring, growling, hissing and caterwauling. At last count, kittens were known to use nine different forms of vocalisation, while adult cats uttered 16.

That we could better understand what a cat wants by using visual and vocal cues may seem obvious. But we know far less than we think we do.

"We often take for granted our ability to understand the people and the animals that we're close to, and that we live with," said Monique Udell, director of the Human-Animal Interaction Laboratory at Oregon State University, who was not involved in this study. "It's worth doing these investigations because it's showing us that we're not always accurate, and it helps us understand where our blind spots are, that we really do benefit from having multiple sources of information."

And the fact that we're not very good at picking up on signs of animal discontentment should not come as a surprise, Dr Udell suggested. "We're more likely to perceive our animals as experiencing positive emotions because we want them to," she said. "When we see the animals, it makes us feel good, and our positive emotional state in response to the animals gives us these rose-coloured glasses." —NYT

### CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

1 A violent act of nature such as lightning, flood, earthquake or hurricane (3,2,3)  
 5 Big name in computer education (6)  
 10 Being broadcast live (2,3)  
 11 Photo and video sharing social networking service (9)  
 12 \_\_\_ to memory: learnt by heart? (9)  
 13 Pertaining to the rise and fall of the sea (5)  
 14 \_\_\_ for: made amends for? (6)  
 15 Credit Co-operative \_\_\_: the loan-giving group (7)

**DOWN**

1 Immediately or simultaneously? (2,4)  
 2 Emotionally shocking (9)  
 3 'FC' in FCNR — type of deposit in banks (7,8)  
 4 Left out or excluded (7)

20 Mr Buffett, the US investor and philanthropist (6)  
 22 Adam's ale? (5)  
 24 CN \_\_\_: founder of DMK? (9)  
 25 Subordinate or subservient (9)  
 26 Shelters for animals or birds (5)  
 27 Metallic solutions - brass, bronze, et al (6)  
 28 Partial, favouring or biased in favour of one party or another (3-5)

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 7 Folded a page corner (5)  
 8 \_\_\_ International Ltd.: company in the field of mushroom exports (8)  
 9 Underhand remarks (6)  
 16 Cursed (9)  
 17 Former managing director of GoAir (3,5)  
 19 Buys and sells (6)  
 20 Prime minister Churchill? (7)  
 21 Washed out in water (6)  
 23 Famous actor who had an original part in 'Fiddler on the Roof' (5)

### KAKURO



**BIZ QUIZ**

1. Which firm has launched India's first-ever assistive dog robot, which provides automation boost to industries?  
 2. Which Eli Lilly's diabetes and anti-obesity drug is expected to be launched in India early next year?  
 3. Which Indian telecom tycoon has been knighted by King Charles III for his services to the UK and India business relations?

**BUZZ WORD**

The Buzz Word is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is

**ANSWERS**

1. Address 2. Mountain 3. Sunil Bharti Mittal  
 1. I like to tell people that I'll offer products and business will through three phases: There's vision, patience, and execution. — Steve Ballmer

**SOLUTIONS**

CROSSWORD: 1. A violent act of nature such as lightning, flood, earthquake or hurricane (3,2,3) - HURRICANE; 5. Big name in computer education (6) - APPLE; 10. Being broadcast live (2,3) - LIVE; 11. Photo and video sharing social networking service (9) - INSTAGRAM; 12. \_\_\_ to memory: learnt by heart? (9) - BY HEART; 13. Pertaining to the rise and fall of the sea (5) - TIDE; 14. \_\_\_ for: made amends for? (6) - MAKE UP; 15. Credit Co-operative \_\_\_: the loan-giving group (7) - CREDIT UNION; 1. Immediately or simultaneously? (2,4) - TOGETHER; 2. Emotionally shocking (9) - SHOCKING; 3. 'FC' in FCNR — type of deposit in banks (7,8) - FOREIGN CURRENCY; 4. Left out or excluded (7) - EXCLUDED; 20. Mr Buffett, the US investor and philanthropist (6) - WARREN; 22. Adam's ale? (5) - BEER; 24. CN \_\_\_: founder of DMK? (9) - ANNADURAI; 25. Subordinate or subservient (9) - SUBSERVIENT; 26. Shelters for animals or birds (5) - BIRDS; 27. Metallic solutions - brass, bronze, et al (6) - METALS; 28. Partial, favouring or biased in favour of one party or another (3-5) - PARTIAL; 6. 'PP' in Martin Sorrell's WPP (7,8) - MARTIN; 7. Folded a page corner (5) - FOLDED; 8. \_\_\_ International Ltd.: company in the field of mushroom exports (8) - MUSHROOM; 9. Underhand remarks (6) - REMARKS; 16. Cursed (9) - CURSED; 17. Former managing director of GoAir (3,5) - GOAIR; 19. Buys and sells (6) - BUYS; 20. Prime minister Churchill? (7) - CHURCHILL; 21. Washed out in water (6) - WASHED; 23. Famous actor who had an original part in 'Fiddler on the Roof' (5) - FIDDLER.

### BRIDGE BOUTS L SUBRAMANIAN

**POT SHOT**

You cannot be scientific on some hands as it may not be possible for you to know what exactly partner has. Take a look at the hand below from a match-point event. Partner opens 2NT first-in-hand and you look at SA-x H-x-x-x D K-J-9-x-x-c C J. You try 3C to know whether you have 4-4 fit in hearts. Partner bids 3D to deny a four-card major. What do you do?

**Analysis:**  
 a) You can rebid 3NT and be done.  
 b) With the SA in my hand, I guess there will be no two fast losers, for my experience has been that when someone opens 2NT, he/she generally has three aces. Not wanting to bid 5D and earn a bad match-point score, I took a pot shot and leapt all the way to 6D. I like to follow the saying: '6-4, bid more!'

SA 7 S N  
 H 8 7 6 3 2NT 3C  
 D K J 9 7 6 3 3D 6D!  
 C J pass

N  
 S

S 8 5  
 H Q J 4  
 D A Q  
 C A K Q T 7 2

Without a single control in either of the majors, why open 2NT?  
**Contract:** 6D by south. West leads SK. Plan the play.  
**How the play went:** Declarer won, cashed DA, overtook the DQ with the king, and removed the last trump. She played CJ overtook it in hand but found to her dismay east had 9-8-6-3-2 and went down. The complete hands were:

SA 7 S N  
 H 8 7 6 3 HA 9 2  
 D K J 9 7 6 3 D 8 2  
 C J C 9 8 6 4 3

SK Q J 6 4 2  
 H K T 5  
 D T 5 4  
 C 5

S 8 5  
 H Q J 4  
 D A Q  
 C A K Q T 7 2

**Discussion:** Declarer played for 4-2/3-3, an 84% chance. That it didn't work, was sheer bad luck. Now that you know all the four hands, can you make the contract? Yes. Cash CJ at trick two and enter hand by the DA. Run the clubs from top to pitch the losers from dummy. If west interrupts by ruffing, over ruff, and play a trump to the queen and claim twelve tricks, the club suit acting as a trump substitute! Nice double-dummy!

### LEXICON

**STOPLIFTING**

**n.** A program aimed at preventing retail theft or rehabilitating inveterate shoplifters

With robberies up 11 percent this year in the town and the holiday sales season going full force Friday, the Town Council agreed last week to implement Mayor Paul Vrooman's new program called Stoplifting. The idea is that retailers will commit to pressing charges and showing up in court to prosecute thieves. —Howard Cohen, "Cutler Bay implements a 'Stoplifting' policy," *The Miami Herald*, November 26, 2009

Stressed Asset Management Large Branch: Indian Bank, Mittal Chamber, 73, 7th Floor, Near Bajaj Bhavan, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction on 20.03.2024 - 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM Under Sarfaesi Act 2002 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS' through E-Auction platform provided at the website https://www.mstccomerce.com

APPENDIX-IV-A' [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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 immovable property mortgaged charged to the Secured Creditor, the SYMBOLIC / PHYSICAL POSSESSION thereof has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Indian Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on 'AS IS WHERE IS' 'AS IS WHAT IS' AND 'WHATEVER THERE IS' on the date mentioned below for recovery as follows:-

Table with 6 columns: Sr No, Description of the Property with Property ID No., Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee with address, Amount of Secured Debt, A) Reserve Price B) Earnest Money C) Deposit Incremental Amt. (In Rs.), Authorised Officer's name and Contact No.

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FORM WIN 43 [See rule 100] BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL BENCH AT NEW DELHI BENCH, COURT - IV IN THE MATTER OF TFM FASHION AND ENTERTAINMENT INDIA PVT LTD

FORM-3 [See Regulation - 15(1)(a)] / 16(3) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, CHANDIGARH (DRT-2) 1st Floor, SDO 33-34-35, Sector-17A, Chandigarh, (Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

FORM NO. 1 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL LUCKNOW (Area of Jurisdiction - Part of Uttar Pradesh) OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER

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Bidders are advised to visit the website www.mstccomerce.com of our e-auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
[Under Sec-102 of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016]

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF MRS. KIRAN GUPTA PERSONAL GUARANTOR OF M/S.METENERE LIMITED**

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, Principal Bench under section 100 of the IBC, 2016, has ordered the commencement of insolvency resolution process against Mrs. Kiran Gupta residing at F-73, Preet Vihar, Delhi - 110092 (Last known address to the Resolution Professional), on 03-03-2024 vide speaking order (The RP was present during the pronouncement of speaking order).

The creditors of Mrs. Kiran Gupta are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 21 days from the date of issue of this notice i.e. by or before **24-03-2024**, to Mr. Vijender Sharma, Resolution Professional appointed by NCLT, Principal Bench under provision of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016, at address:- VRSA Insolvency Professionals LLP, Building No. 11, 3rd Floor, Hargovind Enclave, Vikas Marg, Delhi-110092, mail id- vijender@vsa.net.in.

The creditors shall have to submit their claim to the resolution professional as prescribed under regulation 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors) Regulations, 2019, in Form B. The last date for submission of claims of creditors shall be **24-03-2024**. The creditors may submit their claims by way of electronic communication, or through courier, speed post or registered letter.

The prescribed form for submission of claims can be downloaded from following link: <https://ibbi.gov.in/en/home/downloads>

**Note:** Submission of false or misleading claims with proof shall attract penalties or imprisonment in accordance with the provisions of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and any other applicable laws.

Date: 03-03-2024 S/d  
Place: Delhi CMA Vijender Sharma  
Resolution Professional in the insolvency resolution process of Mrs. Kiran Gupta Personal Guarantor of M/s Metenera Limited  
IP Registration No. - IBBI/IPA-003/IP-NO0003/2016 2017/10022  
Address: VRSA Insolvency Professionals LLP  
11 (3rd floor) Hargovind Enclave, Vikas Marg, Delhi-110092  
E-mail id: - vijender@vsa.net.in  
AFA Valid upto 02.10.2024

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[Under Sec-102 of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016]

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Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, Principal Bench under section 100 of the IBC, 2016, has ordered the commencement of insolvency resolution process against Mr. Raman Gupta residing at F-73, Preet Vihar, Delhi - 110092 (Last known address to the Resolution Professional), on 03-03-2024 vide speaking order (The RP was present during the pronouncement of speaking order).

The creditors of Mr. Raman Gupta are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 21 days from the date of issue of this notice i.e. by or before **24-03-2024**, to Mr. Vijender Sharma, Resolution Professional appointed by NCLT, Principal Bench under provision of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code, 2016, at address:- VRSA Insolvency Professionals LLP, Building No. 11, 3rd Floor, Hargovind Enclave, Vikas Marg, Delhi-110092, mail id- vijender@vsa.net.in.

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**[Rule : 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the Punjab & Sind Bank, IMT, Manesar (Gurgaon) Haryana Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice U/S 13(2) of the date mentioned below in the table and stated hereinafter calling upon to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower (s) / guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with No. 8 of the Said Rule Property described herein below in the table. The borrower (S) / guarantor (S) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the Charge for the amount given herein below together with future interest, costs and other expenses etc. thereon.

Name of Account/ Borrower(S)/ Guarantor(S)	Description of the Immovable Property	Amt O/S (as mentioned in the Notice u/s 13(2))	Date of Notice	Date of Possession
Sh. Prempal Singh S/o Sh. Hira Singh (Borrower) Smt. Sunita Devi W/o Sh. Prempal Singh (Guarantor); Sh. Surender Singh S/o Sh. Prempal Singh (Guarantor); Sh. Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Jagmal Singh (Guarantor)	All the part and parcel of the Immovable property bearing. House No. 12/117, khewat/khata no 536/577, rect no 87 Killa no 6/2 (6-8) out of 7/128 to the extent of 0 kanal 7 marla village jatoli, tehsil Palodi Gurugram 122504 measuring 150 sq yards, belonging to Sh. Prempal Singh S/o Hira Singh and Registered sale Deed No. 1380 dated 29.01.1998. <b>Property Bounded As: North: Property of Desh Raj, South: Rasta 11ft., East: Property of Duli Chand, West: Property of Jaipal.</b>	Rs 2,33,015.72/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Five and Paesa Seventy Two Only) as on 30.11.2023 (inclusive interest charged upto 30.11.2023) together with future interest at the applicable rate on the aforesaid amount w.e.f. 01.12.2023 and incidental/Legal/other expenses, costs, charges etc. thereon.	08.08.2023	01.03.2024

Date : 03.03.2024 PLACE : GURGAON Authorized Officer (PUNJAB & SIND BANK)

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(NOTICE UNDER 13 (2) OF SARFAESI ACT 2002 READ WITH RULE 3 OF SECURITY INTEREST ENFORCEMENT RULES 2002)

I being an Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor Bank has a reason to believe that all of you the under mentioned notices cannot be served ordinarily as attempted earlier except through this substituted service. As such, all of you the under mentioned notices are hereby informed and called upon through this public DEMAND NOTICE under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 make payment of the amounts due against each of you, as mentioned below, within 60 days, the bank will proceed U/s 13 (4) of the said Act for taking possession of the secured property/ies/Assets mentioned against account and thereafter to sell the same to realize its dues with further interest till realization along with costs as contemplated under the said Act. **Needless to mentioned here that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to bank for recovery of its dues, against you.** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgager	Details of Security/Property	Date of Demand Notice	Due Amount
1.	Branch: Mangal Pandey Nagar, Meerut Sh. Shashank Kamwal S/o Sh. Krishan Gopal (Borrower + Mortgager), Address: H No 79 Ganga Green City Ganga Nagar, Meerut PIN 250004. Contact : G 27/3 Minakshi Puram Meerut Cantt Meerut PIN 250001.	All Part and parcel of a residential house constructed on plot no 79 khasra no 129 situated at ganga green city colony, Ganga Nagar, Meerut measuring 127.50 Sqmtr equivalent to 152.49 Sq yds. in the name of Sh. Shashank Kamwal S/o Sh. Krishan Gopal Kamwal. Boundaries & dimension as per sale deed: East -17.00 Meter thereafter Property No 78, West -17.00 Meter thereafter Property No 80, North -07.50 Meter thereafter road 7.50 meter wide, South - 07.50 Meter thereafter property No 90.	SARFAESI Notice issued u/s 13(2) on 29.02.2024 for Rs. 37,88,648.72 + further interest + legal & other charges. The Notice was sent to you by Registered post returned undelivered. <b>Date of NPA 20.01.2024</b>	as on 29.02.2024 Rs. 37,88,648.72 + interest w.e.f. 01.02.2024 + other Charges

Date: 02.03.2024 Place : Meerut Authorized Officer

**पंजाब एण्ड सिंध बैंक**  
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)

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**[Rule : 8(1)] SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized officer of the Punjab & Sind Bank, Branch Office : BLOCK - 1, OLD GEETA COLONY DELHI - 110031, Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice U/S 13(2) on the date mentioned below in the table and stated hereinafter calling upon to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower (s) / guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with No. 8 of the Said Rule Property described herein below in the table. The borrower (S) / guarantor (S) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the Charge for the amount given herein below together with future interest, costs and other expenses etc. thereon.

Name of Account/ Borrower(S)/ Guarantor(S)	Description of the immovable Property	Amt O/S (as mentioned in the Notice u/s 13(2))	Date of Notice	Date of Possession
1 (Borrower) Mr Rohit Panwar S/o Yashbir Singh Plot No. B-14, Second Floor (MIG) Block-B, Village Sadullabad, Ganga Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201102 Also at: House no. K73/A, Gali No. 4, Wazirabad. Timarpur, Delhi-110084. <b>Also at:</b> 1693/23, 1st Floor, Bhagirath Palace, Delhi-110006. (Guarantor) Mr. Neeraj Kumar S/o Harpal H.No. 677, Bhajju-4, Shamli, Muzaffarnagar, UP-251319	<b>Detail Of property Mortgaged:</b> Details of property mortgaged: Plot No. 14, Second Floor (MIG), Block B, Village Sadullabad, Ganga Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad, U. P.-201102 <b>Details of Title Deed:</b> Title Deed dated 10-05-2016 vide Registration No. 8397 in Book No. 1, Vol No. 31586 on Page 81 to 136at Sub Registrar IV Ghaziabad. <b>Property Bounded as:</b> East: 30' ft road, West: S/Lane, North: Property No. B-15 South: Pvt Flat No. SF-01	Rs 16,85,242.19/- (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty Two rupees and Nineteen paise only) as on 31-10-2023 and interest and other charges thereon.	01.11.2023	29.02.2024

Date : 03.03.2024 PLACE : GHAZIABAD Authorized Officer (PUNJAB & SIND BANK)

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**APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized Officer of the Punjab & Sind Bank, Naraina Branch Delhi 110028 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notice dated 01.12.2023 calling upon M/s SRT Manufacturing Industries through its proprietor Mr. Rajan Gupta s/o Ram Tirath Gupta and Mr. Raman Gupta s/o Ram Tirath Gupta (Guarantor) and Mrs. Vimal Kirti Gupta w/o Rajan Gupta (Guarantor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 27,73,876.37/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lacs Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Six and Thirty Seven Paise Only) as on 30/11/2023 with further interest, expenses and other charges, less recovery if any etc. thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules 2002 on this 28th day of February 2024.

The borrower / guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab & Sind Bank, Naraina New Delhi for an amount of Rs. 27,73,876.37/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lacs Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Six and Thirty Seven Paise Only) as on 30.11.2023 with costs etc. thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

**Description of the Immovable property**  
Property owned by Mr. Rajan Gupta s/o Ram Tirath Gupta and Mr. Raman Gupta s/o Ram Tirath Gupta. All that part and parcel of built up property of 100 sq. yards out of khasra no. 873/4 Nala Road, situated in the extended Lal dora of Village Rithala Delhi-110083 registered via document no. 7018 in additional book no. 1 Volume no. 1072 from page 156 to 159 dated 20-06-2000 in the office of Sub registrar SR VI New Delhi.  
**Boundaries:** North: Gali 15 ft wide West: Remaining portion East: Property of Kusum Jain South: other's property

Date: 28.02.2024, Place: Delhi Authorized Officer, Punjab & Sind Bank

**SBI STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB-II) KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI (BRANCH CODE 51521) 3rd & 4th Floor, State Bank House, 18/4 Arya Samaj Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110 005 Tel.011-28752163 Fax. 28755674 Branch e-mail: sbi.51521@sbi.co.in**

**APPENDIX-IV-A\*\* [See proviso to rule 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**  
**NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION DATED 22.03.2024**

SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK 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.

The Authorized Officer of State Bank of India (Secured Creditor) has taken over possession (symbolic/physical) of the following property/ies u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. Public at large and borrowers, mortgagors and guarantors in particular are informed that e-Auction (under SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the charged property/ies in the below mentioned cases for realization of Bank's dues will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on 22.03.2024, for recovery of the amount mentioned below due to the Secured Creditor from the Borrowers, Guarantors and Mortgagors. The Reserve Price and earnest money to be deposited have been mentioned below.

**DATE/TIME OF VISIT TO THE PROPERTY FOR INSPECTION: 19.03.2024 FROM 11:00 AM TO 04:00 PM.**

EMD of Reserve price to be transferred by bidders by means of challan generated on his / her / their bidder account maintained with M/s. MSTC Ltd on its e-auction site <https://www.mstccommerce.com> by means of NEFT from Bidder's Bank.

**DATE/TIME OF E-AUCTION ON 22.03.2024 FOR 5 BIDDERS FROM 11:00 AM TO 04:00 PM WITH UNLIMITED EXTN. OF 10 MIN EACH.**

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrowers /Guarantors	Outstanding dues for recovery of which property/ies is/are being sold	Description of the property/ies & Name of Title deed Holder	Reserve Price EMD (10% of RP) Bid Increment amount
1.	M/s. J.R. Automotives, S-16/8, New Shoe Market, Sanjay Place, Opp. St. Peters College, Agra <b>Guarantors:</b> Sh. Runchit Mohan Saxena, Sh. Rajeev Mohan Saxena, Sh. Rajesh Mohan Saxena, Sh. Rishabh Mohan Saxena, M/s. JR Automotors LLP, and M/s. J.R. Associates, Agra	Rs. 567.75 lacs (Rupees Five Crore Sixty Seven Lacs Seventy Five Thousand Only) as on 26.12.2021 Future intt & other charges extra	1. Plot on Khasra No. 456 (aa) and 457 area 2068.56 sq. mtr., Mauza -Artoni, Tehsil and Distt. Agra in the name of J.R. Automotors Pvt. Ltd. Its Director Sh. Rajeev Mohan Saxena s/o Sh. M.M. Saxena, registered on 24.07.2012, Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 7920, Page 275-318, serial No. 3862 in the Sub-Registrar-I, Agra Sadar, Agra. <b>Bounded as:</b> East: Road 5.48 mtr. wide, West- other land, North- Other land, South-land of seller Khasra No. 456A 2. House No. 8, J.R. Royal Villa, Si-kandra (Near Ram Mohan Nagar), Site C Road, Agra, area 106.39 sq.mtr (Bounded as: North: H.No. 7, South: H.No. 9, East: Road, West: Others Property 3. House No. 1, J.R. Royal Villa, Si-kandra (Near Ram Mohan Nagar), Site C Road, Agra, area 149.62 sq.mtr (Bounded as: North: other property, South: H.No. 2, East: Road, West: Others Property-ly 4. House No. 9, J.R. Royal Villa, Si-kandra (Near Ram Mohan Nagar), Site C Road, Agra, area 149.62 sq.mtr (Bounded as: North: House No. 8, South: Other Property, East: Road, West: Others Property <b>All (the) 2nd, 3rd, and 4th property pertain the following Title Deed:</b> Plot no. 319 Khasra no. 813 area 0.230 Hect. And Khasra No. 814(K) area 0.072 Hect. Total area 0.302 Hect. It means 3020 sq. mtr. In the name of M/s J.R. Associates its partner Rajesh Mohan Saxena s/o Sh. M.M. Saxena, registered on 24.05.2006, Bahi No.-I, Zild No. 4836, page no. 125 to 184, at serial no. 4331 in the Sub Registrar -II Agra. <b>Bounded as:</b> East: Khasra No. 812 and 815, West- khasra no. 804 and 805, North-Khasra no. 806 and 809, South-Exit and passage 30ft wide 5. Flat No. 5 (Ground floor), J.R. Silver Es-tate - Mauza-Kakretha, (Near Nayati Hospital) NH-2 Agra, in the name of M/s. J. R. Associates, area 121.46 sq. mtr, Bounded As: North: Flat No. 6, South: Flat No. 4, East: Corridor, West: Open to Sky 6. Flat No. 105 (First floor), J.R. Silver Estate, Mauza-Kakretha, (Near Nayati Hospital) NH-2 Agra, in the name of M/s. J. R. Associates area 121.46 sq. mtr, Bounded As: North: Flat No. 106, South: Flat No. 104, East: Corridor, West: Open to Sky <b>Both are pertain following Title Deed :</b> 1. Sale Deed at Book No. 1 Vol No. 4674 page No. 97-134 Serial No. 661 dated 20.02.2003, 2. Sale Deed at Book No. 1 Vol No. 4674 page No. 135-163, Serial No. 662 dated 20.02.2003 At Sub Registrar-I office, Agra. (All 6 properties are under Symbolic Possession with the Bank)	Rs. 683.00 Lacs Rs. 68.30 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs Rs. 46.00 Lacs Rs. 4.60 Lacs Rs. 0.50 Lacs Rs. 48.00 Lacs Rs. 4.80 Lacs Rs. 0.50 Lacs Rs. 56.00 Lacs Rs. 5.60 Lacs Rs. 0.50 Lacs
2.	M/s US3 VENTURE, 2, Doctor Sehkarri Samiti Colony Kaushalpur, Agra-282005 <b>Guarantors:</b> Smt Suneera Mohan Saxena, & Shri Rishabh Mohan Saxena	Rs. 64.55 lacs (Rupees Sixty Four Lacs Fifty Five Thousand Only) as on 22.09.2021 Future intt & other charges extra	1. EM of property, Plot No. 7 & 8 part of Khasra No. 466 situated at Shivani Vihar (Gokul Bagh) Mauza-Semri, Tehsil and Distt. Agra, measuring 335.48 sq.mtr. In the name of M/s. US3 venture, through its Authorized representative Sh. Ram Sevak S/o Sh. Amar Singh. Original sale deed dated 04.06.2013, registration No.6628 Zild 5451, Pages 181-212, at Sub registrar III, Agra Boundaries: EAST: 7.5 mtr wide Road & Exit, WEST: Other's land, NORTH: Part of Plot No. 9, SOUTH: Plot No. 6 2. EM of property, Plot No. 03 & 04 part of Khasra No. 466 situated at Shivani Vihar (Gokul Bagh) Mauza Semri, Tehsil Sadar, Agra Measuring 298.20 sq.mtr., in the name of M/s US3 Ventures Through its Authorised Representative Sh. Ram Sevak, Original sale deed dated 04.06.2013, registration No.6628 Zild 5451, Pages 181-212, at Sub registrar III, Agra Boundaries : EAST: 9 mtr wide Road & Exit, WEST: Other's land, NORTH : Plot No. 5, SOUTH : Plot No. 2 3. EM of property, Plot No.19 & 20 part of Khasra No.395 adjacent to each other. Raj Enclave, Barauli Aheer, Agra Measuring 248.32 sqr mtr, in the name of Shri Rishabh Mohan Saxena s/o Sh. Rajesh Mohan Saxena, Original sale deed dated 31.12.2014, registration No.15795 Zild 6837, Pages 147-196, at Sub registrar III, Agra Boundaries : EAST: Plot No. 18, WEST : Plot No. 21, NORTH: 9 mtr wide Road and exit SOUTH: Other's land (All 3 properties are under Symbolic Possession with the Bank) Shop. No. 23 & 24 Bhootal, Pushpanjali Dham, Mauza, Bhogijpura, Ward, Agra admeasuring 39.48 sq. mtr. In the name of Sh. Sanjeev Ratan and Sh. Rishi Rattan. (Physical possession with the bank)	Rs. 41.34 Lacs Rs. 4.14 Lacs Rs. 0.50 Lacs Rs. 36.75 Lacs Rs. 3.68 Lacs Rs. 0.50 Lacs Rs. 72.41 Lacs Rs. 7.25 Lacs Rs. 1.00 Lacs Rs. 26.60 Lac Rs. 2.66 Lac Rs. 0.20 Lac
3.	M/s. Shri Ved Auto motives Pvt.Ltd 178/Ajmer Road, Pratap Pura, Agra <b>Sh. Rajeev Ratan, Sh. Rishi Ratan, Sh. Sanjeev Ratan</b>	Rs. 2,32,91,932.61 (Rs. Two crore Thirty two lakh Ninety one thousand Nine hundred Thirty two and paise sixty one only) as on 30.01.2019 Future intt & other charges extra.	Property of Smt. Soniya Dhangar W/o Shri Sanjay Dhangar and Shri Umesh Agrawal S/o Jyoti Prasad on Khasra No. 09 Area 1620 Sq. Mtr. Situated at Village/Mauza Jatora Abairi Crossing to Sanskriti Public School Tehsil Mahavan and Dist. Mathura. Boudenies as: East - Land of Baldev Col Storage West- Land of Seller North- Land of Ramvir South - Sadabad Mathura Road	Rs. 300.11 Lakh Rs. 30.20 Lac Rs. 1.00 Lac
4.	M/s Hotel Swati Palace, Add. Rida Road Baldeo, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh-281001 <b>Soniya Dhangar D/o Charan Lal W/o Sanjay Dhangar, Add. (70) 58/196, Krishna Puri, Mathura-281001, Umesh Agrwal S/o Jyoti Prasad Agrwal, Add. 28, 28, Taradham Colony, Azampur, Township, Near Pushpanjali Dwarika Azampur, Mathura, UP-281006</b>	Rs. 1,42,56,465.58 (Rs. One Crore Forty Two Lacs Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five Rupees and Fifty Eight Paise only) (Inclusive of Interest up to 03.07.2023) plus future interest plus charges.	Commercial Building at Khasra No 1549M situated at Mauza Chaumuha, Parkham Road, Chhata Mathura adm 3430.00 sq mtr in the name of Sh Sheelendra Kumar. <b>Bouderies as:</b> East- Chak Bhagwan Dei and Laxman, West- Chak Harigopal North- Chaumuha Parkham Road, South - Chak Bhagwan Singh	Rs. 136.99 lakh Rs. 13.70 lakh Rs. 1.00 Lac
5.	M/s Kanchan Industries, Raj Nagar, Parkham Road Chaumuha, Distt. Mathura UP Pin-281001. <b>Sh Sheelendra Kumar S/o Sh Shyoraj Singh, H.N 174, 2nd Floor Shri Radha City Goverdhan Road, Distt. Mathura UP Pin-281001</b>	Rs. 1,00,52,838.12 (Rs. One Crore Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Rupees and Twelve Paise only) (Inclusive of Interest up to 29.06.2023) with future interest and incidental charges.	Residential dwelling unit No. ASTER-7/102, on Ground Floor, situated in Complex known as SUPERTECH EMERALD COURT, Constructed upon Plot No. 7/04, Sector-93A, NOIDA, District Gautam Budh Nagar-U.P. Having its Super area 162.58 sq. mtr. Comprising of three Bedrooms and one Drawing cum Dining, and usage rights for on covered Car Parking and lawn are 17.74 sq. mtr. In the name of Smt. Anuradha Sehgal, registered on 12.07.2013, Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 5249, Page No. 183 to 236, serial No. 8574 registered at Su-Registrar-II NOIDA. (Symbolic possession with the bank)	Rs. 117.30 lakh Rs. 11.80 lakh Rs. 1.00 Lac
6.	M/s. Anha Exports, C-32, Site-C, UPSIDC, Industrial Area, Sikandra, Agra-282007 <b>Sh. Siddhant Gupta s/o Late Sh. Ashish Gupta Smt. Anuradha Sehgal w/o Late Sh. Ashish Gupta Sh. Harshit Oberoi s/o Late Sh. Naresh Oberoi Smt. Anuradha Sehgal w/o Late Sh. Ashish Gupta</b>	Rs. 25,73,542.00 (Rupees Twenty Five lakh Seventy Three thousand Five Hundred Forty Two only) as on 30.11.2018 along with future interest, charges and expenses	Land & Building bearing Khata No. 0020, Khasra No. 340, admeasuring 0.076 Hect. Situated at Mauza-Mahabatur, Tehsil-Sadabad, Hathras, in the name of Sh. Rajesh Kumar s/o Sh. Girraj Singh & Sh. Dinesh Kumar S/o Sh. Hoshiyar Singh, Deed dated 03.09.2015, vide registered no. 2844, Bahi No. 1, Documents No. 6114, Pages 219 to 234. (Only land) Bounded as under: North: Sadabad-Mursan Road, South : Other land East: Land of Kunwal Pal, West: Other land (Symbolic possession with the bank)	Rs. 30.73 lakh Rs. 3.08 lakh Rs. 0.50 Lac
7.	M/s. Aarti Dairy, Vill-Bhartiyanka, Bajna, Distt.-Mathura-281405 <b>Sh. Aarti S/o Late Sh. Karua Singh Sh. Abhishek Singh S/o Late Sh. Karua Singh Smt. Angoori Devi w/o Sh. Girraj Singh</b>	Rs. 32,35,089/- (Rupees Thirty two lakh Thirty five thousand Eighty Nine only) as on 06.07.2021 along with future interest, charges and expenses.	Property located at Khata No. 507, Khsara No. 183, Gata No. 183, Suptattaji Bangar, Bajna, Teh-Mant, Mathura U.P.. Area 1210 sq. mtr. In the name of Smt. Angoori Devi w/o Sh. Girraj Singh, Registered on 06.02.2012, Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 3038, Page No. 117 to 134, Serial No. 1032, Registered at Sub-Registrar, Mant, Distt. Mathura East: Plot & Shop Surajpali, West: Agriland of Jagdish, North- Road, South : Agri Land of Lachcho (Symbolic possession with the bank)	Rs. 80.00 lakh Rs. 8.00 lakh Rs. 0.50 Lac
8.	M/s New Yadav Agency Reg. Offi. Sh. Post No. - C/115 Naveen Mandi Sthal, Mainpuri (U.P.) -205001 <b>Shri Ramdas Singh Yadav S/o Samle Singh (Proprietor)</b>	Rs. 40,93,566.00 (Rs. Forty Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Six Only) as on 09/06/2023 along with future interest, charges and expenses.	Residential Property No. 1469, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Agra By Pass Road, Mainpuri, U.P. - 205001. Total area: 2400 Square Feet. In the Name of Shri Ram Das Singh Yadav S/o Samle Singh Yadav, Bahi No. 1, Jild No. 8273, Page No. 327-372, Sr. No. 172, Sale Deed Date : 06/01/2020. Boundaries as under: East: Other Plot, West: Plot Sh. Vishwanath Singh, North : 6 mtr. wide Road, South : 6 mtr. wide Road (Symbolic possession with the bank)	Rs. 57.23 lakh Rs. 5.73 lakh Rs. 0.50 Lac

**Name of the contact Person Sh. Prakash Kumar -9810619975, Sh. N.S. Chauhan-9917474539, Sh. Sunil Kumar-9259247239**

Account/ wallet in which EMD to be remitted: Bidder's own wallet Registered with M/s MSTC Ltd on its e-auction site <https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> by means of NEFT. EMD of Reserve price to be transferred by bidders by means of challan generated on his / her / their bidder account maintained with M/s. MSTC Ltd on its e-auction site <https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> by means of NEFT from his / her / their bank. For any assistance, please call MSTC HELPDISK Nos. 033-40602403, 033-40609118, 033-40645316 and/or Authorized Officer.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER**

- 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 MSTC E-Commerce at their web portal <https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>
- To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer there is no encumbrance on the property/ies, However the intending bidder should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorized Officer shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues.
- The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of the unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest money Deposit shall not bear any Interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer and the balance of the sale price on or before 15th day of the sale. Default in deposit of amount by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the whole money already deposited and property shall be put to the re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of property/amount.
- For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link at the Bank's service provider's web portal <https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp> & at Bank's portal <https://www.sbi.co.in>

**DATE: 03.03.2024, PLACE: NEW DELHI**

Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER, STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB-II, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI (BRANCH CODE 51521)

**Indian Overseas Bank**  
BALLABGARH BRANCH - 2679  
MCF 202, OPPSITE YADAV DAIRY, NEAR YADAV COLONY, BALLABGARH, HARYANA - 121004  
PHONE : 0129-2211228 E-mail : iob2679@iob.in | IFSC : IOBA0002679

Ref No:IOB/BLB/SARFAESI/01/2024-25 Date : 29.02.2024

**APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) [Rule 8(1)]**

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 03.11.2023 Calling upon the borrower/ mortgagors/ guarantors Mr. Jitendra Kumar (Co-Borrower) S/o Late Man Pal Singh (Borrower as well as Mortgager) and Late Chanchal Singh (Guarantor), R/o H. No. D-31 Bhimsen Colony Ward No. 33 Ballabgarh - 121004 (2) Mr. Deepak (Guarantor) S/o Late Man Pal Singh (Borrower as well as Mortgager) and Late Chanchal Singh (Guarantor) R/o H. No. D-31 Bhimsen Colony Ward No. 33 Ballabgarh - 121004 and other legal Heirs of Late Man Pal Singh (Borrower as well as Mortgager) and Late Chanchal Singh (Guarantor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 583452.59/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Two and Paise Fifty Nine Only) and interest thereon at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of payment. (1) The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Co-borrower/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February of the year 2024. (2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for an amount Rs. 583452.59/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Two and Paise Fifty Nine Only) and interest thereon at contractual rates and rests



**Koregaon Nagar Panchayat, Koregaon**  
(Tel. No. - 02163-220280)

**Public E-Tender Notice for 2023-24 (First Time)**

Ot. No. 364/2024 Date : 01/03/2024

Through this public tender notice, the contractors are informed that **Construction of concrete roads at various places in Koregaon city under Maharashtra Suvarna Jayanti Nagrothan Mahaabhiyan Yojana (Rajyastar)** the construction department of Koregaon Nagar Panchayat is publishing the public e-tender for the works. The terms and conditions of the said e-tender can be downloaded from the website <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. Interested tender holders should note this.

Seal Chief Officer Vice President President  
Koregaon Nagarpanchayat

**Central Bank of India**

**NOTICE**

Reserve Bank of India vide circular no. RBI/2022-23/168 CO.CE.PD.PRS.No.S1233/13-01-018/2022-23 dated 23.01.2023 had advised Banks to execute revised locker agreement with locker customers by 31.12.2023. We have informed our locker customers about the above requirement through SMS/Mail/Letters. In this regard Central Bank of India seek cooperation of locker customers who have not executed revised locker agreement till now to execute the revised locker agreement without further delay to enable bank to comply with the directions of Reserve Bank of India.

DATE: 29.02.2024 Dy. General Manager (Operations)  
Central Office-Mumbai

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) March 2, 2024**

TP Northern Odisha Distribution Limited invites tender from eligible Bidders for the following:

Sl. No.	Tender Enquiry No.	Work Description
1	TPNODL/OT/2023-24/2500000582	Rate Contract for 3 Phase & 1 Phase (Prepaid) bill printing
2	TPNODL/OT/2023-24/2500000600	Rate Contract Supply of AL/CU wire for TRW materials
3	TPNODL/OT/2023-24/2500000606	Rate Contract for Supply of Tree Pruner
4	TPNODL/OT/2023-24/2500000594	Rate Contract for AMC of ACs at PAN TPNODL
5	TPNODL/OT/2023-24/2500000603	Rate Contract for Supply of PORTBLE ELECT. REF. METER W/SOURCE. (Ref. Meter with source for testing all types of meter)

\* MSMEs registered in the State of Odisha shall pay tender fee of Rs. 1,000/- including GST.  
\*\* EMD is exempted for MSMEs registered in the State of Odisha.  
For more details like bid due date, EMD, tender fee, bid opening date etc. of the Tenders, please visit "Tender" section TPNODL website <https://tpnodl.com>. All tenders will be available on TPNODL website.  
Future communication / corrigendum to tender documents, if any, shall be available on website.

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रिक्वरी/शुद्ध अनुभाग Recovery/Sastra Section, मण्डल कार्यालय, रायबरेली Circle Office: Raebareli- 229001

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with 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 immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from the respective borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

Lot No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged /Owner's Name (Mortgagor/ Guarantors) of property(ies)	A. Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002		A. Reserve Price (in Lacs)	B. EMD	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
				Outstanding Amount	C. Last date of deposit of EMD				
				C. Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	C. Last date of deposit of EMD				
				D. Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/ Constructive	D. Bid Increase Amount				
1.	BO: Gauriganj, Amethi	M/s Rahul Trading Co. (1)- M/s Rahul Trading Co. Prop. Mr. Akhlesh Kumar Tripathi S/o Mr. Ram Pher Tripathi Add. Vill. Varipur Khurdwa, Saith Road, Gauri Ganj, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh. (2)- Smt. Vidya Devi W/o Mr. Nageswar Prasad Shukla Add. Vill. Tikriya Pargana Amethi Tehsil, Gauriganj, Distt. Amethi, Uttar Pradesh (Mortgagor/ Guarantor).	Plot No. 594-M (Old), 1056-M (New), Vill Tikriya, Pargana- Amethi, Tehsil- Gauriganj, Distt. Amethi, Owner-Smt. Vidya Devi W/o Mr. Nageswar Prasad Shukla. Boundaries- East-Plot of Shivnath and Daya Nand, West- ACC Road, North- Plot of Jhagdu (Part of Plot No. 1056), South- Pradesha (Mortgagor/ Guarantor).	A. 18.03.2013	A. Rs. 10.21 Lacs	19.03.2024 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Not Available as per record		
				B. Rs. 41.82 Lacs	B. Rs. 1.02 Lacs				
				C. 27.01.2014	C. 18.03.2024				
				D. Symbolic possession	D. Rs.0.10 Lacs				
2.	Branch: Chell Lines, Raebareli	Borrower:- (1)- M/S Rahul Enterprises Tent House Prop. Mr. Rahul Singh S/o Mr. Satya Prakash Singh, LIG- 437 Indira Nagar Colony, Jail Road, Raebareli - 229001, Uttar Pradesh. (2)- Mr. Rahul Singh S/o Mr. Satya Prakash Singh, LIG-437 Indira Nagar Colony, Jail Road, Raebareli - 229001, Uttar Pradesh. Guarantor:- Mr. Gaurav Singh S/o Mr. Satya Prakash Singh, LIG-437 Indira Nagar Colony, Jail Road, Raebareli - 229001, Uttar Pradesh. Guarantor/Mortgagor:- (1)- Mr. Satya Prakash Singh S/o Mr. Ayodhya Prasad Singh, House No. LIG- 437, Indira Nagar Vistar yojna, Teh-Sadar & Distt- Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh.	Em of House No. LIG-437, Indira Nagar Vistar yojna, Teh-Sadar & Distt Raebareli (Owner- Satya Prakash Singh). Having Boundaries as per title deed North-House No LIG 436 (Sharma Jee), South-House No. LIG 438 (Sharvan Kumar), East-7.5 m wide Road, West-Road.	A. 17.08.2021	A. Rs. 33.67 Lac	19.03.2024 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Not Available as per record		
				B. Rs. 14.22 Lac	B. Rs. 3.36 Lac				
				C. 01.11.2021	C. 18.03.2024				
				D. Symbolic possession	D. Rs.0.30 Lacs				
3.	BO: Chauhan Market	Borrower:- M/S Guru Brick Field Prop. Deependra Kumar S/o Mr. Guru Prasad Yadav Vill. Bandramau, Post-Rahi, Raebareli-229010 Mr. Deependra Kumar S/o Guru Prasad Yadav Vill. Pure Maha Bramhan H/o Bandramau, Post-Rahi, Raebareli-229010 Mr. Guru Prasad Yadav S/o Ram Pyare Vill. Pure Maha Bramhan H/o Bandramau, Post-Rahi, Raebareli-229010 (Mortgagor/Guarantor)	Property situated at Gata No. 913 Ka mi Area 0.0100 Hect. At Ahmadpur Nazool Mohalla Bada Ghosiyana, Pargana, Tehsil and Distt. Raebareli in the name of Mr. Guru Prasad S/o Ram Pyare registered at SRO Sadar, Raebareli in Book No. 1, Vol. No. 2193, Sr. No.2011, Pages 347-360. Boundaries- East- Plot Dev Saran others, West-Boundary Moveen other, North-Lucknow Road, South-Khet Mohd. Umar.	A. 10.03.2022	A. Rs. 45.83 Lac	19.03.2024 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Not Available as per record		
				B. Rs. 21.12 Lac with further interest + DI and other charges minus recovery.	B. Rs. 4.58 Lac				
				C. 25.06.2022	C. 18.03.2024				
				D. Symbolic possession	D. Rs.0.45 Lacs				
4.	BO: Chauhan Market	Borrower:- Mr. Pachai M N 5, Gadhi, PO Maharajganj, Atrehta, Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh Mr. Pachai S/O Jharhat M N 5, Gadhi, PO Maharajganj, Atrehta, Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh (Borrower /Mortgagor) Mr. Shiv Saran Gupta S/o Satya Narayan Gupta, Ward No. 4, Arya Nagar, Maharajganj, Raebareli Uttar Pradesh (Guarantor)	Khata No192, Gata No. 993MI, Atrehta(Gandhi Nagar), Pargana Semrauta, Tehsil- Maharajganj, Distt Raebareli in the name of Mr. pachai S/o Mr. Jharhat Boundaries: East- Khet of Satya Naran Gupta West- Part Land North- Khet of Bhaggan South-Part Land	A. 24.05.2021	A. Rs. 31.25 Lac	19.03.2024 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Not Available as per record		
				B. Rs. 37.43 Lac	B. Rs. 3.12 Lac				
				C. 05.04.2022	C. 18.03.2024				
				D. Symbolic possession	D. Rs.0.30 Lacs				
5.	BO: Chauhan Market	Borrower/Mortgagor:- Mr. Rupesh Kumar Singh H. No. 2, bara Pura-Khijrpur, Karaundi, Distt. Raebareli 229001 Mr. Rupesh Kumar Singh H. No. 2, bara Pura-Khijrpur, Karaundi, Distt. Raebareli 229001 (Guarantor)	Plot at admeasuring Anand Nagar(Ahmadpur Nazool) Distt. Raebareli, pLot no. 33CH, H no. 493Ka, Area: 480 Sqmtr in the name of Mr. Rupesh Kumar Singh Boundaries : East: Land of District Jail, West: Road, North: H. no. 67/109, South: land of District Jail and Pump House	A. 11.07.2019	A. Rs. 51.52 Lac	19.03.2024 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Not Available as per record		
				B. Rs. 36.36 Lac	B. Rs. 5.20 Lac				
				C. 05.10.2019	C. 18.03.2024				
				D. Symbolic possession	D. Rs.0.50 Lacs				
6.	BO: Malikonda	Borrower:- M/s Raebareli Trading Point Pure Baisan Sultanpur Kheda Raebareli UP Also House no. 885 gandhi Nagar Raebareli, UP Mr. Yogendra Dev Dwivedi S/o Tej Bahadur Singh 190, Gandhi Nagar, Manika Cinema Road Raebareli, UP Also House no. 885 gandhi Nagar Raebareli, UP (Partner) Mr. Amit Singh S/o Mr. Tej Bahadur Pure Baisan Sultanpur Kheda Raebareli UP Also House no. 885 gandhi Nagar Raebareli, UP (Partner) Mrs. Shakuntala Dwivedi W/o Mr. Yashodhawal Dwivedi UP Also House no. 885 gandhi Nagar Raebareli, UP (Partner) Mrs. Yashodhawal Dwivedi UP Also House no. 885 gandhi Nagar Raebareli, UP (Mortgagor/Guarantor)	1. All part and parcel of the property consisting of Land and Building situated at Gata no. 885 ward no. 19 Ahmadpur Nazool Mohalla Gandhi Nagar Tehsil & Distt. Raebareli Area:128.20 Sqmtr Owner: Mrs. Shakuntala Dwivedi W/o Yashodhawal Dwivedi Boundaries: East-Road, West- Plot of Rajendra Prasad, North-Road South-Road 2. All part and parcel of the property consisting of Land and Building situated at Gata no. 774mi (House no. 885 ward no. 19 Ahmadpur Nazool Mohalla Gandhi Nagar Tehsil & Distt. Raebareli Area: 124.80 sqmtr Owner: Mr. yogendra Dev Dwivedi S/o Yashodhawal Dwivedi Boundaries: East-House of Seller, West- Plot of Shukla Ji North-Plot of Habeeb South-Khadinija Rasta 12ft.	A. 09.04.2019	A. Rs. 59.43 Lac	19.03.2024 From 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Not Available as per record		
				B. Rs. 27.93 Lac with further interest and other charges	B. Rs. 5.94 Lac				
				C. 05.10.2019	C. 18.03.2024				
				D. Symbolic possession	D. Rs.0.50 Lacs				

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

(1)- The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:- (2)- The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". (3)- The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule here in above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. (4)- The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website:- <https://www.mstcecommerce.com> on 08.03.2024 at 11:00 AM to 04.00 PM. 5- For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer [www.mstcecommerce.com](http://www.mstcecommerce.com). <https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app>.

Date: 14.02.2024 Place: Raebareli Authorized Officer: Punjab National Bank

**बैंक ऑफ इंडिया** **Bank of India**

Zonal Office: "Star House" Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010, Ph.: 0522-2721512

**E-Auction Notice**

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties APPENDIX-IV-A Under the provisions of Rule 8(6) E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is given to the Public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of India the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Bank of India will be sold on "As is where is" "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis.

The last date for submission of EMD/Documents is 08.04.2024, 04:00 PM Date and Time of E-Auction 09.04.2024, (11:00 AM to 04:00 PM)

Sl. No.	Name & Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor/Amount Outstanding	Description of the Property	Reserve Price (RP) Earnest Money (EMD) (₹)
<b>Branch: Barabanki</b>			
1	Borrower: Mr. Ashish Kumar Srivastava S/o Mr. Ravindra Nath Srivastava, 2. Mrs. Sushma Srivastava W/o Mr. Ashish Kumar Srivastava All R/o 3/17, Virat Khand Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. Guarantor: Mr. Ravindra Nath Srivastava S/o Mr. Triveni Lal Srivastava, R/o 3/17, Virat Khand Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. Demand Notice Dated: 21.04.2017, Amount: ₹ 3331436.00 Lakhs + Int. & Other charges.	House No. 86 Preetmilan Lawn at Khasra No. 69 Min, Mohalla Satyapremi Nagar Pargana & Tehsil Nawabganj Distt. Barabanki, Area: 2000 Sq. Ft. or 185.80 Sq. Mtrs.. Owner: Mr. Ravindra Nath Srivastava, Boundaries: East: 15 Ft. Kaccha Rasta, West: Land of Ram Kumar Singh, North: Plot of Seller, South: Land of Ram Kumar Singh. (Possession - Physical)	₹ 80.00 Lakh ₹ 8.00 Lakh
2	Borrower 1 : (i) Mr. Ankur Kumar Srivastava S/o Mr. Ravindra Nath Srivastava, R/o 317, Viratkhand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow- 22010. (ii) Mrs. Shikha Srivastava W/o Mr. Ankur Kumar Srivastava R/o Moh. Satyapremnagar, Preetmilan Marriage Lawn, Barabanki-225001. Guarantor : Mr. Ashish Kumar Srivastava S/o Mr. Ravindra Nath Srivastava, 3/17, Virat khand Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. Demand Notice Dated: 21.04.2017, ₹ 3279723.00 Lakhs + Int. & Other charges. Borrower 2 : (i) Mr. Adarsh Srivastava S/o Mr. Ravindra Nath Srivastava R/o 3/17, Virat Khand Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. (ii) Mrs. Rajni Srivastava W/o Mr. Adarsh Srivastava R/o Satyapremnagar, Preetmilan Marriage Lawn, Barabanki-225001. Guarantor : Mr. Ashish Kumar Srivastava S/o Mr. Ravindra Nath Srivastava, R/o 3/17, Virat Khand Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010. Demand Notice Dated: 13.10.2017, ₹ 2974106.75 Lakhs + Int. & Other charges	Property No. 1. Land & Building situated at Part of Khasra No. 69, Mohalla - Kamariabagh / Satya Premi Nagar, Village - Paisar (Within Nagar Parishad Limit), Ward Kailash Ashram, Pargana / Tehsil - Nawabganj, Barabanki, Area: 2800 Sq. Ft. or 260 Sq. Mtrs.. Owner: (1) Shri. Ashish Kumar Srivastava, (2) Shri. Adarsh Srivastava, (3) Shri. Ankur Srivastava (Joint Ownership), Boundaries: East: House of Ravindra Nath Srivastava & Plot of Mr. (1) Ashish Kumar Srivastava, (2) Adarsh Srivastava (3) Ankur Srivastava, West: Jamriah Nallah, North: 25 Ft. Wide Road, South: House of Smt. Asha Devi. (Possession - Physical)	₹ 78.50 Lakh ₹ 7.85 Lakh
<b>Branch: LDA Colony</b>			
3	Borrower: 1. Dineshmani Ramnareesh Tiwari. 2. Usha Dineshmani Tiwari, Address: House No. 1091 (A), Ashiana, Sector-K, Kanpur Road Yojna, Near Central Academy Lucknow. Guarantor: 1. Devendra Pratap Singh Address: 1091/563, Vindavan Yojna, Raebareli Road, Telibagh, Lucknow. 2. Ajay Kumar Mishra, Address: House No. 185, Basant Kunj, Hardoi Road, Lucknow. Demand Notice Dated: 02.03.2023, ₹ 9116325.52 Lakhs + Interest + other expenses	Residential Property situated at House No. 1091 (A), Ashiana, Sector-K, Kanpur Road Yojna, Near Central Academy Lucknow, Area: 179 Sq. Mtrs., Owner: Dineshmani Ramnareesh Tiwari, Boundaries: East: 7.50 mtr. Wide Road, West: Plot No. 1100, North: Plot No. 1091, South: Plot No. 1092 (Possession - Symbolic)	₹ 145.00 Lakh ₹ 14.50 Lakh
<b>Branch: Sitapur Road</b>			
4	Borrower: Mr. Zeeshan Ahmad, Address: Flat No. 211, 2nd Floor, Maa Sharda Apartment, Sector-5, Vikas Nagar, Lucknow. Demand Notice Dated: 13.03.2023, ₹ 2308139.63 Lakhs + Interest + other expenses	Residential Property situated at Flat no. 17-AH/10/T15, Flat Type F-82, Affordable Housing Situated at Nilgiri Enclave, Sector-17, Vindavan Scheme No. 4, Lucknow, Area: 61.92 Sq. Mtrs., Owner: Mr. Zeeshan Ahmad, Boundaries: East: Flat No. 17-AH/11/T14, West: Flat No. 17-AH/10/T14, North: 6.0 mtr. Wide drive way, South: Flat No. 17-AH/10/T16. (Possession - Symbolic)	₹ 30.50 Lakh ₹ 3.05 Lakh
<b>Branch: Arjunganj</b>			
5	Borrower: 1. Mrs. Vijay Laxmi Gupta, 2. Ram Gopal Gupta, Address: House No. E-536, Mohalla-Sector-M1, Ashiyana Colony, Kanpur Road Scheme, Lucknow. Demand Notice Dated: 20.05.2023, ₹ 815333.53 Lakhs + Interest + other expenses	Residential Property situated at House No. E-536, Mohalla-Sector-M1, Ashiyana Colony, Kanpur Road Scheme, Lucknow, Area: 30 Sq. Mtrs., Owner: Vijay Laxmi Gupta, Boundaries: East: 9.0 Mtr. Wide road, West: EWS House No. E-644/M-01, North: EWS House No. E-535/M-01, South: EWS House No. E-537/M-01. (Possession - Symbolic) (Not Physical)	₹ 23.50 Lakh ₹ 2.35 Lakh
<b>Branch: Sadar</b>			
6	Borrower: Mr. Atul Shukla, Address: 78, Saudagar Mohal, Sadar Bazar, Lucknow. Guarantor: Mr. Hari Mohan Shukla, Address: 78, Saudagar Mohal, Sadar Bazar, Lucknow. Demand Notice Dated: 11.10.2021, ₹ 2547993.91 Lakh + Interest + other expenses	Residential Property situated at 6/71, Rajni Khand (EWS), Sharda Nagar, Raebareli Road, Lucknow, Area: 30 Sq. Mtrs., Owner: Atul Shukla, Boundaries: East: House no. 6/92, West: 6.00 Mtr. wide Road, North: House No. 6/70, South: House No. 6/72. (Possession - Symbolic)	₹ 27.78 Lakh ₹ 2.78 Lakh
<b>Branch: Terhipulla</b>			
7	Borrower: MR. Sudama Mishra, Address: Premise No. 3/723, Lig, Vastu Khand, Gontinagar, Lucknow. Guarantor: Smt. Sushma Mishra, Address: Premise No. 3/723, Lig, Vastu Khand, Gontinagar, Lucknow. Demand Notice Dated: 04.04.2022, ₹ 2877559.72+ Interest + other expenses	Residential Property situated at Premise no. 3/723, LIG, Vastu Khand, Gontinagar, Lucknow, Area: 40.50 Sq. Mtrs., Owner: Sudama Mishra, Boundaries: East: 7.50 mtr. wide Road, West: House No. 3/710, North: House No. 3/724, South: House No. 3/722. (Possession - Symbolic)	₹ 37.22 Lakh ₹ 3.73 Lakh
8	Borrower: M/S Archana Agencies, Prop. Archana Singh Bisht. Guarantor: Mr. Kripal Singh Bisht, R/o House No. 2/665, Sector-H, Jankipuram, Lucknow. Demand Notice Dated: 16.01.2023, ₹ 7925033.46 + Interest + other expenses	Residential Property situated at House No. 2/665, Sector-H, Jankipuram, Lucknow, Area: 52 Sq. Mtrs., Owner: Mrs. Archana Bisht, Boundaries: East: Premise no. 2/664, West: Premise No. 2/666, North: 9.00 mtr. Wide Road, South: Premise No. 2/638. (Possession - Symbolic)	₹ 38.13 Lakh ₹ 3.82 Lakh
<b>Branch: Nirala Nagar</b>			
9	Borrower: Syed Baharul Hasnain Zaidi S/o Syed Sarfaraz Husain Zaidi, R/o Premises No. E-6/69, L.I.G., Amrapali Yojna, Hardoi Road, Mauza-Barawan Khurd, (Near trinity International School), Lucknow. Demand Notice Dated: 18.09.2021, ₹ 3403205.44 + Interest + other expenses	Premises No. E-6/69, L.I.G., Amrapali Yojna, Hardoi Road, mauza-Barawan Khurd, (Near trinity International School), Lucknow., Area: 62.72 Sq. Mtrs., Owner: Syed Baharul Hasnain Zaidi, Boundaries: East: Premises No E-6/65, West: 6.00 Mtr. Wide Road, North: Premises No. E-6/68, South: Premises No. E-6/70. (Possession - Symbolic)	₹ 23.30 Lakh ₹ 2.33 Lakh
10	Account 1. M/s M.A. Apparel Partner: 1. Asif Ali Khan, 2. Yasmeen Khan (deceased) Through Her Legal Heir's, i) Asif Ali Khan, (ii) Sahil Khan, (iii) Arsh Khan, All Above R/o 448/110, Ashapuram Colony, Radha Gram, Thakur Ganj, Lucknow. 3. Manish Mohan Nigam, 4. Savita Nigam Both Resident of 556/30, Sujapuram Alambagh, Lucknow. Guarantors: 1. Sahil Khan, 2. Sanjay Saxena (R/o 269/124 Devi Dayal Marg, Birhana, Lucknow. Demand Notice Dated: 06.10.2022, ₹ 3846420.93 + Interest + other expenses Account 2: 1. Asif Ali Khan (Borrower Housing Loan), 2. Yasmeen Khan (Co-Borrower Housing Loan) (deceased) Through Her Legal Heir's, i) Asif Ali Khan (ii) Sahil Khan (iii) Arsh Khan, 3) Manish Mohan Nigam (Guarantor Housing Loan) Demand Notice Dated: 06.10.2022, ₹ 544864.43 + Interest + other expenses	House No. 448/110N, situated at Plot No. B-5, Khasra No. 555, Mohalla Baraf Khana, Thakurganj, Lucknow, Area: 1064 Sq. Feet., Owner: Mr. Asif Ali Khan & Mrs. Yasmeen Khan (Deceased), Boundaries: East: 15'-0" wide Road, West: Plot No. B-6, North: Plot No B-4, South: Remaining plot area 1258 Sq.Ft. House of Seller. (Possession - Symbolic)	₹ 42.71 Lakh ₹ 4.28 Lakh

**Terms & Conditions:-** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's web portal i.e. <https://www.bankofindia.co.in>, <https://ibapi.in>. For further details contact AGM/Chief Manager/Branch Manager of respective Branches at Numbers as given above. The above mentioned Borrower(s) / guarantor(s) / Mortgagor(s) is given notice to deposit there total Outstanding, Interest & Other expenses before the E-Auction date. Failing which, the said property will be auctioned, and the outstanding amount if any, will be recovered along with interest cost. STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 6(2) & 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT), RULES 2002 This may also be treated as notice under rules 6(2) & 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the Said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Date: 03.03.2024, Place: Lucknow Authorized officer, Bank of India

WTO MEET ENDS WITHOUT MUCH GAINS

# Moratorium on e-com taxation stays

Silent on public stockholding of foodgrains

MUKESH JAGOTA  
Abu Dhabi, March 2

THE 13TH WTO conference of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) ended without any significant progress on further liberalisation of world trade, even as 'non-trade issues' were kept in abeyance. The muted outcome reflected the large divergence between leading members on key issues, and the focus on self-interest rather than multilateralism in a polarised world.

It decided to extend the moratorium on taxation of cross border electronic transmissions for another two years but could not take any decision on a permanent solution on public stockholding of food grains for food security and fisheries subsidies which were key Indian demands. Lack of decision on public stockholding at the meeting, however, does not impact government procurement of food grains and



Commerce minister Piyush Goyal at WTO biennial gathering of ministers in Abu Dhabi, UAE

public distribution system as India has had a permanent peace clause in perpetuity since 2014. Under the peace clause, India's intervention in the food grain markets for livelihood security of farmers and food security of the population cannot be challenged in the dispute settlement system of the WTO.

On another key demand by India on reviving the system of appeal in the dispute settlement system, the ministers decided to speed up the discussions on the

issue of appeal and review. The discussion by officials on a well-functioning dispute settlement system accessible to all members by 2024 would focus on all unresolved issues. On fisheries, where India is asking for a moratorium on subsidies for distant water fishing for 25 years by countries like China, Norway, Japan which have large fleets, there has been no agreement. But due to no word in the declaration on the issue, India gets to keep its subsidy to its fishermen. The decla-

ration on agriculture at the conference talks of improvements in training and technical assistance provided under the WTO technical assistance and training plan to assist developing members, including least developed countries, to overcome the challenges they face in timely engagement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade.

Another achievement of the conference is agreement on LDC Graduation. Least Developed Countries (LDC) lose benefits like duty-free and quote-free exports when they graduate to the developing countries category. It was decided to keep this concession for LDCs for three years. In this period, no country will be allowed to question the concession in the dispute settlement system of the WTO. Earlier this time period was three years. This period was for allowing these countries for capacity building so that they can navigate the world trade ecosystem without

the LDC benefits.

Bilaterally some developed countries can give LDCs quota-free and duty-free access to their markets for even longer. Though the e-commerce taxation moratorium got extended, the ministers agreed to continue to reinvigorate the work under the Work Programme on Electronic Commerce with focus on its development dimension, taking into account the economic, financial and development needs of developing and least-developed country members. The work programme on e-commerce aims to examine trade-related issues associated with e-commerce. These include the protection of privacy and public morals and prevention of fraud, access to and use of public telecommunications transport networks and services, rules of origin, increasing the participation of developing countries in the e-commerce marketplace, protection and enforcement of copyright and trademarks, and enhancing the participation of

developing countries and their small and medium-sized enterprises. India and South Africa blocked an attempt to get the China-inspired pact — Investment Promotion for Development — included in the WTO even though it had a backing of more than 120 countries.

Another non-trade issue of linking trade to gender has also been successfully opposed. The declaration noted that women's economic empowerment and participation in trade contributes to economic growth and sustainable development. "We take note of WTO work, including in collaboration with other relevant international organisations, through activities such as capacity-building initiatives and sharing experience to facilitate women's participation in trade," the draft ministerial declaration said. Instead of taking a stand on prioritising MSME in trade, the declaration noted their role in the economy of their countries. The WTO took two new members, Comoros and Timor Leste, which takes the total membership of the global trade body to 166.

# Shehbaz Sharif set for second term as Pak Prime Minister



Shehbaz Sharif

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Islamabad, March 2

TOP PML-N LEADER Shehbaz Sharif is set to become the 33rd prime minister of Pakistan today, once again leading a coalition government, amidst allegations of rigging of polls and facing staggering economic and security challenges. Shehbaz, who is the joint candidate of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), has already submitted his nomination. His challenger Omar Ayub Khan of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) too has filed his papers.

The PML-N president Shehbaz, 72, is the younger brother of former three-time prime minister Nawaz Sharif, 74. Voting in the National Assembly to elect the new prime minister would be held on Sunday, according to the National Assembly Secretariat. The successful candidate will be administered the oath of office on Monday at the Presidential mansion, Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Shehbaz is known as an able administrator due to the swift execution of mega-development projects while serving as chief minister of the Punjab province. However, he failed to exhibit the qualities when elevated to serve as prime minister for a 16-month stint in 2022.

He faces the menacing challenges of a fragile economy and the increasing threat of terrorism. His government would also have to face the street power of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party which had been protesting against the alleged rigging of elections.

In the February 8 polls, the Sharifs-led party failed to garner a clear majority, albeit

technically, it is the largest party with 75 out of 265 seats. In a surprise move, the elder Sharif stepped back in favour of Shehbaz to allow him to lead the coalition as he is believed to have the knack of taking along diverse groups in the polarised country.

The PPP and four smaller parties have joined the coalition with the PPP supporting the government from outside in return for PML-N support for the election of its senior leader and former president Asif Ali Zardari as the president once again.

Shehbaz Sharif's election as the prime minister is almost certain since the PML-N and PPP's candidates for the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly were elected on Friday with a comfortable majority. Shehbaz served as prime minister of a coalition government from April 2022 to August 2023 before Parliament was dissolved to hold general elections.

Quoting "highly placed sources," The News International newspaper reported that President Arif Alvi, known for his closeness to Imran Khan, has consented to administer the oath to the new prime minister.

Interestingly, President Alvi had declined — on the pretext of health problems — to administer the oath to Shehbaz Sharif in April 2022 when he became the prime minister unopposed after the ouster of the Imran Khan government through a no-confidence vote.

The term for Alvi, a PTI nominee, already expired last year but, as per Constitutional provisions, he will need to hold the post until the election of the new president, which is set to be held on March 9.

# OpenAI says it 'categorically disagrees' with Musk's suit

BLOOMBERG  
March 2

OPENAI "CATEGORICALLY DISAGREES" with the lawsuit Elon Musk filed against the company, according to an internal memo sent to employees of the artificial intelligence startup.

Musk, a co-founder of OpenAI who is no longer involved in the company, sued OpenAI and its chief executive officer Sam Altman late Thursday, alleging the company's close relationship with Microsoft Corp has undermined its original mission of creating open-source technology that wouldn't be subject to corporate priorities.

OpenAI chief strategy officer Jason Kwon pushed back at Musk's suggestion that the startup is "a de facto subsidiary" of investor Microsoft and said the billionaire's claims "may stem from Elon's regrets about not being involved with the company today," according to a copy of the memo obtained by Bloomberg News.

In a separate memo, also seen by Bloomberg, Altman called Musk a hero of his and said he misses the person he knew who competed with others by building better technology.

OpenAI declined to comment on the lawsuit or the two memos.

Musk is suing for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and claims of unfair business practices, among other grievances. He is bringing the suit in the capacity of a donor to OpenAI's nonprofit

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parent organisation as recently as 2019 and is seeking to force OpenAI to stop benefitting Microsoft and Altman personally.

Kwon pointed out in the memo that the company's mission "is to ensure AGI benefits all humanity," using a term that refers to theoretical software that can perform a wide range of tasks better than a human can. Kwon also said OpenAI is independent and competes directly with Microsoft.

Kwon also said he wanted to update employees on "inquiries from government agencies," in an apparent reference to an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission that kicked off after the brief ouster of Altman by the company's board late last year.

Kwon didn't mention the agency by name, but said that "after the events of last November, they asked us for information and this matches what we'd expect given the circumstances." Kwon said the company is cooperating with the government.

# Rubymar ship attacked by Houthis sinks



Cargo ship Rubymar

THE RUBYMAR CARGO ship, attacked last month, has sunk in the southern Red Sea, Yemen's internationally recognised government said in a statement on Saturday. If verified, it would be the first vessel lost since Houthi militants began targeting commercial shipping in November.

The government statement said the ship sunk on Friday night and warned of an "environmental catastrophe". The ship was carrying more than 41,000 tons of fertilizer when it came under attack, the US military's Central Command previously said. Yemen's Houthi militants have been attacking commercial ships in the Red Sea region since mid-November, saying they are acting in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza.

On Monday, a Yemeni government team visited the Rubymar, a Belize-flagged, UK-owned cargo ship, and said it was partially submerged and could sink within a couple of days. The US military previously said the attack had significantly damaged the freighter and caused an 18-mile (29-km) oil slick. The United States Navy's Fifth Fleet did not immediately respond to a request to confirm the sinking on Saturday.

In two separate reports on Saturday the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) agency said it had received a report of a ship being attacked 15 nautical miles west of Yemen's port of Mokha. "The crew took the vessel to anchor and were evacuated by military authorities," the UKMTO said in an advisory note. Separately, the UKMTO

reported a ship sinking.

Neither report named the Rubymar though both incidents occurred in the vicinity of where the Rubymar was last seen. Houthi attacks have prompted shipping firms to divert vessels on to the longer, more expensive route around southern Africa. They have also stoked fears that the Israel-Hamas war could spread, destabilising the wider Middle East.

The United States and Britain began striking Houthi targets in Yemen in January in retaliation for the attacks on shipping in the Red Sea, Bab al-Mandab Strait and Gulf of Aden.

Yemen's internationally recognised government is based in the southern port of Aden while the Houthis control much of the north and other large centres. — REUTERS

# Rihanna rocks the stage at Jamnagar

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Jamnagar, March 2

IN HER FIRST performance in India, pop star Rihanna set the stage on fire at the day one of the lavish pre-wedding event of billionaire Mukesh Ambani's son Anant and his fiancée Radhika Merchant. The international music sensation, who belted out hit songs such as Diamonds, Where Have You Been, Rude Boy and Pour it Up, had Indian film celebrities like Shah Rukh Khan-Gauri Khan, Ranveer Singh-Deepika Padukone, Shreya Ghoshal and Shiamak Davar grooving to her tunes.

Dressed in a shimmering body-hugging fluorescent green and pink outfit, Rihanna put up her best moves and also interacted with the audience at the grand event, which is being held over three days at a residential township situated close to Reliance Industries (RIL)'s petroleum refinery near Jamnagar city.

The 38-year-old singer-songwriter thanked the Ambanis for making her a part of the family affair. "Thanks to the Ambani family I'm here tonight in honour of Anant and Radhika. Thank you for having me here. God bless your union. I wish you the best. Congratulations," she said. As the prelude of her song We Found Love played, Rihanna asked the audience members if they believed in love. "Make some noise for love right now. Send some



Rihanna with the Ambani family in Jamnagar, Gujarat

extra love to the bride. It's my honour to be here and I want you to put your hands together like this," the multiple Grammy winner said before singing the popular track.

The Ambani family presented Rihanna with a bouquet and posed for the shutterbugs together after her performance. Later, actor Janhvi Kapoor shared a reel of her shaking a leg with Rihanna on her debut film Dhadak. "This woman is a goddess. Stop it goodbye," Kapoor captioned the video.

Before flying out on early Saturday morning, the singer took selfies with women cops and obliged the paparazzi with pictures. Rihanna was also photographed sharing a hug with one of the women police officers.

# X, ByteDance could face tough EU rules

ELON MUSK'S X, TikTok owner ByteDance and Booking.com may meet EU criteria subjecting them to tough rules as so-called gatekeepers, the European Commission said late Friday. The Digital Markets Act designates firms with over 45 million monthly active users and 75 billion euros in market capitalisation as gatekeepers providing a core platform service for business users. Such firms need to make their messaging apps interoperate with rivals and let users decide which apps to pre-install, among other obligations from March 7. — REUTERS

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

We, Piaggio Vehicles Private Limited are an electric three-wheeler manufacturing company in India. These vehicles are operational throughout India. Electric vehicles reduce greenhouse gas emissions by displacing the use of conventional fossil fuel-powered vehicles in the transportation sector. The proponent has undertaken the project "Carbon Credit Registration and Certification." As part of this process, Piaggio Vehicles Private Limited, in collaboration with Kover Climate India Pvt Ltd, is conducting a national-level stakeholder consultation meeting to gather views or suggestions on social and environmental impacts that arise due to the project and also to explain the sustainable benefits as a result of this project. The meeting will be held at the authorized Piaggio dealers located in various states in India on 11/03/2024 at 10:00 a.m. All concerned stakeholders are requested to attend and provide their valuable input. People who are unable to attend this meeting in person can send their concerns to the below contact details before 11/03/2024. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/473xx7x7> to know the state wise meeting location details. For any clarifications, please contact the below representative:

Contact Details:  
Name: Joel George  
Phone Number: 9175155247  
Email ID: [Joel.George@piaggio.co.in](mailto:Joel.George@piaggio.co.in)

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**TENDER NOTICE**  
Short Notice Tender No:- 1). UGVCL/SP/III/CPP/24-25/1278/AAA Conductor & Tender Notice No:- 2). UGVCL/SP/III/1276/Single Money Receipt are put up for on line tendering on [www.ugvcl.com](http://www.ugvcl.com) and <https://tender.nprocure.com>. Interested Vendors are requested to locate the same for above mentioned Web Site. /c Chief Engineer (P&P)

**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice**  
Tender No : SE/PHC/MPM/RE338/2023-24  
JJM-Providing FTHC , road restoration , Pipe line extension for, Edavanna Panchayath, EMD : Rs. 5,00,000, Tender fee : Rs. 1,65,40, Last Date for submitting Tender : 11-03-2024 03:00:pm, Phone : 04832974871, Website : [www.kwa.kerala.gov.in](http://www.kwa.kerala.gov.in), [www.etenders.kerala.gov.in](http://www.etenders.kerala.gov.in)  
KWA-JB-GL-6-2528-2023-24  
Superintending Engineer  
PH Circle Malappuram

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (Irrigation Wing)**

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
NIT No. : 08 /2023-24  
Scope of Work: Planning, Designing, Installation and commissioning of Log Boom in reservoir of Pandoh Dam.  
Last Date/Time of Sale/Availability of Documents: 27.03.2024 Upto 12:30 P.M.  
Last Date / Time of Receipt of Bids: 27.03.2024 Upto 12:30 P.M.  
Date / Time of Opening of Bids: 28.03.2024 at 12:30 P.M.  
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Sr. Executive Engineer, Pandoh Dam Division, BBMB, Pandoh (H.P.)-175124  
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**Indian Overseas Bank**

**TRANSFER OF NPA LOAN EXPOSURES TO ARCs/ SCBs/ NBFCs/ AIFs/ SFBs THROUGH e-AUCTION UNDER SWISS CHALLENGE METHOD**  
Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) invites Expression of Interest from ARCs/ SCBs/ NBFCs/ AIFs/ SFBs for the proposed transfer of Portfolio of Unsecured Education Loan NPA accounts under Swiss Challenge method on "as is where is" and "as is what is" basis without any recourse to the Bank. Interested prospective bidders are requested to intimate their willingness to participate in the e-Auction scheduled on 19.03.2024 by way of an "Expression of Interest" through email at [saletoarc@iobnet.co.in](mailto:saletoarc@iobnet.co.in) or before 08.03.2024. For further details please visit Bank's website ([www.iob.in](http://www.iob.in)) -> click on link TENDERS->ARC-Cell->Notification dated 02.03.2024. IOB reserves the right to cancel or modify the process and amend any terms of the notification at any stage and the same will not necessarily be carried out through advertisement but will be notified directly on the Bank's website.  
Place: Chennai  
Date: 02.03.2024  
General Manager

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**NOTICE OF 01/2023-2024 EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)**  
Notice is hereby given that the 01/2023-2024 Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Members of Aggarsain Spinners Limited ("the Company") will be held on Wednesday, the 27th day of March, 2024 at 11.00 am at "Hotel Shiraj, Sector-10, Opp. Bus Stand, Panchkula-134113" to transact the special business as set out in the Notice of Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

Copies of the said Notice of EGM, have already been sent through email to all the members whose email ids are registered with the Depository Participant or with the Company. Physical copies of the same have been sent to all other members at their registered address, whose email ids are not registered with the Depository Participant. The Company has completed the dispatch of Notice of EGM through mail and through courier on Saturday, 02nd March, 2024. The Notice of EGM is also available on the Company's website [www.aggarsainspinners.com](http://www.aggarsainspinners.com) and [investor.noticeofagm/egm](http://investor.noticeofagm/egm) and on the website of the National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") [www.nsdl.co.in](http://www.nsdl.co.in) as well as on the website of Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited i.e. [www.mse.in](http://www.mse.in).

**E-VOTING:** The Company is pleased to provide to Members the facility to cast their vote by electronic means on all the resolutions set forth in the said Notice of EGM in terms of the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 amended upto date and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

- The business set out in the Notice of 01/2023-2024 Extra-ordinary General Meeting dispatched may be transacted through voting by electronic means.
- The e-voting period will commence on Sunday, 24th March, 2024 (10.00 a.m.) and ends on Tuesday, 26th March, 2024 (5.00 p.m.).
- The cut-off date for the purpose of determining shareholders for voting through remote e-voting and at the venue of EGM is March 20, 2024 (Cut-Off Date). Members holding shares either in physical or dematerialized as on the Cut-off date may either cast their votes, electronically by following the instructions provided in Notice of EGM for NSDL and CDSL both from a place other than the venue of EGM or at Venue of EGM through Ballot Paper.
- Person who becomes a member of the Company after dispatch of Notice may obtain login credentials & details by sending request at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in).
- Voting through electronic mode shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 and e-voting module shall be disabled thereafter and once the vote on the resolution cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
- The facility for casting the vote through Ballot Paper will be made available at the EGM and the Members attending the EGM who have not casted their vote by means of e-voting shall be able to cast their vote at the EGM through Ballot Paper.
- The Members who have casted their vote by e-voting can attend the EGM but shall not be entitled to cast vote again.
- A person whose name is recorded in the register of members maintained by the depository as on the cut off date i.e. Wednesday, 20th March, 2024 shall be entitled to avail the facility of e-voting as well as voting in the EGM.
- Members are required to use their login id and password to vote electronically by following procedure of e-voting given in the notice of Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

In case of any queries pertaining to e-voting, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Members and e-voting user manual for Members available at the 'Downloads' section of [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com) or call on toll free no. 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30 or send a request to Ms. Soni Singh, Assistant Manager, NSDL at [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in).  
For addressing the grievances related to remote e-voting, members may call on the Toll-Free no. 1800 1020 990 or Contact Ms. Soni Singh, Assistant Manager, NSDL, Trade World, 4th Floor, A Wing, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai-400013 at the designated email IDs - [evoting@nsdl.co.in](mailto:evoting@nsdl.co.in) at Telephone Nos 1800 102 0990, 1800 22 4430.  
In Compliance of applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and as a part of Green Initiative, The Company encourages the Members to provide/update their email addresses to enable the servicing of notice(s)/ document(s)/ Annual Report(s) electronically. The request for updating of records for members holding shares in physical mode shall be sent to the Company or RTA and in case of members holding shares in dematerialized mode then to the Depository Participant.  
By Order of the Board of Directors of the Company  
For Aggarsain Spinners Limited  
Sd/-  
Ramesh Kumar (Chairman)  
DIN: 01037508  
Date: 01/03/2024  
Place: Panchkula









PUNJAB & SIND BANK POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) BRANCH: MATKA CHOWK JAGADHRI DISTT. YAMUNANAGAR (HARYANA) Email: j0316@psb.co.in

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH - I Address of the Branch: The Arcade, 2nd Floor, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Colaba, Mumbai - 400 005, E-mail ID of Branch: sbi04107@sbi.co.in

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INDIA SHELTER FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. REGD. OFFICE:- Plot-15, 6th Floor, Sec-44, Institutional Area, Gurugram, Haryana-122002 BRANCH OFFICE: Shop No. 67B & 68, Second Floor, Plot No. 277(East), Tagore Nagar Next To DCM, Ajmer Road, Jaipur-302021 RAJASTHAN BRANCH OFFICE: First Floor, Ahana Tower, Jai Complex, Akwar-301001 RAJASTHAN

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMovable PROPERTY Whereas, The Undersigned Being The Authorised Officer Of The India Shelter Finance And Corporation Ltd. Under The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement (security) Interest Act, 2002 And In Exercise Of Power Conferred Under Section 13(12) Read With Rule 3 Of The Security Interest (enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued A Demand Notice On The Date Noted Hereinafter, Calling Upon The Borrower And Also The Owner Of The Property...

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India POSSESSION NOTICE REGIONAL OFFICE, LUCKNOW Union Bank Bhawan, Near Mantri Awas, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010, Telephone No.: (0522) - 2306915, 2305900

Table with 5 columns: Sl. No, Name of the Borrower / Guarantor, Description of the Charged Mortgaged Property, Dt. Of Demand Notice, Date of Possession. Contains details for multiple property auctions.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat-362 266. Corporate Office: 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, R Tech Park, Nirlon Complex, N. Hub Mall, Goregaon (E), Mumbai-400 063, MH.

Table with 4 columns: Sr. No, Name & Add. Of Borrower, Description of Mortgaged Properties, Date of Demand Notice. Details of property auctions by Aditya Birla Finance Limited.

GRIHUM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS POONAWALLA HOUSING FINANCE LTD) Registered Office: 602, 6th FLOOR, ZERO ONE IT PARK, SR. No. 79/1, GHORPADI, MUNDHWA ROAD, PUNE - 411005

ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED POSSESSION NOTICE (SEE RULE 8 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002) Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited (ABFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the said Act...

Table with 4 columns: Sl. No, Name of the Borrower(s), Demand Notice Dt. & S. Amt., Description of Immovable property (Properties Mortgaged), Possession Date. Auction details for Aditya Birla Finance Limited.

INDIAN BANK Zonal Office : Civil Lines, Moradabad E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE Whereas under section 13(2) of the 'Securitisation and Reconstruction of Finance Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002', the Authorised Officer has issued demand notice for the recovery from the borrowers/ guarantors/mortgagors (herein referred to as borrowers).

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No, Name of Account / Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagor & Branch Name, Description of Properties, O/s Amount as per Demand Notice (in Rupees), Reserve Price (in Rupees). Auction details for Indian Bank.

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India REGIONAL OFFICE :- HISAR DEMAND NOTICE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF ACT 54 OF 2002 FOR ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST DEMAND NOTICE A notice is hereby given that the following borrower(s) have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of credit facilities obtained by them from the bank and said facilities have turned Non Performing Assets as on (Sr. no. 1) 22.11.2023, (Sr. no. 2) 28.09.2023 (Sr. no. 3) 11.05.2023.