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Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Madhya Pradesh Strategic Governance Speeds up Development

Dr. Mohan Yadav
Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh Government under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav is speeding up infrastructure development and upscaling investment in key sectors to contribute to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed nation.

Robust railway infrastructure coming up in Madhya Pradesh

As many as 33 railway stations of Madhya Pradesh are being modernized. They figure among 554 railway stations taken up under the Amrut Bharat Station Scheme worth Rs. 41 thousand crores. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stones for redevelopment projects.

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav unveiled the stone plaques of railway stations and inaugurated 133 Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and underpasses. These include Sehore, Jabalpur, Bina, Ashoknagar, Khirkiya, Sanchi, Shajapur, Beohari, Bargawan, Narsinghpur, Pipariya, Indore, Ujjain, Mandasaur, Maksi, Nagda, Neemuch, Shujalpur, Khachrod, Balaghat, Chhindwara, Khandwa, Mandla Fort, Nainpur, Seoni, Anuppur, Shahdol, Umaria, Bijuri, Morena, Harpalpur, Datia and Bhind station. ROB include two ROB of Jabalpur Railway Division and four ROB of Bhopal Railway Division. Under the underpass, work will



be done at one place in Jabalpur and two places in Bhopal division. The ROB/underpass will do away with manned level crossing gates.

Madhya Pradesh is witnessing constructions worth Rs 77 thousand crores. Railway facilities are continuously expanding. World class railway stations

and rail facilities with new technology will be available.

The State is developing rapidly with Centre's support. Located in the heart of the country, it has immense potential for development of railway infrastructure. Not only two major railway lines of the country are operational here, but the laying the

railway line via Sehore to Ramganj Mandi and Budhni is being accelerated. Railway infrastructure development will be completed fast to further speed up development. Bhopal-Sehore-Raisen, Bhopal-Vidisha, Ujjain-Indore and Ujjain-Dewas will be developed as twin cities.

MP to achieve self-reliance in medical devices

Madhya Pradesh is warming up to take a long jump in medical device sector under the leadership of the Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, who is in dialogue with major players in the sector. Dr. Yadav warmly acknowledged the willingness of Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Telangana to invest in the Medical Device Park at Ujjain.

Madhya Pradesh has immense investment potential in textiles, pharma, medical devices, IT and automobile sectors. It is already having a good number of companies manufacturing medical devices namely Adcon Electricals, Rvtech Scientific Equipment, Malwa surgical cotton industries, Asia Pacific Labs, Bio-spectra Formulations.

Over 250 manufacturing units are producing small parts of medical devices including display screens, thermal controllers, medical beds etc. Over 20 medical devices manufacturing units are operational.

Madhya Pradesh has enabling atmosphere to implement the national medical devices policy. The medical devices sector is an essential and integral constituent of the Indian healthcare sector. It forms an important pillar

in the healthcare delivery system along with healthcare providers, pharmaceuticals and healthcare insurance industry. The medical devices constitute a multi-disciplinary sector. Major constituents are Electronic equipment, Implants, Consumables and Disposables, Surgical instruments and In-Vitro Diagnostic Reagents. The medical devices sector is a sunrise sector and is growing at a fast pace.

The market size of the medical devices sector in the country is estimated to be Rs. 90,000 crore. Madhya Pradesh has enormous potential to emerge as hub of medical device manufacturing. The focus is to achieve universal access to good quality Medical Devices for ensuring quality healthcare services to all at all ages. Secondly, enhancing

the domestic manufacturing capacity and capability for newer technologies to make the medical devices affordable. Thirdly, ensuring patient-centric care.

The medical device park on 200 acres is a part of Vikram Udyogpuri, which is located at village Narwar about 8 km far from Ujjain and 12 km far from Dewas and has a total area of 442.3 Ha (1096 acres).

The Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor is going to be a boon for Vikram Udyogpuri Limited and make it easier for achieving the goals of enhancing employment, industrial output and exports from the region, with sectoral objectives of providing quality industrial investments and world-class infrastructure facilities including supporting industrial, physical and social infrastructure.



MP to get 24 national highway projects worth Rs 10,405 crore

MADHYA PRADESH is witnessing exponential growth in infrastructure development. The surface connectivity is improving faster. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav intensified the pace of infrastructure growth. Madhya Pradesh got 24 National Highway projects, 724 kilometers roads costing Rs 10,405 crore in Bhopal and Jabalpur.

These projects will boost agriculture trade in

Mahakaushal region, improve connectivity for famous pilgrimage sites and support the coal industry in Katni. Connectivity to the famous tourist destinations like Khajuraho, Orchha, National Pench Tiger Corridor will be improved. Budhni textile industries and wood craft trade will also get support as Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi will have good inter state connectivity.

In Jabalpur, construction of bridge on Jamni river located on Tikamgarh-Jhansi road of NH-539, 2-lane road upgradation work with paved shoulder from Chadiya Valley to Katni bypass, fourlane construction of Bamitha to Khajuraho part of NH-339 lane widening works will lead to completely altered scenario.

Two lane with paved shoulder road upgradation work from Gulganj Bypass to Barna River, two lane road

construction from Barna River to Ken River, two lane from Shahdol to Sagar Tola Road upgradation work with paved shoulders, construction of total 23 bridge service roads in Lalitpur-Sagar-Lakhnadon section under NH-44 (MP), total 3 foot overs at Suktara, Khurai and Khawasa of NH-44 and construction work of bridge and improvement work of 2 black spots on Banjari Valley (NH-44) are coming up.

As many as 15 National

Highway projects, 498 kilometers long worth Rs 8,38 crore implemented at Bhopal and Jabalpur while 9 National Highway projects measuring 226 kilometers worth Rs 2,367 crore will come up soon.

Other projects include six lane widening of Ayodhya bypass section of NH-46, four lane widening of Shahganj to Bari section of NH-146B, Madhya Pradesh of NH-552 / two-lane road of Sheopur-Goras from Rajasthan border,

two-lane road of Sujalpur bypass on NH-752C, NH-552, construction of two-lane road of Ater and Bhind bypass, two-lane Goras to Shyampur road of NH-552 will soon be constructed.

Construction of two-lane road from Dahod (Gujarat border) to Ambua section of NH-56, two-lane road from NH-347A Multai to Madhya Pradesh / Maharashtra border is starting shortly.

The new stretch of 244 km. of

the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway is operative. It is passing through Madhya Pradesh covering several districts in the western region. This new road connectivity for the state passing through Jhabua, Mandasaur and Ratlam districts in Madhya Pradesh, connecting major cities, including Garoth, Jaora, Ratlam and Thandla will open a direct conduit to New Delhi, the national capital and Mumbai, the financial capital of the nation.





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Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

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Government of India



Shri Bhupendra Patel
Chief Minister, Gujarat



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Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar
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Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

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MAHARASHTRA STATE TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.W. (TRIBAL) DIVISION NASHIK
E-Tender Notice No. 64 for 2023-2024

Online Tenders (E tender) for Project Management of Consultants are invited by The Executive Engineer P.W. (Tribal) Division Nashik for and behalf of Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System <http://mahatenders.gov.in> From Registered Private Consultant / Consultancy firms or agencies Registered under the Companies Act 1956 or the Companies Act 2013 as the Case may be partnership firm Registered under the Indian Partnership Act 1932 / Joint Venture for Projects upto Rs 232.00 Cr Works under P.W. (Tribal) Circle Nashik. The rights are reserved to reject all or any tender by Executive Engineer. Conditional Tenders are not acceptable.

The Details can be viewed and downloaded online from dated 19/03/2024 to 26/03/2024 at 17.00 hrs directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Total Cost Lakh	Earnest Money Deposit	Time Limit in Tender Calendar Month	E Tender Blank Tender Form including processing fees of Rs.
1	Appointment of Project Management consultant for Construction of Eklavya Residential School @Titve Tal. Dindori Dist. Nashik	232.00 Cr	Rs 11,60,000/-	As per Project Duration	Rs 5900/-
2	Construction of Eklavya Resi. School @ Lauki Tal. Shirpur Dist. Dhule				
3	Construction of Eklavya Resi. School @ Roshmal Bu. Tal. Dhadgaon Dist. Nandubur				
4	Construction of Govt. Complex Central Tribal Building for Nashik Division I @ Peth road Tal. Dist. Nashik				
5	Construction of Boys Hostel Building @ Dr BaBasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University @Aurangabad				
6	Construction of Girls Hostel Building @ Dr BaBasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University @Aurangabad				

Sd/- (S.S. Sangale) Executive Engineer P.W. (Tribal) Division Nashik

DGIPR/2023-24/ROC 9801

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF ARCHEOLOGY NAGPUR DIVISION
INVITING NOTICE

Online E-tenders/Tenders are invited by the Directorate of Archaeology and Museums Nagpur Division from eligible, experienced Contractors, Assistant Director Dept. of Archaeology, Govt, Press Opposite, Zero Moil Square, Civil Line, Nagpur - 440001 (Phone No. 0712-2561187, Email - nagpurada0712@gmail.com) who are having working experience with Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, conservation and restoration of historic, ancient and heritage structure under the cultural or similar ministry Govt. of Maharashtra.

And Expression of interests through online E-tenders/ Tenders and invited from eligible, experienced contractor firms for following works.

Tender ID	Name Of Work	Earnest Money Rs.	Last Date	Amount
2024_TCAD M_1029090_1	CONSERVATION AND REPAIRS OF "KEWAL NARSIMHA TEMPLE" RAMTEK, TAL. RAMTEK, DIST. NAGPUR	1,50,000/-	Date: 07.03.2024 TO 15.03.2024	1,52,87,407/-
2024_TCAD M_1029470_1	CONSERVATION AND REPAIRS TO "WARAHA GATE" AT GADMANDIR RAMTEK, TAH. RAMTEK, DIST. NAGPUR	1,50,000/-		2,04,33,381/-
2024_TCAD M_1029521_1	CONSERVATION AND REPAIRS OF "RAM AND LAKSHMAN TEMPLE ANDRAMKUND CHATRI" RAMTEK, TAL. RAMTEK, DIST. NAGPUR	64,765/-		64,76,506/-

● The details of E-tender Displayed on website of <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

● Assistant Director of Archaeology, Directorate of Archaeology Nagpur Division reserves the right to select or reject any all tenders and to increase/decrease terms & conditions. The bidder or an person will have no right ask why the tenders is accepted/rejected.

Sd /- (Mayuresh Khadke) Assistant Director Department of Archaeology Nagpur

DGIPR/2023-2024/ROC 9747

Thane Municipal Transport, undertaking Thane
E - TENDER NOTICE

Thane Municipal Transport Undertaking invites On-line tender through E-tendering system from eligible bidders for "Selection of Bus successful bidder for Procurement, Operation and Maintenance of AC Electrical buses of Stage Carriage Services for public transport of 1)20 os. Midi (09mtr) AC Electric Buses with Driver & Maintenance 2)10 os. Double Decker (09-10 mtr) AC Electric Buses with Driver & Maintenance 3)14 Nos.SD (₹mtr) AC Electric Buses with Driver & Maintenance in the city of Thane & its neighboring Suburban cities and Mumbai on GROSS COST/CONTRACT(GCC) model under NCAP Scheme (15th Pay Commission Fund)"These buses are being funded by NCAP Scheme.

Description	Tender Form Cost (Inclusive of all Taxes with GST)	EMD
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR PROCUREMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF 20 (Nos) 9 MTR, 10 (Nos.) Double Decker (09-10 mtr) and 14 Nos. SD (12mtr) AC FULLY BUILT PURE ELECTRIC BUSES ON GROSS COST CONTRACT BASIS	29,500/-	15,97,000/-

The Request for Proposal (RFP) tender document & other detail information will be available E-tendering website <https://www.mahatender.gov.in/nicgep/app>. The Pre-bid conference will be held on 19/03/2024 at 14:00 Hrs. at Thane Municipal Transport Office, Rd Number 27/34, Wagle Estate, Hanuman Nagar, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane West, Thane, Maharashtra 400604.

The schedule of online tender bidding activities is as follows.

Activity	From	To
Tender download & Uploading	11/03/2024	01/04/2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.
Opening of technical bids	03/04/2024	at 16:00 Hrs. (If possible)
Opening of Financial Bid	To be intimated later	

Tender form Cost & Earnest money should be paid by way of online payment through e-tender portal <https://www.mahatender.gov.in/nicgep/app> inpayment gateway by the way of Debit/Credit Cards, Net banking, NEFT/RTGS. All rights to accept or reject any or all bids are reserved with Authority. Please note that for execution of contract agreement applicable stamp duty as per government rules should be paid by successful bidder.

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Dt.07.03.2024
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Sd/- Transport Manager Thane Municipal Transport Undertaking, Thane

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संख्या-आई/517272/2024-8-3099/480/2023
लखनऊ: दिनांक: 12 मार्च, 2024

विज्ञापित

जनपद लखनऊ में सुल्तानपुर रोड पर मे० अंसल ए.पी.आई. द्वारा विकसित की जा रही हाईटेक टाउनशिप परियोजना के डी.पी.आर. क्षेत्र से अवमुक्त की गयी विभिन्न ग्रामों की 498.6887 हे० (क्षे. 1232.2866 एकड़) भूमि एवं लखनऊ महायोजना-2031 के अन्तर्गत आने वाले किसान पथ / आउटर रिंग रोड के दोनों तरफ 500 मीटर की दूरी तक लखनऊ विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा सुनियोजित विकास किये जाने हेतु प्रस्तावित भूमि अर्जन से पूर्व सामाजिक समाघात आकलन (Social Impact Assessment) करने के लिए इच्छुक योग्य संस्थाओं से तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाने संबंधी आवास एवं शहरी नियोजन अनुभाग-3 की विज्ञापित संख्या-आई/437802/2024-8-3099/480/2023 दिनांक 01.12.2023 को एतद्वारा निरस्त किया जाता है, जिसके फलस्वरूप उक्त विज्ञापित में उल्लिखित सामाजिक समाघात आकलन के लिए संस्था के चयन संबंधी समस्त प्रक्रिया एवं कार्यवाही शून्य समझी जाएगी।

(डॉ० नितिन रमेश गोकर्ण)
अवर मुख्य सचिव

UP 205454 Dt. 12.03.2024, Website: www.upgov.in

Govt. of Bihar
NIT No. 18/CME/PMC/2024
TENDER

Patna Municipal Corporation invites online bids through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in for following works from the bidders fulfilling eligibility criteria's.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (Non-Refundable) (Paid Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)	EMD (Paid Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
1	RFP for Selection of Agency for Hiring of 180 Nos E-Auto Close Tipper & 30 Nos E-Auto Open Tipper for Door to Door MSW Collection & transportation to designated disposal site to Patna Municipal Corporation.	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 2,00,000/-

In case of Bank Guarantee, EMD shall be payable in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Patna Municipal Corporation" payable at Patna.

Key Dates:
Start of online bid/downloading of : From 28.03.2024 (15:00 Hrs.)
bid documents
Pre-bid Meeting : 01.04.2024 at 16:00 Hrs. (As per RFP)
Last date of Online Bid Submission: 12.04.2024 till 16:00 Hrs.
Technical Bid Opening date: 13.04.2024 at 16:00 Hrs.

The preferred Company/ agency would be selected through a single-stage two-part competitive bidding process based on evaluation of technical proposal and financial proposal. The bidders are expected to submit their proposal in accordance with the instruction provided in the RFP. Detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) incorporating instructions for submission of bid and other relevant information's will be available on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and www.pmc.bihar.gov.in from bid start date. Amendment/Corrigendum/ any information to NIT, if any would be published on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only.

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Chief Municipal Engineer Patna Municipal Corporation

PR- 019622 (B & C) 2023-24

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केवल ई० निविदा के अनुसार एवं www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना टू-बीड सिस्टम में दर S.B.D. CONTRACT ई० निविदा संख्या - 14/2023-24

शुद्धि-पत्र 2023-24

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक-108(अनु०) दिनांक 13.02.2024 के द्वारा निर्गत ई-निविदा संख्या-14/2023-24 एवं पी० आर० सं० 017450(BCD) 2023-24 है, जो दैनिक समाचार पत्र -दैनिक जागरण में दिनांक-17.02.2024 को प्रकाशित हुआ है, को अपरिहार्य कारणों से अवधि विस्तार किया जाता है।

कार्य का नाम:- शिवहर जिलान्तर्गत पिपराही प्रखंड में 520 आसन वाले एक अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग कन्या आवासीय +2 उच्च विद्यालय के भवन निर्माण कार्य। (विद्युतिकरण सहित)।

क्र० सं०	पूर्व से अंकित तिथि	संशोधित तिथि
1	परिमाण विपन्न बिक्री (डाउनलोड की) तिथि, समय एवं स्थान पर।	दिनांक-12.03.2024 से 01.04.2024 को 15:00 बजे तक।
2	निविदा प्राप्ति (अपलोड करने) की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 02.04.2024 को 15:00 बजे अपन तक।
3	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 04.04.2024 को 15:30 बजे के बाद
4	प्री-बीडमिटिंग की तिथि समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक 18.03.2024 को 12:30 बजे अपन अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन अंचल, मोतिहारी के कार्यालय प्रकोष्ठ में।
5	प्री-बीडमिटिंग की तिथि समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक 21.03.2024 को 03:00 अपन मुख्य अभियंता(उ०), भवन निर्माण, विभाग, बिहार, पटना के कार्यालय प्रकोष्ठ में।
6	वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 12.04.2024 को 15:30 बजे अपरान्त के बाद

अन्य सभी शर्तें एवं कंडिकारें पूर्ववत् रहेगी।

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PR. No. 019545 (BCD) 2023-24

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
No. 1515 / Date 07.03.2024
"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

1. Name of the Work	: Road Work under Deposit Scheme
2. Total No. of works:	: 01 No. of Road Work under Deposit Scheme for the year 2023-24
3. Estimated Cost of the work:	: Rs.473.45 lakhs
4. Class of Contractor	: A Class of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
a) Estimated cost more than Rs. 1.00 Crore up to Rs. 20.00 Crores.	: As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
5. Period of completion	: As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6. Offered rates by bidder	: The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST.
7. Other details	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender-Online-C.C.12 of 2024	14.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	28.03.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.	30.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later on

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

CHIEF ENGINEER CENTRAL R.W. CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
OIPR - 25194/11/0015/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE BOLANGIR
"e" Procurement Notice

1. Name of work	: Construction of PHC Building for the year 2023-24 in the District of Bolangir
2. No. of works	: 8 (Eight) works.
3. Time for completion	: 12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
4. Approximate estimated cost varies from	: Rs. 102.86 lakhs Rs. 102.89 lakhs
5. Mode of Submission of tender	: Tender should be submitted online in www.tendersodisha.gov.in
6. Other details are as follow	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last date and time of seeking tender clarification		Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid		
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir	BLGR-Online-57/2023-24	14.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	28.03.2024 upto 5.00 P.M.	27.03.2024 upto 5.00 P.M.	30.03.2024 at 11.00 A. M.	The date will be intimated later on	

* Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

* Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e tender website only.

Chief Construction Engineer R. W.Circle, Bolangir
OIPR - 25118/11/0091/2324

Himachal Pradesh JAL Shakti Division, Barsar
NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT TENDER

Online bids are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Barsar, Distt. Barsar (H.P.) 174305 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, in electronic tendering system for the under mentioned work from the qualified and experienced contractors/firms enlisted with Jal Shakti Vibhag or any other Govt./Semi Govt. Department/Autonomous bodies in appropriate class. The bidders who have experience in construction of similar work and have established organization for taking up such work and who satisfy the qualification criteria of bid document need only apply. The scope of the work will be as under:-

Sr. No.	Description	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Cost of form	Time Limit
1	Construction of Check Dam on Kunah Khad near village Didwin Tikker Tehsil & Distt. Hamirpur (H.P.) (SH:- Construction of Check Dam-I near village Dodru of 5.20 metres height & Check Dam-II near Village Didwin of 5.00 metres height	5,93,53,192/-	626040/-	2500/-	18 Months

- Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in>, by the interested contractors/firms/individuals registered on the website which is free of cost.
- Construction of Check Dam on Kunah Khad near village Didwin Tikker Tehsil & Distt. Hamirpur (H.P.) (SH:- Construction of Check Dam-I near village Dodru of 5.20 metres height & Check Dam-II near Village Didwin of 5.00 metres height. Accordingly, the bidder/firm must make all necessary provision for required qualified resource personnel, their time and other costs, and appropriate engineering / technical considerations in survey, design, construction, erection, execution, commissioning process for the project; including necessary documentation and inspections.
- Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with "Single Stage two Envelope" Bidding Procedure. Bid security, and eligibility documents as per eligibility criteria, Technical Bid and Financial bid should be put in separate envelop and the bids shall be submitted online electronically.
- Bid evaluation criteria** - Eligible Technically Qualified lowest evaluated bidder (L1) shall be considered as a successful bidder. However, the acceptance of the proposal shall rest with the EMPLOYER who does not bind itself to accept the lowest proposal, and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the proposals received without assigning any reason.
- As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.
- KEY DATES SHALL BE AS UNDER:-**

a	Date of Online publication	From 11.03.2024
b	Downloading of e-bid Documents	From 11.03.2024 at 5.00 PM to 27.03.2024 11.00 A.M.
c	Date of submission of e-bid	From 11.03.2024 at 5.00 PM to 27.03.2024 upto 11.00 A.M.
d	Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender documents	Up to 11.00 AM on 27.03.2024
e	Date of opening of bids:	27.03.2024 at 11.30 AM
	1) Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria & Technical bid	On 27.03.2024 at 11.30 AM
	Cover 2 Financial Bid	Shall be intimated separately
f	Site Visit	Between 11.00 AM dated 11.03.2024 to 26.03.2024 up to 4.00 P.M. alongwith the Assistant Engineer/concerned Junior Engineer, JAL Shakti Sub Division Bhotia
g	Pre-Bid Meeting	On 15.03.2024 at 3.00 PM in the Office of Superintending Engineer, Jal Shakti Circle Hamirpur. The queries of the bidders to be discussed during Pre-bid shall be submitted till 11.00 AM on 15.03.2024. No queries shall be entertained afterwards.

Note:- Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in>, by the interested contractors/firms/individuals registered on the website which is free of cost.

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PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
CIVIL HO
TENDER NOTICE No. - CIVIL/GARDEN AND SPORT/100/1/2023-2024

Offers by way of e-tendering (Percentage) are invited by the Joint City Engineer, Civil Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation from contractors in e-tendering system for following works. 1) The contractor shall quote his Percentage offer on the Cost of work excluding material testing charges as mentioned below. 2) The offer for work shall be exclusive of GST. The GST at the applicable rate shall be paid separately by PCMC for work. 3) Regarding the Royalty, the policy that the corporation determines will be binding on you.

Sr. No	Name of work	Estimated cost put to the Tender (Rs) (4+6)	Cost of Work excluding Material testing charges (Rs)	Royalty (Rs)	Testing Charges (Rs)	Earnest money (Rs)	Security Deposit (Rs)	Time limit in calendar Months	Cost of Tender Document + with G.S.T.(Non Refundable) (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Development of Biodiversity Park At Talwade	74,53,55,279	74,52,36,009	1,47,78,771	1,19,270	37,26,776	3,72,67,770	18	74,704

Time table for the tenders shall be as follows:

Online sale of tenders	-:	Date 13/03/2024 to Date 27/03/2024
Last date of submission of tenders	-:	Date 27/03/2024 up to 3.00 pm
Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time	-:	Date 20/03/2024 at 3.00 pm
Place of Pre Bid Meeting	-:	Commissioner Pcmc, PCMC Main Building Pimpri, Pune-411018
Date of opening of tenders	-:	Date 29/03/2024 at 3.00 pm

The Municipal Commissioner PCMC reserves the right to accept or reject any tender partially or completely without any reason thereof. The details of above works, such as Security Deposit, Earnest Money Deposit, Terms & Conditions of the Tender and Schedule of works, are available on web site www.pcmcindia.gov.in, <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. In case of any technical problem related to the tender document, the same can be referred to the NIC email support@eproc@nic.in or on telephone numbers 0120-4200462, 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005, 0120-627787

ADVT No: 644
Date: ENGG/CIVIL GARDEN & SPORT/16/102/2024
Date: 12/03/2024

Sd/- (Manoj Sethia) Joint City Engineer Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Pimpri - 411 018.

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Sri M. B. Patil, Hon'ble Minister for Large & Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, GoK, speaking about KHIR City

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Encouragement of new business opportunities

Launch of distribution of 1 lakh PPE kits and NAMASTE Ayushman Health Cards

By

Sh. Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister

(Through Video Conferencing)

Wednesday, 13 March 2024 | 4:00 pm

In the August Presence of

Dr. Virendra Kumar

Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment,
Government of India

Ramdas Athawale

Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment,
Government of India

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited from reputed and experienced contractors for construction of balance civil works of Amethi SHP, Block- Nokha, Dist.- Rohtas (Bihar). The tender can be downloaded from the website upto 25.03.2024 (18:00 Hrs.).
For details visit: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
PR-019563 (B & C) 2023-24
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DELHI URBAN SHELTER IMPROVEMENT BOARD
GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), Govt. of NCT of Delhi invites applications from suitable officers to fill up the following posts, on deputation basis.

S. No.	Name of Posts	Pay Matrix Level	No. of Post
1	Chief Engineer (Civil)	Pay Matrix Level-14	01
2	Chief Engineer (Electrical)	Pay Matrix Level-14	01
3	Director(Ministerial)	Pay Matrix Level-12	02
4	Superintendent Engineer (Civil)	Pay Matrix Level-12	03
5	Superintendent Engineer (Electrical)	Pay Matrix Level-12	02
6	Budget & Finance Officer	Pay Matrix Level-12	01
7	Deputy Director(System)	Pay Matrix Level-11	01
8	Assistant Director(System)	Pay Matrix Level-10	01
9	Sr. Law officer	Pay Matrix Level-11	01
10	Architect	Pay Matrix Level-11	01
11	Executive Engineer(Electrical)	Pay Matrix Level-11	02
12	Accounts Officer	Pay Matrix Level-09	03
13	Assistant Account Officer	Pay Matrix Level-08	12
14	Jr Law officer	Pay Matrix Level-08	02
15	Assistant Engineer (Electrical)	Pay Matrix Level-08	04

Interested candidates may apply with detailed bio-data, in prescribed proforma along with requisite documents, by 10.04.2024 to Pr. Director (Admn), Room No. F-4, Vikas Kutir, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.
For details, please visit our websites : <http://www.delhishelterboard.in>
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Mob. 882697456
Mail Address: adm.delhishelter@gmail.com

DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD
SADAR BAZAR, DELHI CANTT-110010
TENDER NOTICE

Delhi Cantonment Board invites tenders from the Govt. approved Firms/Contractors in appropriate category through e-tendering for the following works as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Date of release of tender through e-procurement	Last date & time for downloading of tender documents	Last date and time submission of e-tenders	Date and time for opening of e-tenders
1.	Annual Rate Contract of Dental Material and Instrument Cantonment General Hospital, Delhi Cantt.	14.03.2024 at 1800 hrs	03.04.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	03.04.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	04.04.2024 at 1530 hrs.
2.	Setting up of Polling Stations for the General Election Lok Sabha-2024 falling in the area of Delhi Cantonment	14.03.2024 at 1800 hrs	21.03.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	21.03.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	22.03.2024 at 1530 hrs.
3.	Operation & Maintenance of Sorting Cum Composting Machine for 03 years at Delhi Cantonment	14.03.2024 at 1800 hrs	03.04.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	03.04.2024 upto 1500 hrs.	04.04.2024 at 1530 hrs.

The bidder may download the "Tender Document" and other terms and conditions as available on the web site of <https://delproc.gov.in/nicgep/app>
Telephone No. 25695450
CA NO. DGB/32S-1/NIT-1/2024
OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD
Chief Executive Officer
Delhi Cantonment

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CIN-U41000MP2012SGC028798
NIT No. 186-188/SQC/Proc./MPJNM/2023-24 Bhopal, Dated : 12.03.2024
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (2ND CALL)

Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam (MPJN) intends to engage Supervision & Quality Control Consultants (SQC) for Multi Village Drinking Water Supply Schemes (MVDWSS) under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Madhya Pradesh on man-month basis.
Bids are re-invited online through Madhya Pradesh Government E-Procurement Portal.

NIT No.	PIU	Total Villages	PAC (Rs. Cr.)	Duration (months)	EMD (Rs. Lakh)	Document Fee (Rs.)
186	Jhabua	1,260	12.30	27	10.00	30,000
187	Gwalior	603	7.22	27	7.22	20,000
188	Ujjain	885	4.63	27	4.63	15,000

Interested bidders can view/download/purchase the bid document online from M.P. Government E-Procurement Portal. Uploading of detailed bid documents of individual RFPs will be up to 14.03.2024. Bidding process dates mentioned as critical dates on M.P. Government E-Procurement Portal will be applicable. Corrigendum/Addendum in NIT, if any, would be published on portal only and not in newspapers.
M.P. Government E-Procurement Portal - <https://mptenders.gov.in>
M.P. Madhyam/114352/2024
MANAGING DIRECTOR

MADHYA PRADESH BUILDING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(An Agency of Govt. of M.P. Public Works Department)
16-A, CEDMAP Building, Arera Hills, Bhopal-462011 (MP)
Telephone No. : 0755-4853297, 0755-4853295
E-mail : einc-mpbdc@mp.gov.in, ajay.nagaria@mp.gov.in
NIT No. : 4949/GM/MPBDC/CW/24/NIT-52 Bhopal, Dated : 12.03.2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Madhya Pradesh Building Development Corporation invites online tender for the following works :-

1. Selection of Engineering Project Support Consultants for Various Projects of Madhya Pradesh Building Development Corporation- 01 Work-Probable Amount of Construction Work Rs. 2,00,000 Lakhs
2. Proposed Construction & Development of Medicity in Ujjain, District Ujjain (M.P.)- 01 Work - Probable Amount of Construction Works Rs. 57853 Lakhs
3. SQC Consultancy Work of Medicity in Ujjain, District Ujjain (M.P.) Package No. 014/2024/SQC/BDC/UJJAIN 01 Work- Probable Amount of Construction Work Rs. 57853 Lakhs, Probable Amount of Consultancy fees Rs. 867.80 Lakhs

Detailed NIT and tender documents can be viewed, downloaded and purchased online only from 18.04.2024 at 18:00 hrs. to 28.05.2024 at 15:30 hrs. from website www.mptenders.gov.in
Registration in MPPWD is required only for S.No.02.
PAC can vary at the time of uploading of tender document. Any amendment/corrigendum 'if any' will be published on website only, will not be published on newspapers.
M.P. Madhyam/114365/2024
MANAGING DIRECTOR

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना-800001
विज्ञापन संख्या-22/2024,
अध्यापक नियुक्ति प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा (TRE-3)
उम्मीदवारों के लिए आवश्यक सूचना

1. अभ्यर्थी परीक्षा प्रारंभ होने के 2 घंटे पूर्व परीक्षा केंद्र पर पहुंचना सुनिश्चित करेंगे। परीक्षा प्रारंभ होने के 1 घंटे पूर्व परीक्षा केंद्र में अभ्यर्थियों को प्रवेश की अनुमति नहीं दी जायेगी। इस संबंध में प्रवेश पत्र पर अंकित "आवश्यक निर्देश" को उम्मीदवार ध्यान से पढ़ेंगे और उसका अक्षरशः अनुपालन करें।
2. OMR Answer Sheet (उत्तर-पत्रक) में Question Booklet का Series अंकित रहेगा। अभ्यर्थी OMR Answer Sheet में Question Booklet की संख्या लिखेंगे एवं Roll No. (अनुक्रमांक) का केवल गोला रंगना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।
3. इस परीक्षा में उम्मीदवारों को औपचारिक रूप से प्रवेश की अनुमति दी गयी है। उम्मीदवारों को निर्गत प्रवेश पत्र में यह स्पष्ट रूप से अंकित किया गया है उनकी पात्रता के सम्बन्ध में ऑनलाइन आवेदन में किये गये प्रविष्टि में अंकित तथ्यों के आधार पर विधिवत जांच/सत्यापन के पश्चात् उनकी अभ्यर्थिता पर आयोग द्वारा निर्णय लिया जायेगा।
4. आवेदन में अंकित तथ्य किसी भी समय जाँच के क्रम में अन्याय पाए जाने की स्थिति में सम्बन्धित उम्मीदवार की उम्मीदवारी रद्द की जा सकती है और आयोग की इस परीक्षा अथवा इस परीक्षा सहित आगामी परीक्षाओं में उन्हें भाग लेने से वंचित किया जा सकता है।
5. परीक्षा केंद्र परिसर, जहाँ परीक्षा होगी है, में मोबाइल, ब्ल्यूटूथ, वाई-फाई गैजेट, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक पेन, पेजर Wrist Watch (सामान्य/Smart) आदि जैसी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सामग्री को लेकर जाना एवं उपयोग वर्जित है। परीक्षा कक्ष में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सामग्री ले जाने पर उसे कदाचार मानते हुए बिहार परीक्षा संचालन अधिनियम, 1981 के तहत आवश्यक कानूनी कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

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NOTICE INVITING BID
Integrated Infrastructure development of 12M. & 20M. wide roads in TPS 7 under NAINA Project.

CIDCO of Maharashtra Limited through the process of E-tendering invites "ON LINE" item rate percentage Bids in two bid system (Part-I Technical Bid & Part-II commercial bid) from experienced prospective bidders fulfilling the mandatory eligibility criteria and scoring minimum qualifying marks of 75 in the Technical bid evaluation, comprising of total 100 marks as per Annexure-I, registered with CIDCO Ltd. or with Central Govt., or with State Govt. of Maharashtra and its undertakings in appropriate class & Category, who have completed work of similar nature for the work mentioned below:

1. Name of Work: Integrated Infrastructure development of 12M. & 20M. wide roads in TPS 7 under NAINA Project. 2. C.A. No.: 07/CIDCO/EE (NAINA-II)/2023-24 3. Cost put to the Bid: ₹99,23,58,958.81 (excluding GST) (₹97,94,07,290.00 Biddable Part + ₹1,29,51,668.81 Non-Biddable Part) 4. E.M.D.: ₹99,24,000.00 5. Registration Class: Class - IA (Without Limit) - (Civil) 6. Completion Period: 730 (Seven Hundred Thirty) Days (including Monsoon) 7. Tender Processing Fee: ₹70,800.00 (including 18% GST (Non-Refundable))

Bid Document along with Bidding Programme will be available on the website mahatenders.gov.in from 14/03/2024 at 17.01 Hrs.
Superintending Engineer (NAINA)
www.cidco.maharashtra.gov.in CIDCO/PR/69/2023-24

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NOTICE INVITING BID
Integrated Infrastructure development of 30M., 27M. & 20M. wide roads in TPS 4 under NAINA Project.

CIDCO of Maharashtra Limited through the process of E-tendering invites "ON LINE" item rate percentage Bids in two bid system (Part-I Technical Bid & Part-II commercial bid) from experienced prospective bidders fulfilling the mandatory eligibility criteria and scoring minimum qualifying marks of 75 in the Technical bid evaluation, comprising of total 100 marks as per Annexure-I, registered with CIDCO Ltd. or with Central Govt., or with State Govt. of Maharashtra and its undertakings in appropriate class & Category, who have completed work of similar nature for the work mentioned below:

1. Name of Work: Integrated Infrastructure development of 30M., 27M. & 20M. wide roads in TPS 4 under NAINA Project. 2. C.A. No.: 11/CIDCO/EE(NAINA-I)/2023-24 3. Cost put to the Bid: ₹1,40,95,41,986.00 (excluding GST) (₹1,39,32,01,091.00 Biddable Part + ₹1,63,40,895.00 Non-Biddable Part) 4. E.M.D.: ₹1,41,00,000.00 5. Registration Class: Class - I A (Without Limit) - (Civil) 6. Completion Period: 913 (Nine Hundred Thirteen) Days (including Monsoon) 7. Tender Processing Fee: ₹70,800.00 (including 18% GST (Non-Refundable))

Bid Document along with Bidding Programme will be available on the website mahatenders.gov.in from 14/03/2024 at 17.01 Hrs.
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Hindustan Times

CAA law rolls out as portal launched for citizenship requests

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NEW DELHI: Migrants from six minority communities in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh will be granted citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or CAA, with retrospective effect, the Union home ministry said on Tuesday as it launched an online portal amid mounting political controversy over the law that was passed four years ago but implemented just weeks before general elections.

The controversial law — which fast-tracks citizenship to Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Parsi and Christian communities who entered India from three neighbouring countries on or before December 31, 2014 — was implemented on Monday.

"Persons granted citizenship by registration or naturalisation under section 6B of the Citizenship Act shall be deemed to be a citizen of India from the date of his/her entry into India," stated a document posted by the ministry on the portal — <https://indiancitizenshiponline.nic.in/#caa> — also launched on Tuesday.

Application submissions begin

A day after the law was implemented, an online portal was kicked off for those seeking Indian citizenship under CAA

<https://indiancitizenshiponline.nic.in/#caa>
The website will allow individuals to create a login and then submit their applications for Indian citizenship under CAA

Mobile app also coming
CAA-2019
A mobile app will also be launched shortly to facilitate applications through mobile, the home ministry said.

CITIZENSHIP WITH RETROSPECTIVE EFFECT
The rules posted on the portal state that the people who get citizenship under section 6B of the act will be "deemed to be a citizen of India from the date of his/her entry into India".
This means that the citizenship granted will be with retrospective effect, and that there's no start date for citizenship under CAA and only an end date (December 31, 2014).

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Section 6B was inserted in the Citizenship (Amendment) Act for acquisition of citizenship by naturalisation by migrants under CAA, which triggered sweeping protests across India, but especially in the Northeast and Bengal, when it was first passed in 2019.

The law was implemented on Monday after the government issued its rules, more than four years after it was passed by Parliament. The 39-page notification issued by the home ministry stated the rules will come into force from Monday, the date of publication in the official gazette.

The announcement, in keeping with the government's promise, continued on →15

INFLATION STAYS FLAT AT 5.09% IN FEB, TAD HIGHER THAN ESTIMATES

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NEW DELHI: India's benchmark inflation number, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), remained flat between January and February. The headline retail inflation number came in at 5.09% in February compared to the 5.1% print for January 2024. The January and February CPI prints, when read with the recent reduction of Rs 100 in LPG cylinder prices — this will show up in the March inflation numbers — mean that CPI will be close to the RBI's forecast of 5% for the quarter ending March 2024. The February inflation number is also in line with analyst forecasts. A Bloomberg poll of economists had projected this to be 5.05%. →BOOK II



TEJAS LCA CRASHES ON HOSTEL ROOF NEAR JAISALMER; NO CASUALTIES

POKHRAN: A Tejas aircraft of the Indian Air Force on Tuesday crashed near Jaisalmer, minutes after taking part in a tri-services exercise that sought to demonstrate the strides India has made towards self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector, officials said.

This marks the first crash of the light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas, which IAF began inducting in July 2016. "One Tejas aircraft of IAF met with an accident at Jaisalmer today... The pilot ejected safely. A Court of Inquiry has been constituted to find out the cause of the accident," the IAF said.

A portion of a hostel building was damaged in the crash, local officials said. →PTI

Indigenous military might on show, PM in attendance

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POKHRAN (RAJASTHAN): In the run-up to the general elections due this summer, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday escalated attacks on the Opposition, blaming it for neglecting the defence sector for decades while it was in power, failing to check corruption in military deals, keeping the armed forces dependent on foreign suppliers, and destroying state-run defence companies.

"It was a matter of misfortune for the country that those who governed it for decades were not serious about its



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Bharat Shakti military exercise in Pokhran, Rajasthan on Tuesday. PTI

Pant completes remarkable recovery, declared fit for IPL

NEW DELHI: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Tuesday declared Rishabh Pant fit to play as a wicketkeeper-batter in the upcoming IPL, brightening his prospects of a national comeback in the T20 World Cup after suffering multiple injuries in a harrowing car crash 14 months ago.

Pant, who will once again be back as Delhi Capitals skipper, has undergone extensive rehabilitation and is ready to shoulder the dual responsibility in the event starting March 22, ending weeks of speculation surround-



ing his exact role in the league. "After undergoing an extensive 14-month rehab and recovery process, following a life-threatening road mishap on

December 30th, 2022, near Roorkee, Uttarakhand, Rishabh Pant has now been declared fit as a wicket-keeper batter for the upcoming IPL 2024," said the BCCI in a statement.

A few weeks ago, Pant, in an interaction with Star Sports, said, "I asked the doctor how long will it take for me to recover. I told him that everybody is speaking different things, but you will give me the most clarity about it. He said it would take 16 to 18 months. I told him whatever timeline you give me, I will reduce six months from it." →PIB

26 ROUNDS FIRED NEAR COLLEGE IN CAPITAL AS GANG, COPS TRADE FIRE

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NEW DELHI: Three suspects, who allegedly shot dead a man and wounded another person in Seelampur in Delhi on March 9, were arrested following a gunfight early on Tuesday, a police officer said. A special police team received specific information that three would be present near Ambedkar College, officers said. "In retaliatory firing, all three criminals suffered bullet injuries to their legs," he said, adding that the three and the police team fired 13 rounds each. →P3

{ LOVE IN THE WORLD OF CRIME }

Just married, Kala Jathedi and Madam Minz: Capital's big, fat gangster wedding solemnised



Hundreds of police personnel in bulletproof jackets surrounded the mandap in Dwarka Sector 8 on Tuesday. HT PHOTO

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NEW DELHI: Dressed in a pink sari and with henna on her hands, Anuradha Choudhary, 39, married her longtime partner Sandeep, 39, in Dwarka in Delhi on Tuesday afternoon. In attendance were a priest, their families, a few friends, and at least 250 armed police personnel.

As the two concluded their pheras, the elderly sang folk songs and the guests showered rose petals on the couple, while 20 police officers in bullet proof jackets, and armed with rifles and body cameras, surrounded the mandap. This was no ordinary wedding.

This was the wedding of two of Delhi-NCR's most notorious gangsters: Sandeep alias Kala Jathedi and Anuradha alias Madam Minz.

With at least 76 cases of murder, extortion, and kidnapping against him, Sandeep was arrested in 2021. In February this year, his lawyer applied for custody bail, which was approved on March 4 by a Delhi court that awarded him six hours to get married on Tuesday.

Anuradha has a dozen cases of money laundering and criminal intimidation against her and is currently out on bail. The two got arrested together from Saharanpur in 2021. →P4

NUMBER THEORY

Deciphering the change of guard by BJP in Haryana

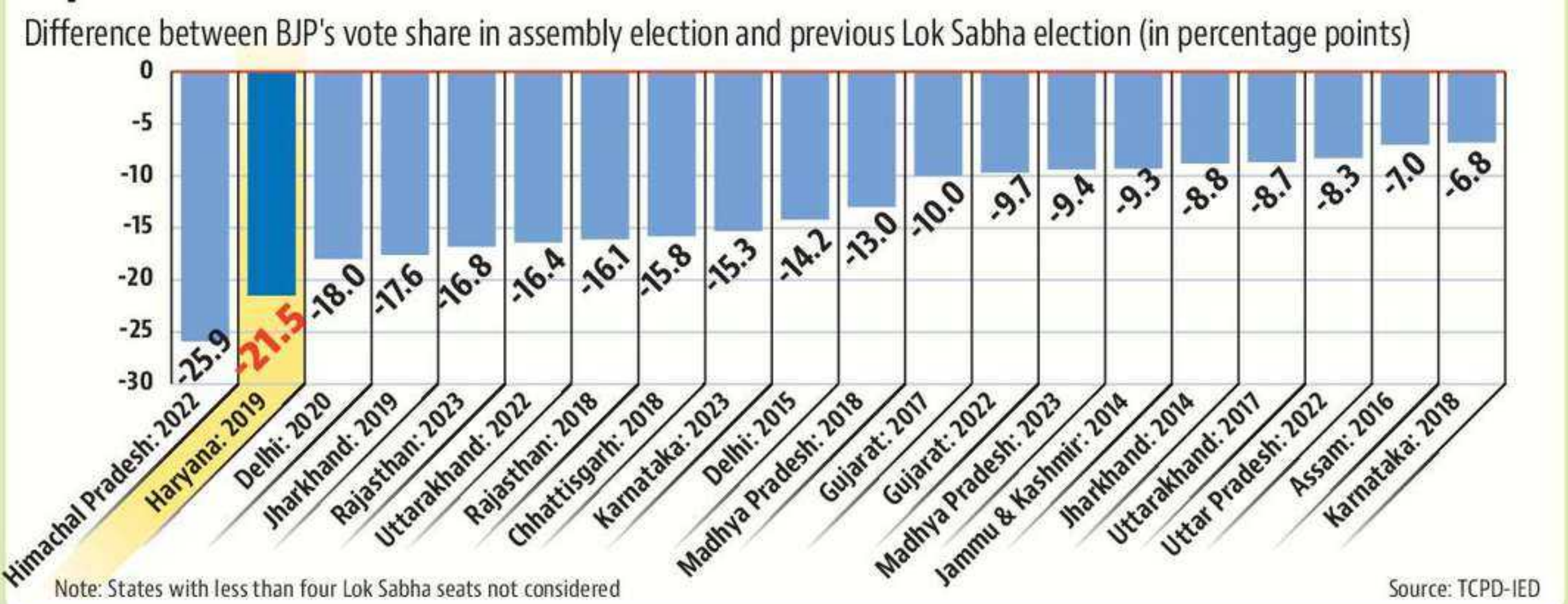
By Abhishek Jha and Roshan Kishore

In a surprise move, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has changed its chief minister in Haryana days before the announcement of 2024 Lok Sabha elections with state party president Nayab Singh Saini replacing Manohar Lal Khattar. To be sure, the reshuffle in Haryana was triggered by the BJP parting ways with the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), whose leader Dushyant Chautala was the deputy CM in the BJP government until now. What explains this churn? Here are three charts which put this in context.

1 The BJP was unable to preserve its dominance between the 2019 national and state elections in Haryana

The BJP won all 10 parliamentary constituencies (PCs) in Haryana in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections and had a vote share of 58% at the state level. Its advantage vis-a-vis the Congress, its main competitor in the state, was a massive 30 percentage points. However, when the 2019 assembly elections were held just six months later, the BJP's vote share fell sharply to 36.5%, bringing down its assembly constituency (AC)-wise seat share of 88% in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections to 44% in the assembly elections. While the BJP polling a lower vote share in state elections than national elections in the post-2014 period is a well-established trend, the 2019 Haryana assembly elections were an outlier with the fall in vote share between a Lok Sabha and assembly elections being the second largest after the 2022 Himachal Pradesh election.

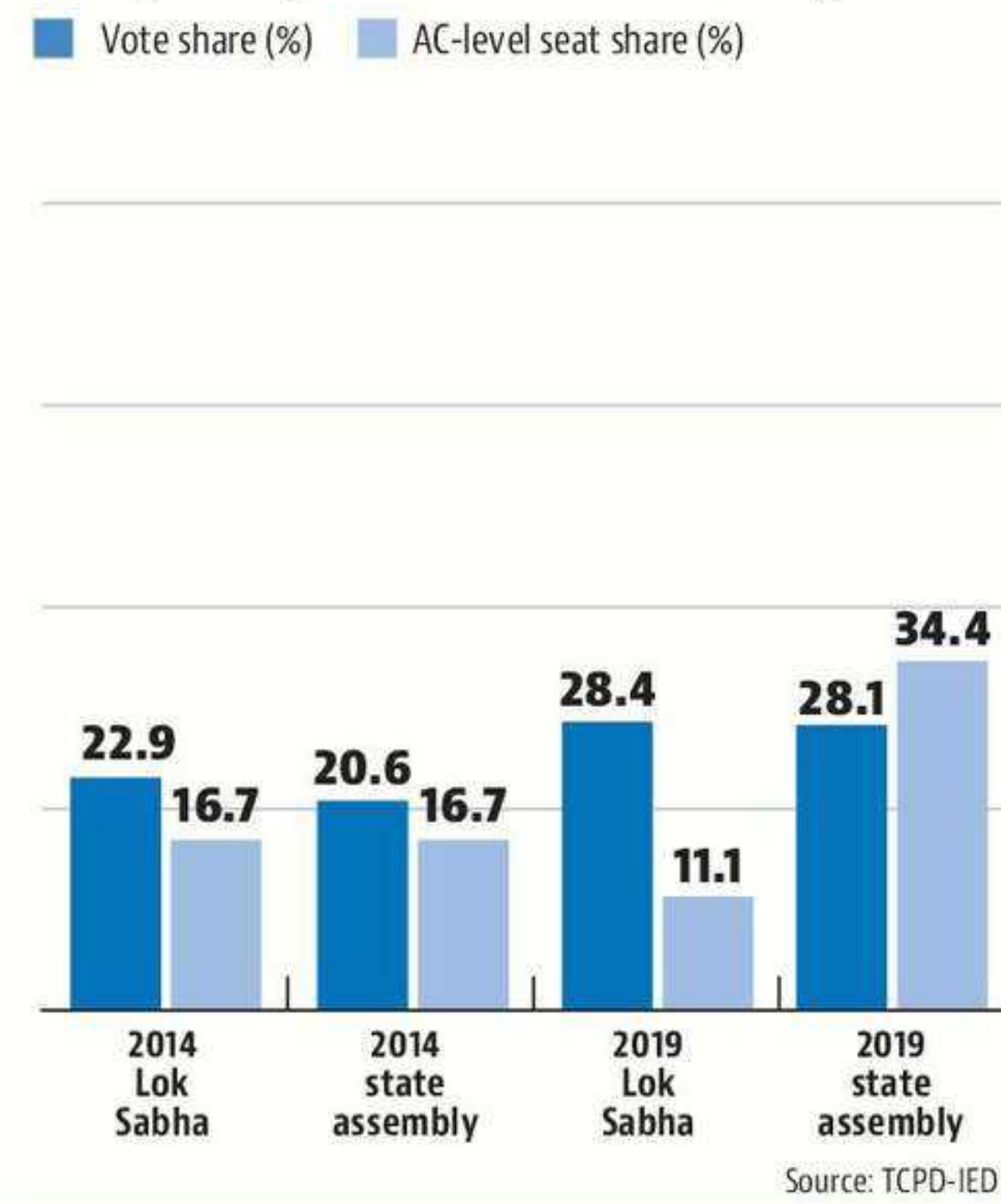
Top 20 vote share losses for BJP between national and state elections since 2014



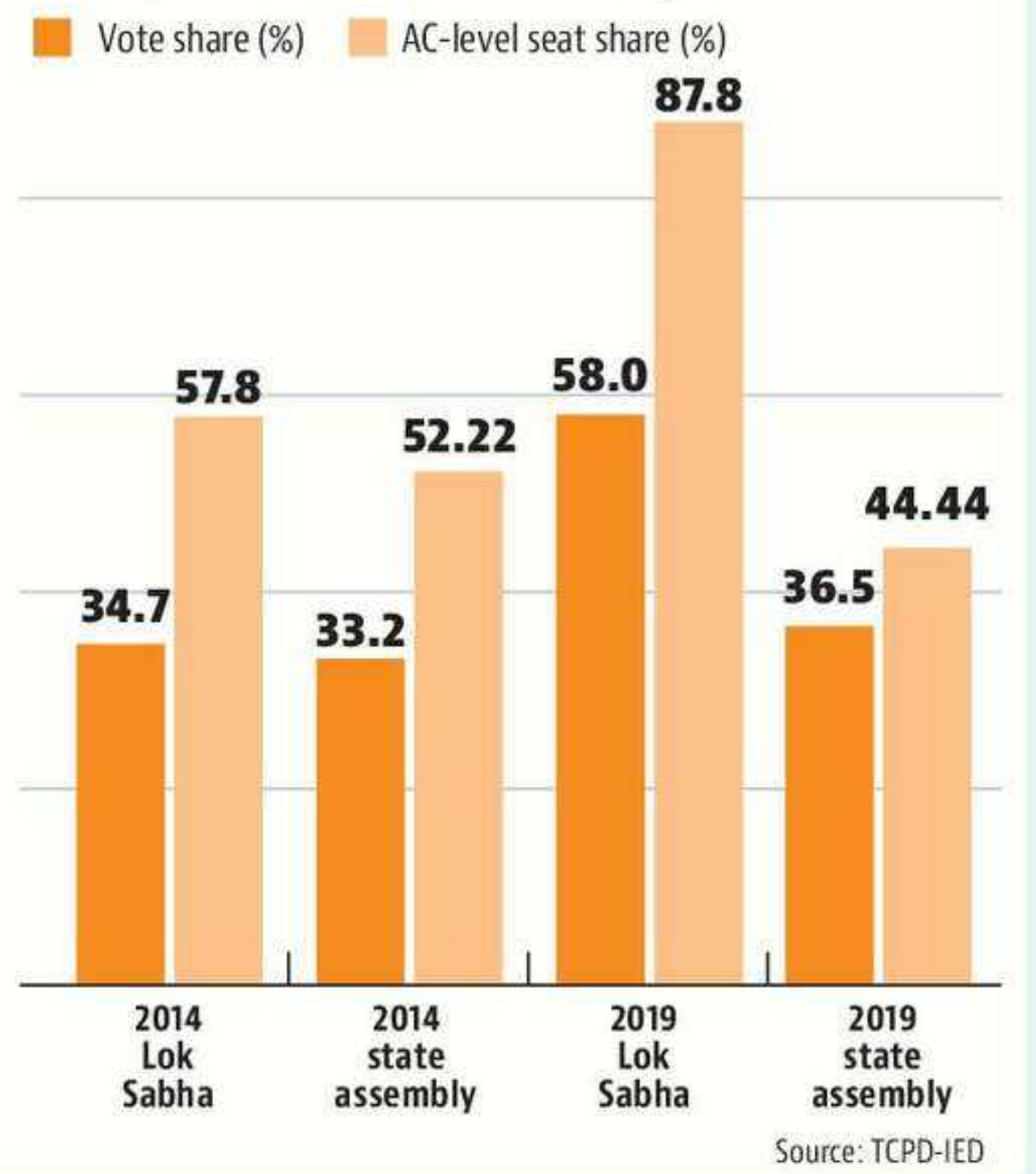
2 The Congress, on the other hand, recovered some ground compared to 2014 in 2019

A comparison of the vote share of the Congress party in Lok Sabha and assembly elections held in 2014 and 2019 shows this clearly. While the Congress suffered a fall in its Lok Sabha seat share in 2019 despite a five-percentage point rise in vote share, it more than doubled its seat share between the 2014 and 2019 assembly elections with just an eight-percentage point increase in vote share. These numbers suggest that the Congress actually bottomed out in Haryana in 2014, and witnessed some sort of revival, even if it was far from what it would take for it to win back the state.

Congress performance in Haryana



BJP performance in Haryana



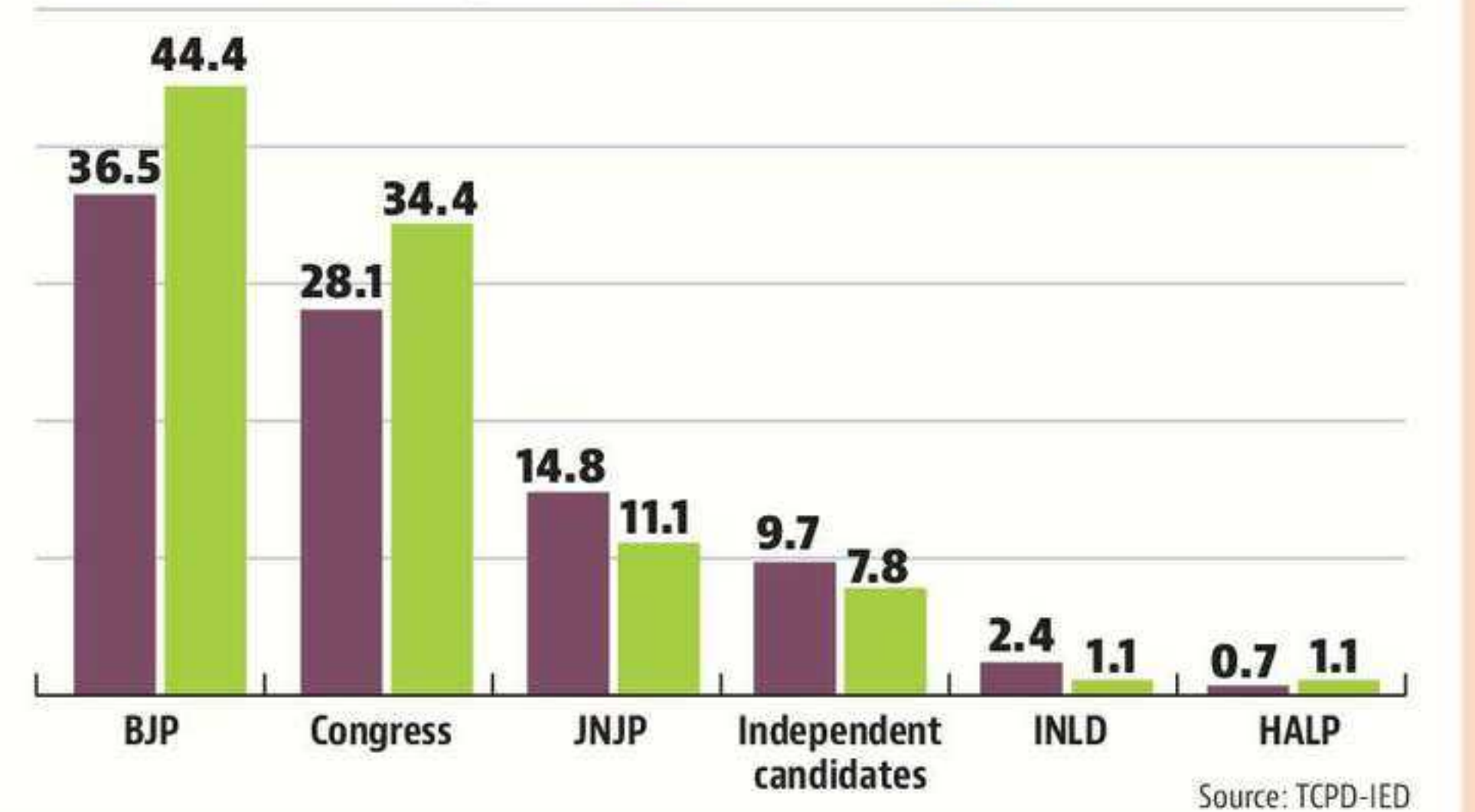
3 The prospect of a Congress-JJP government in Haryana after 2019 was a worry for the BJP

With 31 and 10 MLAs each, the combined strength of the Congress and the JJP in the assembly was one more than that of the BJP after the 2019 elections. Had the two parties come together, they could have potentially taken a shot at forming a government in the state with the help of independents.

Even from a vote share perspective, a Congress-JJP alliance would have been a formidable combination in the state with a combined vote share of 43% as compared to the BJP's 36.5%. It was perhaps these set of numbers that made the BJP accommodate the JJP in its government with the deputy chief minister's post for JJP's leader Chautala.

JJP being part of the BJP government made it much more stable, and the break-up suggests that the BJP now does not want to share its Lok Sabha or assembly seats in a pre-poll alliance.

Vote share and seat share in 2019 assembly elections in Haryana



4 Do theories that this is a decision taken in concert by the BJP and the JJP ring true?

A section of commentators are claiming that the BJP has strategically distanced itself from the JJP to ensure that the JJP cuts into the Jat base of the Congress and damages it in the elections. While it is always difficult to prove or disprove such claims, a basic look at the 2019 assembly election results suggests that it does not pass the smell test. Of the 77 ACs which the JJP contested but lost in Haryana, it polled more

votes than the victory margin in 30 ACs. Congress and BJP finished second in 11 and 13 out of these ACs. This suggests that the JJP's collateral damage, if any, was equal for both the Congress and the BJP. When seen in this light, the BJP's decision to decouple with the JJP looks more like one driven by confidence rather than a sinister tactic. Whether or not this works, of course, will only be known after the results.



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Haryana twist: Saini replaces Khattar, BJP cuts ties with JJP

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CHANDIGARH: Nayab Singh Saini, 54, the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP's) Haryana chief and the member of Parliament (MP) from Kurukshetra, and a loyalist of incumbent chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar, was sworn in the new chief minister of Haryana on Tuesday evening after the latter's surprise resignation following the exit of the Jan-nayak Janta Party (JJP) from the state's ruling coalition.

Despite the dramatic developments of the day that began with the collapse of the BJP-JJP alliance, the BJP, with 41 MLAs in the 90-member House and the support of six independents, still appeared to be comfortably placed. Saini said the party had given governor Bandaru Dattatreya a list of 48 members who support the government, and asked him to summon a session of the assembly on Wednesday to prove its majority on the floor of the House.

"Our newly formed cabinet wants to thank former CM Man-

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New Haryana chief minister Nayab Singh Saini (centre) with governor Bandaru Dattatreya and outgoing CM Manohar Lal Khattar at the Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh on Tuesday.

ANI

Cracks started emerging last year

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CHANDIGARH: The first signals of cracks in the Bharatiya Janata Party-Jannayak Janta Party (BJP-JJP) coalition government in Haryana emerged in June last year, people familiar with the

matter said on Tuesday.

The architects of the BJP exploring chances of snapping ties with the JJP and forming a government with the support of six independent legislators were Haryana BJP in-charge Biplab Kumar Deb and the then state unit chief Om Prakash Dhankar,

the people cited above said. The process that they set in motion culminated in Tuesday's churn when the BJP walked out of its alliance about 53 months after the coalition was stitched after the BJP then, with 40 MLAs, failed to cross the halfway mark in the 90-member assembly. →12

FROM KHATTAR'S AIDE TO NEW CM: THE RISE AND RISE OF NAYAB SAINI

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CHANDIGARH: By Tuesday afternoon, it was clear that 54-year-old Nayab Saini was to set to become the 11th man to be Haryana's chief minister since the state was formed in 1966. He stood at the head of a packed room of BJP MLAs at Chandigarh's Haryana Niwas, receiving bouquets from four senior party leaders around him. In some ways, the identity of two of the four told the story of a party where it is no longer unusual for chief ministers to be changed mid-term. On his left was state in-charge, Biplab Deb, once Tri-pura CM replaced four years into his first term. And to his right was Manohar Lal Khattar, Haryana CM for nine years; the man who brought Saini into politics; and the man whose position Saini was taking over. →12

SBI sends all poll bonds data to EC on SC's order

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NEW DELHI: A day after the Supreme Court dismissed State Bank of India's application for more time to give details about donors and recipients of electoral bonds, the bank handed over the data in a pen drive to the Election Commission of India on Tuesday evening. The poll body now has to compile and publish this data on its website by 5pm on March 15 to comply with the Supreme Court order.

"In compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions to SBI, contained in its order

THE ELECTION COMMISSION NOW HAS TO COMPILE AND PUBLISH THE DATA ON ITS WEBSITE BY 5PM ON MARCH 15 TO COMPLY WITH THE COURT ORDER

dated Feb 15 & March 11, 2024 (in the matter of WPC NO.880 of 2017), data on electoral bonds has been supplied by State Bank of India to Election Commission of India, today,

March 12, 2024," the EC spokesperson tweeted.

According to the apex court's order on March 11, which reiterates the February 15 judgment that struck down the electoral bond scheme as unconstitutional, the data provided by SBI must contain details of each electoral bond purchased (date of purchase, name of buyer and denomination of the bond), and details of each electoral bond redeemed by political parties (date of encashment and denomination of the bond).

HT could not ascertain if SBI also submitted any physical

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Gehlot, Nath sons in 2nd Cong list

NEW DELHI: Former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot's son Vaibhav and former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath's son Nakul were among the 43 candidates across five states and one Union territory named by the Congress in its second list for the Lok Sabha elections on Tuesday.

The list sharpened the party's focus on Scheduled Caste, Schedule Tribe, other backward classes and young people, with candidates falling in these categories (including one minority candidate) constituting more than three-fourths of the names announced.

The Congress, which announced 39 names last week,

in the second list declared candidates for 12 of the 14 candidates in Assam, seven of 26 seats in Gujarat, 10 seats of the 29 constituencies in Madhya Pradesh, 10 of the 25 seats in Rajasthan, and three of the five seats in Uttarakhand.

The party has also announced the lone candidate from Daman & Diu. →19

India rejects China claim on Arunachal

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NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday rejected China's contention that Arunachal Pradesh, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a major infrastructure project last week, is part of Chinese territory and said such claims will

not change the reality that the state is part of the country.

This was the latest war of words between the two sides over the strategic northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh, which Beijing has for long claimed as "Zangnan" or South Tibet. China traditionally bristles over visits to the region by top

Indian leaders but such reactions are usually brushed aside by New Delhi.

"We reject the comments made by the Chinese side regarding the visit of the Prime Minister to Arunachal Pradesh. Indian leaders visit Arunachal Pradesh from time to time, as they visit other states of India," external

affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"Objecting to such visits or India's developmental projects does not stand to reason. Further, it will not change the reality that the state of Arunachal Pradesh was, is, and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India," he said. →11

PM, SUNAK HOLD TELEPHONIC TALKS OVER BILATERAL RELATIONS, TRADE

NEW DELHI: The conclusion of the India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) and progress in the road map guiding bilateral relations figured in a phone conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart Rishi Sunak on Tuesday.

Talks on the proposed trade deal had stalled in recent weeks because of differences between the two sides on a range of issues, including market access for electric vehicles, tariffs on alcohol and mobility of Indian professionals. Britain sent a team of negotiators to India last week to give a push to the deal though the probability of it being finalised before the announcement of dates for the Indian general election remains low. →19

INDIA LIKELY TO SIGN FTA WITH OMAN THIS WEEK: OFFICIALS

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NEW DELHI: India is set to sign a free trade agreement (FTA) with the Sultanate of Oman this week, making it the second such pact in a week and the fourth bilateral deal since 2022, leaving negotiations for the other two - with the United Kingdom and the European Union - for the new regime to conclude after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The India-Oman FTA is finalised and it could be announced before dates of 2024 general elections are announced, two people aware of the development said requesting anonymity. →19



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{ WORLD } RIGHT AFTER TAKEOFF

Russian military jet crashes; 15 killed

A Russian military transport plane with 15 people on board crashed on Tuesday while taking off from an air base in western Russia, the defence ministry said. It said the Il-76 aircraft with eight crew and seven passengers crashed in the Ivanovo region. It didn't say whether there were any survivors. Ivanovo Gov. Stanislav Voskresensky offered condolences to the victims' families. The defence ministry statement said that an engine fire during takeoff was the likely cause of the crash. It said a team of investigators flew to Ivanovo to conduct a probe. Russian media broadcast a video showing the aircraft heading down with at least one of its engines ablaze. The four-engine Il-76 is a heavy-lift transport plane that has been in service since the 1970s. The crash came on a day when dozens of attacks on Russia by Ukrainian drones have been reported. →P16

{ MY INDIA } 6 PAK NATIONALS HELD

Boat with 62kg meth intercepted near Guj

A Pakistan speedboat along with six Pakistan nationals smuggling 62kg methamphetamine into Indian waters was apprehended on Tuesday by a joint team of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Indian Coast Guard and Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS). This is the second offshore seizure of drugs by NCB and Gujarat ATS in the past three weeks — on February 27, three Iranian and two Pakistan nationals were arrested near coast of Porbandar with 3,293kg drugs. NCB officials said the seized drugs were meant to be smuggled to Delhi and Punjab. "Tuesday's seizure of part of our operation Sagar Mantan 2 targeting maritime smuggling of drugs. Six persons suspected to be Pakistani citizens were detained and Pakistan connection is being probed," they said. HT

{ WORLD } PALESTINIANS ON BRINK OF FAMINE

Vessel with food, aid sails to war-torn Gaza from Cyprus

A ship carrying 200 tonnes of aid for Gaza left Cyprus on Tuesday in a pilot project to open a sea route to deliver supplies to a population aid agencies say is on the brink of famine. The charity ship Open Arms was sailing from Cyprus, towing a barge containing flour, rice and protein. The mission was funded mostly by the UAE and organised by a US-based charity. The journey to Gaza takes about 15 hours but a heavy tow barge could make the trip take considerably longer, possibly up to two days. The US military said its vessel, the General Frank S Besson, was also en route to provide humanitarian relief to Gaza by sea. With aid agencies saying deliveries into Gaza have been held up by bureaucratic obstacles and insecurity since the start of the war on Oct. 7, and even Israel's allies demanding easier aid access to the enclave, attention has shifted towards alternative routes including sea and air drops. →P16

{ SPORT } MAJOR UPSET

Djokovic stunned by Nardi at Indian Wells

World number one Novak Djokovic was stunned 6-4 3-6 6-3 by lucky loser Luca Nardi in the third round of Indian Wells on Monday, a victory which the 20-year-old Italian described as a "miracle". Nardi, who grew up idolising Djokovic and is ranked 123rd in the world, dropping the match of his life to defeat the Serbian, dropping his racket and putting his hands over his face after firing an ace out wide to seal the win. The defeat ends Djokovic's bid for a record sixth title at the tournament in the California desert. "This is a miracle," said Nardi, who lost to David Goffin in qualifiers on Tuesday and only got into the main draw after Tomas Etcheverry withdrew due to injury. "I'm a 20-year-old guy, 100 in the world and I beat Novak. Crazy. Just crazy." →P19

{ MY INDIA } 2ND SERVICE EXTENSION

6-mnth extension for foreign secy Kwatra

Foreign secretary Vinay Kwatra was on Tuesday given a second extension in service and is now set to continue in the post for six more months till October 2024. A notification from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) said Kwatra, who was set to complete his extended tenure on April 30 this year, will remain in service for six more months till October 31 "or until further orders". Kwatra, who took over as foreign secretary on May 1, 2022, was earlier given an extension in November 2022 so that he could have a fixed term of two years. He's played a crucial role in the government's response to several key issues, including the Ukraine crisis and the LAC standoff with China, as well as India's G20 presidency. There had been speculation in diplomatic circles as to whether Kwatra would get an extension in service or an ambassadorial appointment in a key capital. HT

{ STUDY BY CEEW }

Bengaluru reeling but ranks high in used water mgmtSoumya Chatterjee
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NEW DELHI: At a time when headlines about Bengaluru's water crisis have been recurrent, the city was judged second best (among around 500 cities across 10 states) in an assessment of used water management. Surat was the only city that performed better than Bengaluru in the report released by the think tank Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) on Tuesday. Surat and Bengaluru scored 3.32 and 3.23 out of 5, respectively, in a composite index based on the study's findings. No other city scored more than 3, with 47 scoring above 2.25 and another 151 scoring between 1.5 and 2.25.

The study "Enabling Circular Economy in Used Water Management in India: A Municipal Index for Assessing Urban Local Bodies' Performance" by CEEW was based on 27 indicators under 25 parameters across five themes — finance, infrastructure, efficiency, governance, and data and information. The research was limited to Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, and West Bengal — the 10 states that have adopted a treated used water policy for reusing treated household sewage.

The report's findings are based on the latest national-level sewage inventory data published by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in 2021 and other government and non-government sources. Nitin Bassi, one of the co-authors of the study and program lead at CEEW, said that given augmenting sewage handling capacity is a complex and elaborate process, they don't expect any significant change in capacities since the CPCB data was published.

With rising urban water demand and dwindling ground-water tables, the CEEW study urged urban local bodies (ULBs) nationwide to scale up the treatment and reuse of used water for non-potable purposes like horticulture and industrial usage. Among the significant findings, more than half of 503 cities in 10 states scored between 0.75 and 1.5 out of 5 when assessed on their used water management practices.

The study noted that even though these cities have acknowledged used water management as a key focus area, their efforts are "currently scattered, and they require a more holistic approach". Bassi said, "Though Karnata

taka emerges as a frontrunner, it is critical to note that there is a long road to go with no state achieving full scores," he said. The top two states, Haryana and Karnataka, scored 1.94 and 1.74 respectively. "Only two cities — Surat and Bengaluru — are in the outstanding (above 3) category. Most of the ULBs are in the promising category (0.75-1.5), which means that they hold a lot of potential for improvement going forward," he said.

Nine of the 20 top-performing cities were from Haryana, Gujarat and Karnataka are the other top-performing states, with four and three cities, respectively, featuring in the top 20 cities. "Karnataka and Haryana have implemented comprehensive graded action plans for used water treatment and reuse. This is evident in their thematic scores and the distribution of ULBs across award categories on the MUWM Index," the study noted. Another 151 scored between 1.5 and 2.25 in CEEW's composite score of the municipal used water management (MUWM) index.

S Vishwanath, a Bengaluru-based water expert, is not surprised by the CEEW report's findings. "Bengaluru has the best water treatment plants and one of the best treatment rates among big cities in the country," he said. Currently, the treated sewage of Bengaluru is used to fill lakes within the city and for irrigation purposes in the neighbouring parched districts. He stated that the crisis in Bengaluru is currently in areas with no piped water supply and that they depend on borewells. "Now a shift is being planned on how to reuse some of the treated domestic sewage for the households within the city. The upcoming layouts in the city are being built with the provision of dual piping where reused water can be supplied to households," he added.

Nimesh Vashi, an expert in reused water in Surat who works closely with the civic body, said Surat was the first Indian city to realise the commercial value of treated sewage. "Since 2014, the city has been providing water to the textile industry, which is a win-win for both the industries, civic body and the environment. Over the last five years, 115 MLD of water is being supplied to industries that otherwise would have been extracted from borewells," he said. He added that some of the tertiary treated sewage, which is as good as drinking water standard, is released into the Tapi River.

{ SCARE IN THE AIR } 50 PEOPLE INJURED

Passengers recall the terror on LATAM flight

Air safety officials scrambled to investigate a mysterious case where a Boeing-made plane bound for New Zealand violently lost altitude mid-flight, injuring dozens of terrified passengers. A look at what we know transpired.

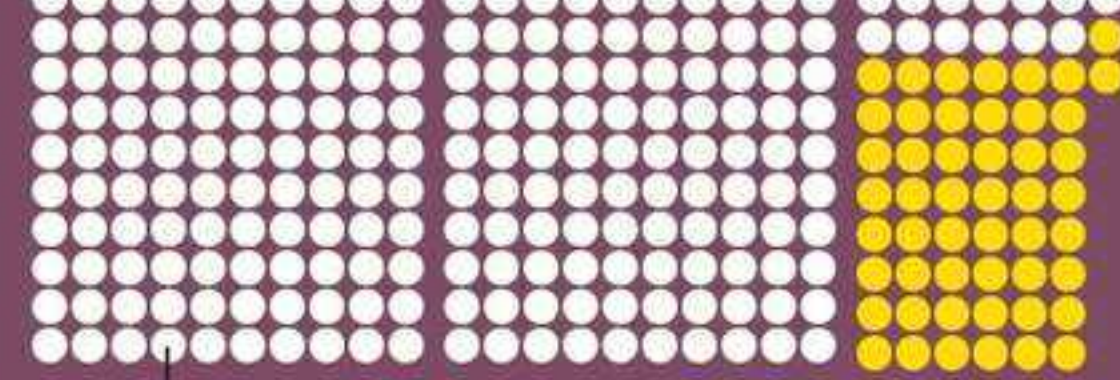


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What happened?

A Monday flight from Sydney to Auckland suddenly and violently lost altitude, plunging earthward, around 2 hours into the flight. The sudden descent stopped when the pilot got controls back after a few minutes

AIRLINE LATAM Airlines, a Chilean carrier
PLANE Boeing 787 Dreamliner

ON BOARD

263 passengers onboard
9 cabin crew
50+ people were injured in the incident

4 people were still admitted in hospitals as of Tuesday evening



The plane just dropped. I mean it dropped unlike anything I've ever experienced... and people were thrown out of their seats... My seat neighbour... was on the ceiling and I thought I was dreaming. There was blood coming from people's heads." — Brian Joket, passenger

It was just a split second. The crashing of people into the roof caused the tiling to be dislodged. The guy behind me was in the toilet when it happened, the poor guy. He told me he went through the roof." — Lucas Ellwood, passenger

What the airline said

LATAM Airlines said that there was "a technical event during the flight which caused a strong movement." It said the plane "experienced a strong shake during flight, the cause of which is currently under investigation".

'Briefly lost instrumentation'

One passenger told AFP that the pilot came in the cabin after the landing. "I asked him 'what happened?' and he said to me 'I lost my instrumentation briefly and then it just came back all of a sudden'," the passenger said.

Horror stories

Since the incident took place when the flight was cruising at top altitude, the seatbelt sign was not on. This meant that most people were not buckled in, and some were even walking in the aisle or in the lavatory at the time the violent movement kicked in — slinging them out of their seats, smashing them into the roof of the cabin.

Photos taken by passengers showed damage to the ceiling of the airplane where passengers had hit it. Other passengers said there was blood on the ceiling as people were thrown violently up injuring themselves.

Black boxes to be probed

New Zealand's Transport Accident Investigation Commission said on Tuesday it was seizing the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder of the LATAM Airlines Boeing 787 after the incident left more than 50 people injured. The New Zealand accident investigator said Chilean authorities had confirmed they had opened a probe into the flight, and it was assisting with their enquiries.

MORE WOES FOR BOEING

Boeing has suffered a series of safety issues in recent years, including the fatal Lion Air and Ethiopian Airlines crashes of 737 MAX planes in 2018 and 2019 that killed 350+ people. Boeing is still reeling from a near-catastrophic incident in January when a fuselage panel on a Boeing 737 MAX 9 Alaska Airlines jet blew off mid-flight.

"We are working to gather more information about the flight and will provide any support needed by our customer"

— Boeing said in a statement sent to AFP.

{ HARYANA CHIEF MINISTER } THE STORY SO FAR

From Khattar's aide to CM: The rise of Nayab Saini

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CHANDIGARH: By Tuesday afternoon, it was clear that 54-year-old Nayab Saini was set to become the eleventh man to be Haryana's chief minister since the state was formed in 1966. He stood at the head of a packed room of BJP MLAs at Chandigarh's Haryana Niwas, receiving bouquets from four other senior party leaders around him. In some ways, the identity of two of the four men told the story of a party where it is no longer unusual for chief ministers to be changed mid-term. On his left was state in-charge, Biplab Deb, once Tripura chief minister in the first BJP government in the state in 25 years, but replaced four years into his first term. And to his right was Manohar Lal Khattar, chief minister of Haryana for nine years; the man who brought Saini into politics; and the man whose position Saini was taking over.

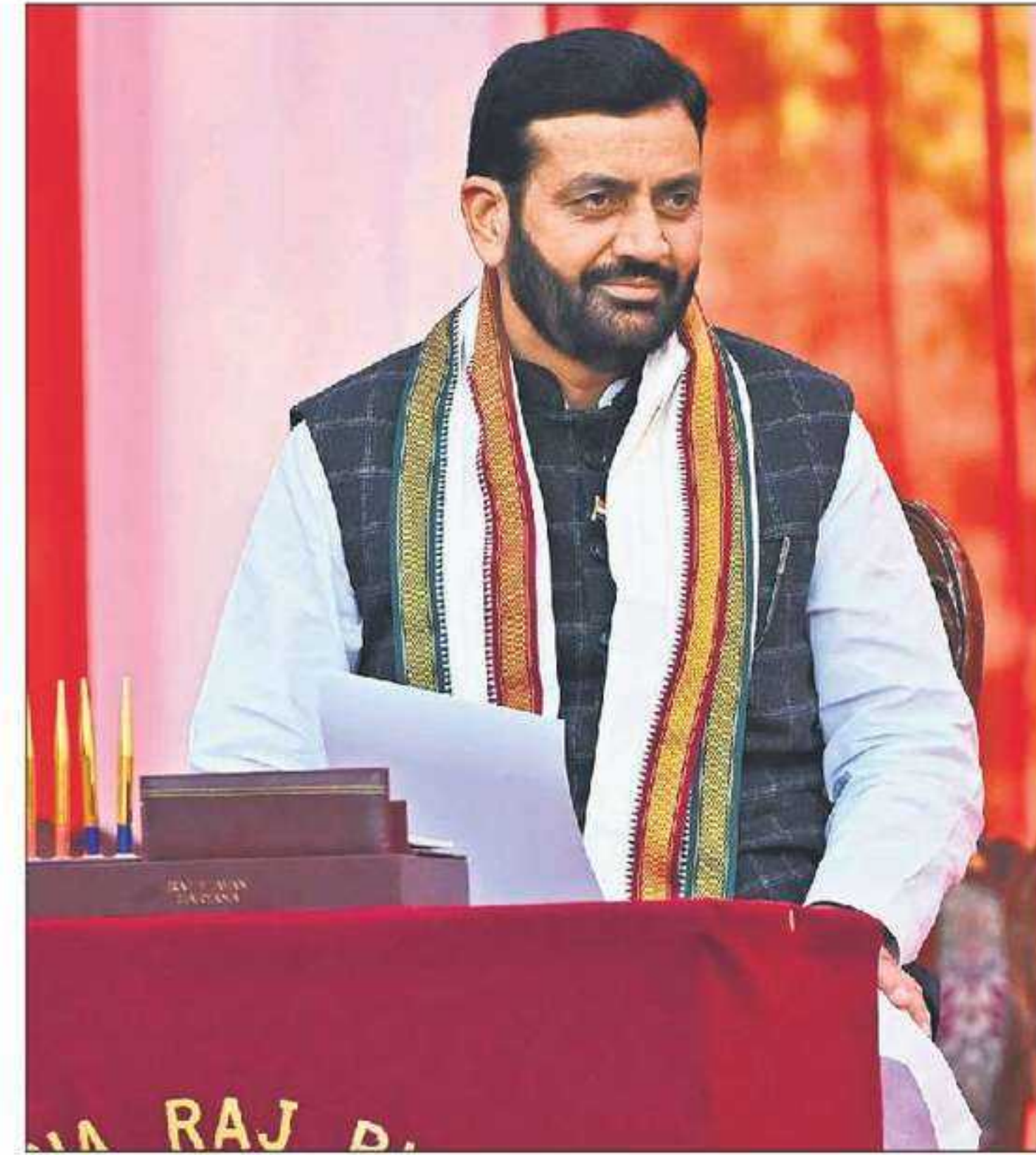
Born in January 25, 1970, in Mirzapur Majra village in Ambala district, Saini, who has a BA degree from the BR Ambedkar Bihar University in Muzaffarpur and a law degree from Chaudhary Charan Singh University in Meerut, began his association with both the BJP and its ideological parent, the RSS in 1996. He began quietly rising through

the ranks after the turn of the century — he was appointed the general secretary of the BJP's Yuva Morcha in 2002, and became the president of the same unit by 2005.

By 2009, Saini had made his first electoral plunge from the constituency of Naraingarh, till then a seat the BJP had never won. That first election was a bridge too far, and Saini came in fifth behind eventual winner Ram Kishan of the Congress, winning only 6.86% of the vote. Five years later, as the BJP rode to power in Haryana, Saini turned the constituency around, winning 39.76% of the vote, and beating the incumbent MLA Ram Kishan by over 24,000 votes.

He became a member of the Khattar cabinet as minister of state for labour and employment and mines and geology between 2014 and 2019, and then fought the Lok Sabha elections, entering Parliament as the member of Parliament from Kurukshetra, which he won by a margin just shy of 400,000 votes. On October 27, 2023, Saini rose within the ranks even more, replacing heavyweight Om Dhankar as the state BJP president.

The decision to elevate Saini to party president is built around the kernel of a strategy that has served the party well.



Nayab Saini at Haryana Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh. KESHAV SINGH/HT

In a state which has always been dominated by the influential Jat population, the BJP has found ways to coalesce the non-Jat vote around its candidates, first appointing Khattar, a Punjabi, as chief minister. In October then, it replaced Dhankar, a powerful Jat leader with the OBC Saini as party president and now as chief minister. "The support of the Jats is largely seen to be divided among the Congress, the Jannayak Janta

Party (JJP) and the Indian National Lok Dal," one BJP leader, explaining the approach. The Sainis, the community the new chief minister is from, form close to 8% of the population in Haryana, but NFHS data pegs the larger OBC population at a significant 28.6%. The Sainis themselves are particularly influential in northern Haryana in districts such as Ambala, Kurukshetra, Hisar and Rewari. Former Ambala

BJP president Rajesh Batura said, "The party has made a good decision to choose Saini. This is for the first time a chief minister has been chosen from the Ambala district and this will help us in the region."

But the other constant in Saini's rise has been his close relationship with the 69-year-old Manohar Lal Khattar. One senior BJP leader said that Saini has worked in the organisation for over three decades, but began his career as one of Khattar's aides. "In the middle of 90s, when Khattar worked in the organisation of the RSS and the party, he (Saini) used to drive his car. He was always around Khattar, and would do all kinds of work for him, such as carrying his notes. He has worked his way up, and is exceptionally humble," the first BJP leader said.

A second BJP leader pointed out that in 2014, when Saini first became a minister in the Haryana cabinet, he was a first-time legislator picked by Khattar, and after he became an MP, he was made vice president of the state OBC morcha. "Even his elevation as Haryana BJP chief was seen as a message that the central leadership was fully backing chief minister Khattar," this leader said.

The BJP will be hoping that the change in guard counteracts any anti-incumbency against Khattar, who rode out the start of law and order crises both during the Jat agitation in 2016

and by supporters of Baba Ram Rahim in the wake of his conviction in 2017, even surviving the BJP's lack of a clear majority in 2019.

This strategy, which the BJP has employed on at least four occasions since 2021, has not always been successful. In Gujarat and Tripura, Vijay Rupani and Biplab Deb were replaced by Bhupendra Patel and Manik Sarkar respectively, with the party going on to win the next assembly elections. In Uttarakhand however, Trivendra Singh Rawat was removed four years into his term by Tirath Singh Rawat, but four months later, they were forced into another switch, with Pushkar Singh Dhami leading them into assembly elections in 2022. In Karnataka, powerful Lingayat leader BS Yediyurappa was replaced by Basavaraj Bommai, but two years later, the BJP lost its only government in southern India.

Immediately ahead of Saini, are two key political challenges — the summer's Lok Sabha elections where the BJP holds all 10 seats, and then the assembly elections where the party will hope to win majority for the third time. As the BJP heads into these battles, led by the man who represents Kurukshetra — where the Mahabharata was fought — Saini's first act on Tuesday evening once he took oath, was to walk to Manohar Lal Khattar on stage, and touch his feet.

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Flag marches in parts of city after citizenship law comes into force



Security personnel deployed at northeast Delhi's Jafraabad area on Tuesday. RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTO

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Police personnel and companies of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) conducted flag marches in various parts of the Capital on Tuesday -- a day after the Central government implemented the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, a law that paves the way for citizenship to undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who entered India before December 31, 2014.

A police officer aware of the matter said that the flag marches were conducted in various areas of the city considered sensitive, including Seelampur, Jafraabad, Welcome, Bhajanpura, Dayalpur, Gokulpuri, Nand Nagri, Harsh Vihar, and Khajuri Khas (all in northeast Delhi), Jahangirpuri, Adarsh Nagar, and Bharat Nagar (all in northwest Delhi), Sarai Rohilla, Inderlok, Sadar Bazaar, and Bara Hindu Rao (north Delhi), Jama Masjid, Hauz Kazi, Daryaganj, Chandni Mahan, and Paharganj (central Delhi), Jamia Nagar, and Shaheen Bagh (southeast Delhi), and Khyala, Tilak Nagar, Raghuvir Nagar, Nigloi and Sultanpuri (west Delhi).

"Instead of using too many CAPF companies, which have been stationed in Delhi to tackle the farmers' protest, we used our own manpower from all units, including traffic, crime, special cell and police headquarters. Altogether, around 25 companies of CAPF were used in the flag marches, while the remaining paramilitary companies were relieved for their other assignments. No incident of agitation or violence was reported from any place in the national capital, and as a result, no detention was done during the flag marches on Tuesday," the officer said on condition of anonymity.

Deputy commissioner of police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said police personnel are keeping a strict vigil in the area in light of the February 2020 communal riots in that part of town, which erupted during protests against CAA and led to the deaths of 53 people. "The safety of every individual is our responsibility. Since it was not a good experience for police in 2020, we'll not take any chance this time," Tirkey said. The DCP said that the police have had a series of meetings with members of Aman Committees. "We are keeping a round-the-clock surveillance on the activities of potential troublemakers and known history-sheeters. We are in touch with our beat constables and keeping an eye on social media too... Special care is also being taken in sensitive areas through drones," Tirkey said.

Patrolling stepped up
Meanwhile, DCP (northwest) Jitendra Meena said intensive patrolling and checking has been stepped up in the district. "Night patrolling has been intensified in sensitive areas such as Jahangirpuri. No one will be allowed to breach the law-and-order situation," he said.

Parliament passed CAA in December 2019 and it subsequently got the President's assent, but there were protests in several parts of the country against the law, with many opposition parties calling it "discriminatory". The law could not come into effect as rules had not been notified till now. With Monday's development, the government will now start granting Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants—Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians—from Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Bangladesh who entered India before December 31, 2014.



Govt sets a target of planting 6.3mn saplings this fiscal

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NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has fulfilled its pre-poll assurance made ahead of the 2019 Delhi elections of planting 20 million saplings in the city, completing this objective in four rather than five years, state environment minister Gopal Rai said on Tuesday.

Rai said different agencies in Delhi have already planted 20.5 million saplings over the past four years, adding that a plantation target of 6.3 million saplings has been set for 2024-25. "We are happy to announce that we have been able to achieve the target set by the chief minister within four years. We have already planted 20.5 million trees in Delhi in the last four years, till March," Rai said.

The targets set for different departments and agencies for the coming year include around two million saplings by the forest department, one million by DDA, 619,000 by MCD, 602,000 by NDMC, 390,000 by PWD, and 324,000 by the education department, among others. The minister said that Delhi's green cover has increased from around 20% in 2013 to 23.06% till 2021.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER GOPAL RAI SAID DELHI'S GREEN COVER HAS INCREASED FROM AROUND 20% IN 2013 TO 23.06% TILL 2021

"The plantation drive in Delhi has been extremely helpful in achieving our goal of reducing pollution levels in Delhi. We have been making conscious efforts by planting more trees to increase the green cover in Delhi. In 2024-25, we will be planting 6.3 million saplings through 21 different greening agencies, which will help us plant well in excess of the 20 million saplings we initially planned to plant," the minister said. Rai added the agencies have also been directed to carry out a third-party audit of saplings planted in the last four years. "Since the Model Code of Conduct for the upcoming Lok Sabha election is going to come into force soon, these departments have been instructed to prepare for this year's plantation drive, which can begin as soon as the monsoon season arrives," he said.

Protest hub Shaheen Bagh calm but tense

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NEW DELHI: Shaheen Bagh, a locality which was once the epicentre of the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act protests for more than three months between late 2019 and early 2020, was on Tuesday bustling with pedestrians and vehicles — it was not exactly business as usual for this corner of southeast Delhi, a day after the Centre implemented the contentious law that paves the way for citizenship to undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

Multiple teams of Rapid Action Force (RAF) and the Delhi Police were deployed to Shaheen Bagh keeping vigil in a rather peaceful manner — sitting under a foot overbridge and keeping away from the public eye, except while carrying out a flag march. This was in stark contrast to 2019-20, when thousands of police personnel and paramilitary forces stood in Shaheen Bagh day-in and day-out to maintain law and order, ready with riot gear.

On Tuesday, nobody from Shaheen Bagh stepped out to protest against CAA, with residents saying that the notification of the rules will not impact Indian Muslims, and therefore, they have no reason to worry.

"Why should we be scared? This is going to have no impact on Indian Muslims as of now," said Mohammed Irfan, a local resident who runs an apparel store.

Mohammed Riyazuddin, another resident said, "I feel there



Security personnel keep vigil at Shaheen Bagh. RAJ K RAJ/HT

is more awareness this time and less fear among people. Many videos have been shared on social media and on WhatsApp to explain what CAA is."

However, some people said they were apprehensive about protesting as they may be detained or arrested by the police. "There are no protests now because everyone is scared. They know that many people who protested in 2019-20 are still in jail," said a 44-year-old resident of the area, on condition of anonymity.

Deputy commissioner of police (south east) Rajesh Deo said, "Sufficient deployment of local police and central armed police force has been made in the area to maintain law and order."

On December 15, 2019, residents of Shaheen Bagh began a sit-in protest against CAA, three days

after Parliament passed the contentious law. Over the next few days, the Shaheen Bagh sit-in morphed into arguably one of the biggest protests in Delhi in recent years, attracting people from across the city and even other states.

Both carriageways of the main road — one towards Noida, and the other towards Faridabad — were blocked by protesters, and no vehicle was allowed to cross. There wasn't space for any. Protesters instead turned the space into an open air gallery, with the map of India and the India Gate stealing the limelight. Even those who did not support or understand the cause visited the site — just to witness the art and take pictures with it for their social media, said Fahmeen Begum, 31, a resident of the area.

STUDENT BODIES HOLD PROTESTS ON CAMPUSES IN DU AND JAMIA

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NEW DELHI: Student organisations from at least two universities in Delhi conducted protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 on Tuesday, a day after the Centre implemented the contentious law that paves the way for citizenship to undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

Police said the protests took place at the north campus of Delhi University and Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI). Students from Jawaharlar Nehru University (JNU) had also scheduled a protest on Tuesday, but were unable to get permission for the demonstration due to the partial code of conduct that is in place in the varsity for the upcoming students' union polls, students and JNU officials said.

At DU, student groups such as the All India Students' Association and Students Islamic Organisation of India called for a protest against CAA. Police said that they detained 50-60 students.

The detained students were taken to the Burari police station, "deputy commissioner of police (north) Manoj Meena said, adding that they were released later in the day.

At Jamia, student organisations such as the Fraternity Movement, the Muslim Students Federation and National Students' Union of India conducted a night vigil on campus on Monday, while other student groups held a briefing on Tuesday, demanding the repeal of CAA.

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BJP celebrates with refugees from Pak and Afghanistan



Hindu refugees from Pakistan at Majnu ka Tila camp. RAJ K RAJ/HT

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders organised an early Holi event for the beneficiaries of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or CAA, including Hindu refugees from Pakistan and Sikh and Hindu refugees from Afghanistan, at its party office at Pant Marg, even as the decision to notify the Act evoked mixed reactions from several groups across the city.

While some groups have been protesting against the Centre's move to implement CAA — calling it discriminatory and based on religious grounds — the BJP and several right-wing groups have been organising meetings to justify the implementation of the new law.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva honoured the refugees and celebrated with gulal (coloured powder). The refugees

handed over a letter to Sachdeva expressing their gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, party functionaries said. "When I first met these people, I hoped that one day PM would fulfil all their demands. We had faith in our leadership, and today we can see the results," said Sachdeva.

Govind Ram, who has been living near Majnu Ka Tila for decades after coming from Pakistan, said, "We have been Indian at heart for the past four decades. Now, we are legally Indian, and our children will contribute to India's development."

Sardar Pyara Singh, who lives in Tilak Nagar after arriving from Afghanistan, said that a large section of the refugees has been given the opportunity to legally contribute to India's economy now.

HT reached out to the Delhi government, but did not get any response on request for comments.

The month of piety and fasting begins



An illuminated Jama Masjid of New Delhi after the first day of the month-long fasting month of Ramzan that began on Tuesday. Hundreds gathered in the monument on Tuesday evening to break their fast and perform namaz. SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTO

Suspects in murder held after gunfight

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NEW DELHI: Three suspects who allegedly shot dead a man and wounded another person in Delhi's Seelampur on March 9 were arrested following a gunfight at Jyoti Nagar in the early hours of Tuesday, police officers aware of the matter said.

Deputy police commissioner (northeast) (DCP) Joy Tirkey said a special team was tipped off about the plans of Arif Khalid, 22, Ali Fahad, 23, and Al Sehejaan, 22, on Monday. "The information was developed and it was learnt that they would be near Ambedkar College in Jyoti Nagar in northeast Delhi. Accordingly, a trap was laid. Around 1.30am on Tuesday, the suspects were spotted on a scooter," the DCP added.

Tirkey said the three were asked to stop but they fired at the police team and tried to escape.

"In retaliatory firing, all three criminals were shot and they suffered bullet injuries to their

legs," he said, adding that the three and the police team fired 13 rounds each.

"The scooter that the criminals were using was stolen from Hazrat Nizamuddin in August last year," the DCP said.

He added that the three were undergoing treatment at the Guru Teg Bahadur hospital. An attempt to murder and Arms Act case was being registered against them.

"Our teams are making efforts to nab the remaining attackers in the Seelampur murder and attempted murder case. We are also trying to ascertain the exact reason behind the crime," said Tirkey.

On March 9, the three allegedly shot dead Arbaaz Khan, 24, and wounded Mohammad Abid Khan, 22. Initial probe suggested that the attack was the result of rivalry between Hashim Baba and the Chenu Pehalwan-led gangs.

The three were also involved in cases of theft and shooting and three pistols with cartridges were recovered from them.

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Guns and roses: Jailed gangster ties knot with bailed don, under shadow of police

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NEW DELHI: Dressed in a pink sari with silver embroidered flowers on it and with henna on her hands, Anuradha Choudhary (39) got married to her long-time partner Sandeep (39) on Tuesday afternoon, in front of a priest, their close family members, a few friends — and at least 250 armed police personnel.

At the mandap, decked up with roses and sunflowers, inside Santosh Garden banquet hall in Dwarka Sector-8, as the two concluded their pheras, the elderly sang folk songs, others showered rose petals at the couple, while 20 police personnel, including 10 women cops, in bulletproof jackets, and armed with rifles and body cameras, maintained a poker face.

This was no ordinary wedding.

It not even an intimate Bollywood celebrity wedding or the coming together of two big political or business families. This was the wedding of two of Delhi-NCR's most notorious gangsters: Sandeep aka Kala Jathedi wed Anuradha aka Madam Minz.

With at least 76 cases of murder, extortion, and kidnapping against him, Sandeep was arrested in 2021. In February this year, his lawyer had applied for custody bail, which was finally approved on March 4 by a Delhi court that awarded him six hours to get married on Tuesday.

A heavily guarded jail van left Tihar Jail — with Sandeep who was wearing a white kurta-pyjama and a floral pink and purple waistcoat and at least 16 police personnel — on Tuesday

morning and reached the venue in Dwarka.

Meanwhile, Anuradha drove to the banquet from Jathedi village in Haryana in a Mahindra Scorpio car, along with her family members. She has a dozen cases of money laundering and criminal intimidation against her and is currently out on bail. The two got arrested together from Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur in 2021.

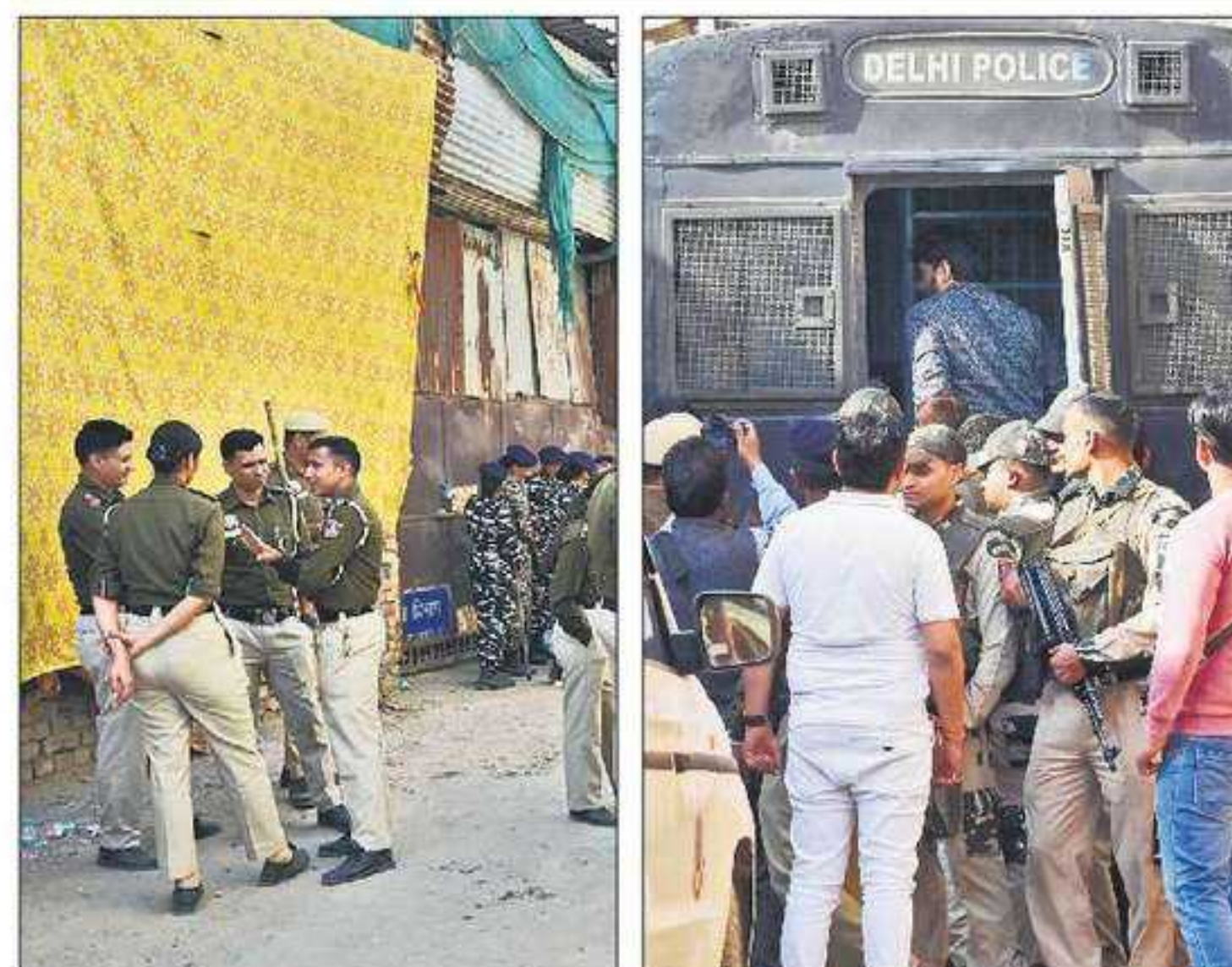
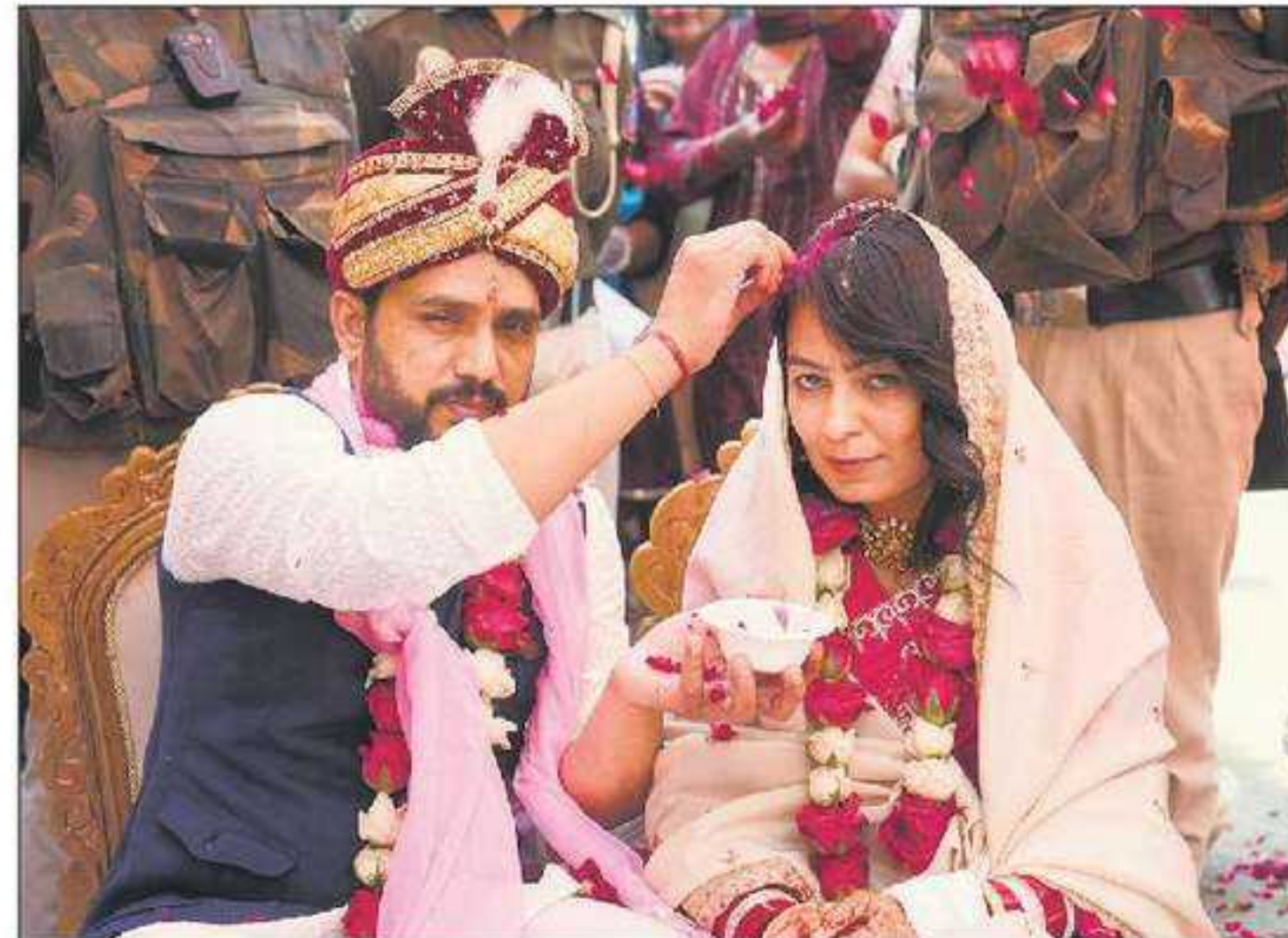
"I am happy that my son finally got married... Anuradha is like my own daughter. She has anyway been living with us for two years," said an emotional Kamla Devi, Sandeep's mother, as she watched the couple complete a phera from behind a row of police personnel.

Wedding bells

Sandeep's tryst with crime started in 2004, when he was arrested in a phone-snatching case. A little after 2012, he joined the infamous Lawrence Bishnoi gang, and made it big within two years after he allegedly executed the murder of three rival gangsters in Haryana.

A key member of the gang, Sandeep met Anuradha in 2020 — who by then was a noted gangster in Rajasthan and Bishnoi's latest recruit. Soon, the two fell in love, said police. In 2021, the couple was arrested by the special cell of the Delhi Police from Saharanpur.

For the wedding, once Sandeep's lawyer secured custody bail, his family could book a small lawn where the police could 250 police personnel, their vehicles, weapons, and a few guests. "We paid around ₹51,000 to book the lawn for the entire day," said Sandeep's brother



(Clockwise from top) Sandeep weds Anuradha Choudhary; The gangster is taken away by police; Officers at the venue. PTI/IHT

Pradeep.

By 7am, the family members arrived to oversee the decorations at the venue and make space for the rituals. Apart from a mandap, a small stage, a seating and a dining area were set up. The police also put up tents to frisk and check each guest.

Since Sandeep and Anuradha's notoriety precedes them, no loud music, baraat or DJ was allowed. Guests were allowed in only after showing their Aadhaar cards and were not permitted to bring in their phones, earphones or gadgets. "Sandeep is the true rakhwala

(protector) of Jathedi village. He has helped many people and continues to work for everyone. They all wanted to come and bless him, but the police didn't allow this. We had given names of only 200-300 relatives but many of them forgot to bring their IDs and couldn't convince the police to let them enter. They were turned away," said Anup Singh, Sandeep's paternal uncle.

Busy with rituals, that too under the watchful eyes of the police, the couple barely got time to talk to each other. But as the priest read out the vows, Sandeep and Anuradha were seen smiling and laughing.

A quick ceremony

Acharya Ajay Pandit, who conducted the ceremony, told HT: "This is not my first wedding around policemen and guns, but it is always unpleasant and weird. I was asked to submit my Aadhaar card three days before the ceremony. I was frisked twice, and all my bags were checked."

He said the police told him to wrap up the rituals in less than two hours. "Normal weddings are longer. While we did all the rituals properly, it was all done in a hurry. The bride and groom are sweet. I had also officiated Sandeep's brother's wedding in 2019, which was also under a lot of security," said the priest.

Once the rituals were done, the couple took the blessings of the elders, and proceeded to eat the vegetarian feast that had been laid down — golgappa, chaat, chilli potatoes, French fries, butter naan, daal, and paneer.

A member of the catering team, who asked not to be

named, said, "We were scared at first but the police presence helped calm our nerves. Two days before the wedding, each one of us was called by the station house officer of Dwarka and asked about our work. We were also frisked and our Aadhaar cards were checked."

Police used drones to keep a check on the venue and the surroundings.

"We are happy that Anu (Anuradha) will be our daughter-in-law. She is well educated and has an MBA degree and is now planning to study law. We all support her," said Raj Singh, a family friend.

The family hoped that Sandeep would be let out again on Wednesday for a puja and "grah pravesh" rituals, a Delhi court put a stay on the custody bail and cited "security arrangements for the farmers' protest" as the reason.

"We are farmers and live a simple life. We are not what the world thinks of us. My brother is already paying the price for everything he has done. Anuradha isn't a criminal anymore. We wanted him home for two-three days at least. We had decorated the house and my mother had called all our relatives for the *grah pravesh* but it's not happening now. We don't know when the couple will be able to live together," Sandeep's brother Pradeep said.

By 4pm, it was time for Sandeep to bid goodbye to his wife and return to Tihar jail. As police escorted the groom to the police van, Anuradha sat with his family. A cavalcade of police cars left with Sandeep, and soon after, the venue was emptied out.

Seven held in Delhi, Ggm for sale of fake cancer medicines

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NEW DELHI: Seven men, including two employees of a major private cancer hospital in the Capital, have been arrested in Delhi and Gurugram for manufacturing fake cancer medicines and selling them at medical stores across the city and in other states, Delhi Police officers said on Tuesday.

One of the suspects also ran a medical tourism company, through which he sold fake medicines to cancer patients from foreign countries for large amounts of money in US dollars, the officers said.

The suspects were identified as Vipul Jain, 46, Neeraj Chauhan, 38, Tushar Chauhan, 28, Suraj Shat, 28, Parvez Khan, 33, Komal Tiwari, 39, and Abhinav Kohli, 30.

According to police, the suspects' racket worked in two ways — they either refilled used vials of cancer medicines with anti-fungal drugs, or pasted counterfeit labels of pharmaceutical brands on vials filled with fake drugs and sold them as cancer medicines.

Police officers said that the crime branch got wind of the suspects around two months ago, when its interstate crime (ISC) unit received a tip off that an organised syndicate was manufacturing and supplying fake cancer medicines in Delhi.

The team developed the information, identified the suspects, their network, and where they operated, and conducted the raids after all the evidence was collected, said additional commissioner of police (crime) Sanjay Bhatia.

On Monday, the crime branch conducted raids at four locations in Delhi and Gurugram where the suspects manufactured, packaged, and stored the fake drugs, and recovered vials marked with counterfeit labels of seven international and two Indian pharmaceutical brands, valued at ₹4 crore in the market, said special commissioner of police (crime) Shalini Singh.

Officers said Tiwari and Kohli are pharmacists working in the cytotoxic admixture unit of a major private cancer hospital in Delhi since 2013.

"Tiwari and Kohli procured empty injection vials of cancer medicines of Indian and international pharmaceutical brands that were administered at their hospital, and sold them to Khan for ₹5,000 per vial. Khan and the other gang members refilled the vials with fluconazole, an anti-fungal drug which cost ₹100. After re-packaging, they sold each vial for ₹1-3 lakh. After we conducted the raids, we seized ₹90 lakh cash and ₹19,000 (more than ₹15 lakh) from the suspects on Monday," said special CP Singh.

"Neeraj also ran his own medical tourism company and targeted foreigners who came to India for cancer treatment. He supplied them with fake chemotherapy injections. Neeraj also involved his cousin Tushar and used him to supply fake injections in the market," said an investigator associated with the case, on condition of anonymity.

"We are now looking for a person from Bihar who was one of the key receivers of the fake medicines and sold them in other states," said the officer.

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
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F. No. F.1(257)/P&P-I/DSSSB/2024/Advt./5296

Dated: 12.03.2024

VACANCY NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT NO. 07/2024

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Opening Date for Submission of Online Applications:
20.03.2024 (20th March, 2024) (From 12.00 PM)
Closing Date for Submission of Online Applications:
18.04.2024 (18th April, 2024) (Till 11.00 PM)

Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB) invites online applications on behalf of Delhi District Courts from eligible candidates from Indian Nationals (citizens of India as defined in the Constitution of India or under any law made by the Parliament to regulate the rights for citizenship) for recruitment to the various posts in District & Sessions Courts as per details given below:

S. No	Post Code	Name of the Post	Name of Deptt.	Group	Vacancy (Incl. Backlog Vacancies)							
					UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total	PwBD (incl.)	ExSM (incl.)
1	73/24	Book Binder	District & Session Courts	C	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00
2	74/24	Data entry operator Grade-A	District & Session Courts	C	02	00	00	00	00	02	00	00
3	75/24	Sweeper/Safai karamchhari	District & Session Courts	C	04	03	02	01	02	12	01	03
4	76/24	Chowkidar	District & Session Courts	C	04	04	02	01	02	13	01	03
5	77/24	Driver/Staff car driver (Grade-II)	District & Session Courts	C	05	03	02	01	01	12	00	01
TOTAL VACANCIES					16	10	6	3	5	40	2	7

*The above vacancies are tentative and based on inputs of the indenting Departments/Bodies.

Candidates must apply online through the website <https://dsssonline.nic.in>. The closing date for submission of online application is up to **18.04.2024 (till 11.00 PM)** after which the link will be disabled.

DSSSB will conduct examinations for making recruitment against the vacancies notified above. The date of conduct of examinations/interview will be intimated in due course only through the website of the Board/District and Sessions Courts. The applicants are advised to visit DSSSB's website i.e <https://dsssonline.nic.in> to check the detailed advertisement and confirm their eligibility for the above vacancies based on the Recruitment Rules of the indenting departments.

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Dated: 12.03.2024

VACANCY NOTICE/ADVERTISEMENT NO. 08/2024 COMBINED EXAMINATION, 2024 FOR PROCESS SERVER & PEON/ ORDERLY/DAK PEON

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Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB) invites online applications on behalf of Delhi District Courts and Family Courts from eligible candidates from Indian Nationals (citizens of India as defined in the Constitution of India or under any law made by the Parliament to regulate the rights for citizenship) for recruitment to the posts of **Process Server & Peon/Orderly/Dak Peon** against vacancies in District & Sessions Courts and Family Courts as per details given below: -

PROCESS SERVER, PEON/ORDERLY/DAK PEON												
Sl. No.	Post Code	Name of Post	Name of Department	Pay Level	Vacancies * (Including Backlog)							
					UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total	PwBD	ESM
1	821/24	Process Server	District & Sessions Courts (Family Courts)	4	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
2		Process Server	District & Sessions Courts	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	822/24	Peon/Orderly/Dak Peon	District & Sessions Courts (Family Courts)	3	4	2	0	0	1	7	0	1
2		Peon/Orderly/Dak Peon	District & Sessions Courts	3	39	27	8	9	9	92	7	24
GRAND TOTAL					45	30	8	9	10	102	7	25

*The above vacancies are tentative and based on inputs of the indenting Departments.

Candidates must apply online through the website <https://dsssonline.nic.in>. The closing date for submission of online application is up to **18.04.2024 (till 11.00 PM)** after which the link will be disabled.

DSSSB will conduct examinations for making recruitment against the vacancies notified above. The date of conduct of examinations / interviews as per examination schemes will be intimated in due course only through the website of the Board / District and Sessions Courts. The applicants are advised to visit DSSSB's website i.e <https://dsssonline.nic.in> to check the detailed advertisement and confirm their eligibility for the above vacancies based on the Recruitment Rules of the indenting departments.

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NHAI opens Delhi flyover link to Dwarka expressway

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GURUGRAM: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on Tuesday opened the Mahipalpur flyover for traffic, which will allow vehicles to cross the Delhi-Gurgaon highway and take the Samalkha Road along IGI airport to the Dwarka expressway.

Senior officials of the highway authority said that to avoid confusion at the toll plaza and on the Dwarka side, where some flyovers and roads are still under construction, they deployed additional traffic marshals and also decided to install more signages on the stretch.

A senior NHAI official said that they also opened the Gurugram section of the Dwarka expressway on Tuesday for traffic movement after clearing the barriers installed on the expressway which had been set up for the inauguration of the road.

"We have cleared the Gurugram stretch for traffic and also had a meeting with the police department asking them to deploy more police personnel and increase patrolling on the



The Gurugram section of the Dwarka expressway was opened for traffic on Tuesday. PARVEEN KUMAR/HT PHOTO

expressway to regulate traffic movement and prevent violations," said a senior NHAI official aware of the matter.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated the Gurugram section of the Dwarka expressway from the Delhi Haryana border to the clover leaf on Kherki Daula.

The work on the 19-kilometre stretch has been completed by the NHAI, while work on the Delhi section is still incomplete,

according to NHAI officials.

A senior official from the highway contractor's team working on the Delhi section, said that the uni-directional flyover from Mahipalpur near the Shiv murti, which will allow vehicles coming from Delhi to cross the national highway and take Samalkha Road along the IGI airport to reach the Dwarka expressway was opened for traffic on Tuesday. "Vehicles coming from Mahipalpur can reach the

Samalkha Road, use this flyover and going further take the elevated road along the Dwarka expressway towards the Delhi Haryana border and to Gurugram easily," he said.

The project official also said that since the expressway is still being built, vehicle drivers were confused while moving to Gurugram and while coming towards Delhi. "We will install more signages and deploy additional traffic marshals to guide the traffic. These are initial days so some issues will remain but we will address these," he said.

Vehicles users from Gurugram, who want to travel to Delhi using the Dwarka expressway can now reach Sector 21 but they will not be able to access the tunnel on the road, and will also have to use the Samalkha Road to reach Mahipalpur. "This situation will remain till the entire project is completed," he said.

A day after the inauguration of the road, vehicular movement remained smooth on the Gurugram stretch but commuters said that it would take time for them to get used to the entry and exit points.

Warm days finally here? IMD predicts max to hover at 30°C

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NEW DELHI: After a chilly start to the month, the mercury is set to remain above 30 degrees Celsius (°C) for the rest of the week, with the maximum temperature hovering between 30 and 31°C, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday. It said a western disturbance would impact parts of northwest India on Wednesday, but its influence was likely to be minimal in Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR), with only one or two places likely to record scattered rain.

Delhi recorded a maximum temperature of 30.9°C on Tuesday, two degrees above normal

for this time of the year. This was a marginal dip from Monday's maximum of 31.4°C.

The minimum, on the other hand, climbed further, touching 14.2°C – still one degree below normal. It was 13.3°C on Monday.

Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist at IMD, said there should not be any significant deviation from this over the next few days, with the upcoming western disturbance unlikely to impact the national capital region.

"We will see a major impact over Jammu & Kashmir and the Himalayan region. In the plains, including Delhi-NCR, isolated drizzle is likely in one or two places. We may see cloudy weather, but the maximum or minimum will not deviate significantly,"

said Srivastava.

Forecasts till Sunday suggested the maximum will not dip below 30°C, and will hover between 30°C and 31°C. The minimum will oscillate between 12°C and 14°C. The previous western disturbance had significantly impacted Delhi's temperature, leading to an unusually chilly beginning for March.

Srivastava said unlike the last western disturbance, no significant dip in temperature is expected this time around. "Cloudy weather may persist for a day or two, but clear skies should return again, leading to sunny days. This will lead to a gradual rise in maximum as well as minimum temperatures," he added.

GGM WOMAN DIES AFTER BEING HIT BY SPEEDING CAR

GURUGRAM: A 27-year-old woman died, allegedly after she was hit by a speeding SUV while she was trying to cross the Golf Course Road (GCR), police said on Tuesday.

Police said the incident took place in front of the entrance of the La Lagune society in Sector-54 at about 6.25pm on February 8 from where the deceased, Nasima Khatoun, had stepped out. They said that she worked in several apartments in the society as a domestic help.

A senior police officer said that the spot from where she was trying to cross GCR to reach her home in Sector 53, neither had any cut or foot over bridge. She was rushed her to a private hospital in the sector. She died on Sunday night. **HTC**

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LG, CM launch city's 1st engineered landfill site

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena and chief minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated the first engineered landfill site of the city in Tehkhand, which is located next to the Okhla dump site. It is the Capital's fourth landfill site and has a capacity to hold almost a million tonnes of waste and will only be used to dump ashes and burnt material generated from the city's four waste-to-energy plants.

The LG said that the site has been developed under the central government's Swachh Bharat Mission 1.0 at the cost of ₹42.3 crore. "The construction work started in September 2021. The operationalisation of this project will help in scientific disposal of waste in the city," he added.

"The facility will have arrangements to process the ash generated after disposal of garbage in the plants for which 15 acres of land has been devel-



VK Saxena and Arvind Kejriwal at the inauguration of the engineered landfill site on Tuesday. RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTO

oped," CM Kejriwal said.

An MCD official said that the engineered landfill site has been developed with the help of IIT-Delhi. "Around 500 tonnes of ash from the waste-to-energy plants will be dumped in this engineered sanitary landfill (E-SLF) every day. For dumping

waste in this facility, the plant operators will be charged ₹300 per tonne of garbage by municipal corporation of Delhi (MCD). This will help them incentivise to find alternative methods to reuse the ashes," the official said, asking not to be named. Delhi's four waste-to-energy plants pro-

duce around 1,200 tonnes per day garbage, which is dumped at the landfill sites. The MCD is planning to set up a second E-SLF in Sultanpur Dabas in north Delhi to cater to the other waste-to-energy plants.

Unlike these dump sites, an engineered landfill site ensures the disposal of waste in a technical and scientific manner, and has a provision for a leachate treatment plant to avoid leachate percolation in the ground. The project was approved in 2018 by the erstwhile South MCD, and the work was awarded in September 2021. The stadium-shaped giant pit with depth of around 7 metres sits next to the oversaturated dump site in Okhla. It has 3.5 m high wall as barriers around it and the bottom surface is covered with five layers of geotextile barriers to prevent any contamination of the environment.

Another MCD official said, "The treatment plant has a capacity to treat around 100 KLD (kilo litres/day) of leachate."

LG inaugurates Vasudev ghat at Yamuna with aarti

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena inaugurated Vasudev Ghat, located along the western bank of the Yamuna, with an evening aarti on Tuesday.

The ghat — the first in the Capital to be restored by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) — was previously inaccessible due to a steep slope, and was littered with garbage.

The restored riverbank now has carved pavilions and boasts of flower beds of tulips, marigolds, and sadabahar, more than 2,000 native and naturalised trees, and 400,000 riverine grass saplings.

The 145-metre ghat has three entrances with parking space for 150 cars. DDA vice chairman Subhashish Panda said that Prime



LG Saxena at Vasudev Ghat on Tuesday. VIPIN KUMAR/HT PHOTO

Minister Narendra Modi had earlier suggested the ghat's name.

"I am confident that with this ghat, not only will the banks of the Yamuna get back their old form but people will also get a pleasant feeling by coming here. The Yamuna does not belong to

any one religion, individual, or government. It is a life giver and belongs to all of us," said Saxena.

DDA also has a larger project to redevelop the river bank along 16 hectares between Wazirabad and Old Railway Bridge, people familiar with the matter said.

ROUTINE WORK AT WATER PLANT TO AFFECT SUPPLY IN GURUGRAM TODAY

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GURUGRAM: The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) on Tuesday said that it will carry out some routine maintenance work at the water treatment plant in Chandu Budhera, adding that the supply of water will be affected for a 24-hour period starting 10am on Wednesday.

The areas to be affected include sectors 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 81-115, Dayanand Colony, Old Gurugram, Laxman Vihar, Choti Mata Booster, and Boosting Station at Sector 51 (sectors 42-74, Badshahpur), officials said.

In addition, officials said, the authority will also shift a 1,500mm master water pipeline from the Dwarka Expressway on Wednesday.

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The mobile beeps. He picks up the incoming call, even as his alert gaze stays focused on the Ring Road, hands deftly manoeuvring the steering wheel. A chat in Punjabi follows, after which cab driver Taran Pal Singh makes a fresh phone call, bursting out: "Mummy, where was your nana living in Rawalpindi?"

The past shoots out its echoes in startling ways. The unsuspecting Taran Pal is simply driving yet another customer to his destination as history gate-crashes into his humdrum routine this afternoon.

The blood-soaked tragedy of the 1947 batwara notwithstanding, you have to admit Delhi would not have its Taran Pal without the batwara. Both sets of his grandparents were from pre-partition Rawalpindi, who, like so many others, started their life in the newly independent India as refugees. Referring to the first phone call, Taran Pal says that a bereaved relative is in Haridwar to immerse a cousin's ashes in the sacred Ganga. A priest there wanted to register the visit in his multi-generational "panda-pothi" logbook which, somewhere in its thousands of pages, also included mentions of the previous Haridwar pilgrimages of Taran Pal's family. To find those old entries, the priest needed from the relative a specific information—Taran Pal's great-grandfather's address in Rawalpindi.

The relative dialled Taran Pal, who dialled his

mother. "This means that for generations, my ancestors travelled from Rawalpindi to visit Haridwar," remarks Taran Pal, adding, "There must have been buses and trains linking the two places." He marvels that Haridwar and Rawalpindi used to be so casually connected to each other, a scenario inconceivable in the context of India-Pakistan hostilities today.

"But now we are pucca Dilliwale"—Taran Pal says—"my late father was born in Dilli, my mummy was born in Dilli, and I was also born in Dilli." Something of Rawalpindi did linger at home. During his childhood in west Delhi's Tlak Nagar, Taran Pal's paternal grandparents would infrequently tell him of life in Rawalpindi. "I remember dada saying that shopping then was sasti (inexpensive), fruits and veggies were tastier, and Hindu-Muslims lived in peace."

Devoted to his "dada-dadi," Taran Pal had this grand ambition of taking them for a "dream journey" across the border "so that they could see their old home, and meet their old friends." That didn't come to pass, and after their deaths, "the thought of Rawalpindi never enters my mind." Or, so he believed until the relative's phone call minutes ago. "The instant I heard the word 'Rawalpindi,' dada-dadi flashed in front of me."

So, years might pass, and we might think we have finally escaped history, but it finds a way of ramming into us. Taran Pal nods at the assessment, his gaze on the road.



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SOP sought for release of under-trials

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NEW DELHI: Situation in prisons is very serious as they are functioning at twice their capacity, the Delhi high court said on Tuesday, calling for a standard operating procedure (SOP) for release of inmates within 48 hours of being granted bail.

special emergencies like funerals, you will have to compress it to 5-6 hours. Speak to the jail superintendent and Director General of Prisons," a bench led by acting chief justice Manmohan told additional standing counsel Nandita Rao, who appeared for the Delhi government.

the government to use technology to expedite the process of release. The court while posting the plea for April 1, asked the Delhi government's lawyer to seek instructions and file a fresh affidavit within 10 days.

ment's counsel submitted that there was a possibility of delays owing to the time taken to verify the details of the surety furnished by the inmate. She added that there was already a police circular setting a time frame for verification.

Court extends custody of Sisodia till March 22

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Tuesday extended the judicial custody of Aam Aadmi Party leader Manish Sisodia in a corruption case related to the Delhi excise case.

rial stage, and if released on bail, Sisodia may hamper the ongoing probe or flee from justice. Citing Supreme Court judgments, Sisodia's advocate Nitesh Rana told the court there cannot be further investigation once the trial has commenced and the trial commences after charges have been framed.

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Cong fields 43 candidates in 2nd list for LS elections

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NEW DELHI: Former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot's son Vaibhav and former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath's son Nakul were among 43 candidates across five states and one Union territory named by the Congress in its second list for the Lok Sabha polls on Tuesday.

The list sharpened the party's focus on SCs, STs, OBCs and young people, with candidates falling in these categories (including one minority candidate) constituting more than three-fourths of the names announced.

The Congress, which announced 39 names last week, in the second list declared candidates for 12 of the 14 candidates in Assam, seven of 26 seats in Gujarat, 10 seats of the 29 constituencies in Madhya Pradesh, 10 of the 25 seats in Rajasthan, and three of the five seats in Uttarakhand. The party also announced the lone candidate from Daman & Diu.

The Congress's deputy leader in Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi, changed his seat in Assam from Koliabor to Jorhat. The Koliabor seat has been won eight times by the Gogoi family — three times by his ex-CM father Tarun, three times by his uncle Dip, and twice by Gaurav — but he changed seat as delimitation significantly altered his seat which is now called Kaziranga. The Congress dropped sitting Barpeta MP Abdul Khaleque.

Among other prominent names in the list were Congress Working Committee member Kamleshwar Patel, from Sidhi in Madhya Pradesh; and Rahul Kaswan, a two-term sitting BJP MP from Churu in Rajasthan who joined the Congress hours before the meeting of the party's Central Election Committee (CEC) on Monday.

The selection of Nakul Nath came barely weeks after intense speculation that he, and possibly his father Kamal Nath, were on their way out of the Congress and were likely to join the BJP following the debacle in last year's

Breakdown of Cong's 2nd list

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assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh. While both father and son maintained that they were not leaving the party, at one point, Nakul even removed the party's name from his social media bio, adding to the intrigue.

Congress general secretary KC Venugopal, who addressed the media flanked by treasurer Ajay Maken and publicity cell chief Pawan Khara, on Tuesday emphasised how the party's manifesto and promises of social justice were reflected in the list of candidates.

He announced that, in the second list, the party fielded 10 general category candidates, 13 OBCs, 10 SCs, nine STs, and one Muslim candidate. "Out of 43 names we announced today, 33 belong to SC, ST, OBC and minorities," Venugopal said. Twenty-five of the 43 contestants are below 50 years of age, eight candidates are in the age bracket of 51-60, and the remaining 10 are between 61 and 72 years old, he added. "We are concerned

about social justice... We have delivered what we promised in Karnataka and Telangana. Now we are giving a promise to the people of India. We will take proactive steps and take action for poor people. Our candidate selection also reflects the agenda," Venugopal said. Together, in the first and second list, the Congress has declared 82 candidates, of which 37 are below the age of 50, and 57 belong to the SC, ST, OBC or minority categories. To be sure, in the Lok Sabha, SC and ST seats are fixed at 84 and 47, and taken together constitute 24% of the total 545 seats.

The higher share of caste groups is a well-calibrated step, said a senior leader. "It underlines that we are ready to fulfil all our promises for OBCs and other castes and give them higher representation in the decision-making process. The list also reflects Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's guarantees for SC, ST, OBCs," the Rajasthan-based leader said.

Several senior leaders are not contesting the 2024 elections, including Sonia Gandhi who shifted to Rajya Sabha, former chief ministers Ashok Gehlot and Digvijaya Singh — the latter had contested against Pragya Thakur from Bhopal in 2019 — and former Rajasthan deputy CM Sachin Pilot. But Gehlot's son Vaibhav, who contested from Jodhpur in 2019, will fight from Jalore this time.

Notably, in Assam, the Congress fielded one of its top leaders, Rakibul Islam, from Dhubri — a seat where local party AIUDF enjoys popularity among the Bengali-speaking Muslims. The next CEC will meet on March 15.

In a post on X, Gaurav said: "I would like to express my gratitude to my party for the opportunity to serve the people of Jorhat... In the days to come, I am confident that my party and all our hardworking Karyakartas will become pillars of strength for me. I seek the blessing and support of the people..."

J&K PARTIES SEEK SIMULTANEOUS POLLS AS EC TEAM ARRIVES IN REGION

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SRINAGAR: Political parties in Jammu & Kashmir on Tuesday urged the Election Commission of India to hold simultaneous assembly and Lok Sabha polls in the Union territory as the poll body started consultations with stakeholders to review preparedness for the upcoming general elections.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) expressed readiness for simultaneous polls as well.

Chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar and other officials of the poll panel, who arrived in Srinagar on Monday for a three-day visit, met with delegations from the National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), BJP, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Congress and Apni Party, officials said, seeking anonymity.

Kumar will meet lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha and administration officials in Jammu on Wednesday, they added. Election commission officials will also interact with J&K chief electoral officer PK Pole and nodal officers of state police.

A four-member delegation on Tuesday demanded assembly elections along with the Lok Sabha polls. NC vice-president Omar Abdullah said, "Let us see what the EC does now," he said.

PDP general secretary Ghulam Nabi Hanjura told EC officials that alongside assembly polls, there should be a level playing field for all parties.

BJP leader RS Pathania said: "We demanded easing the process of voting for common people, especially for migrant pandits, so that there would be high voting percentage."

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Modi, Sunak hold talks with a focus on FTA and bilateral ties

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NEW DELHI: The conclusion of the India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) and progress in the road-map guiding bilateral relations figured in a phone conversation between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart Rishi Sunak on Tuesday.

Talks on the proposed trade deal have stalled in recent weeks because of differences between the two sides on a range of issues, including market access for electric vehicles, tariffs on alcohol and mobility of Indian professionals. Britain sent a team of negotiators to India last week to give a push to the deal though the probability of it being finalised before the

announcement of dates for the Lok Sabha polls remains low.

In a post on X, Modi said he had a good conversation with Sunak and added: "We reaffirmed our commitment to further strengthen the bilateral Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and work for early conclusion of a mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement."

A readout from the Indian side said the leaders had expressed satisfaction on progress made under the Roadmap 2030 for bilateral relations in diverse areas such as trade, investment, defence, security, and emerging technologies.

"They assessed positively the progress made towards early conclusion of a mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement," the read-out said.

A statement from 10 Downing Street said the two leaders "agreed on the importance of securing a historic and comprehensive deal that benefits both countries". Sunak also referred to the "importance of reaching an ambitious outcome on goods and services".

The statement said the two sides "looked forward to further progress on trade talks". The Roadmap 2030, which was adopted in 2021, is a framework for taking forward ties in five areas, including trade, security, climate, health and people-to-people ties.

Modi and Sunak exchanged views on regional and global developments and agreed to remain in touch. They exchanged greetings on the upcoming festival of Holi.

India set to sign another key trade pact this week

Rajeev Jayaswal and Rezaul H Laskar

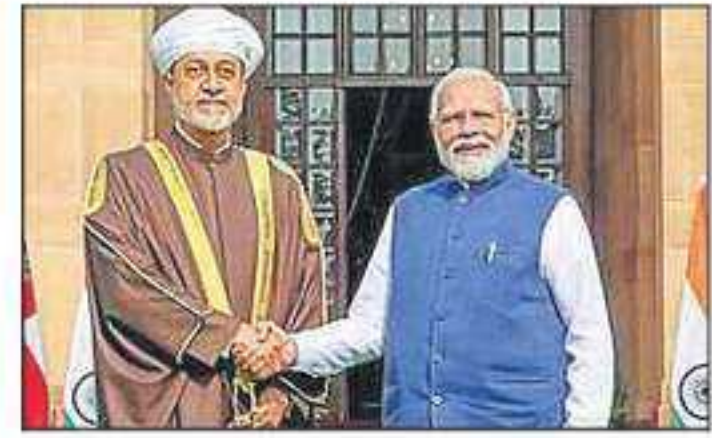
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NEW DELHI: India is set to sign a free trade agreement (FTA) with Oman this week, making it the second such pact in a week and the fourth bilateral deal since 2022, leaving negotiations for the other two with the UK and the European Union for the new government after the general elections.

The India-Oman trade deal is finalised and could be announced before dates of the 2024 polls are announced, two people aware of the development said, requesting anonymity. The Election Commission is likely to announce the dates by the end of the week, one of them said.

All technical issues related to the trade deal have been settled and there had been rapid progress in the work, a person with knowledge of the negotiations said.

New Delhi on Sunday signed an FTA with a group of four European countries — Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland —



Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and Prime Minister Narendra Modi met last year.

who committed to invest \$100 billion in India to create one million direct jobs over 15 years. This was the third bilateral deal India signed since 2022.

It signed an FTA with the United Arab Emirates on February 18, 2022, followed by another deal with Australia on April 2 that year. While India and the UK were in an advanced stage of FTA negotiations, an India-Oman deal would happen before New Delhi and London conclude a mutually acceptable agreement, HT reported on Tuesday.

The proposed deal with Oman is expected to help India in its

energy security and ensure cheaper supply of fertilisers for farmers, besides boosting foreign investments, a second person said. People of Oman will see a reduction in prices of Indian imports such as rice, tea, coffee, spices, dairy produce, meat, apparels, steel products and machinery, he said.

The finalisation got a boost after Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tarik and Prime Minister Narendra Modi met in New Delhi on December 16. The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) figured prominently in the discussions between the two leaders.

The CEPA will boost both trade and investments, the second official said. On the sidelines of the Sultan's state visit, commerce minister Piyush Goyal and Oman's trade minister Qais Bin Mohammed Al Yousef held talks on bilateral trade and investment. They decided to create an Oman desk in Invest India to boost investments along with an India desk at Invest Oman.

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'Discriminatory': Oppn looks to corner govt amid CAA row

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CHENNAI/KOLKATA/NEW DELHI: Leaders of various opposition parties on Tuesday attacked the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led Union government over the implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), claiming the notified rules were "unconstitutional", "discriminatory" and violative of the "secular principle of citizenship" enshrined in the Constitution.

The Centre on Monday implemented the CAA, notifying the rules four years after the contentious law was passed by Parliament in 2019 to fast-track citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014.

Alleging that the CAA only "creates division", Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin said his government would not allow the law to be implemented in the southern state.

"There is not going to be any use or benefits due to the CAA, which only paves the way for creating divisions among the Indian people," Stalin said in a statement. "[The] Tamil Nadu government will not give any opportunity in any manner to implement the CAA, which is also against pluralism, secularism, minority communities, and the Sri Lankan Tamil refugees."

On Monday, Stalin had criticised the BJP for implementing the contentious law in a "haste" just before the Lok Sabha elections.

"Now, as elections loom, Prime Minister Modi seeks to salvage his sinking ship by cynically resurrecting the Citizenship Amendment Act, exploiting religious sentiments for political gain..." Stalin posted on X.

West Bengal chief minister and Trinamool Congress (TMC) president Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday also attacked the BJP-led Centre claiming the notified CAA rules were "unconstitutional and discriminatory".

"I urge the people to think several times before applying for citizenship under the law. That's because the rules provide no clarity on what happens to the status of existing citizens once they make a fresh applica-

tion," Banerjee said, while addressing an official programme at Habra in North 24 Parganas district. "I apprehend existing citizens would automatically be first designated as illegal immigrants and then left at the mercy of the committee to grant them citizenship afresh."

Claiming that the CAA was merely a precursor to implementing the National Register of Citizens across the country, she said she had serious doubts if the CAA rules have "legal validity".

"The CAA and the rules framed are unconstitutional, and discriminatory under Article 14 of the Constitution, which guarantees the fundamental right to equality," she said. "I will be happy if a person gets the (citizenship) rights, but if anyone is deprived, I will provide him shelter."

She claimed that Muslim immigrants who are already citizens will be declared illegal and will suffer under the NRC. To be sure, the Union government has not made any announcement to carry out a nationwide NRC.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) also strongly opposed the implementation of the CAA, stating that the law violates the secular principle of citizenship enshrined in the Constitution by linking citizenship to religious identity.

"The rules notified under the Act operationalize this discriminatory approach towards Muslims coming from neighbouring countries. The implementation of the Act is also linked to the creation of a National Register of Citizens, raising apprehensions that citizens of Muslim origin will be targeted," CPI(M) politburo said in a statement.

Hyderabad Lok Sabha MP and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi said he would approach the Supreme Court against the CAA rules being notified.

"... (it is) against the right to equality. You are giving permission (citizenship) to every religion, you are not giving to those whose religion is Islam," he told reporters.

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah said, "CAA was passed in 2019, but notifying the rules just a few days before the bugle of elections is to be blown, perhaps it makes it clear what the aim is."

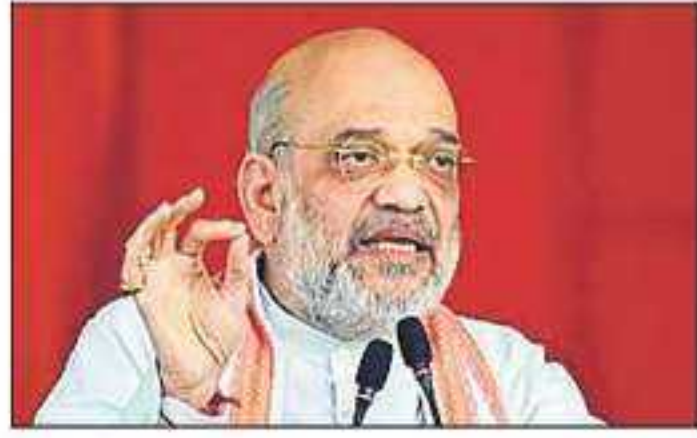


Activists of the Asom Jatiyabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad (AJYCP) stage a protest after the Centre notified the rules for implementation of Citizenship (Amendment) Act, in Guwahati on Tuesday. PTI

'They ignored national interest': Shah mounts counter-attack

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HYDERABAD: The Congress ignored the national interest by opposing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) due to appeasement and vote-bank politics, Union home minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday, and maintained there is no provision of stripping of anyone's citizenship in the law.



Amit Shah

Addressing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) social media volunteers in Hyderabad a day after the Centre notified the rules of the CAA, passed by Parliament in 2019, Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi by "granting citizenship to the refugees fulfilled their dreams to live life with dignity".

"The Congress refused to give citizenship to Hindu migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. But the BJP had promised that Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis, Christians and Jains who were thrown away from these countries would get citizenship. Lakhs of people escaped persecution from these countries and we have decided to give them protection," Shah

said. "Within a few days, all these migrants will become Indian citizens and enjoy equal rights."

Accusing the Congress of practising appeasement politics, the home minister added: "We had said we will bring CAA. The Congress party opposed CAA. Since Independence, it was a promise of the Congress and makers of our Constitution that citizenship will be granted to those persecuted on religious grounds in Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan, who come (to India). But, due to appeasement and vote-bank politics, the Congress party opposed the CAA."

In order to save their faith and honour, Shah said, lakhs and crores of people from Pakistan and Bangladesh came to India, but were not given citizenship. "They (refugees) felt injured

their own country when they were not granted citizenship," he said, adding that PM Modi honoured Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Sikh refugees by granting them citizenship through the CAA.

The Centre on Monday implemented the CAA, notifying the rules four years after the contentious law was passed by Parliament to fast-track citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014. The rules granting Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants — Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians — from the three countries came into force with immediate effect, according to a Gazette notification.

Addressing a huge gathering of BJP booth-level workers at LB Stadium in Hyderabad later in the day, Shah hit out at all those spreading "misinformation" about CAA. "...I want to tell the minorities of this country that no citizen of the country will lose citizenship due to CAA. The CAA is a law that grants citizenship and does not to take away anyone's citizenship," he said.

IUML moves top court, seeks stay on CAA rules

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NEW DELHI: A day after the Union government issued the rules for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or CAA, the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) moved the Supreme Court on Tuesday demanding that the impugned statute and regulations be stayed, and that no coercive steps be taken against persons belonging to Muslim community who have been deprived of the benefit of this law.

IUML is one of the petitioners that have challenged the validity of the amendments and Section 6B in the Act which aim at granting fast-track citizenship to non-Muslim refugees who came to India on or before December 31, 2014, because of religious persecution in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

The application by the Kerala-based political party claimed that the CAA Rules notified on Monday evening creates a "highly truncated and fast-tracked process" for the grant of citizenships to non-Muslim migrants from the specified countries, thereby making operational a "manifestly arbitrary and discriminatory" regime solely on the ground of religious identity.

"Since the CAA discriminates on the basis of religion, it strikes at the root of secularism, which is the basic structure of the Constitution...India's constitutional framework, read with obligations under the international law, mandates a framework of refugee protection that is non-discriminatory," stated the plea, filed through advocate Pallavi Prasad. It pointed out that waiting for the final judgment of the

THE IUML URGED THE COURT TO STAY THE CAA'S IMPLEMENTATION, UNTIL IT IS DECIDED THAT IT DOES NOT HARM THE RIGHT OF ANY INDIAN CITIZEN

top court would not hamper anyone's interest as the Centre itself has taken more than four years to notify the rules after the amendments received the presidential assent in December 2019.

"If this court finally decided that CAA is unconstitutional, people who would have received the citizenship under this Act will have to be stripped of their citizenships. Therefore, it is in the best interest of everyone to defer the implementation of CAA and impugned rules till this hon'ble court finally decides the matter," IUML pleaded.

The party urged the court to stay the implementation of CAA and the Rules, adding that until the court decides, persons belonging to Muslim community may not be subjected to any coercive action under the Citizenship Act, Passport Act or Foreigners Act. IUML has also approached the registrar concerned to seek an urgent hearing of its plea. For over a year now, the apex court has not held an effective hearing in this matter.

Four years after the controversial law was passed to fast-track citizenship to non-Muslims who entered India from the three neighbouring countries on or before December 31, 2014, the Centre on Monday notified the rules, entailing the architecture granting citizenship through

certificates of registration and naturalisation.

Announcing the notification, which was expected after several ministers and officials over the past few months said that the rules would be released before this summer's general elections, Union home minister Amit Shah said on X: "The Modi government notified the Citizenship (amendment) rules, 2024. These rules will now enable minorities persecuted on religious grounds in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan to acquire citizenship in our nation... With this notification, PM Shri @narendramodi Ji has delivered on another commitment and realised the promise of the makers of our constitution to the Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians living in those countries."

The announcement of the rules, in keeping with the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) promise in its 2019 manifesto, was criticised by Opposition parties who said the timing of the notification is linked to the coming elections. The law itself was passed in December 2019, but the underlying rules were not framed. Its passage resulted in protests, which petered out only with the Covid-19 pandemic, and a clutch of petitions that remain before the Supreme Court.

West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee said she would oppose CAA if it curtailed Indian citizens' existing rights in any manner. The latest affidavit, filed by the Centre in response to several petitions challenging the legality of CAA, stated that it may not come within the scope of judicial review, since matters of citizenship and foreign policy fall squarely within the domain of Parliament.

Applicants can attach 9 papers to prove country of origin

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NEW DELHI: Applicants for Indian citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019 (CAA) can submit any of nine documents, including valid or expired passport, ID cards and land tenancy records, to prove he or she is a national of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan.

The applicants can also submit any of 20 documents like copy of visa and immigration stamp on arrival in India, certificate issued by an elected member of any rural or urban body or a revenue officer to prove that he or she has entered India on or before December 31, 2014, according to the rules of the CAA issued on Monday.

The rules also state that the applicants will have to provide an



Members of All Assam Students Union (AASU) stage a protest after the notification of the rules for implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 in Guwahati on Tuesday. PTI

eligibility certificate issued by a locally reputed community institution confirming that he or she belongs to either Hindu, Sikh, Bud-

dhist, Jain, Parsi or Christian community and continues to be a member of that community. The government on Monday

implemented the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, notifying the rules to fast-track citizenship for undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan who came to India before December 31, 2014.

Now, Indian nationality will be given under the CAA to the persecuted non-Muslim migrants — Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians — from the three countries.

The applicants will have to give a declaration that they "irrevocably" renounce the existing citizenship and that they want to make make "India as permanent home".

The list of documents to prove that the applicant is a national of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan are: copy of passport issued by the government of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan, regi-

stration certificate or residential permit issued by the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer or Foreigners Registration Officer in India, birth certificate issued by a government authority in Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan, school certificate or educational certificate issued by the school or college or board or university authorities in Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan.

Other documents that will be acceptable include identity document of any kind issued by government of Afghanistan or Bangladesh or Pakistan, any licence or certificate issued in Afghanistan, Bangladesh or Pakistan, any document that shows that either of the parents or grandparents or great grandparents of the applicant is or had been a citizen of one of the three countries

Two sides of CAA divide



People distribute sweets to celebrate the notification of Citizenship (Amendment) Act rules in Nagpur; police use water cannon against the people protesting against the same notification in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday. PTI



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PROTESTS AGAINST IMPLEMENTATION OF CAA RULES ACROSS ASSAM

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GUWAHATI: Protests against the implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 erupted across Assam on Tuesday with effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union home minister Amit Shah and copies of the law being burnt, people familiar with the matter said.

The All Assam Students' Union (AASU), 30 non-political indigenous organisations besides Asom Jatiyabadi Yuba Chatra Parishad (AJYCP), Congress, Rajiv Dal and CPI(M) launched protests in various parts of the northeastern state a day after the Centre notified the rules of the CAA on Monday.

The AASU, led by its advisor Samujjal Bhattacharya, organised a march near the high court and Raj Bhavan in Guwahati. AASU leaders went to New Delhi to pursue a petition against the Act in the Supreme Court and returned to take part in the procession in the evening.

Congress workers led by Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Assam assembly Debabrata Saikia staged a protest in front of its state headquarters in Guwahati and burnt copies of the Act. Rajiv Dal MLA Akhil Gogoi joined the protesters in Sivasagar and the police took some members into preventive custody but they were later released.

SC: Celebratory firing dangerous and illegal

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NEW DELHI: In a world where balloons and confetti exist, choosing bullets to express joy is excessive and dangerous, besides being illegal. The Supreme Court has frowned upon the practice of celebratory firing, ruling that those who partake in ballistic revelry must be sent straight to the proverbial naughty corner.

"The act of celebratory firing during marriage ceremonies is an unfortunate yet prevalent practice in our nation," ruled a bench of justices Vikram Nath and Satish Chandra Sharma, adding that people who shoot must bear the repercussions of knowing that their actions are likely to result in fatalities.

Though without any intention, causing fatal injuries to a person due to celebratory firing, the court said, would attract the punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder, which is punishable with a jail term that can extend to 10 years. The apex court was hearing an appeal by a man whose bul-

let killed a person during the celebratory firing at a wedding in March 2016.

The man was sentenced to life for killing the victim even though he argued that it was an accident.

In its judgment on Monday, the bench agreed with the submissions that the victim died on account of a single bullet injury and that there was no known prior enmity between him and the accused.

"The fulcrum of the dispute before this court is whether the appellant's act of engaging in celebratory firing during a marriage ceremony could be construed to be an act so imminently dangerous so as to, in all probability, cause death or such bodily injury as was likely to cause death?" the bench said. It added that in India, celebratory gunfire at marriage rituals is a regrettable but common practice.

SC urges govt to consider rescuing Kerala from severe financial crisis

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday urged the Union government to consider rescuing Kerala from a severe financial crisis with a special package in the current fiscal year even as the Centre maintained that as a matter of principle, it had refused bailout packages for several other states too.

"We are not experts. We won't be able to tell you the way out but perhaps your experts can... Let your experts explore the possibility. See if you can be slightly liberal in relaxing your norms and give a one-time package before March 31, subject to more stringent conditions in the next financial year," a bench of justices Surya Kant and KV Viswanathan told the Centre, as it heard the southern state's suit against the Centre's borrowing cap restrictions.

The suggestion from the bench came after senior counsel Kapil Sibal, representing the Kerala government, submitted

THE BENCH WAS HEARING A PLEA FILED BY THE KERALA GOVT, CLAIMING IT HAS NO MONEY TO CLEAR PENDING ARREARS OF SALARIES FOR GOVT EMPLOYEES

that while the state has accepted the Centre's proposal to borrow an additional ₹13,608 crore for the time being, its request for an additional ₹19,000 crore was shot down in the last meeting.

Appearing for the Centre, attorney general R Venkataramani and additional solicitor general (ASG) N Venkatraman said that the Centre has done "whatever was doable". Venkataraman further informed the bench that the Centre has proposed allowing the state to borrow another ₹5,000 crore on April 1. "On 14 other occasions with

different states and different political parties, we have said we cannot give bailout package... as a matter of principle. If we allow it for one state, we will have to do it for everyone... We have already done our best in so far Kerala is concerned," the ASG submitted.

The A-G added that it was not a case where there is no application of mind by the Centre or any resistance to applying its mind, especially after the Supreme Court's suggestion on March 6.

On the court's poser if a one-time exception can be made for Kerala this time, the law officers remained united that the step would end up dividing states based on their approaching courts. "We will place all the materials before the court, including the request for a bailout package by another southern state which wrote to us in January. In this case, the request for a bailout package is more than 100% of their budget package... the mismatch is huge. We can show that we have declined similar requests for many other

states, and it is not that we are against this particular state," Venkataraman said.

Responding, the bench remarked: "We don't have the slightest doubt on your bonafide that you would not want to help the state. We are asking you to explore the possibility of doing something for the current financial year and the amount can be set off from their entitlement in the first quarter of the next financial year... Do something as a special case," the bench added.

At this, the law officers said that they would consult the competent authorities and come back with a response to the court's suggestion.

Kerala finance minister KN Balagopal said: "The observations by the SC today show that Kerala's claims are worthy of consideration. Though the case is about the state's borrowing limit, our arguments are not limited to it. We have said that Kerala's tax devolution has been halved." The matter is likely to be taken up again on Wednesday.

Assam set to redraw Pobitora boundaries

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GUWAHATI: The Assam government has established a committee to redraw the boundary of the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, which has one of the highest concentrations of one-horned rhinos in the world, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve on March 9.

The state cabinet on Sunday decided to withdraw the notification on the sanctuary. The decision wasn't made public, but the state government mentioned it in an affidavit filed in the Supreme Court in connection with a petition filed by environmental activist Rohit Choudhury regarding non-declaration of eco-sensitive zones around the sanctuary in violation of an apex court order of December 2018. HT has seen the minutes of the cabinet meeting regarding the issue, which was submitted in the Supreme Court. The matter will come up for hearing on Wednesday. As per the minutes of the cab-



Pobitora wildlife Sanctuary has the largest number of one-horned rhinos in the world. HT

inet meeting, the 1998 notification included government land in the wildlife sanctuary without settling rights of "deprived and marginalized sections of society" who were residing in three villages "even before Independence". "The cabinet held the view that in light of the facts and circumstances in the matter leading to the issue of final notification of PWS on March 17, 1998, the said notification declaring PWS should be withdrawn," the minutes of the meeting said. "The cabinet at the same time also observed that it is important to declare Pobitora area as a wildlife sanctuary in view of the large number of rhino population," it added.

Tejas crashes for first time minutes after taking part in military drills

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POKHRAN (RAJASTHAN): A Tejas aircraft of the Indian Air Force on Tuesday crashed near Jaisalmer, minutes after taking part in a tri-services exercise that sought to demonstrate the strides India has made towards self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector, officials aware of the matter said.

This marks the first crash of the light combat aircraft (LCA) Tejas, which IAF began inducting in July 2016.

"One Tejas aircraft of IAF met with an accident at Jaisalmer today, during an operational training sortie. The pilot ejected safely. A Court of Inquiry has been constituted to find out the cause of the accident," the IAF said in a statement.

The aircraft had flown during the tri-services Bharat Shakti exercise at the Pokhran firing range near Jaisalmer along with another Tejas fighter before it went down.

The two fighters fired flares during the exercise that was wit-



People try to douse fire at the crash site on Tuesday.

In November, Modi flew in LCA in Bengaluru and described the experience as "incredibly enriching" while also heaping praise on the country's indigenous military capabilities. His sortie in an LCA Mk-1 fighter jet was seen as a significant endorsement of the LCA programme, and turned the spotlight on the locally produced fighter jet that IAF is looking at inducting in big numbers and India is also seeking to export.

IAF ordered 83 Mk-1A fighters for Rs 48,000 crore in February 2021, and plans to buy 97 more Mk-1As at an estimated cost of Rs 67,000 crore. In October 2023, state-run plane maker Hindustan Aeronautics Limited handed over the first trainer version of LCA Mk-1 to Chaudhari in Bengaluru, with the twin seater set to fill a key training role and double as a fighter if needed.

The aircraft is part of an earlier order for 40 Mk-1 jets in the initial operational clearance (IOC) and the more advanced final operational clearance (FOC) configurations — the first variants of LCA. Of

the 40 Mk-1s, IAF has inducted 32 single seater jets and raised two LCA squadrons. The remaining eight aircraft are trainers and all of them will be delivered to IAF by March 2024.

The latest crash comes at a time when IAF is getting ready to induct the first Mk-1A aircraft by March-end. The last of the 83 jets already ordered will be delivered by 2028.

LCA is set to emerge as the cornerstone of IAF's combat power in the coming decade and beyond. IAF, the world's fourth largest air force, is expected to operate around 350 LCAs (Mk-1, Mk-1A and Mk-2 versions), with a third of those already ordered, some inducted, and the rest figuring prominently on the air force's modernisation roadmap and expected to be contracted in the coming years, as previously reported by HT.

IAF will deploy LCAs at forward air bases in the western sector to bolster its combat readiness against Pakistan and fill the gap left by the gradual phasing out of the Soviet-era MiG-21 fighter jets.

German man under ED lens as part of Mahadev app probe

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MUMBAI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has begun investigating the role of a German national in developing and programming the complex technical architecture of Mahadev Online Book, an illegal online betting and gaming platform. People familiar with the probe, which began in October 2022,

say the German is likely a part of the brains trust of this \$1 billion and upwards operation along with promoters Ravi Uppal and Sourabh Chandrakar. People aware of the matter said that some recent arrests revealed the German man, believed to be middle-aged, developed the core MOB platform's betting structure. It was also revealed that he has structured several such similar online betting - gaming platforms in Mexico and certain South American countries. According to the ED, the MOB app is an umbrella syndicate that arranges online platforms to enable illegal betting websites to enrol new users, create user IDs and launder money through a layered web of benami bank accounts. So far, the agency has arrested 11 persons and named 19 persons in two of its preliminary charge sheet.

The agency is probing the connection of the German, belonging to Tibrewal, led to security holdings worth ₹580.7 crore being frozen. Tibrewal allegedly owned and operated an illegal betting website, skyexchange, and laundered the proceeds of crime through multiple companies operating in India and abroad.

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whose name they refused to divulge, with the proceeds of crime generated by MoB and its 2,000 franchisees. As per MoB's franchisee model, the Dubai headquarter gets to keep 70% of the profits while the remaining 30% goes to the franchise holder. Each Monday, the panel operators and the subsidiary apps/sites under the expanding MoB umbrella network share their weekly accounts with the Dubai office, said sources close to the investigation.

MOB branches allegedly made a profit of ₹30-40 lakh per branch per month until the crackdown by ED and the police of three states in India.

ED's recent investigations also revealed the alleged involvement in hawala transactions of a Dubai resident, a certain Hari Shankar Tibrewal, one of the partners in MoB. Recent searches by ED across 17 locations across India, including Kolkata and Pune, allegedly

belonging to Tibrewal, led to security holdings worth ₹580.7 crore being frozen. Tibrewal allegedly owned and operated an illegal betting website, skyexchange, and laundered the proceeds of crime through multiple companies operating in India and abroad.

ED sources said that a recently-arrested accused in the probe, Suraj Chokhani, allegedly ran firms which in turn were used by Tibrewal to launder proceeds of crime under the garb of share investments, the ED sources said. Chokhani's alleged stake in a Bangladeshi gaming site—in which the sister of a Bangladeshi national cricket player is a co-partner — and also in a Kathmandu casino are under the ED's scanner.

Another accused Girish Talreja, recently arrested by the ED, was an alleged stakeholder in a MoB subsidiary, Lotus365, along with Saurabh Chandrakar. Talreja was also part of the "cash handling WhatsApp Group" of MoB's Pune franchisee from where cash worth ₹1 crore was seized in the recent search. The Pune branch was allegedly handling betting cash of ₹50 crore a month.

As part of its inter-state investigation, the ED has so far seized/frozen movable assets worth ₹1,764.5 crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

22-year-old stabbed in K'taka over intercaste marriage, critical: Cops

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BENGALURU: A 22-year-old man was critically injured after a group of people, including his father-in-law, allegedly stabbed him multiple times with a knife in a suspected hate crime in Mandya district of Karnataka, police said on Tuesday.

The victim, identified as Shashank — he goes by a single name according to police records — from the Madiwala community, married a 19-year-old woman he was in a relationship for the past three years on March 6. The woman's family belongs to the Kuruba community from Mysuru district.

All nine accused, including the woman's father JP Anand, have been arrested in connection with the incident that

occurred at Melapur in Srirangapatna taluk on Monday, police said. "The woman's family has been opposing their relationship for three years. Her father had found a match for her from their community and held an engagement ceremony. But she eloped with Shashank and got married on March 6," Srirangapatna rural police inspector N Kumar told HT. "After learning about their marriage, the woman's father hatched a plan to kill the man."

On Monday, the accused confronted Shashank and stabbed him, causing severe injuries to his intestines. He was rushed to a private hospital in Mysuru where his condition is stated to be critical, the officer said.

"We have arrested all accused," the officer said, adding a case has been registered.

India rebuts China's remarks on Modi's visit to Arunachal

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NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday rejected China's contention that Arunachal Pradesh, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a major infrastructure project last week, is part of Chinese territory and said such claims will not change the reality that the state is part of the country.

"This was the latest war of words between the two sides over the strategic northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh, which Beijing has for long claimed as 'Zangnan' or South Tibet. China traditionally bristles over visits to the region by top Indian leaders but such reactions are usually brushed aside by New Delhi."

"We reject the comments made by the Chinese side regarding the visit of the Prime Minister to Arunachal Pradesh. Indian leaders visit Arunachal Pradesh from time to

ON MARCH 9, PM MODI REMOTELY INAUGURATED A TUNNEL BUILT BY BRO AT A COST OF ₹825 CRORE, FROM ITANAGAR

time, as they visit other states of India," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"Objecting to such visits or India's developmental projects does not stand to reason. Further, it will not change the reality that the state of Arunachal Pradesh was, is, and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India," he said. The Chinese side, Jaiswal said, has been "made aware of this consistent position" on several occasions.

On Monday, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wen-

bin had reacted to Modi's visit to Arunachal Pradesh on March 9 to inaugurate the Sela Tunnel and other infrastructure projects by saying that the area of 'Zangnan is Chinese territory' and that the Chinese government has 'never recognised the so-called Arunachal Pradesh'.

Wang, who was responding to a question from China's state-run media during a regular media briefing, also said the "China-India boundary question has yet to be solved".

He contended that India has "no right to arbitrarily develop" Arunachal Pradesh and that such moves will "complicate the boundary question and disrupt the situation in the border areas". Wang also said that China "strongly deplores and firmly opposes" the Indian premier's visit to Arunachal Pradesh and has made "solemn representations to India" in this context. Modi remotely inaugurated the tunnel from Itanagar.

Why can't you go to the HC? Top court to Himachal rebels

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked six rebel Congress legislators, who have challenged their disqualification from the Himachal Pradesh assembly under the anti-defection law, to point out the fundamental right violation for which they have directly moved the top court and not the high court. "Tell us, why can't you go to the high court?" the bench asked the counsels. "What is the fundamental right involved?" The court posted the matter for hearing to March 18.

Athawale seeks 2 LS seats in Maharashtra

NEW DELHI: Union minister of state for social justice and empowerment Ramdas Athawale met Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president JP Nadda at his residence in Delhi on Tuesday and demanded two Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra for his party to contest the upcoming election. "Today I met BJP President JP Nadda ji at his residence and discussed the political situation in Maharashtra. I demanded two Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra for our party, the Republican Party of India (A)," Athawale said.

Maha: 3 killed as part of building collapses

MUMBAI: Three workers were killed and one was critically injured after a portion of a scaffolding of an under-construction building collapsed in Mumbai's Borivali suburb on Tuesday, officials said. "Scaffolding from the 16th floor of a 24-storey under-construction building collapsed, which resulted in four workers getting injured. They were rushed to Kandivali-based Shatabdi Hospital, where three of them were declared dead, while the condition of the fourth victim is critical," a civic official said.

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SPOTLIGHT | HARYANA TWIST

What led to the split: Haryana churn was on cards for months

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CHANDIGARH: The first signals of cracks in the Bharatiya Janata Party-Jannayak Janta Party (BJP-JJP) coalition government in Haryana emerged in June last year, people familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

The architects of the BJP exploring chances of snapping ties with the JJP and forming a government with the support of six independent legislators were Haryana BJP in-charge Biplab Kumar Deb and the then state unit chief Om Prakash Dhankar, a Jat leader, the people cited above said.

The process that Deb and Dhankar set in motion culminated in Tuesday's churn when the BJP walked out of its alliance with the JJP about 53 months after the coalition was stitched together on October 25, 2019, after the BJP then, with 40 MLAs, failed to cross the halfway mark in the 90-member assembly.

In what party insiders said was a cleverly crafted strategy, the BJP severed ties without shedding light on the reasons behind the split. On its part, the JJP too kept mum through the day. Later, outgoing chief min-



Former Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar with JJP leader Dushyant Chautala during a meeting in 2019. FILE

ister Manohar Lal Khattar indicated that the trigger behind the separation was that the JJP wanted a seat-sharing arrangement with the BJP to contest the Lok Sabha elections. Dushyant Chautala thanked Haryana's people for supporting the JJP and giving him the opportunity to serve the state as deputy chief minister.

Tension between the alliance partners flared when Deb made certain adverse statements against the JJP and deputy chief minister Chautala, setting off a political storm within the government. Another flashpoint was Deb's series of meetings with six independent MLAs and Haryana Lokhit party MLA Gopal Kanda. Since last summer, both the BJP and the JJP had been tackling cautiously the issue of whether the alliance partners would contest the Lok Sabha

elections together. Aware of its weaknesses, the JJP wanted to continue the alliance anyhow, party insiders indicated.

In an interview with HT last year, JJP leader Ajay Singh Chautala said: "The BJP-JJP alliance is imperative to keep the Congress out of power."

BJP leaders said ties between the two parties broke down after the failure of seat-sharing talks for the Lok Sabha elections.

On Monday evening, Dushyant Chautala met BJP national president JP Nadda in Delhi. The talks about seat-sharing failed, after which the BJP pulled out of the alliance.

The shake-up on Tuesday came close on the heels of bureaucrat-turned-politician and the BJP's sitting Hisar MP Brijendra Singh joining the Congress camp earlier this week, primarily objecting to the BJP's alliance with the JJP.

Both Brijendra and his father, Birender Singh, had been openly speaking against the BJP continuing alliance with the JJP. Their only demand was that BJP should snap ties with the JJP.

Political observers said breaking the alliance could be a "ploy" as the BJP had to get rid

of the JJP to ensure consolidation of non-Jat voters.

BJP leaders said the JJP was increasingly becoming a liability despite Khattar taking steps to ensure transparency in governance.

"JJP won 10 assembly seats because it was an anti-BJP mandate. But the JJP joined the BJP and formed the government. The BJP knows that the people, particularly the Jat community, are angry with the government. Parting ways suits the BJP as well as the JJP in electoral politics," Anant Ram, a Delhi-based Haryana watcher, said. The JJP will spell out its next course of action on Wednesday at a rally to be held in Hisar to mark the birthday of Ajay Singh Chautala.

At present, the BJP has 41 MLAs in the 90-member House, while the JJP has 10. The BJP is now banking on the support of six of seven independent MLAs. The main opposition Congress has 30 MLAs. The Indian National Lok Dal and the Haryana Lokhit Party has one member each, with the latter supporting the JJP. With 46 MLAs needed for a majority, the BJP is comfortably placed even without the JJP.

{ OPPOSITION HITS OUT } 'BUCKLED UNDER PRESSURE'

Hry chaos will be seen in other states soon: Cong

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NEW DELHI: The political "chaos" in Haryana on Tuesday was a result of pressure from farmers, youngsters and wrestlers, and a similar situation will soon be seen in other parts of the country, the Congress said, adding that the time has come for a "change" in the country.

"The chaos that we are seeing in Haryana is a result of pressure from farmers, youths and wrestlers and the same is going to happen in the country too," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said in a post in Hindi on X, referring to the dramatic developments in the northern state that began with the exit of the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led coalition in the northern state.

"What we have seen in Haryana is the power of 'Jai jawan, jai kisan, jai naujawan and jai pahalwan'. What they have done in Haryana, they will do to Mr Modi very soon. It is time for change," he said.

Haryana BJP chief Nayab Singh Saini was on Tuesday

THE CONGRESS SHOULD BRING A NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION, PARTY LEADER RANDEEP SURJEWALA SAID

sworn in as state's new chief minister, hours after the surprise resignation of Manohar Lal Khattar from the post along with his cabinet ministers.

Five MLAs - four from the BJP and one independent - were also sworn in as ministers. However, former home minister and six-term MLA from Ambala Cantt, Anil Vij, has not found a place in the new cabinet.

"In Haryana, a political circus has begun to collect votes by dividing Haryanis on the basis of caste as part of a pre-determined script," Congress general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala said. "A new trial balloon will be out blaming the JJP for all its sins. A new cabinet will be formed, perhaps even a new chief minister," he added.

"To make people forget their past misdeeds and divert them from the anti-people policies and

decisions of the past 10 years, a new label will be put on the basket of sins," he added.

The need of the hour is that the Congress should immediately bring a no-confidence motion, Surjewala said. "Now the people also have to decide. Think, understand and do justice," he said.

The Congress leader also said that the JJP will be made to contest the upcoming elections separately so that a new election board of "vote division" can be set up.

Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Singh Hooda said that the BJP has lost the confidence of the people.

While there was no immediate reactions to the Congress leaders' remarks, Khattar, earlier in the day, said it was the BJP's tradition to bring in new leadership.

"It happened in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh. In fact, I myself had suggested to the party high command that time has come for a new leadership to take over in Haryana," Khattar said. He was referring to the BJP's practice of bringing in new leaders to curb anti-incumbency, often ahead of major elections.

Another Jat leader exits NDA but BJP confident of retaining the vote base

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NEW DELHI: When Dushyant Chautala of the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) broke his alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday, he became the third significant Jat leader to walk away from the national political hegemon in a week. Chautala's exit comes days after Rajasthan lawmaker Rahul Kaswan and Haryana's Brijendra Singh joined the Congress party. All three are from connected and influential Jat families. And all are young. Chautala is 35, Kaswan, 47 and Singh, 51.

There are other Jat leaders who haven't quit but aren't feeling particularly happy. For instance, two-term MP and former Mumbai police commissioner Satya Pal Singh seems to have become collateral damage of the party's alliance with the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), which has been allotted his Baghat seat. While HT spoke to those close to him, Singh didn't offer any comment.

And while former Union minister Sanjeev Balyan has hung on to his Muzaffarnagar seat, his chances of coming back in the council of ministers have shrunk,



Rahul Kaswan joined the Congress on Monday.

say people in the party, because of RLD's expected induction in the new Narendra Modi cabinet. Balyan's aide cited his door-to-door campaign programme as the reason for not commenting on the story.

Similarly, the Delhi candidate list has cut out yet another Jat face, two-term West Delhi MP Parvish Verma. Verma, like Kaswan and Singh, is a second generation leader, the son of former Delhi chief minister Sahib Singh Verma.

For the record, Verma told HT: "There is no question of being unhappy. I have full faith in my party leadership. I will do whatever is in good faith of my party with or without any post. 400+ seats for BJP is my mission..."

The Jat community has significant numbers in western Uttar Pradesh, making up roughly 15% of population. They make up for about 15% of population in Rajasthan and 25% in Haryana. According to the ruling party's internal assessments, Jats influence more than 70 seats. And there was no Jat cabinet minister in the Modi 2.0 cabinet. Virender Singh, Brijendra Singh's father, was a Union minister in the 2014 cabinet while in the current council, Balyan and Kailash Choudhary hold the post of Union ministers.

But it would be incorrect to believe this will translate into a loss of votes, said BJP's new entrant Ashok Tanwar. "The reason why Modi ji gets such a mandate is because every segment of society votes for him, and this includes the Jats."

The Haryana BJP's assessment is that Chautala's exit will help the party dissociate from anti-incumbency. Moreover, being a Jat leader now in the Opposition, he will be able to eat into the Congress's Jat vote bank.

"I will speak only at the rally tomorrow [Wednesday]," said Chautala when contacted by HT. But it is as straightforward as the BJP's assessment? Speaking to HT, Brijendra Singh said that if

indeed, Chautala was a drag on the BJP, the party certainly woke up too late.

"My exit may have played a small part in stirring the BJP into changing their Haryana leadership," he said.

"The kisan (farmer) community is feeling neglected and their voices are not being heard," said Kaswan. "When they deny a ticket to someone who's family has been serving them since 91, shouldn't they give an explanation? The community is feeling the anger and frustration," added Kaswan, who is now the Congress's Churu candidate.

There is a theory that the party will no longer hand out tickets to family boroughs, without a proper review or where the party wins over a new ally like the RLD. But as Brijendra Singh said, "It's all very well to say that you won't give tickets to families but that's not how it works in India. We are a reflection of our society."

The good news for the BJP is that many will stay with the party despite being sidelined. Satya Pal Singh continues with the last of his MP duties while Parvish Verma waits for some organisational role ahead of Delhi elections.



Naib Singh Saini

NEW CM TO SEEK FLOOR TEST TODAY

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CHANDIGARH: The newly formed Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Haryana will seek a floor test in the state assembly on Wednesday.

The council of ministers, headed by newly sworn in chief minister Nayab Singh Saini, on Tuesday decided to convene the special session of the assembly on Wednesday.

The BJP, which has 41 MLAs in the 90-member House, is dependent on the support of Independent MLAs and one Haryana Lokhit Party (HLP) MLA to prove its majority.

The support of Independents is crucial for the survival of the BJP after it severed ties with the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) earlier in the day. Saini was on Tuesday sworn in as the new chief minister, hours after the surprise resignation of Manohar Lal Khattar from the post along with his cabinet ministers.

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NEW DELHI: Manohar Lal Khattar, who was replaced by Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday as chief minister of Haryana, months ahead of the assembly elections in the state, joins a growing list of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) chief ministers changed before completing their tenure to make room for new faces.

Since 2021, the party has experimented with changing the incumbent chief minister with a new face to lead the party to polls, allowing it to shed anti-incumbency associated with the leadership. This is also in line with the party's policy of allowing a generation shift, giving newer and preferable younger leaders a platform.

Sixty-nine-year-old Khattar, a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) functionary and an old associate of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was first appointed as chief minister in 2014.

Although low-key, he has been in the eye of the storm on more than one occasion, leading to speculation that he would be replaced. He rode out the storms - including protests over the issue of reservation for the dominant Jat community in 2016 or when supporters of Baba Ram Rahim resorted to vio-



Manohar Lal Khattar

lence and arson following his conviction for rape and murder - and did not lose the chief minister's post even when the party failed to win the requisite number of seats to form the government in the state in 2019, but he could not survive the breakup in the party's alliance with the Jananayak Janhit Party or the JJP coming just ahead of the Lok Sabha polls and months ahead of the assembly elections in the state later this year.

While there is speculation that he will be given a ticket to contest the Lok Sabha polls from Hisar in Haryana, some BJP leaders point out that his exit from the top job is in line with the party's formula of going to polls with a new face.

In recent years, the BJP has changed at least four chief ministers ahead of polls to buck anti-incumbency, and tide over complaints of administrative deficiencies.

In Uttarakhand, two chief ministers were changed within months to appoint a younger, Pushkar Singh Dhami.

In Gujarat, Vijay Rupani was replaced by Bhupendra Patel in September 2021, months ahead of the state elections. Rupani's performance during the Covid-19 pandemic was cited as a reason for the change.

Similar exercises were carried out in Karnataka and Tripura ahead of polls.

Biplab Deb was replaced as chief minister of Tripura in May 2022, nine months ahead of the assembly polls in 2023. He was replaced by Manik Saha, a dentist-turned-politician who led the party to victory in the 2023 polls. Deb, who was appointed as chief minister following the BJP's massive victory in 2018, is now the party's candidate from Tripura Lok Sabha constituency.

In Karnataka, the gamble of replacing the chief minister ahead of polls did not pay off. Sidestepping the opinion of party leaders in the state who were against changing Lingayat strongman BS Yeddyurappa, the central leadership appointed BS Bommai as the chief minister in Karnataka in July 2021. The change did not have the desired consequence and the party lost the 2023 polls.

MADHUMITA'S SISTER ACCUSES AMARMANI OF TRYING TO KILL HER

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LUCKNOW/LAKHIMPUR KHERI: The sister of poet Madhumita Shukla, who was found shot dead at her Lucknow residence on May 9, 2003, on Tuesday accused former Uttar Pradesh minister Amarmani Tripathi of trying to kill her after unidentified men allegedly fired shots outside her house, and demanded police protection.

In a written complaint with police, Madhumita's sister Nidhi Tripathi alleged the firing incident took place outside her house in Lakhimpur Kheri in the early hours of Tuesday.

Both Amarmani Tripathi, who was a minister in the Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party government in the state at that time, and his wife Madhumani Tripathi were in 2011 sentenced to life term in Gorakhpur district jail for their involvement in Madhumita Shukla's murder. In August, the state government granted the couple premature release, prompting Nidhi to move the Supreme Court, which upheld the relief.

"On Tuesday, unidentified men arrived and fired shots outside my house at around 3.10am. I later recovered a bullet from outside my house," she said in her police complaint, seen by HT. "I believe Amarmani Tripathi was behind the firing. I need police protection," she said. Additional superintendent of police Pawan Gautam said: "We have received the complaint and a probe is on."

Modi at Sabarmati



Prime Minister Narendra Modi offers floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Mahatma Gandhi Ashram at Sabarmati, in Ahmedabad on Tuesday. During the day, he inaugurated the redeveloped Kochrab Ashram and launched the master plan of the ₹1,200 crore Gandhi Ashram Memorial, at the Mahatma Gandhi Ashram. ANI

Limits on state's power to tax minerals in public interest: Govt

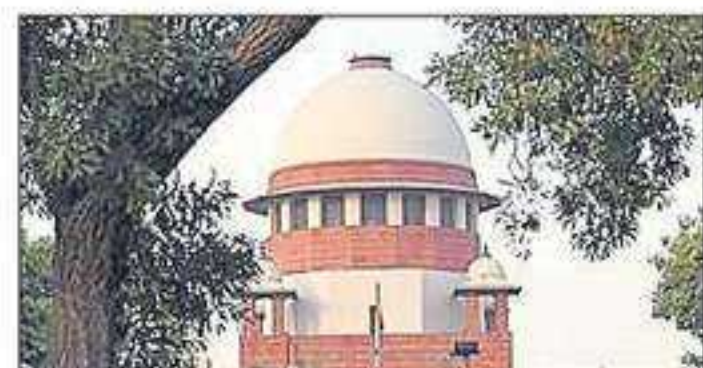
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NEW DELHI: The central government told the Supreme Court on Tuesday not to view the power of states to tax mineral rights as a Centre-state fiscal tussle but from the larger perspective of public interest and India's economic development.

In its arguments before a nine-judge Constitution bench, which is examining the scope of royalty charged on minerals being a tax and whether states are restricted to impose any further tax beyond

the royalty, solicitor general Tuskar Mehta said royalty was not in the nature of a tax but a charge payable for the privilege of extracting minerals, and allowing states to levy anything on top of this will render mining "financially unviable". "The present matter does not raise any issue of a fiscal tussle between Centre on one hand and the states on the other, as has been tried to be portrayed by the appellants," Mehta said. "The exploration, extraction and management of minerals have to be guided by national goals and perspectives, to be integrated into the overall strat-



The court is hearing more than 80 appeals related to taxes on minerals.

egy of the country's economic development. The endeavour shall be to promote domestic industry and reduce import dependency, which makes domestic industry resilient and self-sustainable."

UP court gives life term to 10 in 2018 Hapur mob lynching case

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HAPUR: A local court in Uttar Pradesh's Hapur on Tuesday convicted all 10 people accused in the 2018 mob lynching case and sentenced them to life imprisonment.

The court of additional district judge (Pocso) Shweta Dixit, after hearing both the parties, convicted 10 people of killing 45-year-old Qasim and assaulting Samaydeen (62) on a false rumour of cow slaughter.

According to government counsel Vijay Chauhan, the court has also imposed a fine of ₹58,000 each on Rakesh, Hariom, Yudhishtir, Rinku, Karanpal, Manish, Lalit, Sonu,

THE PROSECUTION ARGUED THAT THE VICTIM'S SIDE DOES NOT HAVE ANY ENMITY AGAINST THE ACCUSED AND ONLY SEEK JUSTICE

Kaptan, and Mangeram of Dhaulana's Bajhaida village.

The prosecution argued that the victim's side does not have any enmity against the accused and only seek justice.

They had also requested the court not to give death sentence to the convicts.

In June 2018, a mob had lynched Qasim, a resident of Bajhaida village, accusing him

of slaughtering a cow.

Samaydeen was also assaulted on a false rumour of cow slaughter, but he survived.

The police registered a false first information report (FIR) giving the incident a motorcycle accident angle but after Samaydeen moved Supreme Court, the investigation was brought on track, Chauhan said.

Samaydeen had filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court in 2018, following which the top court had directed provision of security and recording of statement under section 164 of Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC). The top court also directed inspector general of police (Meerut Zone) to supervise the investigation.

CENTRE BANS JKNF, SHAH SAYS GOVT COMMITTED TO FIGHT TERRORISM

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NEW DELHI: The ministry of home affairs (MHA) on Tuesday banned Jammu Kashmir National Front (JKNF), chaired by separatist leader Nayeem Ahmad Khan, under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for indulging in anti-India activities.

A notification issued by the ministry said that JKNF members remained involved in supporting terrorist activities and anti-India propaganda for fuelling secessionism in Jammu & Kashmir and providing logistic support to terrorists in the Union territory.

"The central government is of firm opinion that it is necessary to declare JKNF as an 'unlawful association' with immediate effect," the notification said.

The ministry also said that leaders and members of JKNF were involved in mobilising violent protesters in various parts of Kashmir for perpetrating unlawful activities, including supporting terrorist activities, sustained stone-pelting on security forces in Jammu & Kashmir.

Union home minister Amit Shah said the government is committed to uprooting terror forces to ensure the security of the people of the country. "The outfit was found carrying out secessionist activities to sever Jammu & Kashmir from Bharat and supporting terrorism, challenging the sovereignty, security, and integrity of the nation," he said on X.

Field of development and regulation of minerals lies solely with the Centre under Entry 54 of the Union List of the Constitution, Mehta pointed out on Tuesday. Under the Mines and Mineral (Development and Regulation)

Act, 1957, the Centre fixes a uniform rate of royalty to be charged on minerals in consultation with states, and every penny of it goes into the state coffers, he added. Since 2016-17, states have received a total of ₹1.6 lakh crore as royalty from major minerals, the Centre stated. The states have justified their laws under Entry 50 dealing with tax on mineral rights and Entry 23 (regulation of mines and mineral development), both under the State List of the Constitution, which are subject to any law related to List I (Union List) or law made by Parliament.



Ajit Doval and Benjamin Netanyahu

DOVAL VISITS ISRAEL, MEETS NETANYAHU

NEW DELHI: National Security Adviser Ajit Doval made a previously unannounced visit to Israel, where he met Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu against the backdrop of concern in New Delhi over the fallout of the conflict in the Gaza Strip.

Doval, who was on his first visit to Israel since the October 7 terror attacks by Hamas triggered the conflict last year, met Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Monday. There was no official word on the trip from the Indian side, while Israeli ambassador Naor Gilon described the visit as important.

A readout from the Israeli Prime Minister's Office said Netanyahu met Doval and "updated him on recent developments in the fighting in the Gaza Strip". The two sides also discussed the "effort to release the hostages and the issue of humanitarian assistance", the readout said.

The director of the Israeli National Security Council, Netanyahu's foreign policy advisor and Indian ambassador Sanjeev Singla participated in the meeting.

In a post on X, Gilon said Doval's visit was important as it was the first such visit since the October 7 terror attacks.

The visit came at a time when key Arab states and the US are trying to broker a ceasefire in Gaza during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. India has stakes in peace in West Asia as the region is home to close to nine million Indian nationals.

Last week, India said it is focused on the safety and security of all its citizens in Israel following the death of an Indian and injuries to two more in a missile attack by Hezbollah in support of Hamas. More than 18,000 Indians are currently in Israel, including caregivers and professionals.

India has urged the world community to ensure the conflict in Gaza doesn't spread beyond the region.

India has repeatedly said it has a "zero tolerance" policy for terrorism but also insisted on the safe delivery of humanitarian aid and end to civilian casualties in Gaza.

'Cong itself to blame:' HC on I-T dept notice

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N: EW DELHI: The Congress has itself to blame for the demand notice issued to it by the Income Tax department for recovery of over ₹105 crore outstanding tax for assessment year 2018-19, the Delhi high court remarked on Tuesday, reserving its order on a petition by the grand old party seeking a stay of the I-T notice.

A bench led by justice Yashwant Varma said though the I-T department in 2021 had offered to keep the recovery proceedings in abeyance if the Congress deposited 20% of the disputed amount, the latter did "absolutely nothing to securitise the outstanding demand" and instead chose to reject the offer.

Termining it a "badly handled matter", the bench told senior advocate Vivek Tankha, representing the Congress, that someone from the party office went off to sleep right from 2021.

"As we read this order (ITAT's March 8 order), the petitioner has itself to blame. The demand is of 2021... You don't seem to have made any attempt or effort before the tribunal even to make an offer to try and settle," the bench, also comprising justice Purushendra Kumar Kaurav, told the senior

lawyer. "Someone in the petitioner's office went out to sleep right from 2021. Did the petitioners take any stand of seeking to securitise? You're a petitioner who chose to not accept their (income tax department) offer way back in 2021." The Congress approached the high court after the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) on March 8 dismissed the party's application seeking a stay on the I-T department notice dated February 13 of initiating recovery proceedings against it. After hearing the Congress and the I-T department, the bench reserved its order, which is likely on Wednesday.

During the hearing, the court also criticised the party for seeking repeated adjournments before the ITAT in its appeal challenging the July 2021 order of raising the demand of over ₹105 crore as outstanding tax. The Congress, while seeking to quash the March 8 order, claimed the revenue authorities adopted coercive measures by attacking bank accounts to recover outstanding demand which was creating undue hardship to the party ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. The ITAT in its said the I-T authorities had not made any error in denying exemption claimed by the Congress under the Income Tax Act.

4 KILLED AFTER PART OF QUARRY COLLAPSES IN UP

KANPUR/JHANSI: Four labourers were killed and seven were injured after a part of a quarry collapsed in Kabrai town of Mahoba district in Uttar Pradesh, police said.

The incident occurred when the labourers were cleaning the quarry and preparing it for an explosion. Suddenly, a part of the quarry, known as DRS, collapsed on them, burying them under mud and gravel, the police added. The victims have been identified as Ram Milan, 38, Kuldeep, 30, Ram Phal, 32, and Pyarey, 30.

DM Mridul Chowdhary said that the quarry was leased for a 10-year period, and tragedy struck while work was in progress. "Four people have been killed, and seven others are injured, with two of them in serious condition," he added.

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Panel proposes law to curb anti-competitive practices

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NEW DELHI: The Committee on Digital Competition Law, constituted by the Union ministry of corporate affairs, has proposed a legislation to curb anti-competitive business practices used by tech giants such as Amazon, Google and Facebook. After the panel submitted its comprehensive report and a draft legislation on Tuesday night, the ministry sought public comments on the same until April 15.

In the draft bill, the committee proposed that for certain "core digital services" such as search engines, web browsers and social networking sites, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) should designate companies as "Systematically Significant Digital Enterprise (SSDE)" depending on either quantitative or qualitative factors such as turnover, size, user base, and market power.

The designated SSDEs will be prohibited from engaging in practices such as self-preferencing, anti-steering, and restricting third party applications, among others, for the identified services and if they do, they can attract a penalty of up to 10% of their

THE GOVT HAS SOUGHT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITS PROPOSAL TILL APRIL 15

global turnover. The panel recommendations come amidst greater scrutiny of business practices of tech giants in India and abroad. Few days ago, Google and a clutch of Indian app developers had a public spat over what the latter called were anti-competitive practices used by Google on its Google Play Store.

The DCL panel was born out of a recommendation by the Parliamentary Committee on Finance led by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) lawmaker Jayant Sinha that recommended that competitive behaviour of internet based/digital companies needs to be assessed before the markets are monopolised by a handful of players. This is called ex-ante regulation where the law defines what conduct is illegal versus the regulator adjudicating whether certain acts are illegal after they have been committed (ex-post regulation).

Following the recommendations of the parliamentary panel, the ministry of corporate affairs constituted the CDL committee in February last year, headed by corporate affairs secretary Dr Manoj Govil, which was tasked with examining the need for an ex-ante regulatory mechanism for digital markets through a separate legislation, and to submit a draft Digital Competition Bill within three months.

In the report, the CDL panel mentioned the Digital India Act, "a legislation which is purported to be the successor to the Information Technology Act, 2000". "The Committee observed that since the draft of the proposed legislation is currently unavailable, the exact contours of its applicability cannot be delineated yet," the report said.

In his two presentations on the principles of the DIA in March and May 2023, minister of state for electronics and information technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar had said that an open internet should have "fair trade practices" that prevent "concentration of market power and gatekeeping", amongst other things, but gave no details of how that would be done through the DIA.

K'taka: Violence erupts over dip in chilli prices

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BELAGAVI: Violence broke out in Byadagi town of Haveri district in Karnataka when a group of farmers protested a drastic drop in chilli prices.

The farmers under the banner of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha set 12 vehicles on fire on Monday and Tuesday, including five government-owned ones.

They also vandalised the office of Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC), said police.

"Apart from stoning, vehicles were set on fire. These included

a police van, a firefighter vehicle, a car of APMC president and a jeep belonging to the government department, among others," said inspector general of police (IGP) Tyagraj.

The protesters also ransacked the APMC office. The protesters, armed with sticks, forced the few police personnel deputed there to flee. Then, we had to press additional force that resorted to light caning. The situation was brought under control," he added.

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Why India must look beyond CAA

India's citizenship rules need to be streamlined and empathetic

Four years after the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or CAA, was introduced, the Union home ministry on Monday introduced the rules to implement the law. Coming just ahead of the general elections, this move is once again bound to polarise the polity as it did in 2019. Many Opposition-ruled states have passed resolutions against the Act, and there are over 200 petitions in the Supreme Court challenging it.

The Act is contentious. Article 14 of the Constitution is clear that "the State shall not deny to any person equality before the law or equal protection of the laws within the territory of India", but CAA privileges a person's faith while considering their application for Indian citizenship. The law makes exceptions for people from six communities — Hindu, Sikh, Christian, Jew, Parsi, and Buddhist, from three countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh — on the grounds that they are "persecuted minorities" living in Muslim-majority countries. While India should definitely provide a home to persecuted minorities, it needs to consider doing so without privileging faith. Indeed, the perception that CAA is intended to target Muslims stems from the Union government's ahistorical approach to the subcontinent's complex history and the Indian Constitution's liberal values, although, as the government has pointed out, CAA will not affect Indian Muslims in any way.

As the predominant power in the region and a liberal democracy, India needs to be welcoming of refugees. And it has always been so despite the flow complicating its relations with neighbours and stretching its resources. Refugees from Tibet, Tamils from Sri Lanka, Chakma and Rohingya people from Bangladesh and Myanmar, Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims from Afghanistan, Hindus and Muslims from Bangladesh, and Hindus and Sikhs from Pakistan have sought refuge here, and India has accommodated them over the decades.

Besides bruising inter-community relations and causing distrust of the State among a section of the population, CAA is also bad optics for a country that aspires to be a global liberal power, a *vishwa mitra* invested in *sarva dharma samabhava* (equality of all faiths).

Follow SC for reforms in electoral funding

The Supreme Court (SC) did well to reject the plea of the State Bank of India (SBI) for an extension on the disclosure of details about electoral bonds and direct the State-owned bank to furnish these before the Election Commission of India (ECI) by the end of business hours on Tuesday, March 12. ECI has been directed by the Court to publish these details on its website by March 15.

On February 15, the SC scrapped the electoral bonds scheme and directed SBI — the sole issuer of the bonds — to give the details of bonds sold and redeemed by March 6. Two days before this deadline, SBI sought an extension till June 30, citing the difficulty of correlating donor details with those of the redeemers, given some of the details were held by the bank in physical form rather than digital. Allowing the extension would have rendered the Court's push for transparency in election funding infructuous since the upcoming Lok Sabha elections would have been long over.

While the SC refused to deem SBI's delay a contempt issue, the optics for the bank couldn't have been worse. The SC had not specified if the correlated details were to be given to the election watchdog as claimed by the bank, and even if it did not deliberately misinterpret the February 15 judgment, its push for an extension hints at a certain degree of insincerity in complying with the apex court's orders.

The ball is now in ECI's court. As a Constitutional body, it is beholden only to constitutional values and must comply with the Court's directive. As the custodian of the electoral process, it should further the Court's push to privilege the rights of citizens over privacy sought by donors and do its bit to reform election funding. And, at some stage, the donors must be matched to recipients.

Behind Bengaluru's looming water thirst

Illegal constructions, destruction of water sources, and unplanned urbanisation have led to this impasse

A spectre is haunting the great metropolis of Bengaluru. We may well be approaching a Cape Town-like Ground Zero, as the drought, which was until now at a safe distance from the Capital, looms dangerously large. Bengaluru is, of course, the most unsustainable of all our metropolises, since it is not close to a flowing water source, and hauls its water uphill, from the Cauvery nearly 100 km away. The city is now home to 13.5 million people, coming from all parts of the subcontinent.

But jobs (even if only of the gig kind) and pleasant weather do not make a liveable city. To begin with the banal observation, Bengaluru's success seems to be its downfall. With a vehicular population of 10 million, of which 7.5 million are two-wheelers, its road system has for long been tottering towards complete collapse. Trevor Noah was only the most conspicuous of recent victims, but his no-show did little to budge the political imagination beyond the construction of tunnels to ease traffic. Bengaluru's two metro lines stand as expensive ornaments, while its bus fleet is out-manoeuvred everywhere,

all day, by the desperate Swiggy, Zomato, or Dunzo riders. But it is water — whether in excess or, as now, in extreme dearth — that has brought the great metropolis to its knees. Originally catered to by the innumerable water bodies that dotted the landscape, meeting both agricultural and domestic needs, the city has lost close to 80% of its tanks, even as its populations soared by 47% in the same four decades. All this was foreseen in the innumerable expert city plans dating from the 1980s, but the singular logic of the real estate market turned every squelchy space into a marketable site.

It is a unique city after all: On the one hand, as many as 26 of Bengaluru's 28 MLAs have declared business or real estate as their occupation, so we know where the political will to solve the city's alarming water/transport crisis might lie. It is also the home of excellent scientific and technological expertise that has periodically exerted itself to address the problems of the city. But no amount of knowledge about the vital role played by tanks and tank beds in sustaining the city — generated by citizens' groups, government-sponsored reports, NGOs, and scientists — has reoriented this aggressive city-building.

"Can the one who drained a tank to build a house now fear the flood?" The Kannada poet Sarvagana had the

presence to ask this in the 17th century. Can we dream of a better Bengaluru by shifting from tanks to tankers? A year ago, when there was a watery debacle, and flash floods reached the doorsteps of the bourgeoisie, forcing some of them to take to boats, the usual flurry of actions followed.

Stormwater drains were cleared of illegal constructions — until, that is, the entitled middle class wrung their hands and pleaded for clemency. Once more, all those who knew better warned that a Bengaluru that ignored its tank and tank beds was doomed to shrivel. But there was no recourse to the ruthless action against big builders and their bigger clients, who had destroyed the city's many water sources.

Today, the city has reached close to Ground Zero, with even the tankers, which take water from the countryside, now close to running dry. Can the local authorities (since there is currently no elected city government) induce the water-guzzling middle class to become water-aware? This means a drastic 25% reduction in needs and privileges. Can they be persuaded to reduce their wants?

The impending water crisis, and the timid steps taken by the city authorities, have already met with grumbles and pushbacks. The prohibition on the use of potable water for



Water is a resource for which the city's property-owning class pays a pittance each month

some activities has, instead, made the middle class extremely inventive in explaining their water sources away.

Water is a resource for which the city's property-owning class pays a pittance each month, even as the urban poor struggle to fill their jerry cans and buckets at a much higher cost. True, only 50% of Bengaluru is served by Cauvery water, with the rest relying on borewells and tankers. Meanwhile, as if to prove that they are entitled only to the profits of soaring property values and rising rents, Bengaluru's rich and powerful are already mobilising public opinion against the decision of a cash-strapped Bengaluru Metropolitan Authority to raise, after a considerable period, property tax rates. Long-enjoyed privileges will not be easily

relinquished. In which other major metro will car owners uncomplainingly pay parking fees at malls and shopping complexes, while street-side parking, all day and almost everywhere, is completely free?

Higher water rates and taxes, even if they cost some votes, will go a long way towards saving the city. But even this will not do if the better-endowed people of Bengaluru do not reduce their needs, self-consciously. Water sovereignty may not be an achievable goal, but water awareness, beginning in our schools, will have to be an urgent government programme in our times.

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To save the WTO system, India must pick its fights

The World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference at Abu Dhabi (MC13) was never expected to be a great success. It was known in advance that the United States (US) would not agree to restore the Appellate Body, a key demand of the rest of the WTO members. But the scale of failure is troubling. An agreement on fishery subsidies contributing to overcapacity and overfishing (OCOF) was widely anticipated, but it didn't materialise. In agriculture, the prospect of a permanent solution for public stockholding for food security purposes (PSH) was uncertain, but there was little doubt that members would agree to continue work until MC14. The fact that no text emerged at all on this was a setback. On three top subjects, MC13 drew a blank. An agreement on the extension of the moratorium on the levy of customs duty on electronic transmissions is poor consolation.

The US is undoubtedly the sole member behind the impasse on the Appellate Body matter. Several members had criticised the stand taken by developed country members on PSH and subsidies leading to OCOF, but it was left to India to pull the trigger.

What exactly is the problem with PSH that has led to this stand-off? One of the aims of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) is to commit members to undertake the reduction of domestic support of agriculture. For this, they had to first compute the aggregate value of their support (AMS). Market price support is one of the product-specific measures that go into the computation of the AMS. The rules require market price support to be calculated on the basis of the difference between a fixed external reference price and the applied administered price. The fixed external reference price was determined originally with reference to the period 1986-88. Further, an important point in the rules was that the external reference price was fixed in nominal terms. The objective of the negotiators was to allow the external reference price to be eroded by inflation.

The rules above were laid down in the AoA with the relatively short period up to 2000 in mind and negotiations were to continue thereafter for the continuation of the reform process. It is ridiculous to expect the rules framed four decades ago, with a reference price fixed on the basis of 1986-88, and that too in nominal terms, to govern the pol-

icy on agriculture of WTO members. In search of a permanent solution, a number of WTO members, including the African Group, the ACP countries and the G33, made a proposal in May 2022 suggesting the use of the moving average international price in place of a fixed external reference price provided for in the rules. However, the developed countries and the Cairns Group did not need the proposal; they took the stand that the PSH problem and other issues in agriculture can be looked at only as a single undertaking. It is not surprising that India disagreed with the whole text on agriculture.

Coming to subsidies leading to OCOF, the Indian minister seems to have been equally incensed by the fact that the proposed Fisheries Agreement envisaged that the top fishing nations would only be obliged to demonstrate that they have implemented measures for maintaining the fishery stocks at a biologically sustainable level. No obligation has been imposed for refraining from granting prohibited subsidies. The minister was particularly concerned about the possible unrestrained use of non-specific fuel subsidies.

There was no positive outcome with respect to proposals in two other areas. The suggestions for allowing open plurilateral agreements or reinforcing the deliberative functions of the WTO were both shot down. Lack of success in these areas reflects a lack of trust among members at different levels of development. Open plurilateral agreements (OPAs) have been used during the GATT 1947 days, as well as in the early days of the WTO. About four decades ago, they were extensively used in the rule-making areas during the Tokyo Round. Most of the non-tariff measures (NTM) agreements in the GATT 1947 days began as OPAs evolved into full-fledged multilateral agreements in the course of time and were then assimilated into the WTO Agreement. It would be fair to say that OPAs eventually helped to strengthen multilateralism. The joint-sector initiative (JSI) on Services Domestic Regulation has also advanced in a similar fashion, and may now be bringing benefits to India.

The European Union's (EU) suggestion for reinforcing the deliberative function of the WTO did not have any takers among developing countries. The WTO's past history on the so-called Singapore issues may have contributed to the failure of the European Union initiative. At the same time, it must be said that the way international economic relations have evolved, it may be necessary in the near future to consider favourably some of the suggestions that are being made, particularly those on trade and industrial policy, and trade and environment. We need now to reckon with the rising tide of industrial subsidies in developed countries and take into account the widening sphere of national action in response to the climate crisis, including carbon border adjustment.

On the Appellate Body, PSH and OCOF, India needs to keep the fight on. But on OPAs, and on commencing a dialogue in the WTO on trade and industrial policy and trade and environment, it is time for India to take a hard look at its existing stance and consider the need for change.



The scale of failure at the Ministerial Conference at Abu Dhabi is troubling

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We need to work towards our goals without succumbing to triumphalism and exuberance. As a country, we should realise that we are in it for the longer haul, not the short term

Why there is a need for more women in STEM

Cotton production in India was traditionally challenged by bollworm infestation. The genetically modified (GM) Bt cotton contains genes from the bacteria, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, making the cotton plant resistant to bollworm attack. This resistance leads to savings in pest control and higher yield. The introduction of Bt cotton was nothing short of an epic battle won against many lobbies, with the government taking a bold decision in 2002 to approve its first GM crop, i.e. Bt cotton, for commercial cultivation. The department of biotechnology (DBT) played a crucial role in introducing Bt cotton by facilitating the import of GM seeds, undertaking field trials and working tirelessly to obtain regulatory approvals. The cotton industry exploded and India is now the largest producer of cotton, from being the third largest global producer in 2002. The export of cotton is pegged at \$30 billion.

The same year (2002) also saw the development and introduction of the low-cost recombinant hepatitis B vaccine by Shantha Biotech. Its success brought to the fore the potential of vaccine development in India. Support from the DBT in the late 1990s allowed the young team led by PN Rangarajan at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to transfer the technology to Bharat Biotech, Biological E Limited and Indian Immunologicals Limited, spurring indigenous manufacture of these vaccines and a reduction in their prices, enabling the Centre to announce their inclusion in the universal immunisation programme.

In 2005, a young team led by Akhilesh Tyagi, University of Delhi, South Campus, sequenced 14 Mb of rice chromosome II — part of India's commitment when it joined the International Rice Genome Sequencing Project in 2000. It had committed to sequencing a 10 Mb segment of the rice chromosome II over five years.

There's a common strand that links all three. A boardroom full of top scientists (mostly men) expressed their scepticism on India's commitment on the chromosome. But Manju Sharma, who took over as secretary of DBT in 1996, was confident that this could be done. Interestingly, Sharma was also the champion of the vaccine initiative, and her behind-the-scenes role in the introduction of Bt Cotton has not been given the recognition it deserves (although she was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2007).

It only seems appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate the role of Sharma, the first

woman science secretary of the ministry of science and technology, Government of India, in nurturing and expanding the biological-sciences research in India. To be sure, when Sharma took over as secretary, the DBT was already on a solid foundation, with well-defined programmes in different aspects of life science research, human resource development, biosafety regulations and policy, and industry and international partnerships. But, it was Sharma who recognised and acted upon the need for expansion and ambition.

Under her administration, with increased funding, the DBT established centres of excellence across India: IISc, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, the National Centre for Biological Sciences at Bengaluru, Madurai Kamaraj University, MS University, Baroda, Anna University, Chennai, Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of

Delhi, South Campus, Pune University, University of Hyderabad, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, and the Institute of Microbial Technology, as well as major groups in Lucknow, Thiruvananthapuram and Kolkata.

And some of the projects she championed have helped India build capabilities in key areas. For instance, the present sequencing infra, capacity, expertise, and the consequent success of the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) — it recently announced the completion of 10,000 human genome sequences under the Genome India project — owes a lot to the rice chromosome sequencing project.

That all of this was achieved because of one person — who, interestingly, was not considered enough of a scientist by her male colleagues — is significant.

At a personal level, this writer owes her career to Sharma. In an interview room full of top Indian scientists (all men except one), who were worried more about the career break in the resume necessitated by motherhood (two years), and less about general awareness or analytical skills, Sharma was encouraging, and openly and expressively dismissive of the concerns expressed by the men. The generous and non-combative promotion of young women in STEM was another significant contribution of Sharma. Many young women scientists within and outside the DBT owe their careers and progress to her.

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CAA LAW ROLLS OUT

ing with the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) promise in its 2019 manifesto, was criticised by Opposition parties who said the timing of the notification is linked to the coming elections. The law was passed in December 2019, but the underlying rules were not framed. Its passage resulted in protests, which petered out only with the Covid-19 pandemic, and a clutch of petitions that are pending before the Supreme Court.

On Tuesday, an application was filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction to the Centre to stay the implementation of the CAA rules till the pendency of petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the law. The application, filed by the Indian Union Muslim League (IUM), which is one of the petitioners who have challenged the citizenship law, sought the court's direction to ensure no coercive action is taken against people belonging to the Muslim community pending adjudication of the writ petitions.

The online portal allows individuals to create a login and then submit their applications. "The Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024 under the CAA-2019 have been notified. A new portal has been launched; persons eligible under CAA-2019 can apply for citizenship on this portal," said the ministry on X.

A mobile application, CAA-2019, will also be launched shortly to facilitate applications through mobile, the ministry said.

The list of frequently asked questions (FAQs), seen by HT, further asserts that a person from six minority communities in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh applying for citizenship will be eligible for it if they fulfil the following criteria: "he/she has either resided in India or been in the service of a government in India or partly the one and partly the other, throughout the period of 12 months immediately preceding the date of the application"; "during the 14 years immediately preceding the said period of 12 months, he/she has either resided in India or been in the service of a government of India, or partly the one and partly the other, for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than five years"; "he/she is a good character"; "he/she has an adequate knowledge of a language

specified in the eighth schedule to the constitution of India".

In a case where a valid passport or visa is not available, the FAQs state the person will be eligible only if he or she has entered India before December 31, 2014, and have been exempted under passport act or foreigners act. The applicants must also provide an eligibility certificate from the locally reputed community institution stating that the person "belongs to Hindi/ Sikh/ Buddhist/ Jain/ Parsi/ Christian community and continues to be a member of the community".

The BJP sought to take credit for fulfilling a key promise and hit out at the Opposition.

Speaking on the law at a social media volunteers meeting of the BJP in Secunderabad on Tuesday, Union home minister Amit Shah said the Congress had ignored minorities from these three countries since Independence.

"We had said we will bring CAA. The Congress party opposed it. Since Independence, it was a promise of the Congress and makers of our Constitution that citizenship will be granted to those persecuted on religious grounds in Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan, who come to India. But, due to appeasement and vote-bank politics, the Congress party opposed the CAA," Shah said.

The home minister said millions of people from Pakistan and Bangladesh who came to India felt insulted as they were not granted citizenship. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi honoured them (the refugees) by implementing CAA," Shah added.

The home ministry also clarified that CAA will not take away anyone's citizenship. "Many misconceptions have been spread regarding CAA. It will not take away citizenship of any Indian citizen, irrespective of religion," said a MHA spokesperson on Tuesday.

"CAA removes legal barriers to rehabilitation and citizenship to members of these six communities. It will give a dignified life to refugees who have suffered for decades, and such citizenship rights will protect their cultural, linguistic, and social identity. Besides, it will also ensure economic, commercial, free movement, and property purchase rights," said a MHA official who didn't want to be

named.

But the Opposition maintained that the rules were a poll gimmick that would hurt minorities and the constitutional framework.

"Why did they do it when elections were around? They have done it for the elections. We oppose religion-based citizenship," Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah told reporters.

Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin dismissed CAA as "divisive and bereft of any use" and asserted that it will not be implemented in the state.

PM IN POKHRAN

defence needs," Modi said in his address at the tri-services Bharat Shakti exercise held at the Pokhran firing range near Jaisalmer to highlight the strength and innovation of indigenous defence capabilities.

He also launched a blistering attack on the previous regime for not appointing a chief of defence staff to bring synergy among the three services after the 1999 Kargil war, failing to construct a war memorial for decades, ignoring the development of border infrastructure, and not granting one rank, one pension (OROP) to former soldiers.

All this was done by the National Democratic Alliance government during the last 10 years, he said. "This is what Modi ki guarantee means."

Defence deals were on the back-burner before the NDA government was voted to power in 2014, he said.

The PM said the Ordnance Factory Board and plane maker Hindustan Aeronautics Limited were destroyed by the previous regime and it was the NDA government that took measures to revive them and make them profitable. He also highlighted frequent concerns about the army facing shortage of ammunition during the previous regime.

Bharat Shakti showcased "live integrated multi-domain, offensive operations" of the armed forces using indigenous equipment.

"Today, once again Pokhran became a witness of the triveni of India's Atmanirbharta, self-confidence and its glory... It is the same Pokhran that witnessed India's nuclear test and today we are witnessing the power of strength from indigenisation," Modi said.

The PM referred to the first flight test on Monday of the locally developed Agni-5 missile with multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicle (MIRV) technology, which gives the weapon system new capability to deliver multiple nuclear warheads against different targets spread across hundreds of kilometres, and further strengthens the country's strategic deterrence capability.

He said only a handful of countries in the world possessed this new-age technology and prowess, and underlined that the testing was another feather in the cap for Atmanirbharta in defence.

"The idea of Viksit Bharat is unimaginable without Atmanirbharta Bharat," he said, adding that military equipment worth ₹6 lakh crore has been procured from Indian companies during the last 10 years.

"Atmanirbharta for India's defence needs is the guarantee of self-confidence in the armed forces," Modi said.

The strength of the armed forces increases in proportion to the economic muscle of the nation, he said. "When we become the third largest economy in the world, defence prowess will also touch new heights."

The PM also enumerated the steps taken by the government for making India self-reliant in the defence sector, including policy reforms, roping in the private sector and encouraging MSMEs.

India has sharpened its focus on the defence manufacturing sector during the last five to six years and taken several measures to achieve self-reliance. These include banning the import of a range of weapons, systems and parts, creating a separate budget for buying locally made military hardware, increasing foreign direct investment from 49% to 74% and improving ease of doing business.

Setting aside budget for India-made weapons and systems is one of the key measures to boost self-reliance.

Around ₹1 lakh crore was earmarked for domestic procurement in the defence budget for 2023-24, compared to ₹84,598 crore, ₹70,221 crore and ₹51,000 crore in the three previous years.

The integrated tri-services "live fire and manoeuvre" exercise, Bharat Shakti, sought to demonstrate the strides India

has made towards achieving self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector, with the simulated "shock and awe" assault on the enemy lasting barely 50 minutes.

POLL BONDS DATA

files to the poll body.

It is not clear if the data submitted by SBI mentions the unique hidden alphanumeric number that each bond bears, which Quint first reported in April 2018. To read this unique number, the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) paid ₹6,720 for a "Device to verify Mask-A-Print Security", according to an RTI response received by Commodore Lokesh Batra (ret'd) in December 2023. This number, according to Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) submissions in court, can be used to map the bonds purchased to the political parties that redeemed them.

Senior advocate Harish Salve, on behalf of SBI, told the court on Monday that the bank had interpreted the court's February 15 judgment to mean that the bank would have to match donor and bond details with details of encashment by political parties. SBI submitted that the donor data and the redemption data are maintained in two separate silos and matching that information is a "time-consuming exercise". He said that the unique number associated with the bond was "scrambled and put elsewhere, and that number has been kept secret".

"We have not told you to do the matching exercise. We have asked you for a plain disclosure. Therefore, the ground on which you seek an extension of time to make the disclosure does not accord with the direction in the judgment at all," chief justice DY Chandrachud remarked in court on Monday.

SBI submitted that some details — such as bond numbers — are stored digitally while others, such as name of purchaser and KYC details, are stored physically. This, according to SBI, was so that all details cannot be gathered easily, thereby achieving the objective of the scheme.

On Monday, the apex court had also directed ECI to "publish the details of the information which was supplied to this court in pursuance of the interim orders". This refers to the bond redemption data that

political parties submitted in sealed covers to EC in compliance with the top court's April 12, 2019, and November 2, 2023, orders. EC had then submitted all these sealed packets in one common sealed cover to the apex court and had not maintained "copies" in the "Office of the ECI" as the top court had assumed in Monday's order.

HT has learnt that the poll body may ask the Supreme Court to get those sealed covers back so that it can publish this information. To be sure, some of this information about redeemed bonds may also be in the data that SBI has given to EC.

IT IS NOT CLEAR IF THE DATA MENTIONS THE UNIQUE HIDDEN ALPHANUMERIC NUMBER THAT EACH BOND BEARS

HARYANA TWIST

ohar Lal Khattar. He has given Haryana a new direction and has given the best example of good governance. He did development work in the state without any discrimination," Saini told reporters.

After the entire cabinet resigned along with Khattar, five ministers were sworn in — BJP's Kanwar Pal (Jagadhari), Mool Chand Sharma (Ballabgarh), Jai Parkash Dalal (Loharu) and Banwari Lal (Bawal), and Independent MLA Ranjit Singh Chautala (Rania). They were all part of Khattar's council as well.

The new CM can accommodate at least eight more ministers. In the 90-member House, the JJP has 10 members, the Congress 30, and Haryana Lokhit Party (HLP) and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) one each, and there are seven independent.

The move to part ways is believed to have been triggered by disagreement over seat-sharing for the summer's Lok Sabha elections; the BJP, which has 10 incumbent MPs in all 10 parliamentary constituencies in the state was unwilling to share Lok Sabha seats with the JJP. The number of seats sought by JJP has not been disclosed by either side, while there has been no discussion on assembly seats yet, people familiar with the matter said.

Khattar, however, said that it

was the BJP's tradition to bring in new leadership. "It happened in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh. In fact, I myself had suggested to the party high command that time has come for a new leadership to take over in Haryana," Khattar said. He was referring to the BJP's practice of bringing in new leaders to curb anti-incumbency, often ahead of major elections.

Ex-home minister miffed

But the realignment was not without dissent. Controversial state home minister Anil Vij did not attend the swearing-in ceremony amid speculation that he was upset. Vij had also walked out of the legislature party meeting where Saini was "unanimously" named the CM-designate.

Khattar later told reporters that Vij's name was on the list of new ministers to be sworn in at the Raj Bhavan ceremony, but the MLA decided to skip it. The former CM indicated that both he and Saini will talk to Vij later to persuade him to accept a place in the cabinet.

To be sure, while the break-up may have forced a change in leadership, analysts said the move would help the BJP address the issue of anti-incumbency in the assembly elections due late this year, and also split the Jat vote in the general elections.

The BJP does have a track record of changing chief ministers ahead of elections if it fears anti-incumbency. Khattar has been a two-time chief minister, and the BJP managed to scrape through in the last assembly elections, largely on account of the Congress' inertia in empowering its tallest leader in the state, former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

Khattar said that he and Saini went a long way back. "When I was sangathan mantri in 1994-95, Nayab Saini used to do typing and computer work in the party office. In 2014, the party gave him a ticket for assembly elections and he became a minister. He later became an MP. He is an affable person with a good temperament," Khattar said.

It is believed that Khattar's handling of the ongoing farm protests — the Haryana police has sought to prevent the farmers from crossing over from Punjab into the state en route Delhi, and on February 21, a farmer was shot dead — did not go down well with the dominant

Jat population in the state. That and the prospect of going into election season with a two-term incumbency against it, may have prompted the BJP to effect the change, analysts said.

High drama

The day began on a dramatic note. Khattar and the BJP-led council of ministers tendered their resignations to the governor as a team of the party's central observers arrived in Chandigarh amid swirling rumours of the JJP having withdrawn support. The BJP MLAs then headed to a meeting in Haryana Bhawan where Saini was unanimously elected as leader of the party's legislative group, party leaders said.

When Saini met the governor to stake claim to form the government, he was accompanied by Union minister Arjun Munda, BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh, Khattar and Biplab Deb, the party's Haryana in-charge at the Centre.

Khattar was also seen in a photograph presenting a bouquet to Saini. Munda and Chugh, the two central observers sent to Chandigarh to implement the party's decision, were also present.

Khattar indicated that JJP's plea for a seat sharing arrangement with the BJP for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections was the trigger for their parting of ways. "The BJP would like to contest all the 10 seats on its own since we won all in 2019," Khattar said.

The Congress called the developments scripted. "This is nothing but an attempt to put a lid on the nine years of incompetent governance of Manohar Lal Khattar. A new chief minister and a new label has been put in place in an attempt to hide the anti-people policies of the BJP government. The understanding is that JJP will contest the elections alone and thus help the BJP divide the electorate on caste lines," senior leader Randeep Singh Surjewala said.

Saini was appointed the president of the BJP's Haryana unit in October with the party replacing Om Prakash Dhankar. The move then was seen as an attempt to consolidate the BJP hold on OBCs in the Jat-dominated state.

Saini was a minister in the first Khattar cabinet. He was an MLA when he fought the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, in which the BJP won all the seats in the state by large margins.

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e-mail : ccekeonjharpcirdclde@gmail.com / cpwcdp.keonjhar@yahoo.com

Letter No. 1215 dt. 06.03.2024

- Name of the Work : Construction of Mission Shakti Bazaar and Mission Shakti Cafe Building at Sundargarh for the year 2023-24.
- Estimated cost : Rs 379.35 Lakhs
- Class of Contractor : 'A' Class
- Period of completion : -09 (Nine) Calendar Months
- Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal : From 11.00 Hours of 13.03.2024 to 16.00 Hours of 27.03.2024
- Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal : 16.00 Hours of 27.03.2024
- Date of opening of Bid from Portal : 11.30 Hours on 28.03.2024
- Name and address of the officer inviting Bid : Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758011
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Chief Construction Engineer
Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar
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New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
MAIN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, SECTOR-6, NOIDA, G.B. NAGAR (U.P.) | Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.in

Job No.: 21/SPE/PE(PH-1)/RFP/2023-24

Data Sheet

1.	Name of the Bid	RFP for Selection of Strategic Support Unit for Implementation of Clean & Green Noida
2.	Contract Period	24 months with the provision of extension for one year based on the satisfactory performance on mutual understanding.
3.	Method of selection	Quality cum Cost based selection (QCBS) (70:30)
4.	E-Tender Processing Fee	INR 5,310 (Indian National Rupees Five Thousand Three Hundred Ten Only), inclusive of GST 18% GST, through RTGS/NEFT only payable in favour of New Okhla Industrial Development Authority
5.	Bid Security Declaration	The tenderer shall furnish EMD of INR 8,42,500 (Indian National Rupees Eight Lakh Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)
6.	Bid System	Two Bid System (Technical and Financial)
7.	Name of the Authority and Official	Shri. Pradeep Kumar, Project Engineer, Public Health Department-1 Main Administrative Building, Sector-6 New Okhla Industrial Development Authority, Noida 201301 District Gautam Budhh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh Email: pehealth39@gmail.com & noida@noidaauthorityonline.com
8.	Bid Validity Period	90 days
9.	Bid Language	English
10.	Bid Currency	INR
11.	Key Dates	Uploading of Bid: 13/03/2024 Last Date of Bid Submission on e-portal: 19/03/2024 Date of Technical Bid Opening: 20/03/2024
12.	Account details	For e-Tender Processing Fee Please refer user manual for paying "e-Tender Processing Fee" online

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1	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL JHAJJAR	CONST. HALL IN SAIN DHARAMSHALA/ COMMUNITY CENTRE NEAR SAIN BHAGAT SHIV MANDIR NARAYANI DHAM TALAD ROAD (MPLADS WORK) + 7 WORKS	07.03.2024 14.03.2024	3.67 CRORES	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9467283867 sjsocym@hajar@gmail.com

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1	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARIYOJNA PARISAD	PENDING WORK OF HOSTEL BUILDING-CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTEL BUILDING AT KGBV MEHANDA, DISTRICT HISAR + 18 WORKS	11.03.2024 26.03.2024	17.23 CRORES	www.hsspp.in	9855296777 Civlibranchssa@gmail.com

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1	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT	ESTIMATE FOR INSTALLATION OF 3MM ACRYLIC LETTER LED BOARD WITH DISPLAY I LOVE SONIPAT AT VARIOUS LOCATION IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION SONIPAT + 4 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 14.03.2024	1.91 CRORES	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	01302260100 xsnhortoms@gmail.com

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RO NO 13/2024/40/25798/19/7

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Member Secretary
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Pro-Ukraine militias launch fresh attack on Russian border regions

The cross-border attack came as Kyiv launched one of its most significant drone strikes on Russia so far in the two-year war

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KYIV, UKRAINE: Pro-Ukrainian militias on Tuesday staged a daring cross-border attack on Russia, hours after Kyiv launched one of its largest drone attacks since the start of the war.

Groups of pro-Kyiv volunteer fighters, made up of Russians who oppose the Kremlin, said that they had broken into the Kursk and Belgorod regions, while Moscow said it had foiled multiple Ukrainian attempts to infiltrate the border.

"We crossed the border," the Freedom of Russia Legion, a militia that claims to be made up of Russian citizens fighting on behalf of Ukraine, said it a post on Telegram.

It published a video from a drone that claimed to show the vehicle being blown up and fighters on the streets of the village of Tyotkino, on the border between Russia and Ukraine.

Moscow said it had fought off multiple attacks.

"At about 3am (local time), Ukrainian terrorist groups, after intensive shelling of civilian sites, tried to invade Russian territory in three directions," Russia's defence ministry said. "All the Ukrainian attacks were repelled. The enemy was hit by aircraft, rockets and artillery," it added.

Another attack at 8am (local time) at Tyotkino was also foiled, it added.

Attacks repelled

A spokesman for the Freedom of Russia Legion said fighting was ongoing as of 1:15pm (local time), while Russia's defence ministry said it thwarted the last attack at 8:25am. Kursk governor Roman Starovoyt said a shoot-out in his region had taken place, but a full-scale incursion had been thwarted.

The Belgorod region also came under a series of drone attacks on Tuesday, the regional



The damaged Belgorod city hall hit by a drone attack in Belgorod, Russia on Tuesday.

governor said. Russia's FSB said that since Sunday it had repelled a number of attempted cross-border attacks in the Belgorod and Kursk regions, in a statement cited by Russian state media.

Another pro-Kyiv paramilitary group, the Russian Volunteer Corps, posted night-vision video on Tuesday purporting to show its troops engaged in a firefight.

'Not in control'

A spokesman for Ukraine's military intelligence, Andriy Yusov, said that the Russian volunteer groups were not acting under orders from Kyiv by launching the assault.

But he added that the attacks showed "the Kremlin is once again not in control of the situation in Russia".

In March last year, Russia launched a wave of retaliatory missile strikes on Ukraine after it said a sabotage group killed civilians in the Bryansk border region.

A spokesperson for the political wing of the Freedom of Russia Legion told AFP on Tuesday

the attack was timed to coincide with Russia's March 15-17 presidential elections.

Oil refinery hit

The cross-border attack came as Kyiv launched one of its most significant drone strikes on Russia so far in the two-year war. Two Russian energy sites, including one of the country's largest oil refineries some 800 kilometres from the border, were hit overnight, Russian officials said.

A major oil refinery in Kstovo, just outside the city of Nizhny Novgorod, was attacked by drones early on Tuesday morning, the regional governor said. Russia's Lukoil energy giant, which owns the refinery, said it had "temporarily suspended" operations there after an unspecified "incident".

Videos on social media showed a large blaze raging in a facility purported to be the refinery, billowing black smoke into the sky.

Another drone crashed into a fuel depot and ignited a fire in Oryol, around 160 kilometres from the border.

15 aboard dead as Russian military aircraft crashes while taking off

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MOSCOW: A Russian military transport plane with 15 people on board crashed on Tuesday while taking off from an air base in western Russia, the defence ministry said.

It said the Il-76 aircraft with eight crew and seven passengers crashed in the Ivanovo region.

It didn't say whether there were any survivors.

Ivanovo governor Stanislav Voskresensky offered condolences to the victims' families. He said there was no damage on the ground.

The defence ministry said in a statement that an engine fire during take-off was the likely cause of the crash. It said a team of investigators flew to Ivanovo to conduct a probe.

Russian media broadcast a video showing the aircraft head-



A flame seen from an Il-76 transport plane outside Ivanovo, Russia while smoke rises from the crashed aircraft.

ing down with at least one of its engines ablaze.

The four-engine Il-76 is a heavy-lift transport plane that has been in service since the 1970s with the Soviet and then Russian air force.

Tuesday's crash came on a day when the defence ministry reported dozens of attacks on Russia by Ukrainian drones. In the past, Ukrainian drones hit some military air bases deep inside Russia.

Aid ship sails for Gaza as Israel-Hamas war rages

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GAZA STRIP/DOHA: A Spanish charity ship taking food aid to Gaza left the Mediterranean island of Cyprus on Tuesday in hopes of opening a maritime corridor to the war-ravaged Palestinian territory.

The Open Arms set sail towing a barge loaded with 200 tonnes of relief goods for the sea journey of about 400 kilometres, as Cyprus said it was readying a second ship.

"The departure of the first ship is a sign of hope," European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen wrote on social media platform X. "We will work hard together for many more ships to follow."

Heavy Israeli bombardment again rained down on Gaza, killing at least 80 people overnight, and dozens more were missing under the rubble, said the health ministry in the Hamas-run territory. "At least 80 martyrs arrived at hospitals, the majority children, women and the elderly," it said.

The army said its forces were raiding targets across Gaza and had found "AK-47 rifles, vests and explosive devices" in a military compound in the main southern city of Khan Younis.

The war since Hamas's October 7 attack on Israel has levelled vast parts of the coastal strip and sparked dire food shortages that have led the UN World Food Programme to warn "famine is imminent" in northern Gaza.

The humanitarian crisis has gripped Gaza at a time Muslims have since Monday observed the month of Ramadan, where daytime fasts are traditionally broken with lavish evening iftar meals with family and friends.



The ship, with aid on a platform ferry some 200 tonnes of rice and flour directly to Gaza, exits the port from Larnaca, Cyprus.

October 7 Hamas attack that resulted in about 1,160 deaths in Israel. The militants also took around 250 hostages, dozens of whom were released during a week-long truce in November. Israel believes about 130 captives remain in Gaza, including 32 presumed dead.

Israel's retaliatory bombardment and ground offensive have killed 31,184 Palestinians in Gaza, according to the territory's health ministry.

Qatar says Israel, Hamas 'not near a deal' on truce
Israel and Hamas are not close to a deal to halt the fighting in Gaza and free hostages, mediator Qatar said on Tuesday, warning that the situation remained "very complicated".

"We are not near a deal, meaning that we are not seeing both sides converging on language that can resolve the current disagreement over the implementation of a deal," said foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari.

U.S.-UK FORCES STRIKE HOUTHİ TARGETS, KILLING 11 PEOPLE: YEMEN

ADEN, YEMEN: Airstrikes attributed to a US-British coalition hit port cities and small towns in western Yemen on Monday, killing at least 11 people and injuring 14 while defending commercial shipping, a spokesperson for Yemen's internationally recognised government said.

At least 17 airstrikes were reported in the country, including in the principal port city of Hodeidah and at Ras Issa Port, according to Al Masirah, the main Houthi-run television news outlet.

The strikes come just days after the first civilian fatalities and vessel loss since the Iran-aligned Houthis began attacking commercial shipping in November in solidarity with the Palestinians under attack by Israeli armed forces.

US inflation up unexpectedly in February at 3.2%

WASHINGTON: Consumer inflation posted a surprise acceleration in February, US government data showed on Tuesday, a development likely to nudge policymakers towards a cautious approach as they mull when to start interest rate cuts. The annual consumer price index (CPI) came in at 3.2% last month, the US labour department said. It is likely that Fed officials will proceed with caution in their policy meeting next week.

Pakistani authorities bar visitors for jailed ex-PM for 2 weeks

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani authorities on Tuesday barred visitors for imprisoned former prime minister Imran Khan after receiving intelligence reports about a possible attack on the prison where he is being held, government officials and his party said. Under a government order, no visitors will be allowed to meet with Khan or other inmates at the Adiala prison in the garrison city of Rawalpindi for two weeks for security reasons.

Boeing whistleblower who raised safety concerns found dead

WASHINGTON: A former Boeing Co. worker who raised concerns about the planemaker's production standards at its North Charleston 787 Dreamliner factory in South Carolina has been found dead, the BBC reported. John Barnett, who worked at Boeing for 32 years until his retirement in 2017, died March 9 from a self-inflicted wound, the BBC reported. His death was confirmed by the Charleston County Coroner, the report said.

{ U.S. POLITICS } INTERVIEW WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT HUR

Interview transcript gives mixed clues to Biden's mental acuity

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WASHINGTON: A transcript of President Joe Biden's interview with justice department Special Counsel Robert Hur painted a mixed picture of his mental acuity, an issue Republicans have deployed as a cudgel in the 2024 election.

The roughly 250-page transcript reviewed by Bloomberg News revealed Biden spoke in vivid detail about his work process as vice-president, policy debates at the time, the layout of his Wilmington home and even a historical re-enactment he witnessed in Mongolia.

But Hur's description of Biden in a report he released last month as "an elderly man with a poor memory" set off a political firestorm and in some ways overshadowed his decision not to charge the president over his handling of classified documents.

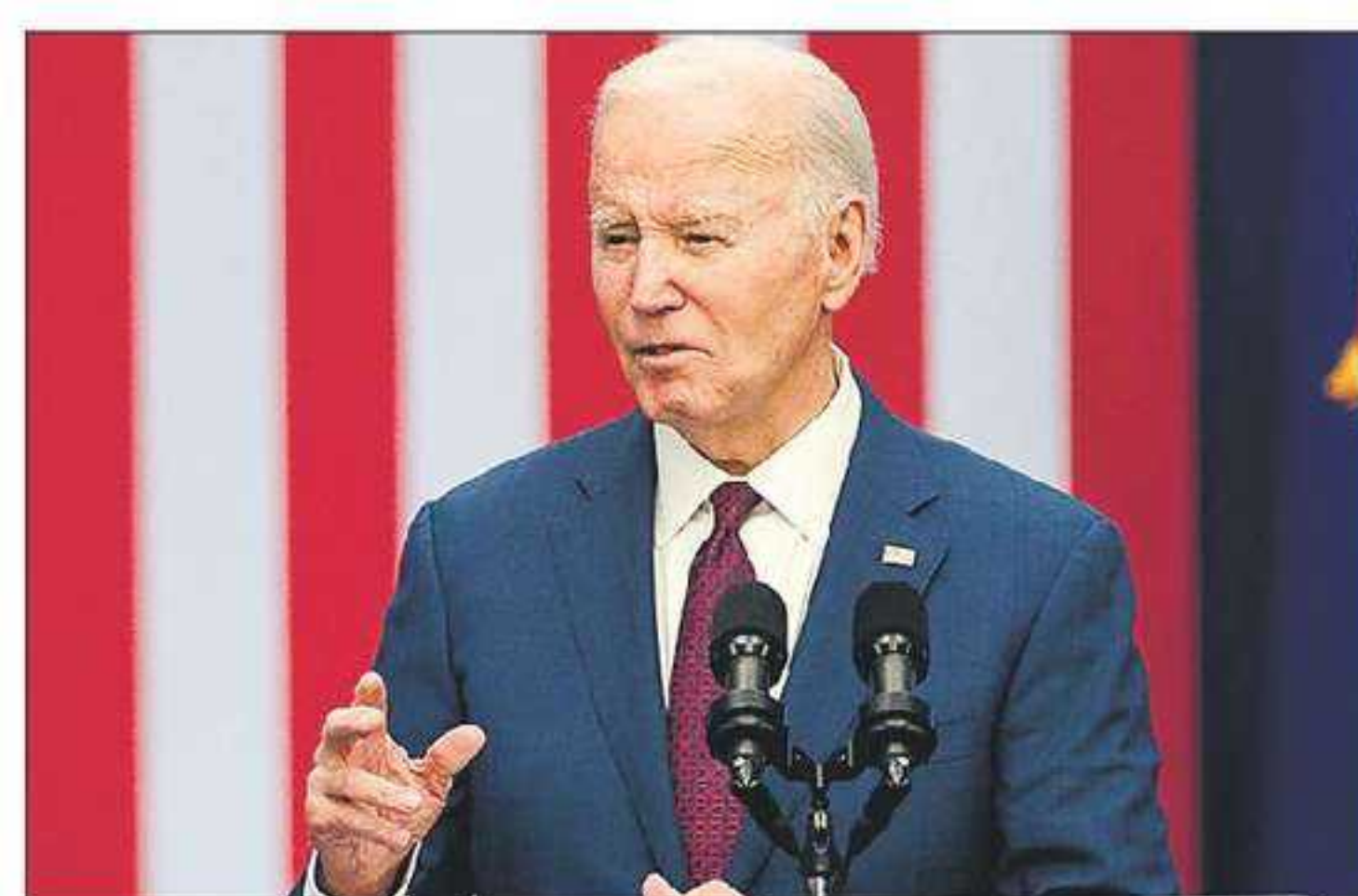
Hur struck a different tone at several points in the interview,

according to the transcript. In one instance, the special counsel said Biden's description of how he received his daily intelligence briefing as vice-president was "very helpful" and Biden, 81, quipped back, "I'm a young man so it's not a problem."

The justice department on Tuesday released the transcript, which it prepared, to Congress. Hur testified on Tuesday before the House Judiciary Committee and faced questions from members of both parties about his conclusions. Hur defended both his decision not to charge Biden and his statements about the president's memory that outraged Democrats.

The hearing and transcript release came at a time when the White House is aggressively confronting questions about Biden's age, which polls show as his biggest liability heading into the November election.

There were also several lapses and sloppy exchanges throughout the course of the



President Joe Biden speaks during an event about lowering costs for American families in Goffstown, New Hampshire.

five-hour, two-day interview.

Biden, indeed, misstated the year in which his son Beau died, and the subject was not "raised" by Hur, as the president said during a news conference last month.

The president said he did not know when asked by Hur where he kept papers related to his work immediately after leaving

{ SOUTH ASIA } INDIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL LEAVE

China says it supports Maldives government to protect its sovereignty

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BEIJING: China said on Tuesday that it supports the Maldives in safeguarding its sovereignty, as the first batch of Indian military personnel operating a helicopter left the island nation and was replaced by a civilian crew.

Indian military personnel stationed in the Maldives manning the operations of a helicopter left the country after handing over the operations of the chopper to an Indian civilian crew, the Maldivian media reported on Monday.

Asked for his comments on the first batch of the Indian military personnel's withdrawal from the Maldives, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said he was not aware of the specifics. "China supports the Maldives in safeguarding its territorial sovereignty and carrying out friendly cooperation with all sides on the basis of independence," he said.

Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, seen as a pro-China leader, has affirmed that no Indian military personnel, not even those in civilian clothing, would be present inside his country after May 10. Muizzu asked India to withdraw nearly 90 military personnel from the Maldives and India has agreed to replace the military personnel with civilians and to continue the operations of two helicopters and a Dornier aircraft provided to the country for providing humanitarian and medical evacuation services.

Muizzu's government also allowed an advanced Chinese "research ship" to dock at Male.

Last week, the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) signed a deal with China's military. Under this deal, China will supply "non-lethal" weapons to the Maldives free of cost.

Muizzu visited China in January during which the two countries announced the elevation of bilateral ties to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership besides signing 20 agreements to assist Maldives infrastructure.



A demonstrator holds up a Haitian flag during protests in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on March 1.

Haiti PM agrees to resign in regional push to end crisis

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KINGSTON, JAMAICA: Haiti's prime minister said on Tuesday that he would step aside, seeking to quell a spiraling crisis of gang violence that spurred a regional push for political transition in the impoverished Caribbean nation.

Caribbean nations secured Ariel Henry's resignation at an emergency meeting on Monday in Jamaica, where US secretary of state Antony Blinken offered another \$100 million to pave the way for the security force, which will be led by Kenya.

Gangs have taken over much of the Western Hemisphere's poorest country and in recent weeks the crisis has grown even more violent, with bodies strewn across the streets, armed bandits looting basic infrastructure and fears rising of a famine.

"The government I lead cannot remain insensitive to this situation. As I have always said, no sacrifice is too great for our homeland Haiti," Henry said in an address posted online.

He said the government had agreed to the creation of a



Ariel Henry

"presidential transition council," whose members would be chosen after discussions among various Haitian stakeholders.

Gang leaders had demanded the departure of Henry, who has remained in power since president Jovenel Moise's 2021 assassination. Haiti has not held national elections since 2016.

Guyana's President Irfaan Ali, the current chair of the Caribbean regional body CARICOM, saluted Henry's "selfless intent".

"That selfless intent was to see Haiti succeed," Ali said after a weekend of hurried diplomacy.

3 MONTHS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE



Narendra Modi
Prime Minister, India

VISION FOR DEVELOPED CHHATTISGARH @2047

We are in the process of creating a vision document titled 'Amrit Kal: Chhattisgarh Vision@2047'. This document is scheduled to be presented to the state on November 1, 2024. It will outline the various initiatives that will be undertaken to transform Chhattisgarh into a developed state and play a significant role in the advancement of a developed India by 2047.

Focus on the Pillars of Development

Our prime focus would be on 'GYAN' i.e. poor, youth, farmers and women. We aim to attain swift economic advancement by implementing technology-driven changes. To enhance the infrastructure, we are committed to maximising capital expenditure, ultimately leading to the progress of Chhattisgarh.

bureaucratic interference and corruption. We are dedicated to creating more job opportunities for the people of Chhattisgarh.

Marching Towards Balanced Development

We have recently introduced a new policy aimed at uplifting the most underdeveloped regions within the state. Our strategy involves enhancing infrastructure and supporting traditional trade to foster growth in areas such as Bastar and Sarguja.

Doubling the GDP

We aim to double the GDP from 5 lakh crores to 10,00,00,00,00,000s within a span of five years. In addition to focusing on infrastructure development, our strategy includes enhancing governance by combating corruption, supporting the private sector, driving industrial growth, and enhancing the skills of our workforce.

Emphasis on Tertiary Sector

The service industry has enormous potential for the growth of our state, and is poised to boost our GDP significantly. Initiatives have been set in motion to attract IT firms to Atal Nagar, paving the way for the creation of 10,000 new jobs annually.

Cultural and Social Development

Our policy of inclusive growth focuses not only on economic development but also on social and cultural development. As part of this, we are actively promoting religious tourism in Chhattisgarh. The construction of a Link Road, which will connect five significant religious spots, has already commenced.

Facilitating Private Investment

Our goal is to effectively implement the single-window system and leverage digital technology to reduce

Creating Niche Institutions

An advisory council on economic matters has been established with the aim of proposing strategies to enhance the economy. Likewise, in order to monitor the effective practices of various departments and recommend improved approaches, a completely new department called the Good Governance and Convergence Department has been established. Additionally, we have devised plans to position Chhattisgarh as a frontrunner in eco-tourism, medical tourism, and as a center for alternative forms of medicine.



"I firmly believe we will chalk out ways to fulfil promises made under 'Modi Ki Guarantee' in the next five years. Key works like allocation of houses, disbursement of two years pending bonus to farmers and implementation of Mahtari Vandan Yojana will be done. Ever since our government came to power in Chhattisgarh, the fight against Naxalism has strengthened. In the coming times, Naxalism will end in Chhattisgarh."

Vishnu Deo Sai
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

Key Decisions Made by Chhattisgarh Govt

Rs3,716 cr pending bonus transferred to 13 lakh farmers, 21 quintal paddy per acre purchased from them

50 lakh rural families get free tap connections, Rs4,500 crore allocated under 'Jal Jeevan Mission'

69.92 lakh poor families to get free ration for the next five years

Rs1,000 to be provided to women every month under 'Mahtari Vandana Yojana'

Chhattisgarh Govt asks CBI to probe irregularities in PSC recruitment exam

Ramlala Darshan Yojana launched for pilgrims of Chhattisgarh

Rs8,369 crore allocated for construction of 18 lakhs houses under 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana'

Provision of Rs13,320 crore made under 'Krishak Unnati Yojana'

Remuneration of tendu patta collectors increased from Rs4000 to Rs5500 per standard bag

Rs10,000 will be given annually to landless agricultural labourers under 'Deendayal Upadhyaya Krishi Majdoor Yojana'

'Chhattisgarh Udyam Kranti Yojana' launched to promote self-employment

Rs300 crore earmarked for construction of Katghora to Dongargarh rail line

Ordinary families to get electricity at half price for up to 400 units per month

Age limit for recruitment in government jobs increased by 5 years

'Atal Monitoring Portal' launched to monitor implementation of govt schemes

Online permit and approval system introduced to bring transparency in coal transportation

Ramlala Darshan (Ayodhya Dham) Yojana Launched

Under the umbrella of the "Modi Ki Guarantee", the Chhattisgarh Government delivered another promise with the introduction of the Ramlala Darshan Yojana. This initiative aims to provide the residents of the state, who are between 18 and 75 years of age, with the opportunity to have a darshan of Shri Ramlala in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. The scheme will be implemented by the Chhattisgarh Tourism Board. The Chhattisgarh Tourism Board and the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) are set to sign an MoU as per which the IRCTC will make arrangements for security, health, food, sightseeing, local transport and escort to the passengers during the journey.



Rs 3716 crore transferred to 13 lakh farmers in Chhattisgarh

Soon after assuming his office, Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai, on December 25, executed one of the poll promises under 'Modi Ki Guarantee' for the state's paddy farmers — and transferred the pending bonus of Rs 3,716 crore to 13 lakh farmers who had sold their paddy in 2014-15 and 2015-16 in cooperative societies under minimum support price (MSP). The bonus amounts were transferred to bank their accounts. In his address, the CM said that his government will fulfil every "Modi guarantee" in the next five years. The confidence of the farmers in the Chhattisgarh Government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has

increased, Sai asserted. He also announced to procure paddy up to 21 quintals per acre, and assured to extend the period, if needed, for procuring paddy at the support price. The promises of recruitment to one lakh government vacant posts in a transparent manner, and free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh under Ayushman Card will also be fulfilled.



Empowering Women through 'Mahtari Vandan Yojana'



The Chhattisgarh Government has recently launched the 'Mahtari Vandana Yojana-2024'. The scheme promises a monthly financial assistance of Rs1000, translating to an annual aid of Rs12,000 per beneficiary. The introduction of 'Mahtari

Vandana Yojana-2024' reflects the State Government's commitment to gender empowerment and socio-economic development. This initiative not only addresses immediate financial needs but also strives to create a conducive environment for women to thrive through skill enhancement and entrepreneurial endeavours. This approach aligns with the broader goal of creating a more economically empowered female population in the state. Beyond the immediate financial relief, the scheme places a strong emphasis on fostering self-reliance among women. The scheme is designed to benefit all married women in Chhattisgarh.

State Govt Approves Houses for 18L Poor Families Under PMAY



In his first cabinet meeting, the newly sworn-in CM Vishnu Deo Sai cleared the proposal of implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY) for over 18 lakh poor families in rural areas. The Chhattisgarh Government is prioritizing decisions that focus on the welfare and historical development of the state. Announcing the decision, the CM said, the cabinet has decided to clear houses for 18,12,743 needy families in rural areas under PMAY, a flagship scheme of the Centre, and provide them with the required funds.

More than 33,000 teachers will be recruited



The Chhattisgarh Government has announced that more than 33,000 teachers will be recruited. These include 2,524 posts of lecturers, 8,194 posts of teachers and 22,341 posts of assistant teachers. Additionally, 1,086 new posts will be created under 'Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan'. For this, a provision of Rs 1 crore has been made in the budget for FY 2024-25. A provision of Rs 265 crore has been made in the budget for the maintenance and infrastructure development of schools.

State Govt Recommends CBI Probe into 'irregularities' in CGPSC Recruitment

The Chhattisgarh Government decided to recommend a CBI investigation into the alleged corruption and irregularities in the recruitment of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC) exam-2021. The decision was taken during a meeting of the state cabinet chaired by CM Vishnu Deo Sai. In the interest of the youth, the State Government decided to hand over the complaints to the Central agency. The State Government has also promised that transparency will be maintained in the PSC examination in the state and CGPSC examinations will be conducted on the lines of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).



Rural households get free water supply under 'Nal Jal Yojana'

The Chhattisgarh Government is actively working towards ensuring access to clean drinking water for rural communities. Through the 'Nal Jal Yojana', tap connections are being installed in every household, along with the construction of water tanks and the expansion of pipelines. Thanks to PM Narendra Modi's ambitious scheme 'Jal Jeevan Mission' to provide clean and safe drinking water to every household, tap water is now reaching 75% of rural homes in the state.

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SPORT

Buzz builds as Pant cleared for comeback

A consummate entertainer on the field, focus will be on whether the 'keeper-batter can stand the physical demands of the role on return

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MUMBAI: During the recent Test series between India and England, opener Ben Duckett said that the visiting team should take some credit for Yashasvi Jaiswal's attacking heroics. The young left-hander out-Bazball England, hitting 23 sixes and 68 fours on way to scoring 712 runs in a Player-of-the-Series performance.

When India skipper Rohit Sharma was asked about Duckett's comment ahead of the final Test in Dharamsala, his reply was a nod to a different hitter: "There was a guy called Rishabh Pant in our team, probably Duckett hasn't seen him play."

It is unlikely Duckett would not have watched Pant; indeed, it is unlikely any cricketer in the world would not be aware of the phenomenon Pant was.

In the manic, talent-filled world of Indian cricket, out of sight can often mean out of mind. Despite being sidelined after a major accident in December 2022, Pant's heroics have stayed fresh in the mind; the ability to make something out of nothing, the penchant to put pressure back on the opposition and singing behind the stumps—all unforgettable.

Such was the severity of his injury that the rehabilitation was going to be a long and often frustrating. The doctors said he would need 16 to 18 months to get back on the field. But Pant wanted to push himself, give himself a goal... He said he would do it in less. On Tuesday, everyone knew he had succeeded.

"After undergoing an extensive 14-month rehab and

recovery process, following a life-threatening road mishap on December 30th, 2022, near Roorkee, Uttarakhand, Rishabh Pant has now been declared fit as a wicket-keeper batter for the upcoming IPL 2024," BCCI said in a statement on Tuesday.

There had been a buzz around Pant for a while. There were appearances on TV, in ads, at the IPL auction table of Delhi Capitals last year. But no one was quite sure. The Delhi buzz was that he might play solely as a batter, but would the knee hold out in a competitive game? Would he be able to throw himself around? Would it be the Pant of old?

Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting recently said, "if he is fit, you'd think he'd step straight back into that captaincy role." With the National Cricket Academy having declared Pant fully fit after a rigorous rehab and recovery process, a DC announcement to that effect may not be far away. Capitals begin their IPL 2024 campaign against Punjab Kings in Mullanpur on March 23.

Many fans would hope a good IPL would also place him in a good position to become India's first choice keeper-batter for the T20 World Cup starting on June 1. It is a big if, but this is Pant we are talking about.

The word from BCCI is that Pant remains skipper Rohit Sharma's first choice for the World Cup, dependent on fitness and form. For now, keeping expectations to the minimum might be the way to go. He had surgeries to reconstruct all three ligaments in his right knee. The ligaments play a huge role in maintaining the stability of the knee and recovery can be tricky, especially given the explosive movements "keepers need in the heat of the moment."

It was decided not to risk playing him in the recent DY Patil T20 tournament in Navi Mumbai where many T20 regulars participated. All Pant has played so far is practice matches at NCA. "Knowing Rishabh, it probably won't (take long to adjust) because he's such a natural talent; and just knowing the sort of person he is, I don't think he'll be awed," Ponting told ICC TV. "I don't think he'll be scared by the comeback. The fact that

he's missed 15 months of cricket, I don't think it'll faze him."

The Capitals camp remains expectant that Pant's return will go to plan, but they couldn't have been sure a few months back which is why they picked plenty of backups in the auction in December 2023.

Abhishek Porel, Kumar Kushagra, Ricky Bhui, Shai Hope and Tristan Stubbs can all keep wicket. None of them are automatic choices though, and playing one of the two overseas players will mean having to drop one of Dave Warner, Harry Brook, Anrich Nortje or Mitch Marsh.

The national selectors and medical staff will closely monitor how Pant's knee copes with the "keeping workload. Then there is his batting alone. When on song, he is a difference-maker with his free-spirited batting.

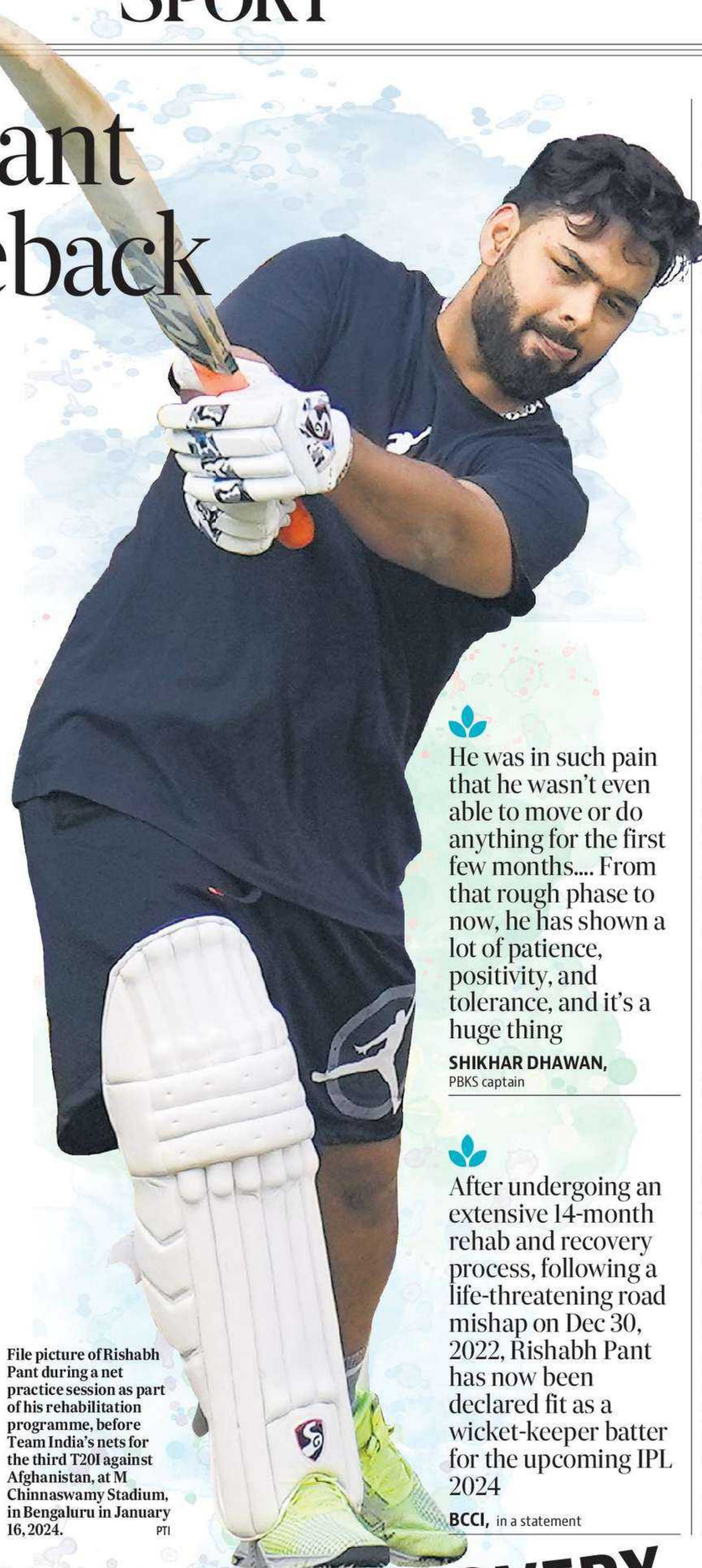
IPL audition

There are many claimants for India's T20 World Cup 'keeper's slot. IPL in many ways will be an audition. What is certain is that the selectors want to slot the 'keeper in the middle order and not at the top. This is the primary reason for Lucknow Super Giants captain KL Rahul deciding to drop down from the top order to stake claim.

Dhruv Jurel is the current flavour after his heroics on Test debut, but he's unlikely to get the gloves for Rajasthan Royals. Sanju Samson leads RR and keeps. And given his ability, he too can stir a debate with impressive showings.

The man who last wore the keeping gloves for India was Jitesh Sharma, preferred over Ishan Kishan. Jitesh couldn't make the chances count, but the power-hitter will hope to put on a show for Punjab Kings. Ishan Kishan too will be a long shot.

Whether Pant can jump the queue remains to be seen, but for someone who initially thought his time in the world may be over, stepping back on the field tugs at one's heartstrings. "I'm very hopeful, not from a selfish point of view as DC coach, but I want to see him back playing cricket again," Ponting said. "I think the whole world wants to see him back playing cricket again and just playing with that youthful exuberance that he has."



File picture of Rishabh Pant during a net practice session as part of his rehabilitation programme, before Team India's nets for the third T20I against Afghanistan, at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, in Bengaluru in January 16, 2024. PTI

How Rishabh Pant bounced back for his second innings

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KOLKATA: Rishabh Pant is fit to play competitive cricket again, 14 months after his brush with death in a road accident near Roorkee, Uttarakhand. Serious injuries suffered while extricating himself from his car, which burst into flames seconds later, meant serious doubts were raised about reviving his international career.

It has taken the India keeper-batter two knee ligament reconstruction procedures, a plastic surgery and an 11-month rehabilitation involving three physiotherapy sessions per day, aqua therapy followed by a customised fitness programme focusing on strength building, flexibility and running to finally be declared fit for this year's IPL starting March 22. His Delhi Capitals start their campaign the next day.

Reports of Pant's recovery running ahead of schedule was doing the rounds when he was spotted on the sidelines of cricket matches and at the DC table during the IPL auction last year. But Tuesday's announcement by BCCI that he is also fit to keep wicket should boost India's chances in June's T20 World Cup, provided this IPL goes smoothly for him in the first place.

The all-clear for Pant, 26, was given a week ago by the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru where he had passed all the mandatory 'Return To Play' tests. Pant was already batting in match simulations, but more uplifting must be the clearance to keep wicket that will provide role clarity, not only to Capitals but also the Indian management that has tried Ishan Kishan, Sanju Samson and Jitesh Sharma as wicketkeeper-batter in T20Is since Pant's accident on December 30, 2022.

On Tuesday, Pant posted his picture on Instagram, captioned "Keep smiling", but that sentiment seemed a remote possibility as he dealt with the dark early months of recovery. Confined to the bed, he didn't know what to make of it when doctors said he had been lucky not to suffer nerve damage. And then the roofer cricketer who had made bowlers feel the power in his shots was simply grateful that he could again brush his teeth by himself.

The BCCI statement after he crashed his Mercedes SUV into a divider near Roorkee, said Pant had "two cuts on his forehead, a

ligament tear in his right knee and has also hurt his right wrist, ankle, toe and has suffered abrasions on his back."

The exact nature of his injuries sounded more horrific when Pant, in an interview to Star Sports earlier this year, recounted how his right knee had been dislocated as he lay face down. "There was someone around, so I asked if he could help getting the leg back in place. He helped the knee get back in place," he said. "If there was any nerve damage, there was a possibility of amputation. That is when I felt scared."

For almost a month, Pant couldn't move out of bed. On February 10, 2023, Pant posted the photo on social media of his walking on the terrace on crutches with the right leg still in a cast. "I wanted to update all the people who had prayed for my recovery and health," he said later.

With the first few steps out of bed taken, Pant quickly took the recovery route, starting with three physiotherapy sessions daily, and sitting under the sun, hoping to be able to walk at the earliest.

That time came soon, and Pant reported to NCA where by June, hopes of a swift comeback started emerging. That Pant was very much central to their long-term plans despite very little clarity over the timeline of his recovery was also evident when BCCI included him in Category A of the annual contract last March. At NCA, Pant alternated his rehab with aqua therapy sessions, light swimming and table tennis.

In July, BCCI said in a release that Pant had resumed batting as well as keeping wicket in the nets. Throughout it all, Pant confined himself to his immediate surroundings, gritting his teeth to stick to the daily grind of rehabilitation.

"I asked the doctor how long it would take for me to recover. I told him everybody is speaking different things, but you will give me the most clarity about it. He said it would take 16 to 18 months. I told the doctor that whatever timeline he gave me, I would reduce six months from it," he said in an interview to IANS.

Quite amazingly, Pant has kept his word.

He was in such pain that he wasn't even able to move or do anything for the first few months.... From that rough phase to now, he has shown a lot of patience, positivity, and tolerance, and it's a huge thing

SHIKHAR DHAWAN, PBKS captain

After undergoing an extensive 14-month rehab and recovery process, following a life-threatening road mishap on Dec 30, 2022, Rishabh Pant has now been declared fit as a wicket-keeper batter for the upcoming IPL 2024

BCCI, in a statement

JOURNEY OF RECOVERY

▶ DECEMBER 30, 2022

Pant, driving to his Dehradun home meets with an accident in Roorkee. Despite injuries to head, back and leg, he manages to get out of the car before it catches fire

▶ January 4, 2023
He is airlifted to a Mumbai hospital from Dehradun

▶ January 6, 2023
He is operated upon by Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala. His severe right knee injury requires reconstruction surgery, repairing the damage to his medial collateral ligament (MCL), anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and posterior cruciate ligament (PCL). Has plastic surgery too



▶ FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Updates fans on the progress he has made, sharing an image on social media of his first walk following the surgery

▶ April 26, 2023:
Pant starts rehab at NCA, Bengaluru, Indian board says in a statement

▶ June 14, 2023:

Pant posts video of him climbing the stairs without support with a caption: "Not bad yaar Rishabh. Simple things can be difficult."

▶ JUNE 15, 2023
Pant is mixing his rehab with sessions of aqua therapy, light swimming and table tennis. He is also spending time conducting interactive sessions for age-group cricketers — male and female



▶ JULY 20, 2023

Pant is increasing his lower-body and upper-body mobility exercises under the guidance of physio S Rajnikanth, and Thulasi Ram Yuvaraj, another NCA physio who has been with him since he was airlifted to Mumbai, days after the car crash



▶ July 21, 2023

Pant has started keeping in the NCA nets. His recovery routine has strength training, flexibility exercises and running drills

▶ August 4, 2023
Reports from NCA say Pant is now pain-free and is batting, facing 140 kph deliveries comfortably

▶ August 15, 2023

Pant plays an exhibition game. For the first time since accident, he is seen batting in a match.

▶ AUGUST 29, 2023
Prior to the Asia Cup, Pant pays a surprise visit to India's training camp in Alur, near Bengaluru



▶ November 9, 2023
Pant drops in at Delhi Capitals' training camp at Jadavpur University's Salt Lake campus

▶ JANUARY 16, 2024

Pant is almost match ready, batting for 20 minutes at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium nets. Meets Virat Kohli and Rinku Singh

▶ March 1, 2024
"If he can keep, he can play the World Cup. Let's see how he does in the IPL," BCCI secretary Jay Shah tells the media in Dharamsala

▶ MARCH 3, 2024
BCCI declares Pant fit as a wicket-keeper batter for the upcoming IPL

Musheer, Mumbai's youngest marvel, does the star turn again

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MUMBAI: If there's one life lesson Musheer Khan should learn from his elder brother Sarfaraz, it's about the essence of timing in sport. For three successive first-class seasons Sarfaraz scored Bradmanesque runs but did not get an India cap. When a vacancy opened up, he scored 161 against England Lions with the chief selector watching and was drafted to play Tests against England.

It matters that you score. It matters equally that you score when you are being watched. That's the message Musheer's elder sibling had given him ahead of the big match against Vidarbha. Musheer took the advice with all seriousness to become the youngest Mumbai batter - aged 19 years 14 days - to score a hundred in a Ranji Trophy final, watched on by India's five wise men as well as the great Sachin Tendulkar.



Musheer Khan on way to 136 against Vidarbha. PRAKASH PARSEKAR

had come. When I got past 60, I saw him on the screen. *Tab motivation mila ki thoda sa unko dikhana hai aaj batting karke* (That's when I got the motivation to show him that I can bat)," he told reporters. By the time Musheer's patience-personified innings 136 (326b, 10x4) - he spent nearly 8

hours at the crease - ended late on Day 3 of the final on Tuesday, he had all but steered the 41-time winners towards another triumph. Musheer didn't do it on his own. Shreyas Iyer, in the eye of the storm after losing his India contract, played to his strengths slamming a quickfire 95 (111b), domi-

nating their 168-run 4th wicket stand. Vidarbha were left to chase down a mammoth 538.

With Mumbai 260 in front after Day 2, legends Tendulkar and Vengsarkar may have come to watch, in anticipation of a Ajinkya Rahane hundred. But Vidarbha's impressive young left-arm spinner Harsh Dubey (5-144) took the Mumbai captain's edge on 73 with a sharp delivery turning away.

Even as Vidarbha pacers tried to bounce Iyer out, Musheer was unburied at his end. After battling through early jitters on the previous day, Musheer was mulling everything on Tuesday, as he grew into his innings. With time only working to his team's advantage, Musheer was happy to act on another advice from Sarfaraz. "In my mind, I wanted to bat the entire day," he said.

Brief scores: Mumbai 224 & 418 (Musheer Khan 136, Ajinkya Rahane 73, Shreyas Iyer 95, Shams Mulani 50; Yash Thakur 3/79, Harsh Dubey 5/144). Vidarbha 105 & 10/0. Mumbai lead by 528 runs.

Perry's record 6/15 helps Bangalore reach playoffs; UPW, GG bow out

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MUMBAI: Four overs. Six wickets. One devastating spell. Ellyse Perry produced the best bowling figures in Women's Premier League history to help Royal Challengers Bangalore beat Mumbai Indians by seven wickets and reach the playoffs in Delhi on Tuesday.

The star Australian all-rounder kept knocking the stumps over and in the process, ensured UP Warriorz and Gujarat Giants were knocked out of contention. Heading into the game, only defending champions MI and Delhi Capitals had secured their spot in the playoffs. A win would've been enough to take RCB through, while UPW and GG needed Smriti Mandhana and Co to suffer a heavy defeat in order to have a chance. However, Bangalore, who had

suffered an agonising one-run defeat against DC in their previous game, left nothing to chance this time and romped to victory. Opting to bowl first, they wrapped up the MI innings for 113 runs as Perry returned with sensational figures of 6/15. And in the reply, too, it was Perry's unbeaten 76-run stand with Richa Ghosh that took RCB to 115/5 in 15 overs.

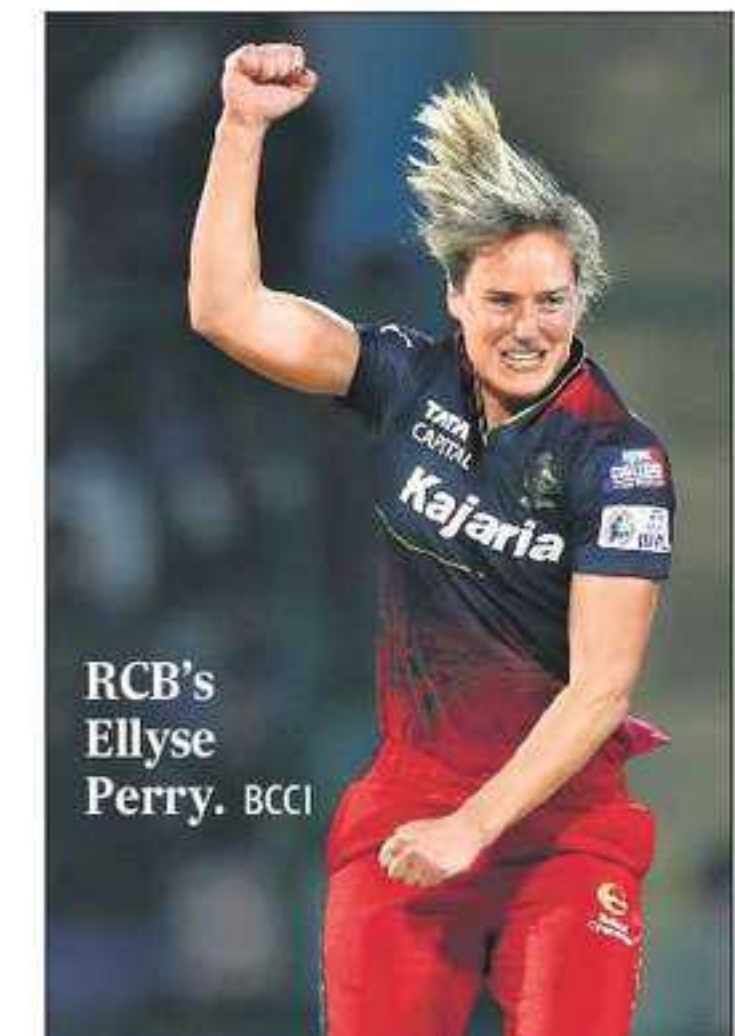
Mumbai were off to a promising start with the bat as openers Hayley Matthews and S Sajana added a 43-run partnership. But the innings unravelled soon after as Perry delivered a masterclass in seam bowling. The right-arm pacer had taken a superb catch in the deep to dismiss Matthews, before conceding just two runs in her first over. From there, her remaining three overs produced two wickets each as MI lost their last nine wickets for a mere 48 runs.

Perry, who hadn't picked a single wicket in her four previous outings with the ball in the tournament, kept attacking the stumps and nipping the ball both ways.

Sajana, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, Amanjot Kaur and Pooja Vastrakar were clean bowled by the 33-year-old, while Amelia Kerr and Natalie Sciver-Brunt were trapped leg before.

Bangalore lost openers Mandhana and Sophie Molineux early before Sophie Devine fell right after the powerplay. As Mumbai tried to ramp up the pressure, though, Perry and Ghosh remained firm and increased the scoring rate gradually. The right-handers hit nine fours and three sixes between them to book RCB's spot in the Eliminator.

Brief scores: MI 113 all out in 19 overs (Sajeevan Sajana 30; Ellyse Perry 6/15). RCB 115/3 in 15 overs (Ellyse Perry 40*, Richa Ghosh 36*). RCB won by 7 wickets.



RCB's Ellyse Perry, BCCI

STANDINGS

Team	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
DC	7	5	2	10	0.918
MI	8	5	3	10	0.024
RCB	8	4	4	8	0.306
UPW	8	3	5	6	-0.371
GG	7	2	5	4	-0.873



{ ALL ENGLAND OPEN } BADMINTON

Axelsen extends domination over one-time rival Srikanth

Both players announced their arrival on the world stage in 2017 but while the Dane has got stronger, the Indian is struggling

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NEW DELHI: Until 2017, the career graphs of both Viktor Axelsen and Kidambi Srikanth were moving in a similar direction. Between London 2012 and Rio 2016, both were touted as the "Next Big Thing" of men's badminton.

Both announced their arrival on the big stage in 2017 with Srikanth reaching five Superseries finals, winning four, while the Dane clinched the World title. Both also became world No.1 around the same time and had a very even head-to-head at 3-1.

But since then, the equation has changed. And dramatically. While Axelsen's career has moved up and above everyone else, Srikanth's has been on a downward spiral. Axelsen is not just a two-time world champion and but also the reigning Olympic champion, world No.1 and clearly dominating men's badminton for the last few years.

Srikanth, on the other hand, last won a tournament seven years back. Seven is another unlucky number for the Indian shuttler as he lost all previous seven meetings to Axelsen, that too in straight games. On Tuesday, the number turned into eight as the Danish champion completely annihilated Srikanth, winning 21-9, 21-9 to earn his 11th victory in 14 meetings.

Confidence is a fragile thing in sport. And it was clearly visible as the two veterans took on each other in the opening round of the \$1.3 million All England Open Badminton Championships in Birmingham. There were times during the 33-minute contest when top seed Axelsen found himself completely out of position. But even then Srikanth hit the bird wide, missing winners that he



India's HS Prannoy lost to Su Li-yang of Chinese Taipei on Day One of the All England Open in Birmingham on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

could just tapped in and won. Srikanth's attack isn't biting as it was. Like chief coach Pullela Gopichand said in an earlier interview to this daily, his opponents have figured out his game and found the antidote to any kind of venom his racket spits.

On the other side of the court, Axelsen's attack was always his USP. But the way the 194cm tall Dane has developed his defence had made him the invincible power he is in men's badminton today. Fantastic in attack, Axelsen realised very quickly that Srikanth was lifting, trying to avoid his huge jump smash.

He countered by playing flat, straddling the backline and was easily able to reach the shuttle at will and offer shots that had no

answer. In response, Srikanth was making more errors despite being egged on by coaches Gopichand and Parupalli Kashyap in his corner.

Despite comfortably leading throughout the opener, Axelsen expressed his frustration when missing out on a couple of simple points, clearly showing his hunger to not lose even a point, to win. That clearly showed as he handed Srikanth a confidence destroying loss at Arena Birmingham.

The 30-year-old wants to get his run back on track and inch closer towards a third All England title, especially after a shock second round straight-game loss to Wang Tzu Wei last week at the French Open.

It wasn't a happy outing for

Olympic bound HS Prannoy, who beat Axelsen last year to clinch a bronze at the 2023 World Championships, either as the seventh seeded Indian went down 21-14, 13-21, 13-21 to up-and-coming Chinese Taipei shuttler Su Li Yang in what was a first encounter between the two.

World No.8 Prannoy, who had a good 2023, hasn't really found his footing this season. Apart from a semi-final finish at the India Open in January, he has suffered four first round exits in Malaysia, Indonesia, France and now All England. Indian fans would be hoping the 'giant killer' regains his form in the coming weeks, before his maiden attempt at the Olympics in July-August.

But the biggest news of the day was defending men's champion Li Shi Feng of China exiting on Day 1, losing 17-21, 13-21 to Frenchman Toma Junior Popov.

Sindhu advances
On a comeback trail, PV Sindhu was the only Indian to advance into the next round on the opening day but only after her opponent, German Yvonne Li, retired after Sindhu clinched the opening game 21-10.

But Round 2 will be the real test for the two-time Olympic medalist as she will face the winner of the match between Chinese Taipei's Wen Chi Hsu and world No.1 An Se Young.

Aakarshi Kashyap also lost, going down 16-21, 11-21 to Chinese Taipei's Pai Yu Po.



Luca Nardi of Italy after beating Novak Djokovic at the Indian Wells Masters. GETTY IMAGES VIA AFP

Lucky loser Nardi stuns Djokovic in ATP Indian Wells

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INDIAN WELLS: Qualifying lucky loser Luca Nardi scored the biggest win of his young career on Monday, stunning world number one Novak Djokovic 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 at the ATP-WTA Indian Wells Masters. The world number 123 from Italy ended the 11-match win streak of the Serb at Masters events, with Nardi bettering the childhood tennis idol whose poster hung above his bed from the age of eight.

The 20-year-old was not awed by the big game of Djokovic, and broke the Serb for a 4-2 lead in the deciding set before pouncing on the victory three games later with a match point ace. The Italian finished with 36 winners and 41 unforced errors while Djokovic had 31 errors in just under two and a half hours. "Before this night no-one knew me," Nardi said in an on-court interview after his win. "I hope the crowd enjoyed the game, I'm super happy with this one."

Asked how he had pulled off the biggest win of his career, Nardi replied: "I don't know. I think it really is a miracle. I'm a guy ranked outside the top 100 in the world and now I'm beating Novak - crazy, crazy."

Nardi only reached the main draw in Indian Wells after a withdrawal. He had been beaten by Belgium's David Goffin in the final round of qualifying.

In other games on Monday, seventh seed Holger Rune finally

NOVAK'S WORST LOSSES IN SLAMS AND MASTERS
Luca Nardi (rank 123) Indian Wells, 2024
Kevin Anderson (122) Miami Open, 2008
Denis Istomin (117) Australian Open, 2017
Taro Daniel (109) Indian Wells, 2018
Julien Benneteau (88) Indian Wells, 2006

made it onto court after a first-round bye and a walkover in the second round against injured Milos Raonic. The 20-year-old Dane got off and running in the event with a 6-2, 7-6 (7/5) defeat of Italy's Lorenzo Musetti, earning revenge for a loss on grass last June at Queen's Club, London.

"It feels great to finally get started," he said after reaching the fourth round here for the first time. "The wait is finally over. I was so eager to play, though I did get two extra practice days."

Norway's ninth seed Casper Ruud advanced past Arthur Fils of France 6-2, 6-4.

French showstopper Gael Monfils ended the run of 2021 champion Cameron Norrie, with the 36-year-old winner and the Briton playing a massive 31 break points in a match won by Monfils 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-3.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one female **Namely: Sangeeta, W/o: Ramesh, R/o: Holambi Kalan Metro Vihar, Phase-II, P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi.** In this regard a case vide **DD No. 0025A dated 25.02.2024** has been lodged at P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped female are as under: **Age:** 30 years, **Sex:** Female, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Oval, **Build:** Normal, **Wearing:** Black colour kurti and blue colour jeans. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the female and her 2 sons but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this female and her 2 sons kindly inform to the following.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Rajeev S/o Kishan Pal R/o H.No.70 gali No.02, Navin Kunj Loni, Ghaziabad, U.P.** have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **case/FIR No. 027665/19 U/s 379/411 IPC.**, has been registered at **P.S. Kotwali, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Rajeev** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Rajeev** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Rajeev of under case/FIR No. 027665/19 U/s 379/411 IPC., Registered at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **20.04.2024**.

By Order
Meena Chouhan, MM-08,
Room No.272, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
DP/2239/N/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Seema Arora W/o Rajeev Arora R/o H. No. 78, Kh. No. 62/10, Ground Floor, Anandpur Dham, Karala, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No. 423/2016, PS Kanjhawala, Distt. Rohini, Delhi** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Seema Arora** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Seema Arora** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Seema Arora** of **Case FIR No. 423/2016, PS Kanjhawala, Distt. Rohini, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before dated **23.04.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Jitendra Singh
Additional Sessions Judge
(Electricity, North-West)
DP/2911/RD/2024
(Court Matter) Court No. 205, Rohini Courts, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Harish, S/o Mangal Ram, R/o BB-368, Street no. 15, Gali Hanuman Mandir, Nabi Karim, Paharganj, Delhi-55,** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Ct. Cases 15405/2018, U/s NI Act, registered at P.S. Janakpuri, Delhi,** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Harish,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Harish,** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Harish, of case Ct. Cases 15405/2018, U/s NI Act, P.S. Janakpuri, Delhi,** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **15.04.2024**.

By order
Vineerjeet Kaur,
Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act - 03),
Dwarka Courts, Delhi
DP/2825/WD/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Kripal Singh, S/o Sadhu Singh, R/o A-120, Rama Garden Main Road, Karawal Nagar, Delhi,** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 452/2005, U/s 465/468/471/420/34/120B IPC,** registered at **P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi,** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Kripal Singh,** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Kripal Singh,** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Kripal Singh, of case FIR No. 452/2005, U/s 465/468/471/420/34/120B IPC, P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi,** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **16.04.2024**.

By order
Chatinder Singh,
Metropolitan Magistrate - 07,
Central District, Room no. 32,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
DP/2904/N/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr. P.C)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Hari Om S/o Sh. Jagbir Singh R/o N-518, Raghuraj Nagar, Delhi and H.No. 538, Gali No.5, Meera Vihar Colony, Mathura UP** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **case FIR No. 48/2011 U/s 279/337/338/471/474 IPC at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Hari Om** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Hari Om** have absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Hari Om of FIR No. 48/2011 U/s 279/337/338/471/474 IPC of P.S.: Karol Bagh, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **15.04.2024**.

By order
Shipra Dhankar
Metropolitan Magistrate-01
(Central Distt) Room No. 180, 1st Floor
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
DP/2782/CD/2024

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Consultancy Services for Implementation of Patna Metro Rail Construction Project

PATNA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LIMITED
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File Name- PMRCL/DP/NIT-03 Date: 12.03.2024

1. PMRCL invites RFP for "Consultancy Services for Implementation of Patna Metro Rail Construction Project" as per the below schedule :-

SN	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
(i)	PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING	01.04.2024 at 11:00 HRS-13:00 HRS
(ii)	DATE OF PUBLICATION OF RFP	12.03.2024
(iii)	LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION	29.04.2024 at 15:00 HRS
(iv)	DATE AND TIME OF OPENING	29.04.2024 at 17:00 HRS

2. Shortlisted consultants may view / download the RFP from <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> from the date of publication (System Tender No. 59173).

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Sd/- GM (P)
Patna Metro Rail Corporation Limited

NORTHERN RAILWAY e-Tender Notice

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Cord.) Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites sealed e-tender on 'SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM' for the following work from experienced and capable tenderers-

e-Tender No	116-S-DEE-LA
Name of work	Delhi Sarai Rohilla - Capacity Augmentation & Other Improvement Works at Departmental Mechanized Laundry
Work Place	Delhi Sarai Rohilla
Period of Work	Nine Months
Advertised Value	Rs. 2,15,80,938.19 (Including GST)
Bid Security to be deposited	Rs. 2,57,900/-
Tender Document Cost	Nil
Date and time of availability of e-Tender Document	11.03.2024; 18:30 Hrs. to 02.04.2024; Up to 15:00 Hrs.
Date and time of E-tender Closing	02.04.2024, 15:00 Hrs.
Date and time of E-tender Opening	On 02.04.2024 after 15:00 hrs. if the date of opening happens to be a holiday the E-Tender shall be opened on the next working day.
Place for opening E-Tender	Mechanical Department, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055

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See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Dr. Shashi, D/o. Om Prakash, R/o. H.No. 319, Ward No. 14, Dayanand Nagar, Bahadurgarh, Haryana,** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **case FIR 250/2009 U/s 419/420/120B/34 IPC** registered at **P.S. Janakpuri, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Dr. Shashi** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Dr. Shashi** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Dr. Shashi** accused of **FIR 250/2009 U/s 419/420/120B/34 IPC P.S. Janakpuri, New Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.04.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Bharti Beniwal,
Metropolitan Magistrate-11, South-West,
Room No. 5, Ground Floor,
Dwarka District Court, New Delhi
DP/2856/WD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person 1. **Furkan, S/o Munna Khan, R/o Indrapuri Chowk near Jama Masjid ke Pass Wali Gali, Loni, Ghaziabad, 2. Riahahb, S/o Amit Sharma, R/o Vegabond Fawara Chowk Chandini Chowk, Delhi & Shyam Nagar, Aligarh, U.P.** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **case FIR No. 203/2020, U/s 356/ 379/34IPC, P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said 1. **Furkan, 2. Riahahb** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said 1. **Furkan, 2. Riahahb** has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said 1. **Furkan, 2. Riahahb** accused of **FIR No. 203/2020, U/s 356/379/34IPC, P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **05.06.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Mayank Aggarwal
Metropolitan Magistrate-05
Central Room No. 286, 1st Floor
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
DP/2578/N/2024

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e-Tender No	116-S-HNZM-LA
Name of work	Hazrat Nizamuddin - Capacity Augmentation & Other Improvement Works at Departmental Mechanized Laundry
Work Place	Hazrat Nizamuddin
Period of Work	Nine Months
Advertised Value	Rs. 2,22,34,997.39 (Including GST)
Bid Security to be deposited	Rs. 2,61,200/-
Tender Document Cost	Nil
Date and time of availability of e-Tender Document	11.03.2024; 18:30 Hrs. to 02.04.2024; Up to 15:00 Hrs.
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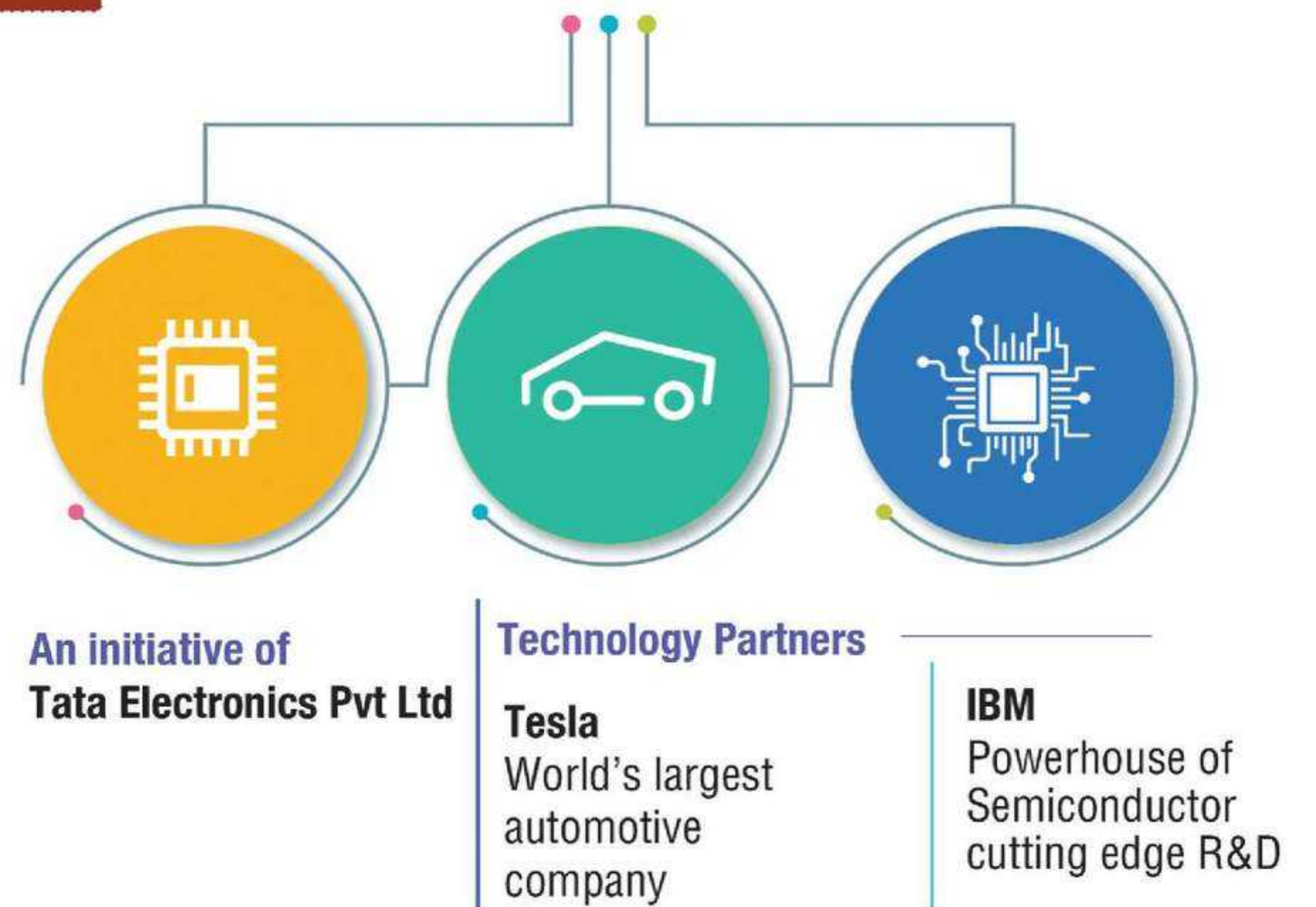
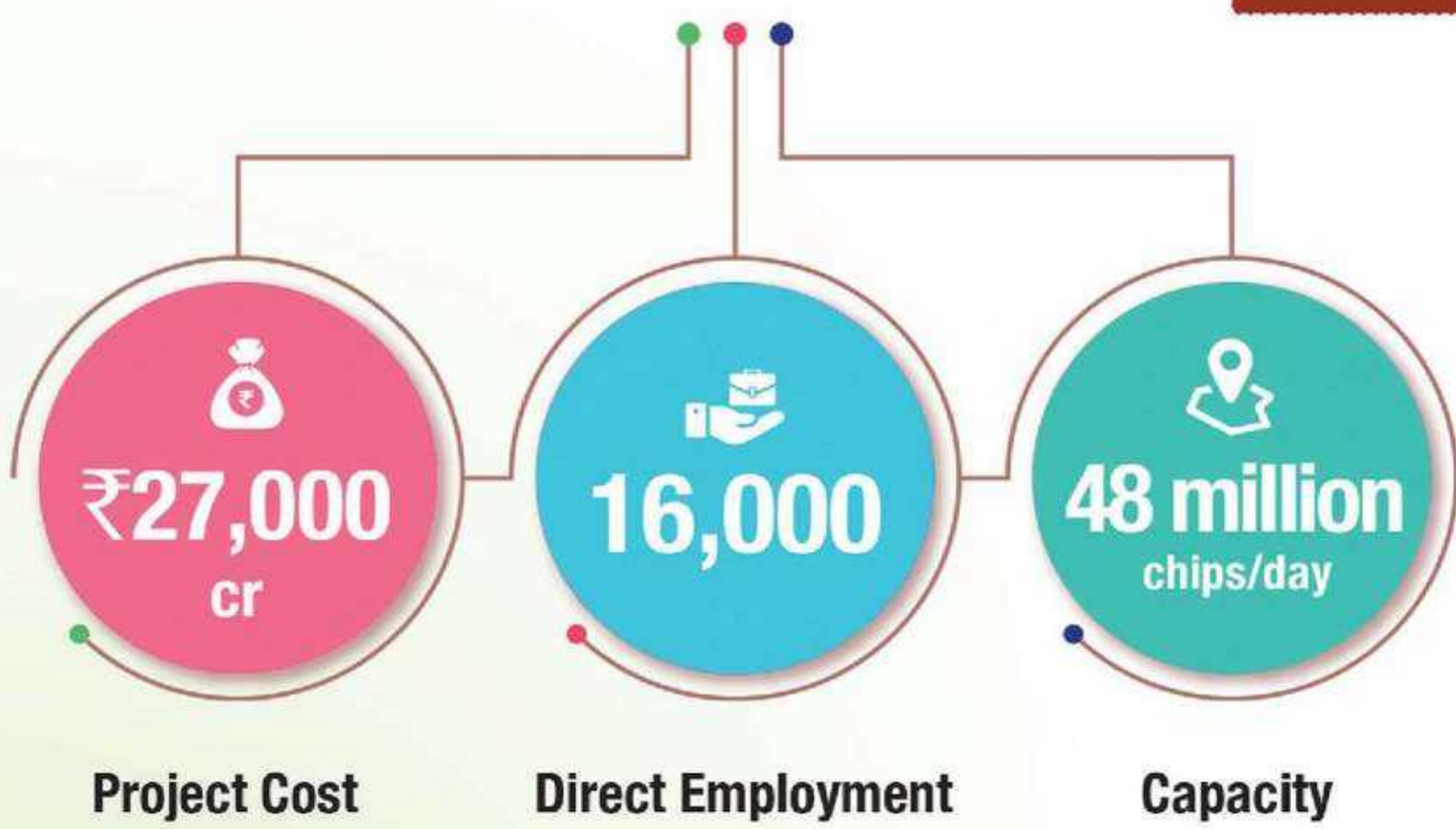
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Aman, Sujeet have big boots to fill

PALMER SPARKLES FOR POCHETTINO IN CRUCIAL MATCH FOR CHELSEA

The youngsters will have the task of winning Paris quotas in weight classes in which India won two Olympic medals

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NEW DELHI: The Commonwealth Games trials marked a moment of reckoning for Aman Sehrawat. Up against Olympic silver medalist Ravi Dahiya, he lost 10-0. For 20-year-old Aman, Dahiya is not only his sparring partner, but a mentor, guide, and an inspiration. The reason Aman, a parentless child, could dream of the Olympics was Dahiya.

As Aman started to grow in international wrestling, becoming U23 Asian and world champion in 2022, he knew his path would cross with Dahiya for a Paris Olympics quota in 57kg. But the CWG trials came as a jolt because of the manner he lost. Aman could not understand where he was lacking that he fought so badly.

He watched the replay of the trials and came to an important conclusion. That in his mind he was not fighting an opponent. "I am not that bad as the scores showed. I realised that I was not playing with a free mind. I was playing with the pressure of competing against an Olympic medalist. He was dictating the pace and I was simply getting drawn into his gameplan," says Aman

Aman Sehrawat
 Age: 20 years
 Weight category: 57kg



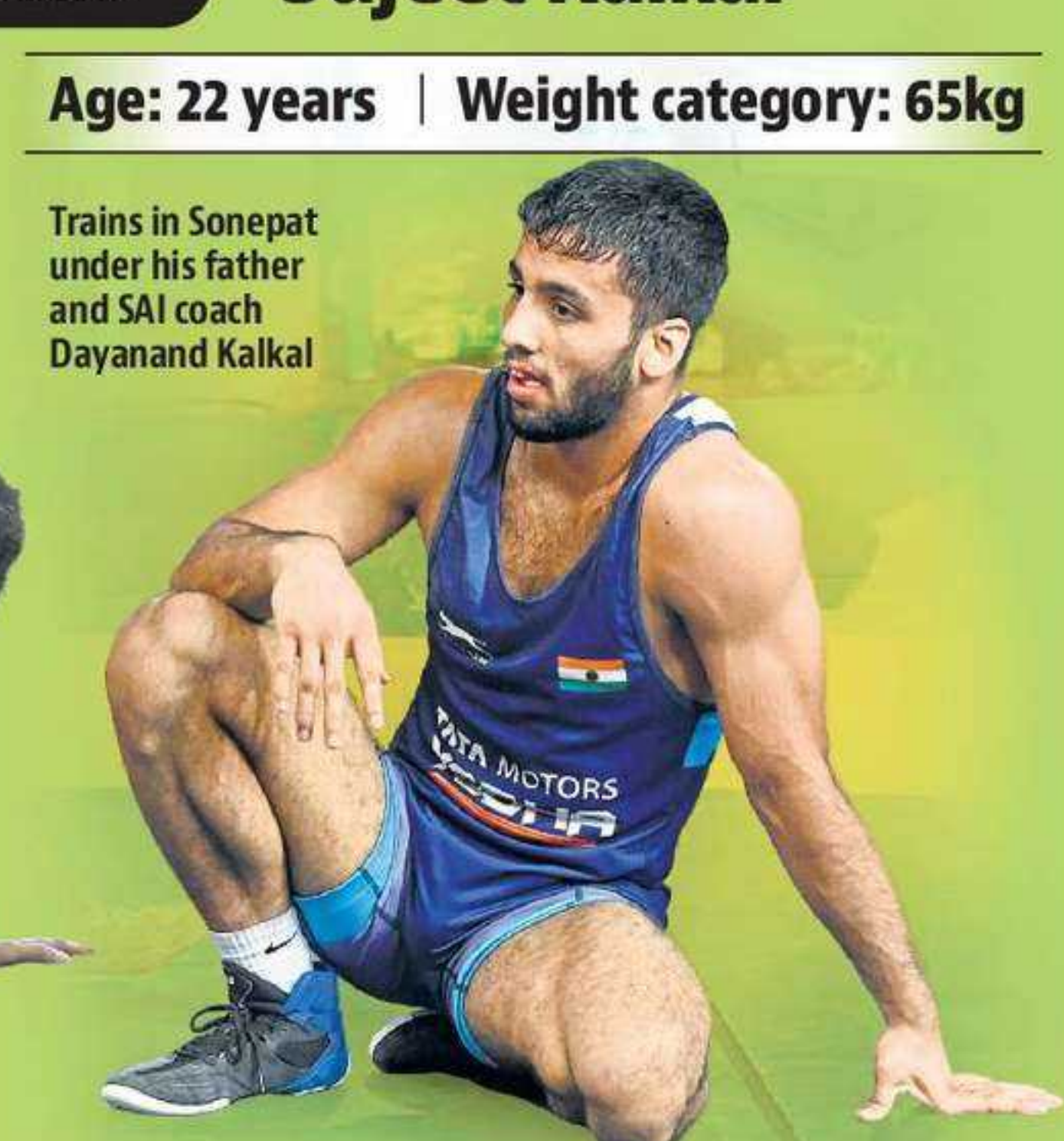
Trains at Chhatrasal Stadium, Delhi

- Gold in Asian C'ships (2023)
- Bronze in Asian Games (2022)
- Lost to Olympic silver medalist Ravi Dahiya in CWG trials
- Beat Ravi Dahiya in trials for Paris Olympic qualifiers
- Bronze medals in world cadet championships (2018, 2019)
- Won Senior National title in 57kg in 2021
- Gold in Asian cadet C'ships (2019)
- Bronze in Asian U20 C'ships (2022)
- Gold in Asian U23 C'ships (2022)
- Gold in World U23 C'ships (2022)

At the Chhatrasal Stadium, Aman has grown up looking up to Dahiya, seven years older to him, and modelled his wrestling on him. Aman understood if he had to beat Dahiya he would have to strike down his revered image from his mind. Since that day of May, 2022, Aman has watched the replay of

that trial every day, even on Sunday before going to face Dahiya in the final of trials for Olympic qualifiers he saw that bout on his phone; just to keep reminding himself how not to fight against him. And he stopped sparring with Dahiya at the Chhatrasal Stadium. "I have learnt a lot from Ravi.

Rising stars **Sujeet Kalkal**
 Age: 22 years | Weight category: 65kg



Trains in Sonapat under his father and SAI coach Dayanand Kalkal

- Won trials for Paris Olympics qualifiers
- Bronze in U20 World C'ships (2022)
- Gold in U20 Asian C'ships (2022)
- Gold in U23 Asian C'ships (2022)
- Won ranking series Zouhaier Sghaier in Tunisia (2022)
- Won National Games title (2023)
- Won Senior National C'ships twice (2023, 2024)

His power, technique, how he manages his bout. And he has shown us the way that if he can go on to win an Olympic medal even I can."

"But beating him in the trials was not easy. Not even one day has gone by when I have not seen the replay of CWG trials, including today. I worked on my weaknesses as I cannot afford to repeat the mistakes. I stopped sparring with him. We were training with different partners. When you know you will face each other in trials, you would not want to spar with your opponent," says Aman. Their wrestling is similar. They keep themselves busy on

I have learnt a lot from Ravi. His power, technique, how he manages his bout. And he has shown us the way that if he can go on to win an Olympic medal even I can

AMAN SEHRAWAT, wrestler

the mat, constantly attacking and counter-attacking. That made for a thrilling high-scoring bout on Sunday, when Aman edged past Ravi and had his revenge 14-13. To give it to his mentor, Aman said he knew coming back from an injury is tough. "You know it is not easy when you have surgery and do not compete enough. Ravi gained weight after injury and it has taken him time to return to the mat."

Having won the rights to compete in both Olympic qualifiers, Aman is aware of the responsibility. "I am going to prepare my best and win a quota. This weight class has given us some top wrestlers, Yogeshwar Dutt, Ravi Dahiya," said the Asian Championships gold medalist.

Sujeet Kalkal will carry a similar burden on his young shoulders in 65kg. A weight class in Bajrang Punia made his own and dominated world wrestling and

won a bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics.

The 22-year-old has shown spark in his fledgling career. Though he did not face Bajrang in the trials – he was taken out by Rohit -- Sujeet went about his job, composed and defeated Rohit by superiority in the final.

"I have been working on this trial for a long time. I won titles in National Games and National Championships. So, I kept giving myself small goals and prepared along the way for the trials. It kept me going," says Sujeet.

His father Dayanand Kalkal, a wrestling coach with the SAI, brought him into the sport. In his fledgling career, 22-year-old Sujeet has shown spark. He has defeated a world class wrestler in USA's Gianni Diakomihalis and came close to beating Sebastain C Rivera, a silver medalist at world championships. In 2022 he won three consecutive international golds in a month -- the U23 Asian Championships, U20 Asian Championships, and a ranking series in Tunisia. He backs himself to win in international tournaments.

"This is a weight class where you need speed, stamina, strength, everything. I am young and still developing my strength and improving day by day. My game is technical like most international competitors. I have spent more time on the mat in my younger days."

The technical prowess was to be seen the way Sujeet brought Rohit down in a fast, attacking move and applied the leg-lace to finish the final against Rohit in a jiffy.

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LONDON: Chelsea forward Cole Palmer has emerged as one of the Premier League's brightest young stars to ease the pressure on Mauricio Pochettino and leave Pep Guardiola ruing what might have been. Palmer is enjoying a breakthrough season after his surprise move from Manchester City on transfer deadline day last September.

The 21-year-old's latest highlight came on Monday when he played the decisive role in Chelsea's much-needed 3-2 win against Newcastle at Stamford Bridge. Palmer teed up Nicolas Jackson for Chelsea's first half opener when his shot was flicked in by the Senegal striker.

After Newcastle's Alexander Isak equalised, it was Palmer who stepped up to restore the lead with a superb finish for his 13th goal for Chelsea.

Given license to roam from his nominal starting position on the right of Chelsea's front three, Palmer has scored and assisted in five different league games, a feat unmatched by anyone else in the Premier League in the current campaign. He has been directly involved in 19 goals this season and is Chelsea's top scorer. Palmer's emergence as their most influential player has been one of the only bright spots in a gloomy season for beleaguered Blues boss Pochettino.

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Bids for Implementation of Engineering Measures for Speed Management as part of Pilot Speed Management Program on Nasirabad-Deoli Section of SH-26 are invited from the interest bidders upto 11.00 on 08.04.2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on website <https://eproc.raajasthan.gov.in>, <https://sppp.raajasthan.gov.in>. The estimated value of Rs. 4.87 Crores.
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 E-tender No./RFX No. 7000030703 Name of work: "1] Replacement of existing 0.4 ACSR Zebra Conductor by equivalent HPC (High Performance Conductor of 220kV PGCIL - Vasai Line (Presently termed as 220kV PGCIL-Nalaspura line) & 220kV Kamba - Vasai Line under the jurisdiction of Line (M) Sub-Division, Boisar under EHV O&M Circle, Kalwa & EHV Line Maintenance S/dn., Padghe under EHV O&M Dn., Dombivali under EHV O&M Circle, Panvel & 2] Bay Strengthening of 220kV Padghe - Nalaspura - Vasai Line Bay & 220kV Kamba - Vasai Line Bay including TBC Bay & Auxiliary Bus of existing 0.4 ACSR Zebra Conductor by Twin 0.4 ACSR Zebra Conductor at 220/100/22 kV Vasai S/S under EHV O&M Division, Boisar under EHV O&M Circle, Kalwa" Estimated Cost: Rs. 79,28,97,695/- Tender Fees: Rs. 25,000/-+ GST.
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 Office of the Executive Engineer PCM Dhalipur, Dehradun invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of the tender is given below:
Tender No-40/EE/PCM/Dhalipur/2023-24
 Name of work-Refurbishment of old M&U office Building Dhalipur Dhalipur Dehradun
 Estimated value of Tender:Rs. 17,61,147.46 (GST extra)
 Date & Time of availability of bid document on website: 12.03.2024 at 15:00 Hrs
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Ref: 1. Tender No.: 199/Elect/W/LKO/T/02/2023/RT 2. Tender Notice No.:199/Elect/W/LKO/T/02/2023/RT dated 27.02.2024 3. Published on different news papers on dated: 28.02.2024 In reference to above Tender No.: 199/Elect/W/LKO/T/02/2023/RT uploaded on website, www.ireps.gov.in for the work of "Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of LT Panels and provision of electrical earthing at Rolling Stock Workshop Charbagh Lucknow". It was published in News paper on dated 28.02.2024. The corrigendum is as under:-

Prior Published	To be Published
1) Date and Time for Submission of Tender: from 15.03.2024 to 29.03.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs.	1) Date and Time for Submission of Tender: from 22.03.2024 to 05.04.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs.
2) Date & Time for Opening of Tender: at 15:15 Hrs. on 29.03.2024.	2) Date & Time for Opening of Tender: at 15:15 Hrs. on 05.04.2024.

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निविदा क्र./06 बीजापुर, दिनांक 07.03.2024

कलेक्टर, जिला बीजापुर की ओर से विशेष केन्द्रीय सहायता मद अन्तर्गत स्वीकृत कार्यों को जिला निर्माण समिति के माध्यम से लोक निर्माण विभाग के 01.01.2015 से प्रचलित एस.ओ.आर. (सड़क निर्माण कार्य के लिए) दर प्रतिशत दर के आधार पर तथा लोक निर्माण विभाग में एकल पद्धति से पंजीकृत एवं पात्र ठेकेदारों से मुहुरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

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'Exports will be same as last yr despite slowdown'

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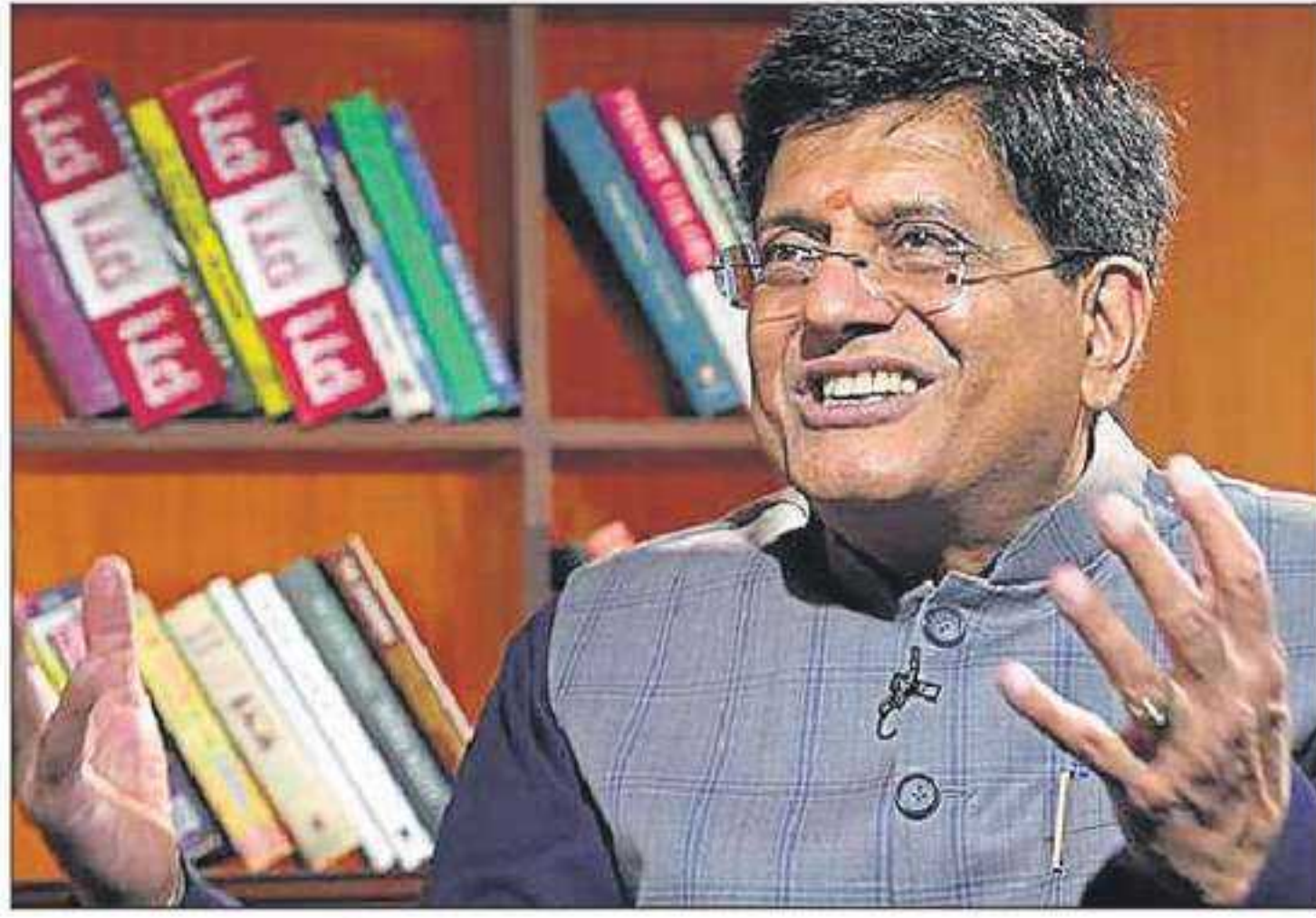
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NEW DELHI: Commerce and Industry minister Piyush Goyal has exuded confidence that during this fiscal, the country's goods and services export numbers will be at the same level, as it was last year despite slowdown and uncertainties in the global trade.

He also said that the government measures such production-linked incentives schemes and focus on high-quality goods and services would help in containing the country's trade deficit.

So our trade deficit will be significantly lower than last year.

"I am happy to share with you that we close the current year in March at the same level as last year. We have a little bit of an adjustment between goods and services, but collectively we will be at the same level as last year, which will be a very, very significant achievement given that most developing countries and less developed countries are seeing a fall in their international trade," Goyal told PTI in an interview.



Piyush Goyal, Union Commerce and Industry minister. PTI

The war between Russia and Ukraine; Israel-Hamas is impacting global supply chains and the Red Sea crisis has led to significant increase in transportation costs and delay as Indian exporters have to send their consignments through the Cape of Good Hope, encircling Africa.

The minister said that India saw a scorching pace of growth in its international trade in the years between 2021 and 2023. "We grew by 55% over a period of two years, both in goods and in services. It went up

to \$776 billion in only two years. And with growth on both goods and services, we could clearly see that this year is going to be one where we will have to consolidate the gains," he said.

When asked if the government is thinking of extending some kind of support measures to exports to deal with the crisis, he said the approach of being dependent on the government to resolve all the problems is something that now Indian industry also does not really desire.

"We have been able to change the thinking to bring the confidence in the Indian exporters that we should stand on our own feet. We should not be dependent on the crutches of the government. And I'm glad to share with you that they do not want the crutches of support anymore."

"What we are doing is of course working through the military and the Navy to see that we can give protection to the ships traversing the Red Sea. We are also continuously in dialogue working with the countries in that region and with our own exporters, and very, very mindful and watchful of the situation," he said.

PV wholesales rise 11% in Feb on robust demand

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NEW DELHI: Passenger vehicle wholesales in India rose 11% year-on-year in February riding on the back of strong demand for utility vehicles, industry body SIAM said on Tuesday.

The total passenger vehicle dispatches to dealers last month stood at 3,70,786 units, as compared to 3,34,790 units in the year-ago period.

Utility vehicle sales rose 38 per cent to 1,91,435 units in February, as compared to 1,38,238 units in the same month last year.

Passenger car wholesales, however, witnessed a dip of 18% last month at 1,15,937 units, as against 1,42,201 units in February 2023.

Van dispatches rose to 12,147 units last month, as compared to 11,489 units in the same month last year.

"Passenger vehicles again reported its highest-ever sales of February posting sales of 3.7 lakh units with a growth of 10.8 per cent, as compared to February 2023," SIAM director general Rajesh Menon said in a statement.

Maruti Suzuki led the segment last month with dispatch of 1,60,271 units to its dealers. It had reported wholesales of



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1,47,467 units in February 2023. Hyundai Motor India reported sales of 50,201 units in February, as against 47,001 units in the year-ago period.

The total two-wheeler wholesales rose 35% to 15,20,761 units in February, as against 11,29,661 units in the same month last year.

Scooter dispatches rose to 5,15,340 units last month, as against 3,91,054 units in the year-ago period.

Similarly, motorcycle wholesales rose to 9,64,362 units, as compared to 7,03,261 units in February 2023.

Three-wheeler dispatches rose to 54,584 units last month, as against 50,382 units in Febru-

ary last year.

"Passenger vehicles, two-wheelers, and three-wheelers have posted growth in February 2024, compared to the previous year, while commercial vehicles have witnessed a slight de-growth," Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) president Vinod Aggarwal said.

Overall robust GDP growth of the country in the third quarter of 2023-24 has helped the auto sector, he added.

The Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2024 has also created a strong positive sentiment for the consumers and therefore the industry expects the growth momentum to continue, Aggarwal said.

Automobile retail sales in India had risen 13% year-on-year in February with all the segments, including passenger vehicles and two-wheelers, witnessing robust off-take.

Overall retail sales stood at 20,29,541 units last month, as compared to 17,94,866 units in the year-ago period.

Passenger vehicle sales grew 12% to 3,30,107 units last month, as against 2,93,803 units in February 2023.

Two-wheeler sales stood at 14,39,523 units, up 13%, as compared to 12,71,073 units in the same period last year.

SIDBI PLANS TO RAISE ₹5,000 CR VIA RIGHTS ISSUE NEXT FISCAL YEAR

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NEW DELHI: Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi) on Tuesday said it plans to raise ₹5,000 crore from rights issue next financial year to fund business growth.

The refinancing entity for SME finance is witnessing a strong credit growth and to further grow the business, capital would be required, he said.

The bank is looking to mobilise ₹5,000 crore from rights issue in the next fiscal. Sidbi chairman and managing director S Ramann said on the sidelines of launch of a credit programme for Jan Aushadhi Kendras here.

He said the government is the biggest shareholder and Sidbi has approached them requesting their participation in the rights issue, he said.

Government of India holds a 20.85% stake as of March 31, 2023. Besides this, State Bank of India owns 15.65%, while the share of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) stood at 13.33% as of March 31, 2023. The rest is held by other Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and institutions.

He said the loan book of the entity is close to ₹5 lakh crore and expressed hope to close the financial year at around ₹5.2 lakh crore.

Currently, Sidbi has 17% loan exposure of the total loan given to MSMEs in the country.

Ramann said the Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS) has committed ₹9,500 crore for the promotion of new ventures in the country. FFS was unveiled by the Prime Minister on January 16, 2016, in line with the Startup India Action Plan. It had approved a corpus of ₹10,000 crore for contribution to various Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) registered with Sebi.

Introduced with a focused objective of supporting development and growth of innovation-driven enterprises, FFS facilitates funding needs for startups through participation in the capital of Sebi-registered AIFs.

Retail inflation remains flat at 5.09% in Feb, IIP grows 3.8% in January

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NEW DELHI: India's benchmark inflation number, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), remained flat between January and February. The headline retail inflation number came in at 5.09% in February compared to the 5.1% print for January. The January and February CPI prints, when read with the recent reduction of ₹100 in LPG cylinder prices — this will show up in the March inflation numbers — mean that CPI will be close to the RBI's forecast of 5% for the quarter ending March 2024. The February inflation number is also in line with analyst forecasts. A Bloomberg poll of economists had projected this number to be 5.05%.

While the overall CPI number is still above RBI's target of 4%, core inflation, which measures the non-food and non-fuel part of the CPI basket, fell to 3.37%, according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) database. This is the lowest core inflation level since November 2019 and suggests that the Indian economy is far from overheated at the moment.

To be sure, food inflation increased marginally from 8.3% in January to 8.7% in February. This is largely a reflection of a sharp jump in the prices of eggs, fish and meat — the category saw an increase in inflation from 1.6% in January to 5.7% in February. Vegetable inflation also increased from 27.1% in January to 30.3% in February. While inflation for cereals and pulses has come down marginally from January levels, the future inflation outlook for these items will depend on the harvest of the winter crop. There are anecdotal reports that western disturbance driven rains in parts of north and north-west India might have led to some crop damage.

"CPI inflation was stable at 5.1% in February. Food inflation



Core inflation at 3.37% is the lowest since Nov 2019. REUTERS

rose moderately, but was offset by continued slowing in core and fuel inflation. We expect the RBI to begin policy easing from Q3 24, as it awaits further signs from food prices, drawing comfort from benign core inflation and robust growth," said Rahul Bajoria, MD & Head of EM Asia (ex-China) Economics, Barclays.

In another set of indicators released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the Index of Industrial Production for the month of January came in slightly lower than analyst projections. At 3.8%, IIP growth in January was 30 basis points — one basis point is one hundredth of a percentage point — lower than a Bloomberg forecast and also lower than the 4.25% print for the month of December 2023. Manufacturing, which has a weight of more than three-fourth in the IIP basket, grew at 3.2% in January compared to 4.5% in December 2023. While the latest IIP numbers are in line with expectations of growth losing some momentum in the March quarter, caution should be observed in reading it as a sign of a large fall in economic momentum in the manufacturing sector.

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) manufacturing, another high-frequency indicator used widely by analysts, shows that manufacturing actually gained economic momentum in January and February compared to December 2023 levels and remained in the expansion zone.

Planters, exporters hail 100% auction of dust-grade tea

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KOLKATA: A body of tea planters on Tuesday said the idea mooted by the commerce ministry for a 100% auction of dust-grade tea is a welcome step.

Indian Tea Association (ITA), in a statement, said it appears to be the only solution to detect and test maximum residue levels (MRLs) in a transparent manner.

Indian Tea Exporters Association (ITEA) has also hailed the commerce ministry's decision to allow the sale of 100% dust-grade

varieties through the auction route on a trial basis.

ITA, the oldest and the largest association of tea producers, pledged its unequivocal support to the Tea Board and the commerce ministry in this endeavour.

"During the interaction with the commerce and industry minister, the association had supported the idea mooted for a three-month trial for 100% dust auctions in north India," the statement said.

The association also supports all initiatives to boost consumption of safe and compliant tea in India and to increase exports in a challenging global market, it said.

ITA said it supports initiatives to promote tea as a safe, healthy and aspirational drink with the help of all stakeholders.

The Tea Board had recently issued an order, stating that 100 per cent of dust-grade teas manufactured in a calendar year should be sold through the auction mode under the provisions of the Tea (Marketing) Control (Amendment) Order, effective from April 1, 2024.

The exporters' body said, in a statement, that the industry is passing through a "critical phase, largely due to oversupply of lower quality teas with questionable compliance standards". ITEA said that the government since long had a provision requiring 50 per cent of all tea

produced to be sold through the auction route. "This had been willfully flouted. Issues relating to compliance which are key to boosting tea demand domestically and overseas have been often flouted," ITEA alleged.

The association also said this had been successful in other tea-producing countries like Sri Lanka which requires 100% sale of teas through the auction.

According to tea exporters' body, this would increase the availability of quality-compliant tea which will boost exports that are needed for balancing demand and supply.

Google ties up with ECI to stop spread of false info

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NEW DELHI: Alphabet Inc-owned Google has joined hands with Election Commission of India (ECI) to prevent spread of false information, promote authorised content and label AI-generated data during the upcoming general elections.

Google India in a blog post on Tuesday said its product features are designed to elevate authoritative information on various election-related topics.

"We are collaborating with ECI to enable people to easily discover critical voting information on Google Search — such as how to register and how to vote — in both English and Hindi," Google said.

With more people using artificial intelligence to create con-



Google has set strict policies and restrictions around who can run election-related advertising on its platforms. MINT

tent, Google said it is setting up processes to help audiences identify AI-generated content. "As more advertisers leverage the power and opportunity of AI, we want to make sure we continue to provide people with greater transparency and the

information they need to make informed decisions. Our ads policies already prohibit the use of manipulated media to mislead people, like deepfakes or doctored content," it said.

Google has already started displaying labels for content

created with YouTube generative AI features, like Dream Screen.

"Soon, YouTube will begin to require creators to disclose when they've created realistic altered or synthetic content, and will display a label that indicates for people when they're watching this content," it said.

The blog post further said the company has begun to roll out restrictions on the types of election-related queries for which Gemini will return responses.

It said that for news and information related to the election, YouTube's recommendation system prominently surfaces content from authoritative sources on the YouTube homepage, in search results, and highlights high-quality content from authoritative news sources.

The popular search engine

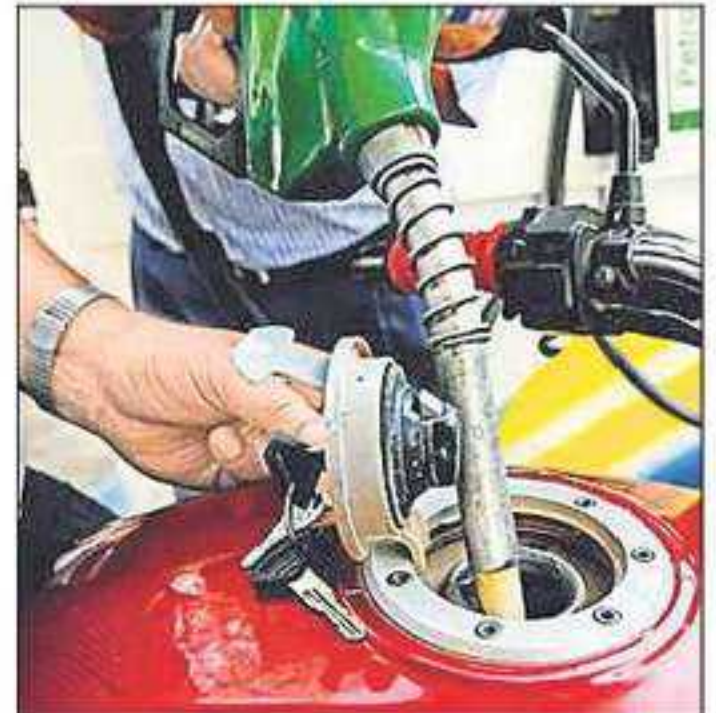
that level for a considerable time," Bagai said.

"The anticipation was also there ahead of the assembly elections in four states last year and a similar trend in terms of stocks was witnessed across pumps. The purchase, however, increased after the assembly polls, and now in the last 30 days, pumps are again buying less...only keeping levels required to meet the demand."

He said the losses would be significant for pumps, which have already been operating at low margins, with dealer commissions at the same levels for the seven years. Petrol pump bodies have been seeking an increase in their commission which currently stands at ₹2.90 per litre for petrol and ₹1.85 per litre for diesel.

Stressing that there is no scarcity of fuel at pumps despite the lower purchases by retail outlets, Ajay Bansal, representative of All India Petrol Pump Dealers Association said, "There is no shortage. But yes, if pumps were buying 10,000 litre, they are now purchasing 8,000 litres of fuel. The customer will not suffer."

The Hindustan Times newspaper on 17 January reported that petrol, diesel prices may be cut by ₹5-10 per litre.



Despite the reduced inventory, dealers said there is adequate supply. MINT

dent of the Rajasthan Petroleum Dealers Association said, "If on an average there is a ₹5 cut (per litre of petrol and diesel), dealers in rural India would lose about ₹1-1.5 lakh, and those in tier-III cities would lose about ₹5-7 lakh. In the case of tier-II cities, the losses may be in the range of ₹10-15 lakh per pump, and for dealers in metro cities it may well be around ₹25-30 lakh."

He said stocks and capacity vary, depending on the region and the demand in that specific area.

"There is a public demand for a cut in fuel prices as it was believed that they would be reduced if prices slip below \$80 per barrel. It remained under

said they have set policies around demonstrably false claims in areas like manipulated content, incitement to violence, hate speech, and harassment, that could undermine democratic processes.

"We rely on a combination of human reviewers and machine learning to identify and remove content that violates our policies. Our AI models are enhancing our abuse-fighting efforts, while a dedicated team of local experts across all major Indian languages are working 24x7 to provide relevant context," the blog post said.

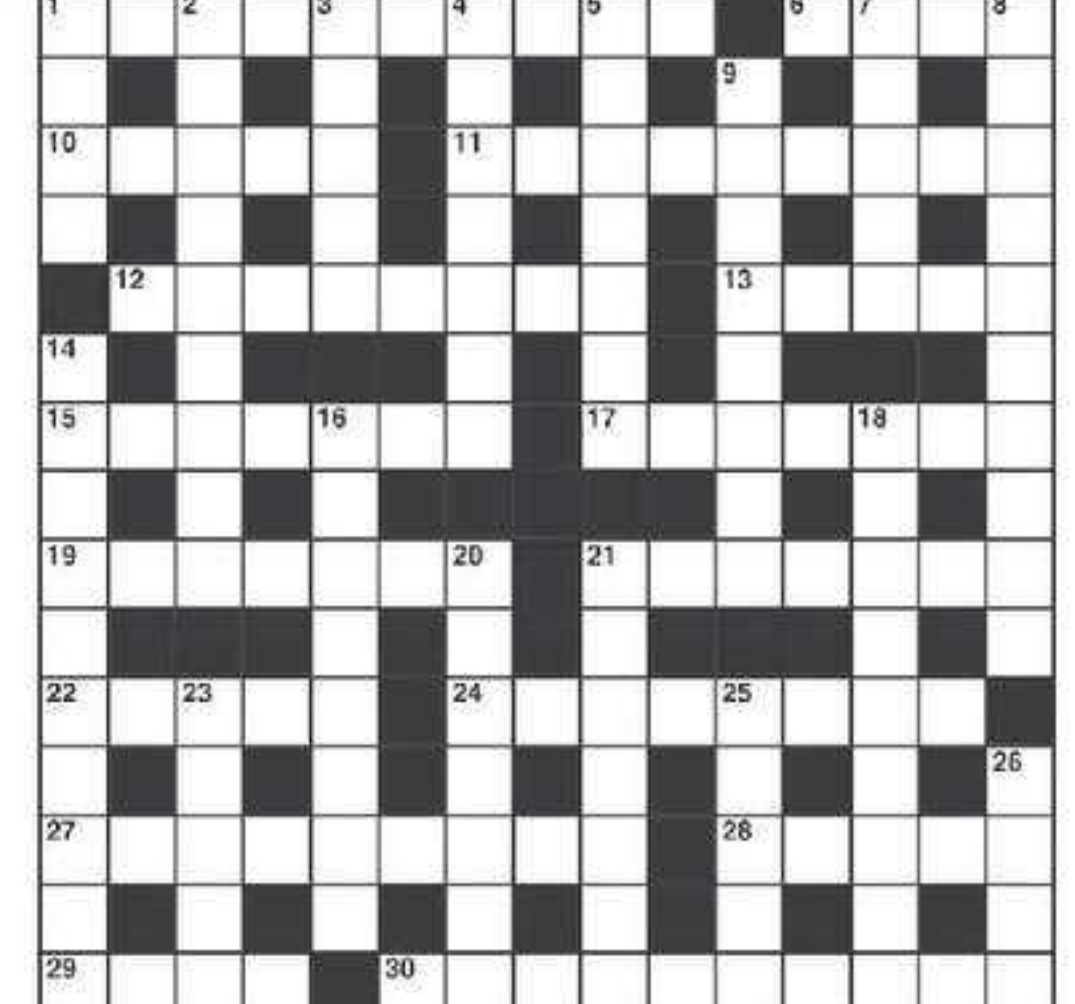
Google has set strict policies and restrictions around who can run election-related advertising on its platforms. These include identity verification, certification and authorisation by the ECI, and financier disclosures.

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CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Edifice with strong beams (10)
 - Size of field for a medley race? (4)
 - Strengthen the coastline (5)
 - A foolish assumption of the old school (6,3)
 - What you will do if you can (8)
 - Sarcasm from the club youth leader (5)
 - See what someone has to say? (3-4)
 - It appears to produce fright or respect perhaps (7)
 - Day hire arranged for a rural excursion (7)
 - It's beaten by those who are themselves beaten (7)
 - One employed to unpick seams? (5)
 - The penalties of strife perhaps (8)
 - Strangely, civilians may lead such a life in war (9)
 - Scent the beginning of a romance (5)
 - Hebridean bunch of keys (4)
 - Embarrassed by compilers of crosswords for dogs (3,7)
- DOWN**
- Fasten with rope and inflict punishment (4)
 - A mundane subject (9)
 - People who pull strings to get ranks? (5)
 - Arranged but not voluntarily (7)
 - Boy with nets and lines (7)
 - Accountant's love a supplier of chocolate (5)
 - Forms to be filled at a general election (5,5)
 - Not a migrant I'd feel indignant about (8)
 - St Michael's reform of medieval metallurgists (10)
 - Travel overseas to get home (8)
 - Score one more for what was the majority (6-3)
 - Broken fence or implement (7)
 - Variety of red rose seen in church (7)
 - Such people want a lot (5)
 - Insist on getting the payment absolutely correct (5)
 - They accept what is sound (4)

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ACROSS

- Departure from the subject (10)
- Handle roughly (4)
- Article of faith (5)
- Intensely interesting (9)
- Assailant (8)
- Perfume (5)
- Quick return (7)
- Exaggerated self-importance (7)
- Draw level with (5,2)
- Amount short (7)
- Wireless (5)
- Picture in one's mind (8)
- Alert (2,3,4)
- Cunning (5)
- A kind (4)
- Show studied nonchalance (4,2,4)

DOWN

- Tax on goods etc. (4)
- Ruined (4,2,3)
- Supplementary (5)
- Effervescent (7)
- Take notice of (7)
- Originate (5)
- Lawful (10)
- Curt dismissal (5-3)
- Insecure (10)
- A sailing ship (8)
- Under concealed identity (9)
- Be predominant (7)
- Reckless mischief (7)
- Discourage (5)
- Range of vision (5)
- Perceive by touch (4)

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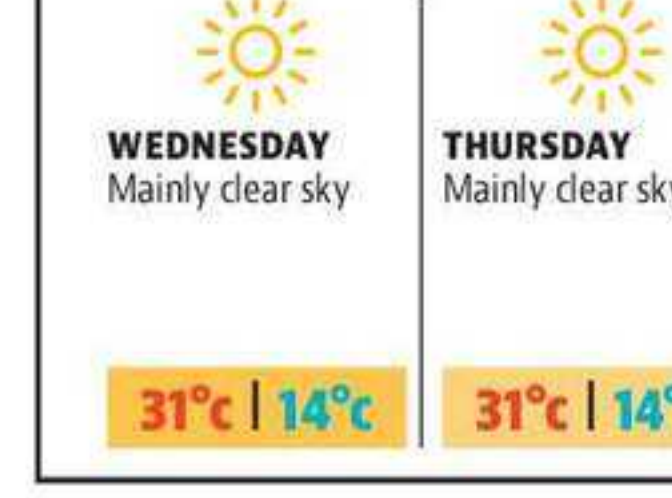


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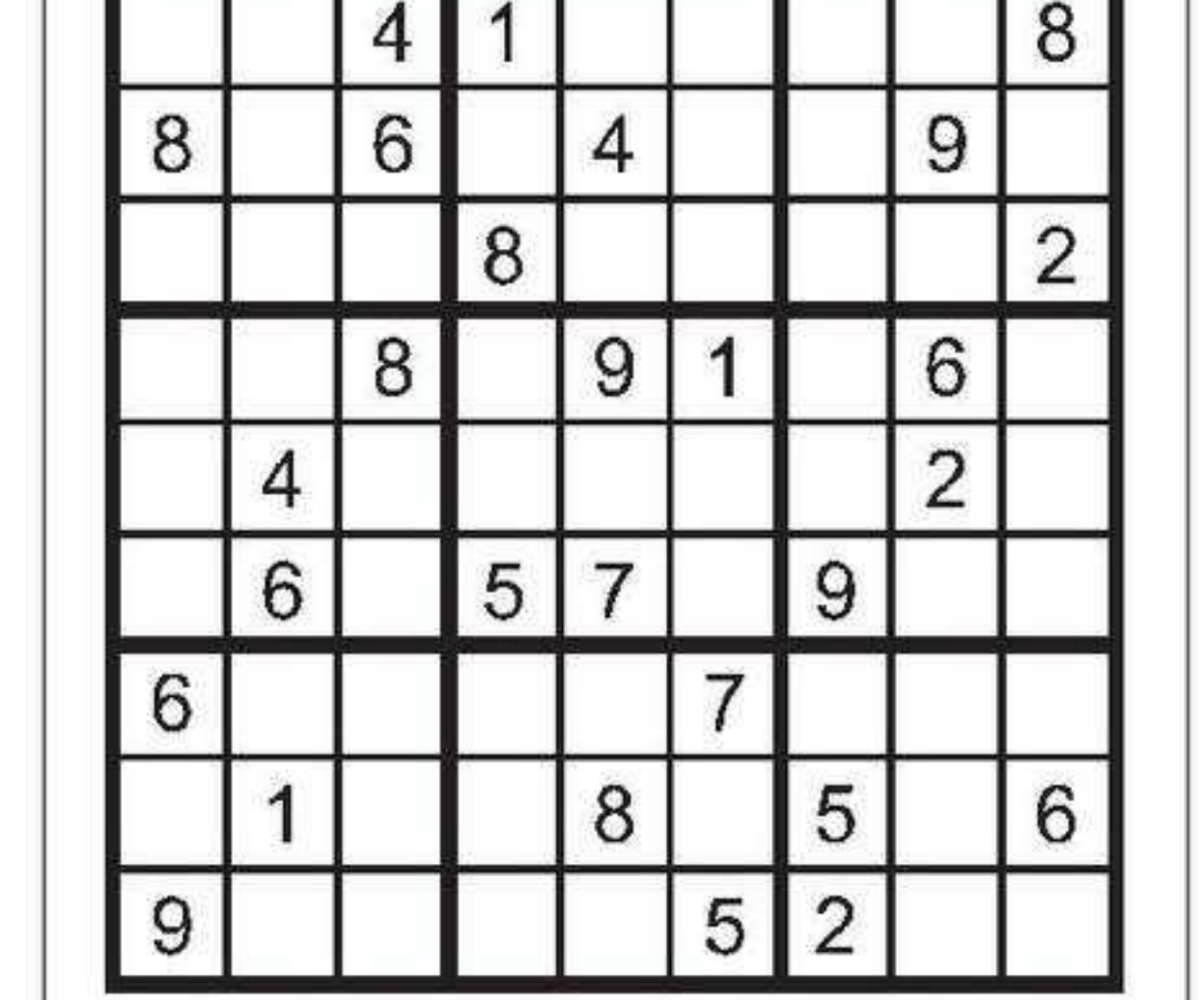
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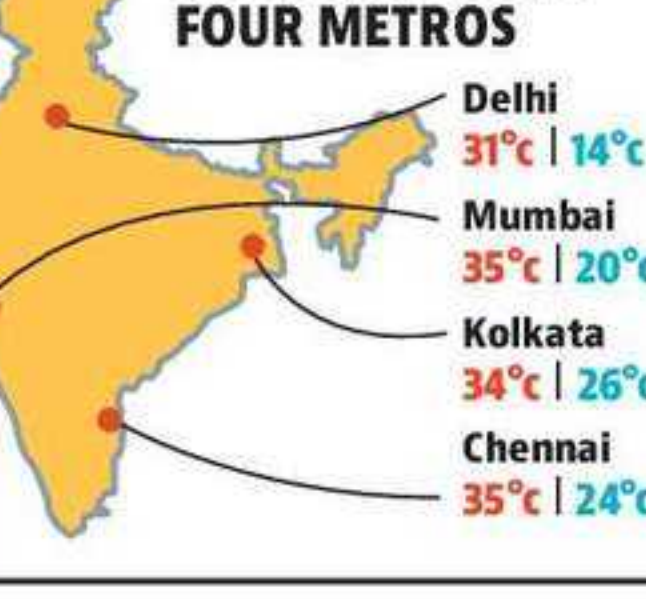


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It is to inform that some amendment/modifications have been made by UPCL
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निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)

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INDIAN RAILWAYS
National Rail Museum
Ministry of Railways

National Rail Museum invited Expression of Interest (EOI) from Merchantize
Fabricators/ Companies/ MSMEs/ Self Help Groups/ Entrepreneurs to register
themselves as "NRM registered vendors" for supply of Railway Approved Souvenir Items
to Rail Museums/Kiosks. The last date of receiving the EOI is enclosed in sealed envelope was
11.03.2024. Further, the last date of receiving the EOI is extended by a period of 15
days and the same will be 17.30 Hrs. of 26.03.2024. The detailed terms and
conditions of the EOI notice can be seen at NRM website www.nrmindia.org.
For any query and clarification, the interested firms can reach out to following
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum

Tender No.: 199/Elect/WLKO/T/04/2023/RT dated: 12.03.2024
Sub:Corrigendum regarding submission date of Tender

Ref: 1. Tender No.: 199/Elect/WLKO/T/04/2023/RT
2. Tender Notice No.: 199/Elect/WLKO/T/04/2023/RT dated: 27.02.2024
3. Published on different news papers on dated: 28.02.2024

In reference to above Tender No.:- 199/Elect/WLKO/T/04/2023/RT uploaded on
website, www.irps.gov.in for the work of "Electrical work for "Upgrade of
Facilities for MEMU/EMU (Phase-I) in Rolling Stock Workshop (Loco &
Carriage) at Cherahlu Lucknow". It was published in News paper on dated
28.02.2024.

The corrigendum is as under:

Prior Published	To be Published
1) Date and Time for Submission of Tender: from 14.03.2024 to 28.03.2024 upto to 15:00 Hrs.	1) Date & Time for Submission of Tender: from 22.03.2024 to 05.04.2024 upto to 15:00 Hrs.
2) Date & Time for Opening of Tender: at 15:15 Hrs. on 28.03.2024	2) Date & Time for Opening of Tender: at 15:15 Hrs. on 05.04.2024

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**उत्तराखण्ड शासन
कार्मिक एवं सतर्कता अनुभाग-04
संख्या-70/XXX(4)/2024-02(22)/2015
देहरादून, दिनांक 11 मार्च, 2024**

कार्मिक एवं सतर्कता विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन के विज्ञापन संख्या - 472/XXX(4)/2023-02(22)/2015, दिनांक 02
नवम्बर, 2023 के माध्यम से उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग में अध्यक्ष के 01 एवं सदस्य के 02 रिक्त पदों पर चयन हेतु
भारत के नागरिकों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किये गये थे। पूरा विज्ञापन में निर्धारित अंतिम तिथि के उपरान्त भी आवेदन प्राप्त
होने के दृष्टिगत राज्य सरकार द्वारा यह निर्णय लिया गया है कि उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग में अध्यक्ष एवं सदस्य के
निम्नलिखित रिक्त पदों पर भारत के नागरिकों से पुनः आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जायें:-

क्र.सं.	आयोग का नाम	पदनाम	रिक्तियों की संख्या
1	उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग	अध्यक्ष	01
2		सदस्य	02

विज्ञापन प्रकाशन की तिथि से 15 दिवस के भीतर आवेदन जमा किया जाना होगा। जिन महानुभावों द्वारा पूर्व विज्ञापन
दिनांक 02 नवम्बर, 2023 के सापेक्ष आवेदन प्रस्तुत किया जा चुका है, उन्हें पुनः आवेदन करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है,
उन्हें द्वारा प्रस्तुत पूर्व आवेदन, इस विज्ञापन के प्रकाशन के उपरान्त भी मान्य होगा।

2- आयोग के अध्यक्ष और सदस्य उत्कृष्ट क्षमता, सत्यनिष्ठा और उच्च प्रतिष्ठा वाले सक्षम, ईमानदार और निष्पक्ष व्यक्ति
होंगे, जिन्हें साहित्य, विज्ञान, कला, समाज सेवा, प्रशासनिक और च्याय क्षेत्र विषयों के संबंध में विशेष ज्ञान या
व्यावहारिक अनुभव हो, और जो योग्यता के आधार पर चयन करने के अपने कर्तव्यों का निर्वहन करने से खुद को एक
बाहरी विचार से विचलित नहीं होने देंगे। आयोग के अध्यक्ष सहित सात सदस्यों में से यथास्थान नियुक्ति के लिए अध्यक्ष
एवं सदस्य होंगे जो अपनी-अपनी नियुक्तियों की तारीख पर भारत सरकार या किसी राज्य की सरकार के अधीन काम से
कम दस वर्षों तक पद धारण कर चुके हों, परन्तु अध्यक्ष सहित सात सदस्यों में से कम से कम तीन सदस्यों को उपरोक्त
अपेक्षित प्रशासनिक अनुभव रखने वाले पूर्व कम से कम केन्द्र अथवा राज्य सरकार में श्रेणी 'क' के अधिकारी के रूप में
सेवा करने वाले व्यक्तियों में से नियुक्त किया जायेगा।

आयोग का अध्यक्ष/सदस्य अपने पद धारित करने की तिथि से 06 वर्ष की अवधि तक अथवा 62 वर्ष की आयु प्राप्त कर
लेने तक, इनमें से जो पहले हो, अपना पद धारण करेंगे। कोई व्यक्ति जो उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग के सदस्य के
रूप में पद धारण करता है, अपनी पदावधि की समाप्ति पर उस पद पर पुनर्नियुक्ति का पात्र नहीं होगा।

आयोग में नियुक्ति के दिनांक को अध्यक्ष अथवा सदस्य, जो केन्द्र अथवा राज्य सरकार की सेवा में हों या केन्द्र अथवा
राज्य सरकार द्वारा वित्त पोषित विश्वविद्यालय/महाविद्यालय/स्वयत्तशासी संस्था/ निगम/निकाय/ प्राधिकरण/
अधिकरण/अभिकरण/स्वयं सेवी संस्था अथवा इस प्रकार की अन्य संस्थाओं की सेवा में हों, उन्हें आयोग के अध्यक्ष
अथवा सदस्य के रूप में कार्यभार ग्रहण करने से पूर्व, पूर्व सेवा से त्याग पत्र स्वीकृत कराते हुए प्रस्तुत किया जाना
अनिवार्य होगा।

3-आयु:-
अध्यक्ष/सदस्य, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग के रिक्त पदों पर आवेदन हेतु इच्छुक आवेदक, जो विज्ञापन की
तिथि को 62 वर्ष की आयु सीमा के अन्तर्गत आते हैं, वे ही आवेदन कर सकते हैं।

4-वैतन तथा भत्ते:-
अध्यक्ष/सदस्य, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग को शासन व आयोग द्वारा निर्धारित वेतन व भत्ते अनुभव होंगे।

5-आवेदन कैसे करें:- इच्छुक अर्थी अपना बायो-डाटा/C.V. (हिन्दी अथवा अंग्रेजी में), निर्धारित आवेदन पत्र, जो
वेबसाइट <https://uk.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है, के साथ संलग्न कर, समस्त शैक्षिक प्रमाण पत्रों/अनुभव प्रमाणपत्रों सहित
निकाय पर "Application for the post of Chairman/ Member of Uttarakhand Public Service Commission"
अभिकृत कर ई-मेल पता- karmiksection4@gmail.com पर अथवा स्पीड पोस्ट/पंजीकृत डाक द्वारा निम्न पते पर
इस प्रकार भेजे कि आवेदन पत्र विज्ञापन प्रकाशन की तिथि से 15 दिवस के भीतर तक अवश्य पहुंचें जायें।

पता:- अपर मुख्य सचिव, कार्मिक एवं सतर्कता विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन, देवेन्द्र शास्त्री भवन, सचिवालय परिसर,
4-सुभाष रोड़, देहरादून, उत्तराखण्ड, पिन - 248001

(आनन्द बर्दान)
अपर मुख्य सचिव

**Application format for the post of Chairman/Member, Uttarakhand
Public Service Commission :-**

1-Candidates Name:	Updated photo to be pasted.				
2- Post Applied for:					
3-Date of Birth: (Day/Month/Year):					
4-Age (as on closing date of application): (days/months/years):					
5-Father's/Husband's Name :					
6-Mother's name:					
7- Category:					
8- Gender:					
9- Marital Status:					
10- Permanent Address:					
11- Address for correspondence:					
12-E-mail ID:					
13-Telephone/Fax/Mobile No. (with STD Code):					
14-Educational Qualification:					
Sl. No. Name of the University/ Board/ Institution Degree/Equivalent/ Exam Division: Specification of Points Year of Passing Subject					
1					
2					
3					
15-Employment/ Work Experience					
Sl. No. Name of Office/Institute Organization Position Held Year of Experience Nature of Work					
1					
2					
3					

16-Area of Special Interest:

17-Awards/honours, if any:

18-Any other relevant information:

Singnature of the Applicant (Name)

कार्यालय नगर निगम रोडर जयपुर
पब्लिक टैल्कटयान उद्योग, नगरपालिका, जयपुर
दिनांक - 04/03/2024

ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक :- 66/2023-24

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF 02 TRUCK MOUNTED ROAD SWEEPER MACHINES कार्य
के लिए पंजीकृत फर्म से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र, विस्तृत सूचना एवं
शर्तें आदि सम्पूर्ण विवरण वेबसाइट www.jaipurmc.org, www.sppp.raj.nic.in and
www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर स्टेट पब्लिक प्रोक्वैस्ट के UBN No.
JMC2324GLOB01665 पर देखी जा सकती है।

जयपुर (राज्य)
नगर निगम, रोडर, जयपुर
रज.सं.सं.र/23/14593

**विशेष शाखा, पुलिस मुख्यालय
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल**
क्रमांक- विशा/स्टोर/2024-25(89) दिनांक : 11.03.2024
निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्रमांक SB/Store/2024-25
(22), Bhopal, Dated 19-01-2024 द्वारा All in One PC & 06 Other Items के क्रय
हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा के माध्यम से क्रय
किये जाने वाले उपकरणों में "आंशिक संशोधन" के संबंध में "शुद्धि
पत्र" (Corrigendum/Addendum) जारी किया गया है जो [website https://mptenders.gov.in/
nicgep/app](https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app) पर तथा विभाग की वेबसाइट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

सहायक पुलिस महानिरीक्षक
विशेष शाखा (जी), म.प्र. भोपाल
दूरभाष क्र.-0755-2443654
जी-25967/23 Email : sec25-sb@mppolice.gov.in

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephone: 0135-2763808 Fax: 0135-2763507
CIN No. U40101UR2001SCG203866 Website: www.ujvn.com

Ref. No.: 364 TENDER NOTICE Dated: 12.03.2024

Office of the Executive Engineer-II (E&M), Lakhwar Project,
Dakpathar, UJVN Ltd. invites sealed tenders from interested party's
Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No.: 28/EE-II (E&M-LWR)/LP/2023-24
Name of the work: Repairing, Maintenance & fencing work of 33/11 KV
Substation Hathiyari, under Lakhwar MPP.
Estimated Cost: Rs.22,50,514.00/- (Plus GST extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website: 13/03/2024 at
15:00 Hrs
Last date for submission of tender: 12/04/2024 upto 15:00 Hrs
For fuller & further details kindly visit our website. The tender documents
can be downloaded from the Nigam's web site "www.ujvn.com"
Executive Engineer-II (E&M)
"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Notice No. 2022/Elect(Dev)/22540 Rev 1 Date: 12.03.2024
Executive Director Electrical Engineering (Development), Ministry of Railways,
Railway Board on behalf of the President of India, invites Request for Proposal for
Appointment of Consultant for Technical, Commercial, Legal, Financial etc study and
drafting the bid document for demonstrative project on Hyperloop / any other emerging
transportation technology.

The Tender Documents can be viewed/downloaded from official portal of the Railway
website <https://irps.gov.in> from 14.03.2024. Consultant must submit its Technical
and Financial Proposal at <https://irps.gov.in> on or before upto 07.05.2024 at 15:00
hrs IST.

(R. K. Jain)
Principal Executive Director,
Electrical Engineering (Development)
Railway Board
790/2024
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कार्यालय जिला पंचायत पौड़ी गढ़वाल
पत्रांक सं०-280/21-11/निर्माण/2023-2024 दिनांक 06/03/2024

निविदा सूचना

जिला पंचायत पौड़ी के पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिला पंचायत पौड़ी द्वारा
जनपद पौड़ी गढ़वाल के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रान्तर्गत हडको सी०एस०आर० अनुदान के अंतर्गत स्वीकृत कार्य
योजनाओं की निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। टेंडर फॉर्म की विक्री दिनांक 15.03.2024 को
12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जायेगी। जो उसी दिन 4:00 बजे सांय निविदादाताओं के सम्मुख
खोले जायेंगे। उक्त कार्य के निमित्त 2 प्रतिशत धरोहर धनराशि (अपर मुख्य अधिकारी जिला पंचायत
पौड़ी के नाम से बन्धक) एन. एस. सी./एफ.डी.आर. के रूप में संलग्न करनी होगी। तथा 100.00
रु० नौनजुडिस्थल स्टाम्प निविदा के साथ प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य होगा। निविदा प्रकाशित से पूर्व
निविदादाता का जिला पंचायत में पंजीकरण होना अनिवार्य है। अन्य शर्तें एवं कार्य विवरण किसी भी
कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। तथा प्राप्त निविदाओं को स्वीकृत, अस्वीकृत
करने का अधिकार मा०अध्यक्ष महोदय में विहित होगा। तथा निम्न योजनाओं का भुगतान आगामी
किस्त प्राप्त होने उपरान्त किया जायेगा।

क्र. सं.	कार्य योजना का नाम	विकास खण्ड	अनुमानित धनराशि (लाख रु० में)	धरोहर राशि	टेंडर फॉर्म मूल्य + GST	दिन कार्य पूर्ण अवधि
1	जनता इष्टर कालेज अदालीखाल में दो कक्षा कक्षों का निर्माण।	नैनीडांडा	39.75	79500	5000	60

अध्यक्ष
जिला पंचायत पौड़ी गढ़वाल

**कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता
वि०/या० खण्ड, लोक निर्माण विभाग, देहरादून**
E-mail: eeemddun.pwduk@gov.in, pwd.dehradun@yahoocom, Phone/Fax: 0135-2725680

पत्रांक: 379/निविदा ई-निविदा सूचना दिनांक: 12.03.2024

महामहाम श्री राज्यपाल महोदय, उत्तराखण्ड की ओर से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, वि०/या० खण्ड,
लो०नि०वि० देहरादून द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य की ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त सूचनाएं दिनांक 18.03.2024 को सांय 5:00 बजे से
<https://uktenders.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध रहेंगी।

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	धरोहर राशि (रु०)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रु०)	निविदा की वैधता	कार्य की समाप्ति अवधि	पंजीकरण की श्रेणी
1	सचिलवाय परिसर स्थित एंपी०जे अब्दुल कलाम भवन के चतुर्थ तल में मानवीय मुख्यमंजरी गैलरी एवं कार्यालय कक्षों में नए एंसी० स्थापित किये जाने का कार्य।	59000/-	Rs.2000 + 18% G.S.T. Rs.360.00	120 दिन	03 माह	मूल निर्माता/ मूल निर्माता द्वारा अधिकृत विक्रेता

MP POORV KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD.
Reg. office :- Block No. 7, Shakti Bhawan, Rampur Jabalpur-482008
CIN : U40109MP2002SGC015120

CGM(RDSS), COF Block, Shakti Bhawan, Rampur, Jabalpur
Phone No. 0761-2702460, 2702448, Fax No. 0761-2666080 (Email : mpez.rrdss@gmail.com, Website : www.mpez.co.in)

No. MD/EE/CGM/KW/FSP/NIT/698 Jabalpur, Date :- 07.03.2024

Notice Inviting Tender (International Competitive Bidding) (Limited Tender)

Online e-tenders are invited for stage two (RFP) for Selection of Bidders for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of New 11 KV Lines, LT Line on AB cable, Distribution Transformer Substation and Supporting works such as DPs, TPs, Crossing etc. for separation of 11 KV Mix Feeders & Mix DTRs in MPPKVVCL, Jabalpur Company Area on Turnkey basis as per Tender document. The Bids will be received online on the portal <https://mptenders.gov.in> up to date & time as per key dates. The tender will be opened in the office of undersigned as mentioned in tender time schedule (key dates) in presence of bidders duly authorized representative who may like to be present at the time of opening of tender :-

Lot	Circle	KW BMZ- NO.	E-Tender No.	Bid Security (In Cr)	Date of Pre-Bid Conference	Last Date of Bid Submission	Date of Opening of Tender
Lot-I	Chhindwara		2024_PKVVC_341810	3.79			
Lot-II	Jabalpur (O&M), Katni, Mandla, Dindori	201767201 KFW ID 510144	2024_PKVVC_341814	2.74	05.04.2024 3.00 PM	25.04.2024 upto 3.00 PM	26.04.2024 3.00 PM
Lot-III	Tikamgarh		2024_PKVVC_341816	1.70			

1. For updated / extended due dates for opening of tender please refer to the online key dates.
2. This is a limited bidding tender for those who participated and qualified in first stage of bidding (PQ stage-1)
Note : Other details can be seen in the complete RFP documents available on E-portal <https://mptenders.gov.in> and MPPKVVCL, Jabalpur website.
SAVE ENERGY FOR BETTER TOMORROW Chief General Manager (RDSS)

**Office of Chief General Manager, Construction Wing,
UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL SANSADHAN VIKAS EVAM NIRMAN NIGAM**
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
3rd Floor Vishveshwara Bhawan, Kamla Nagar, (Opp. ONGC Hospital), Dehradun- 248001
e-mail: cgmnirmanwing@yahoo.com, gmnirmanwing@gmail.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

Government of Uttarakhand "e" procurement Notice

Bid Identification no:- 1222/Nivida (Garhwal) Khel, D.Dun/76 Dated: 12-03-2024

S. No	Name of Works	Estimated Cost	Period of Completion
1	CONSTRUCTION OF SPORTS STADIUM AT AGASTMUNI, RUDRAPRAYAG	Rs.1238.00 Lakh (Excluding G.S.T)	12 Months
2	Address of Officer Inviting the Bid :-	Office of Chief General Manager Construction Wing, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Third Floor, (Opposite ONGC Hospital), Kamla Nagar, Dehradun	
3	Date and Time of Availability of bid documents in the portal :-	13/03/2024 - 17.00 Hrs.	
4	Pre Bid Meeting	16/03/2024- 12.00 Hrs.	
5	Last Date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal :-	01/04/2024 - 17.00 Hrs.	

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<https://www.uktenders.gov.in>"
General Manager (Garhwal)

UJVN LIMITED
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)
H.O. "UJJWAL", MAHARANI BAGH, GMS ROAD, DEHRADUN-248006, TELEPHONE: 0135-2763808, FAX: 0135-2763507, WEBSITE: WWW.UJVN.COM

RO No. 360 e-Tender Notice Date: 12.03.2024

Office of the Executive Engineer-II (E&M), Lakhwar Project, Dakpathar, UJVN Ltd. invites sealed tenders from interested party's Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No : 27/EE-II (E&M)/LP/2023-24

Name of the work: Detailed Engineering & Designing, Procurement, Manufacturing, inspection, Transportation, site erection, installation, testing & commissioning of Early Warning System and Surveillance System of Lakhwar MPP

Estimated Cost : Rs 7,05,83,801/- (Plus GST extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website: 22/03/2024, 16:00 Hrs

Last date for submission of tender: 22/04/2024 up to 16:00 Hrs

For fuller & further details kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's web site "www.ujvn.com" e-Procurement Portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>"
Executive Engineer-II (E&M)
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum/Modification in e-Auction data Auction/Corrigendum Notice No. 71/2023-24 Amendment in published e-Auction dates of March-2024

Following correction/amendment is carried out in published e-auction dates of March-2024

Published e-Auction dates:12 March-2024, Amended e-Auction dates: 19 March 2024, Jurisdiction of lots: Sr.DMM/LN.

Other e-Auction dates and terms and conditions, as published vide Auction Notice No. 20/2023-24, will remain unchanged.

This notice is also available on NE Railway website on www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in. Principal Chief CPRO/S-145 Materials Manager

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**विशेष शाखा, पुलिस मुख्यालय
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल**
क्रमांक- विशा/स्टोर/2024-25(92) दिनांक : 11.03.2024
निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्रमांक SB/Store/2024-25 (69), Bhopal, Dated 26-02-2024 द्वारा Binocular & 03 Other Items के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा के माध्यम से क्रय किये जाने वाले उपकरणों के तकनीकी मापदण्डों (Specification) एवं समय-सारणी में "आंशिक संशोधन" के संबंध में "शुद्धि पत्र" (Corrigendum/Addendum) जारी किया गया है जो [website https://mptenders.gov.in/
nicgep/app](https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app) पर तथा विभाग की वेबसाइट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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E-Tender Notice

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender of following work and the last date of submission of e-bid (Online/Offline) is 12/04/2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.

1. Assistance in carrying out miscellaneous routine works for preventive maintenance of transmission line under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Mahukheraganj against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/41/2023-24, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_71191_1).

For more details please visit E-Tender Website www.uktenders.gov.in and E-Tender information is available at PTCUL Website www.ptcul.org. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899899000.

Letter No.: 567/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender Chief Engineer (O&M)
Date: 12.03.2024 "Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation" Kumaon Zone, PTCUL, Haldwani

पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन ऑफ उत्तराखण्ड लि०
(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उद्योग)

ई-निविदा संशोधन सूचना प्रथम

मुख्य अभियन्ता परी०एम्परि० पीटुल, हल्द्वानी द्वारा आमंत्रित ई-निविदा संख्या 05/2023-24/मु०अं० (परी० एवं परि०)/पीटुल/हल्द्वानी में निम्नवत् सम्बन्धित किया जाता है :-

ई-निविदा संख्या - 05/2023-24/मु०अं० (परी० एवं परि०)/पीटुल/हल्द्वानी: कार्य का नाम - 220/33 केवी० सबस्टेशन जाफरपुर, 220/132/33 केवी० सबस्टेशन, कमतुआगांज और 132/33 केवी० नाजरा में सबस्टेशन ऑटोमेशन सिस्टम (एरएएस) की आपूर्ति निर्माण, परीक्षण और कमीशनिंग का कार्य।

1. ई-निविदा संख्या 05/2023-24/मु०अं० (परी० एवं परि०)/पीटुल/हल्द्वानी को ई-निविदा वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in से प्राप्त/जमा करने की अवधि दिनांक 18.03.2024 सांय 17:00 बजे तक एवं बुलने की तिथि को 23.03.2024 सांय 15:00 बजे तक विस्तारित किया जाता है।

ई-निविदा पंजीकृत डाक के माध्यम से जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 22.03.2024 सांय 17:00 बजे तक है। निविदा प्राप्त/खुलने की तिथि को अयकारा होने की दशा में निविदा अपने कार्य दिवस में प्राप्त/खोली जायेगी। ई-निविदाओं से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण www.uktenders.gov.in एवं www.ptcul.org पर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। ई-निविदाओं से सम्बन्धित अन्य सभी नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी। मुख्य अभियन्ता Date: 12.03.2024 "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाएँ" परी० एम् परि०, पीटुल, हल्द्वानी

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR**
(CENTRAL TENDER CELL)
E-Procurement Tender Notice

Main Portal : <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>

Tenders are invited for the Following works :-

S. No	System Tender No./ Date	Name of Work	PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs)
1	153676 First Call 06.03.2024	Widening & Strengthening of Padkidih - Raven - Saklor - Hirni Road, Length 15.00 Km. i/c. Culverts at Distt. Balodabazar - Bhatapara. (Dn. Balodabazar)	3091.50

Last Date of Tender Downloading S.No. 01 date 27.03.2024. For