



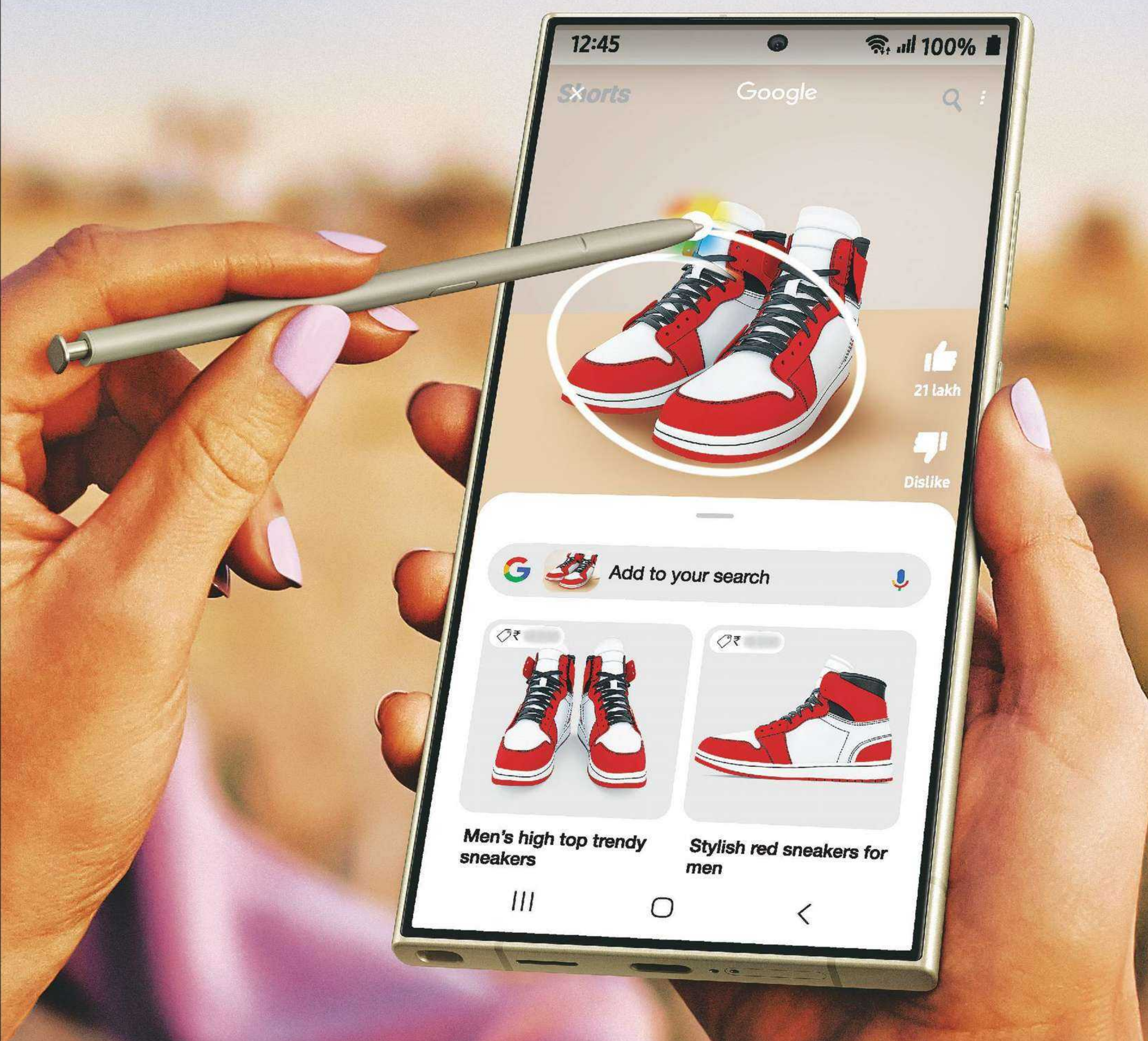
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Disaster Relief

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Record Sugarcane Payment

Rs. 2.40 lakh crore paid to sugarcane farmers

Loan Waiver

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Increased Irrigation Capacity

36 projects completed, increase in irrigation capacity by 25 lakh hectare

Food Grain Production

Production of more than 635 lakh MT food grain and 21.57 lakh MT of oil seeds in the year 2023-24. Growth rate of 5.1 %

Credit Cards

Distribution of more than 352.52 lakh credit cards to the farmers

Sugarcane Production (Per HA)

2017	2023-24
72 MT	84 MT

Agricultural Growth Rate (in %)

2016-17	2023-24
6.6	18.2

Agricultural Area (Lakh HA)

2016-17	2023-24
20.54	29.66

242.21 lakh hectares of agricultural area of 311.57 lakh farmers are insured under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

51,774 solar pumps installed under Pradhan Mantri Kusum Yojana

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Under the Mukhyamantri Nirashrit/Besahara Govansh Sahbhagita Yojana 2.02 lakh cows are given to families of malnourished children

7,239 cow shelters established, more than 14.38 lakh cows protected

Grant of Rs. 835 lakh to 5730 farmers by Mandi Parishads under the Mukhyamantri Krishak Kalyan Yojana

The Mukhyamantri khet Suraksha Yojana has been started

Formation of 585 milk committees under the Nand Baba Milk Mission

More than 43,000 seed mini kits of various crops of millets have been distributed

3.99 lakh metric tonnes of Bajra have been procured from 75,434 farmers from 2022-23 to 2023-24, with a payment of Rs. 990 crore

Crop loans of more than Rs. 64,270 crore have been disbursed to farmers for agricultural purposes

3,421 FPOs have been formed and 125 mandis have been established

Digital trade worth Rs. 3,468 crore has been implemented through the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)

Rural areas now receive 18 hours of electricity supply, while tehsil areas receive 22 hours

Since 2017, 3.53 lakh private tube well connections have been released, and the ban on giving new tube well connections in dark zones has been lifted

Establishment of Veterinary Science College in Bhadohi and Gorakhpur

The decision to establish Mahatma Gautam Buddha University of Agriculture and Technology in Sant Kabirnagar

Formation of Krishak Samridhi Ayog to double the income of farmers

Natural farming has been promoted in 85,710 hectares of land in 49 districts

Purchase of wheat started from 1 March till 15 June with MSP of Rs. 2275 per quintal through 6500 purchase centres. More than 1.20 lakh farmers registered

More than 15.65 lakh MT of fertilisers under Kharif Abhiyan and 13.71 lakh MT of fertilisers under Rabi Abhiyan distributed in the year 2023-24

Purchase of 397.01 lakh MT of Rice from more than 61 lakh farmers since 2017 with direct payment of Rs. 75164 crore

Purchase of 1.19 lakh MT of Maize since 2017 with direct payment of Rs. 220.07 crore

Purchase of 222.48 lakh MT of Wheat since 2017 with direct payment of Rs 40834.60 crore

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Lottery firm top donor as EC uploads electoral bonds data

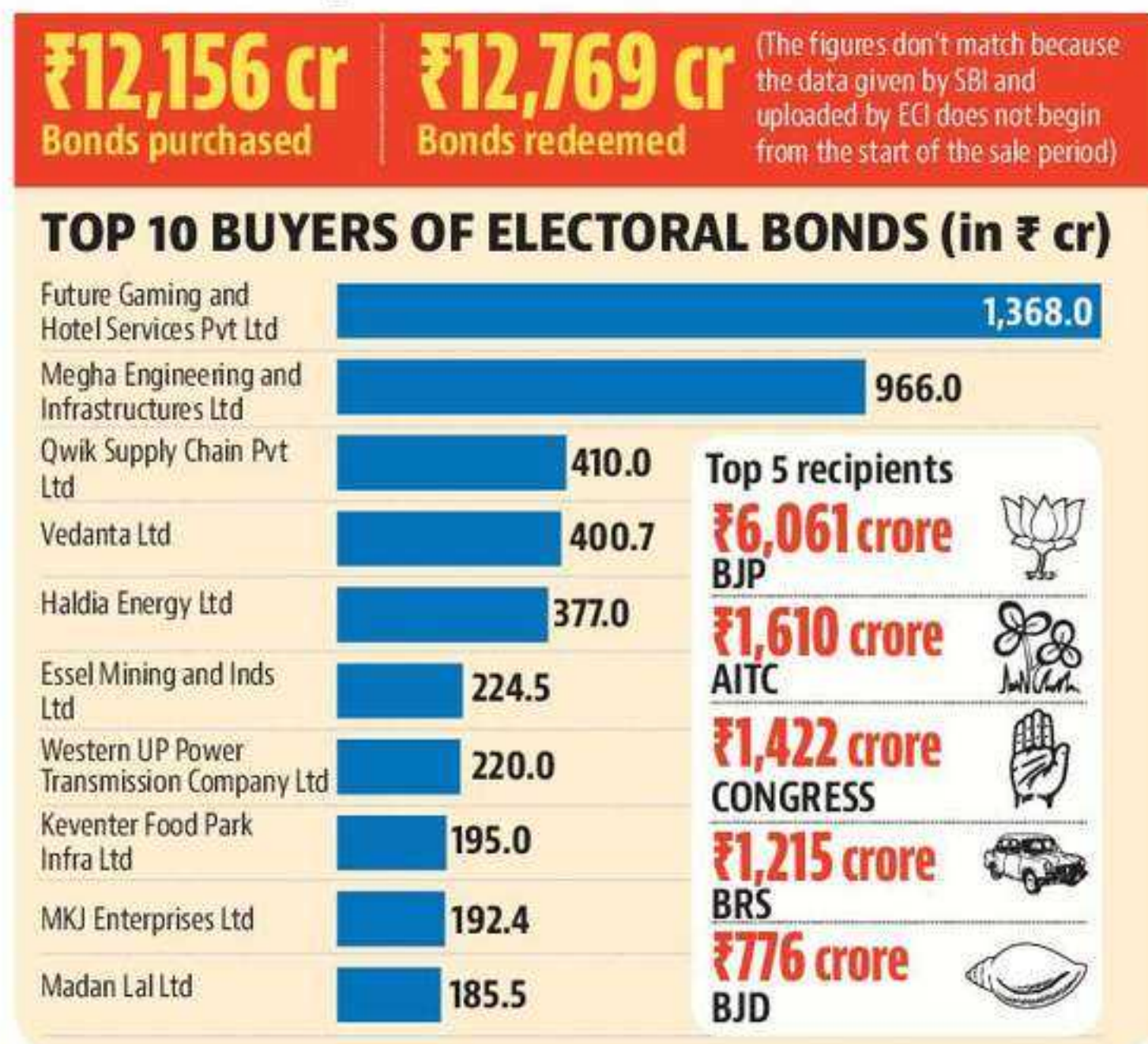
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NEW DELHI: A Tamil Nadu-based lottery firm and a Hyderabad-based infrastructure company were among the top donors to political parties through electoral bonds bought between April 12, 2019 and February 15, 2024, data uploaded by the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday evening showed, a day before the deadline set by the Supreme Court in the high-profile case playing out weeks before general elections.

The data, uploaded on the ECI website in two documents, showed that around 1.260 companies and individuals bought 22,217 bonds worth ₹12,155.51 crore in this period.

In this period, 20,421 bonds worth ₹12,769.09 crore were redeemed by 23 political parties, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leading the pack with a war chest of ₹6,061 crore

What the poll bonds data tells us



(47.5% of total redeemed value), followed by the Trinamool Congress with ₹1,610 crore (12.6%) and Congress

with ₹1,422 crore (11.1%). The top five buyers include Tamil Nadu-based Future Gaming and Hotel Services PR

(₹1,368 crore), Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (₹966 crore), Qwik Supply Chain Private Limited (₹410 crore), Vedanta Limited (₹400 crore) and Haldia Energy Limited (₹377 crore).

"In compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions...the State Bank of India (SBI) had provided the data pertaining to the electoral bonds to the Election Commission of India (ECI) on March 12, 2024. The Election Commission of India has today uploaded the data on electoral bonds on its website as received from SBI on as is where is basis," said a press note released by ECI.

"It may be recalled that in the said matter, ECI has consistently and categorically weighed in favour of disclosure and transparency, a position reflected in the proceedings of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and noted in the order also."

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KEJRIWAL MOVES COURT AGAINST APPEARANCE

NEW DELHI: Delhi chief minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday moved a Delhi sessions court against the summons issued to him by the additional chief metropolitan magistrate, barely a few days before he is to make a physical appearance before the magisterial court over two complaints of non-compliance filed against him by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). →P4

Petrol, diesel prices cut by ₹2/litre ahead of polls

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NEW DELHI: State-run oil marketing companies slashed pump prices of petrol and diesel by ₹2 per litre from Friday, continuing a spree of pre-election incentives to consumers that saw reductions in the rates of cooking gas and compressed natural gas for automobiles earlier this month. The news of slashing deregulated

petrol and diesel rates was broken on social media platform X by the petroleum ministry late on Thursday night. In Delhi, one litre of petrol will be sold for ₹94.72 and diesel at ₹87.62 from Gam on Friday. Rates will vary from city to city due to differences in local levies. The ministry, however, said that the oil marketing companies (OMCs) informed it about the move to →P5

SISODIA'S CURATIVE PETITION FOR BAIL REJECTED BY SC

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed the curative petition filed by former Delhi deputy chief minister Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Manish Sisodia, challenging the top court's October 30, 2023, order rejecting his bail in separate cases against him linked to alleged irregularities in the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-22. →P3






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NUMBER THEORY

Making sense of latest CPI and WPI numbers

By Roshan Kishore

We now have both retail and wholesale inflation numbers for the month of February 2024. While Consumer Price Index (CPI) grew at 5.1% in February, Wholesale Price Index (WPI) growth was just 0.2%. To be sure, the CPI and WPI baskets are very different in composition and the difference in two inflation measures is better understood as the inflation facing consumers and producers rather than inflation of similar commodities in the retail and wholesale markets. The CPI basket, for example, has a lot of services consumed by households, while the WPI includes a lot of inputs used in industries. Having said this, what is the larger takeaway from the latest inflation numbers? Here are three charts which try and answer this question.

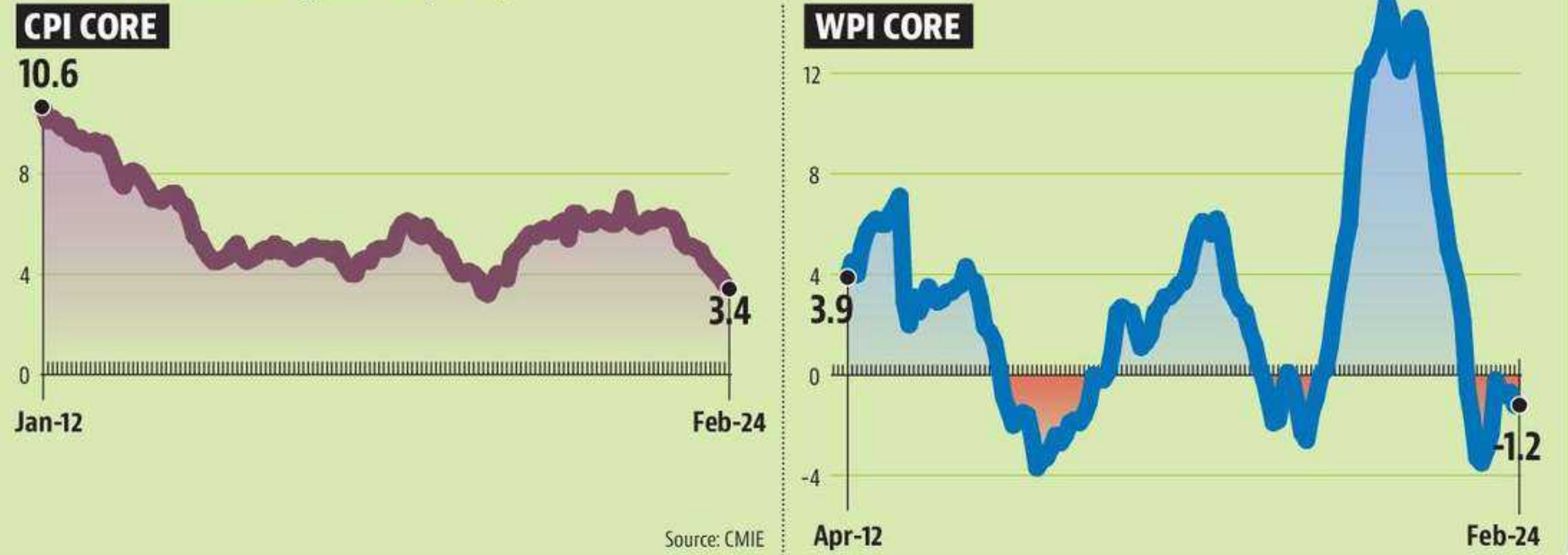
1 Core inflation environment in consumer and producer markets is at extremely benign levels

Because CPI is the benchmark inflation rate under India's inflation targeting framework, and it continues to be higher than the RBI's target of 4%, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI is likely to retain its hawkish tone on inflation in the economy. While the MPC is technically right in expressing this hawkish tone, a reading of core inflation – inflation excluding the food and fuel components – in both the CPI and WPI baskets shows that the inflation situation is among the most benign it has ever been in the current CPI and WPI

series. While core CPI inflation in February fell for the eighth consecutive month to reach 3.4%, the third lowest monthly value in the current series, core WPI has actually been contracting for every month in the last one year. Subdued core inflation numbers for CPI and WPI suggest that systemic price pressures, which are more likely to reflect overheating in the economy, are really weak in the Indian economy at the moment. Disinflation in core WPI suggests that prices of industrial inputs have been falling rather than rising.

CPI core vs WPI core

Month-on-month growth (in %)



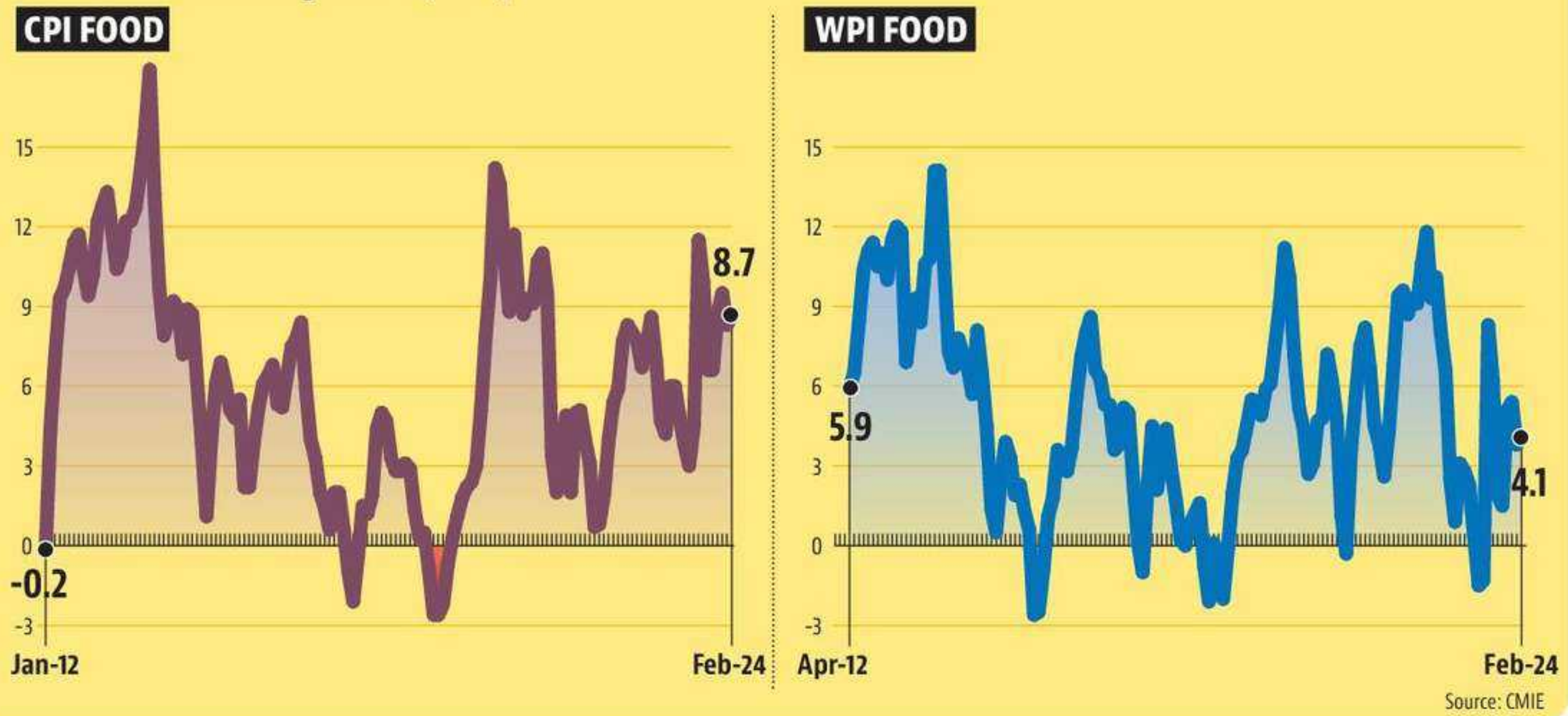
2 But food part of both CPI and WPI baskets continues to be high

This is what is the source of worry for both the monetary and fiscal policy arms of the establishment. Food component of the CPI, it has a weight of 39%, grew at 8.7% in February 2024. This number has been 8% or more in every month since July 2023 when it jumped to 11.5%. Food component of the WPI, it accounts for just 24% of the overall basket, grew at 4.1% in February,

which is not as high as the CPI food print but significantly higher than the overall WPI print. Even though the food part of WPI basket is unlikely to drive up the overall index, it does point towards tailwinds for retail food prices from the wholesale markets, which simply speaking, is a manifestation of supply side pressures in food markets.

CPI food vs WPI food

Month-on-month growth (in %)



3 A disaggregation of WPI food underlines supply side pressures from farms rather than factories

This is an important aspect of the current food inflation problem. Because not all food products are freshly grown, it is logically possible to have high food inflation when manufacturers rather than farmers are driving food prices. The WPI food basket allows us to get an idea about this question as it classifies food products into primary articles (freshly grown) and manufactured food products. The disaggregation shows that headline food inflation print of the WPI is being driven by

high inflation for primary food items rather than manufactured food products. In fact, monthly inflation for manufactured food component of the WPI basket has been contracting for a year now. The primary food article part of the WPI basket saw an inflation of 7% in February 2024 which is almost the same as the 6.9% level seen in January.

How components of the WPI basket compare

Month-on-month growth (in %)



The numbers shown here clearly show that the future trajectory of inflation and therefore prospects of interest rates coming down is contingent on prospects of farm prices coming down more than anything else. While government's aggressive interventions in food

markets have prevented this problem from going out of hand, a long-term solution to this problem will require a deeper engagement with agriculture's resilience to climate shocks.



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Kovind-led panel backs 'one nation, one election'

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NEW DELHI: A high-level committee led by former president Ram Nath Kovind on Thursday unanimously backed simultaneous polls for the Lok Sabha, state assemblies, and local bodies, state and local tiers and called for a raft of constitutional amendments to achieve the goal, potentially setting the stage for the far-reaching but controversial reform that can reshape the world's largest democracy.

The eight-member committee submitted its 18,626 page-long report to President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday morning, outlining a phased approach to synchronise elections, beginning first with Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies, and following up with local body polls within 100 days.

"Simultaneous polls will help save resources, spur development and social cohesion, deepen the foundations of democratic rubric and help realise

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What the committee recommended

A TWO-STEP PROCESS

1 The panel suggested that simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies be held in the first step

2 In the second, municipal and panchayat elections should take place within 100 days of the general and assembly polls

TO BE SURE Simultaneous elections do not mean that voting across the country for the three tiers of govt must take place on a single day.

WHEN COULD THE PLAN TAKE EFFECT?

2029 The panel indicated that 2029 may be the year to start with the first step.

SOME STATE GOVTS' TENURES TO BE HIT

The panel said terms of some of the state assemblies will have to be cut to hold simultaneous polls for the Lok Sabha and state legislatures after the 5-year term of the next Lok Sabha ends.



WHAT THE PANEL ARGUED

Simultaneous polls will help save resources, spur development and social cohesion, deepen the foundations of democratic rubric and help realise the aspirations of India, that is Bharat

Oppn slams idea, BJP sees merit

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NEW DELHI: Opposition parties on Thursday accused the Centre of trying to "completely dismantle" the Constitution and dubbed the idea of One Nation, One Election as "One Nation, No Election", as the Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP) hailed the proposal, saying it will save resources and spur development. The reactions came after a high-level committee recommended simultaneous polls for Lok Sabha and state assemblies in a report submitted to President Droupadi Murmu. While the Congress alleged that the simultaneous elections'

proposal was meant to service the Prime Minister's "objective" to secure a "clear, two-thirds majority" in Parliament, the Shiv Sena (UBT) said the concept was a move towards "dictatorship". "It is a historic day for the country's democratic system," Union minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah said on X. → 8



Home minister Amit Shah

CAA WILL NEVER BE REPEALED, STATES CANNOT BLOCK IT: SHAH

NEW DELHI: Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday slammed the Opposition for "spreading lies" about the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or CAA, stressed that the law will "never be repealed", and assured minorities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan who came to India before the law's cut-off date of equal rights.

"The Opposition, including Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee and Arvind Kejriwal are indulging in jhooth ki rajneeti (the politics of lies). When the country was partitioned on the basis of religion, minorities faced persecution, they were being converted, and women from the minority (in Pakistan) were being tortured. They came to take refuge with us. Do they not have a right to get citizenship?" Shah said in an interview with news agency ANI. → 9

Two new ECs selected amid dissent in meeting

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NEW DELHI: The President on Thursday appointed retired bureaucrats Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu as election commissioners after a high-level selection committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi met in the morning — the first time that election commissioners have been chosen under a controversial new law just weeks before Lok Sabha polls.

The appointments came days after the retirement of one EC, Anup Chandra Pandey, and the



Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu



surprise resignation of another. Arun Goel, left India's poll watchdog with just the chief election commissioner, Rajiv Kumar.

But the process was not without controversy as panel mem-

ber and Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury gave a dissent note on the selection, raising questions over the procedure.

He said he sought the names

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SC directs Ajit's NCP not to use Sharad Pawar's name, picture

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday ordered Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar to give an undertaking that his faction will not use the name or picture of his uncle and founder of

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Sharad Pawar, in the upcoming Lok Sabha and assembly polls in the wake of the split in the party.

The Election Commission (EC), by a decision earlier this year, allotted NCP's name and symbol to the faction led by Ajit, recognising it as the "real NCP" based on the

numerical strength held by it in the legislature. Sharad Pawar was allotted a different name and symbol for political canvassing.

It asked the Ajit Pawar faction to submit the undertaking in this regard by Saturday and fixed the matter for hearing next on March 19.

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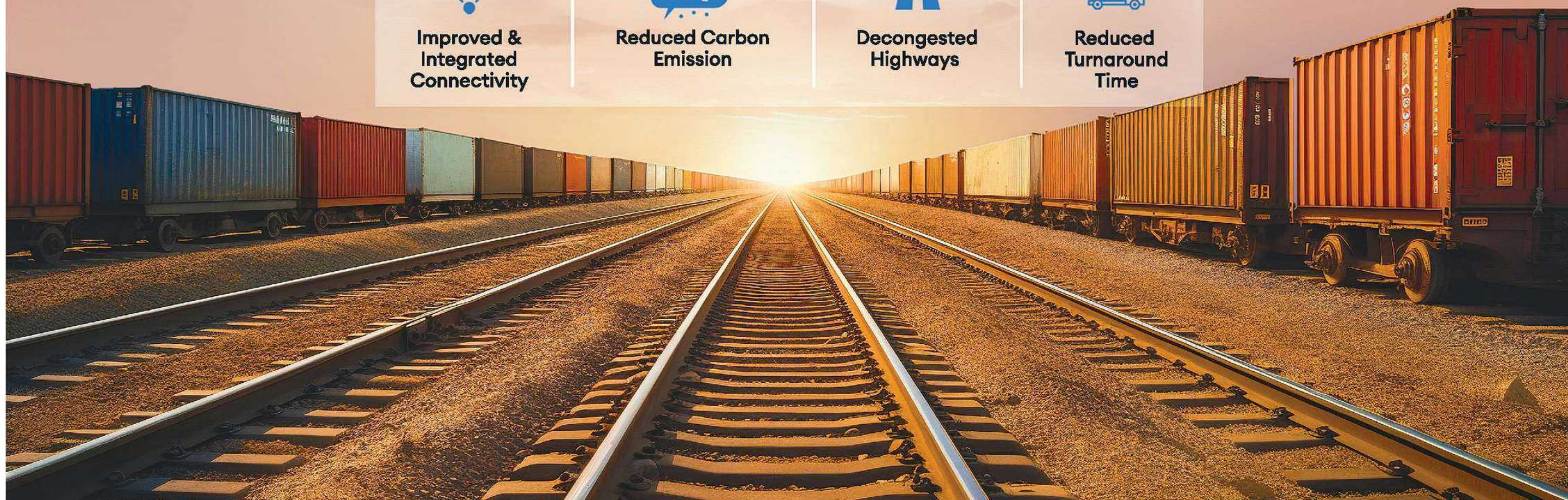
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NPCI allows Paytm to continue UPI ops



Paytm has won approval to become a consumer digital-payments platform, helping the beleaguered fintech continue a bulk of its business even as its banking affiliate is getting wound down. Lenders Axis Bank Ltd., HDFC Bank Ltd., State Bank of India Ltd. and Yes Bank Ltd. will power peer-to-peer or UPI payments on Paytm, the National Payments Corporation of India said Thursday. State-backed Unified Payments Interface is a pioneering system that allows users to make instant money transfers by linking banks with fintech apps such as Paytm. Until now, Paytm has operated under a license connected to its affiliate Paytm Payments Bank, which it doesn't control but which has run its digital wallets and payments traffic. But that bank has to cease its business after Friday following regulatory orders that it stop accepting new deposits, citing a continued breach of rules.

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WORLD PUTIN EXPECTED TO WIN

Russia goes to polls amid Ukraine war



President Vladimir Putin appealed on Thursday to voters, including in annexed parts of Ukraine, to be united in determining Russia's future by casting ballots in this week's presidential election which he is all but certain to win. "It is vital to underscore our cohesion and resolve and move forward together. Every vote you cast is valued and meaningful," Putin said in a video address reported by national news agencies. "I therefore ask you in the coming three days to exercise your right to vote," Putin, 71 and in power as president or prime minister since 2000, faces three challengers in three days of voting beginning on Friday. None of the challengers has criticised him. Opinion polls show he is supported by a majority of Russians, with one survey last month giving him 75% support.

MY INDIA FALL INSIDE HOME

West Bengal CM suffers fall, discharged after treatment



West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee was admitted to a hospital after suffering a fall at her home in Kolkata, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) said. "Our chairperson @MamataOfficial sustained a major injury. Please keep her in your prayers, the party said on X, attaching pictures of Banerjee lying on what appeared to be a hospital bed and bleeding from a wound on her forehead. The 69-year-old had a fall in her Kalighat home, her family said. "She fell somewhere inside the home and was immediately shifted to the hospital. She was bleeding from the forehead and stitches were required," her brother Kartik Banerjee told a local news channel. She was admitted to the Woodburn Ward of the state-run SSKM Hospital in Kolkata and discharged around 9.30 pm after treatment and some tests. Her condition was stable. Leaders from across the political spectrum and Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished her a speedy recovery.

WORLD JAPAN HIGH COURT RULING

'Same-sex marriage bar unconstitutional'



The bar on same-sex marriage in Japan is unconstitutional, the high court in the northern city of Sapporo said on Thursday, the first such ruling by an appeals court on a matter that has divided the lower levels of the judiciary. Japan is the only Group of Seven nation without legal protection for same-sex unions. Although backed by 70% of the public, they are opposed by the conservative Liberal Democratic Party of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. Japanese civil code rules that limit marriage to those of opposite sexes are "unconstitutional" and "discriminatory," the Sapporo High Court said in its ruling, but dismissed the plaintiffs' claim for damages from the government. "Enacting same-sex marriage does not seem to cause disadvantages or harmful effects," the court said.

MY INDIA U.S. INTEL REPORT

'Escalation possible between India, China'



An assessment by US intelligence agencies has warned of a "potential" armed conflict between India and China amid large troop deployments by both sides and sporadic encounters between their militaries, adding the border dispute "will remain a strain" on ties between the neighbours. The annual threat assessment further states that Beijing is looking to establish overseas military bases at multiple locations — including Sri Lanka and Pakistan — in its attempt to "project power" and "protect China's interests abroad". "The shared disputed border between India and China will remain a strain on their bilateral relationship. While the two sides have not engaged in significant cross-border clashes since 2020, they are maintaining large troop deployments, and sporadic encounters between opposing forces risk miscalculation and escalation into armed conflict," the report said.

India inches up 1 place on UN HDI, is now placed 134

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NEW DELHI: India has bettered its ranking by one spot on a global UN measure of well-being and quality of life of citizens, making progress for the first time since slipping in 2021, according to the 2023/24 Human Development Report titled, "Breaking the Gridlock: Reimagining Cooperation in a Polarized World" released on Thursday. The world's fifth-largest economy is placed at 134 out of 193 countries, the report said. India's human development index (HDI) score saw an increase from 0.633 to 0.644 in 2022, placing the country in the medium human development category, just as in previous years.

The HDI is a composite index computed on the basis of three parameters — life expectancy, mean years of schooling and average incomes — in contrast to gross domestic product (GDP), which is a gauge only of incomes or output in an economy.

In 2022, India saw improvements across all HDI indicators — life expectancy, education and Gross National Income (GNI) per capita. Life expectancy rose from 67.2 to 67.7 years, expected years of schooling reached 12.6, mean years of schooling increased to 6.57 and GNI per capita saw an increase from \$6,542 to \$6,951, the report said.

The UN report also said India demonstrated progress in reducing gender inequality, with a value of 0.437 that is better than the global and South Asian averages.

India's HDI value was 0.633 in 2021, down from 0.642 in 2020. While the country has moved up in 2022, it is still behind its South Asian neighbours, such as Bangladesh (129th), Bhutan (125th), Sri Lanka (78rd) and China (75th). China has moved up three ranks, while Sri Lanka has dropped five spots, mainly due to its economic crisis.

The latest HDI assessment however presents a miserable picture of a world that, while recovering from the pandemic's shocks, is deeply divided and eclipsed by war. "Uneven progress is leaving the poorest behind, exacerbating inequality, and stoking political polarization on a global scale. The result is a dangerous gridlock that must be urgently tackled through collective action," the report said.

The report says that inequal-

ity across the world is rising again: After 20 years of convergence, the gap between the richest and poorest countries has started to widen from 2020.

"India has shown remarkable progress in human development over the years. But there is room for improvement," a statement from Caitlin Wiesen, the resident representative of United Nations Development Programme (India), which brought out the report, said.

Since 1990, India's life expectancy at birth has risen by 9.1 years; expected years of schooling have increased by 4.6 years and mean years of schooling have grown by 3.8 years. India's GNI per capita has grown by approximately 287 percent since the 1990s.

One of India's key achievements has been the progress in reducing gender inequality and it now ranks 108 out of 166 countries in the gender inequality index 2022. The GII (gender inequality index) measures gender inequalities across three key dimensions — reproductive health, empowerment and labour market.

India's GII value of 0.437 is better than the global average of 0.462 and the South Asian average of 0.478. The country's performance in reproductive health is better than other countries in the medium human development group or South Asia, the report said. India's adolescent birth rate in 2022 was 16.3 (births per 1,000 women ages 15-19), an improvement from 17.1 in 2021.

The Union ministry of women and child development (WCD) said that there has been a significant jump of 14 ranks on GII in 2022 vis-a-vis 2021. "Over the last 10 years, India's rank in GII has become consistently better, indicating progressive improvement in achieving gender equality in the country," the ministry said in a statement.

To be sure, India also has one of the largest gender gaps in the labour force participation rate — a 47.8% difference between women (28.3%) and men (76.1%), the report says.

"India's improvement on the HDI is a welcome development. But it underscores the need for higher investment in social infrastructure rather than a preoccupation with headline GDP numbers," said Ashish Pai, a co-author of India's first state-level human development index brought out by Madhya Pradesh in 1995.

COMMITTEE SUBMITS REPORT

Decoding 'one poll' recommendations, and charting the Kovind panel road map

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NEW DELHI: Simultaneous elections for various levels of government will improve the architecture of governance and offer a pathway to enhance efficiency, political stability and fiscal sustainability, a high-level committee (HLC) under former President Ram Nath Kovind maintained in a report that was submitted to President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday.

The panel said simultaneous elections "will bring fundamental transformation in the electoral process and overall governance", besides optimising scarce resources and encouraging voters to participate in the electoral process in larger numbers. "Disruptions to governance and policy paralysis resulting from the application of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and its adverse impact on economic growth will be mitigated," it added.

Recommending a two-step process, the panel said that simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies be held in the first step. In the second step, municipal and panchayat elections

should take place within a hundred days of the general and assembly polls. To be sure, simultaneous elections do not mean that voting across the country for the three tiers of government must take place on a single day. "In a country as large as India, it is not possible to have that. Pragmatism requires elections to be held in phases," clarified the panel.

Indicating that 2029 might be the year to start with the first step, the panel said that terms of some of the state assemblies will have to be cut to hold simultaneous polls for the Lok Sabha and state legislatures after the five-year term of the next Lok Sabha ends.

The panel proposed a new legal regime, requiring certain amendments to enable simultaneous polls, even as it remained emphatic that the suggested changes are not anti-federal, not violate the basic structure of the Constitution, nor result in a presidential form of government — some of the key arguments raised against the idea.

Since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power at the Centre in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has consistently pushed for simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. The recommendations by the panel are in line with Modi's support to the idea of "one nation, one election".

Following his election as president in 2017, Kovind had also expressed support for this idea, pointing out that regular elections not only put a tremendous strain on human resources but also slow down progress because of the MCC's implementation. In his speech to the nation on the eve of Republic Day 2017, Kovind's predecessor Pranab Mukherjee too expressed the opinion that the time was right for a productive discussion about electoral reforms and a return to the practice of holding simultaneous elections for state assemblies and the Lok Sabha in the early decades following Independence.

On the other hand, several

Opposition parties, including the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and CPI(M), have remained opposed to the idea of simultaneous polls and registered their protest before the panel.

While simultaneous polls have been proposed as a method of improving governance and efficiency in India's electoral system, they remain not just a contentious political topic but encompass intricate questions of law and constitutional interpretation.

Simultaneous polls are not a new concept

In India, concurrent elections are nothing new. Until 1967, they were the standard. In 1951-1952, 1957, 1962, and 1967, general elections for the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies were conducted concurrently. However, the cycle of simultaneous elections was broken up by the dissolution of certain state assemblies in 1968 and 1969, the dissolution of the Lok Sabha in 1970, and the national elections that followed in 1971.

A primary reason for the simultaneous elections for several decades following Independence was the dominance of Congress, the main political party. The regional parties lacked strength and clout. But subsequently, the schedule was disrupted by the central government's frequent use of Article 356 of the Constitution to impose the President's Rule in states. Between 1966 and 1977, the President's Rule were imposed on 39 occasions in different states.

In its 1962 report on the third general election in India, the Election Commission of India (ECI) said that "it is obviously desirable that this duplication of efforts and expense should, if possible be avoided". In 1983, the ECI proposed holding elections simultaneously in its annual report listing seven reasons that included significant cost savings from holding separate elections, optimal deployment of human resources and avoidance of a slowdown in administrative and developmental work. Neither this report nor its recommendations were discussed by Parliament or acted upon.

The Kovind panel reported these events to buttress the point that the concurrent character of elections offered convenience both to the voters and the authorities responsible for the conduct of elections. "Political parties and their candidates also benefited. Electors needed to go to the polling station only once to elect both the members of the House of the People and the State Legislative Assemblies. The election authorities were required to deploy polling personnel, build polling stations, divert security forces and make other allied arrangements only once. Political parties and candidates could also save resources since their campaign to reach out to the voters was required to be undertaken only once," it noted. The election law that was good in the initial phase of Indian democracy is now yielding perverse outcomes and calls for the attention of the law makers, the panel ruled.

The Kovind panel further lent credence to the recommenda-



Former President Kovind with President Droupadi Murmu and Union minister Amit Shah on Thursday.

tions of the previous Law Commission of India report on the issue.

"The 170th report of the Law Commission of India in 1999 dealt with reform of electoral laws. We must go back to the situation where the elections to Lok Sabha and all the legislative assemblies are held at once... The rule ought to be one election once in five years for Lok Sabha and all the legislative assemblies," stated this report.

The National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution also recommended in 2002 that assembly and Lok Sabha elections should be held simultaneously to save human and other resources.

Similarly, the parliamentary panel, in its 2015 report on "Feasibility of holding simultaneous elections to the House of the People (Lok Sabha) and State Legislative Assemblies" stated that simultaneous elections would reduce the massive expenditure incurred for conduct of separate elections every year, besides averting a policy paralysis due to the imposition of the MCC.

In January 2017, Niti Aayog prepared a working paper titled "Analysis of Simultaneous elections: the What, Why and How". Getting out of a "permanent election mode", the paper stated, is a huge structural change in mindset that could potentially provide the much-needed space to governments to focus on long-term transformational measures without worrying about the next impending election.

The Law Commission's draft report on "one nation, one election" in 2018 also favoured simultaneous elections, enumerating quite a few advantages of the idea. However, it preferred further deliberation with the political parties and other stakeholders before final recommendations could be made.

Deliberation and objections

During the consultative process, 47 political parties provided feedback, with 32 agreeing and 15 disagreeing with the idea of simultaneous elections. 15 political parties chose not to respond. Just two of the parties who supported simultaneous elections are national parties — the BJP and the National People's Party (NPP), led by Conrad Sangma and a constituent of the BJP-led NDA. Simultaneous polling was rejected by the four other national parties — the Congress, AAP, BSP, and CPI(M). Other parties supporting the proposal included state parties, such as the AIADMK, Shiv Sena, BJD and Janata Dal (United).

The parties opposed to the

assemblies be held while in the second step, the elections to municipalities and panchayats could be synchronised in such a way that those are held within 100 days of holding elections to the House of the People and state assemblies.

The Constitution would have to be amended to introduce the concepts of a "full term" and an "unexpired period" (where the House or the assembly is dissolved sooner than the expiry of its "full term"), and provisions made so that the elections held where the House or an Assembly is dissolved sooner than its "full term" would be considered to be a "mid-term" election. The election held after the expiry of five years would be considered a "General election," it noted.

According to the panel, in the event of a mid-term dissolution (encompassing instances of a hung House, no-confidence motion, or any other such event), the term of the reconstituted legislature shall be for the remaining unexpired period of the original term of five years so that next election to the legislature concerned takes place with "General election".

For holding the Lok Sabha and state assemblies' polls together, the panel recommended amendments in Articles 83 (duration of Lok Sabha) and Article 172 (duration of state legislatures), which provide that their term will be of five years "unless sooner dissolved" by the President and the state governors respectively.

Changes in Article 83 should define five years as "full term" for the Lok Sabha while the period between its date of dissolution and the "full term" of five years should be referred to as its "unexpired term". Another amendment in this provision, the panel recommended, should mandate that where the Lok Sabha is dissolved sooner than the expiry of its full term, the next House will continue for a period equal to its unexpired term of five years. Corresponding amendments have been suggested in Article 172 for the state legislatures.

To activate the framework, the panel recommended insertion of Article 82A in the Constitution. This provision should mandate that the President of India may by notification issued on the date of the first sitting of the Lok Sabha after a general election, bring into force the scheme and that date of the notification shall be called the "Appointed date".

Irrespective of whether a state assembly has completed its five-year term or not, a clause under proposed Article 82A stated that all the state assemblies constituted in any general election held after the "Appointed date" shall come to an end on the expiry of the full term of the Lok Sabha. The effect of this provision can be understood with an example. The next assembly elections in West Bengal (2026) and Karnataka (2028) would conclude these assemblies' terms in May or June 2029, coinciding with the next Lok Sabha's term.

If the ECI wants deferment of a state assembly poll, it can make such a recommendation to the President but whenever the new assembly will be constituted, its tenure would be coterminous with the Lok Sabha's

Enabling framework
Laying down an enabling framework, the panel suggested that in the first step, simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha and state

term, stated another proposed amendment.

According to the panel, these amendments would not require ratification by the states because of the residuary powers vesting with Parliament under Article 248 read with Entry 97 of the Union List and where Parliament has the power to legislate under Article 327 in relation to elections for the House of the People and legislative assembly. It further suggested adding the words "conduct of simultaneous elections" in Article 327 to empower Parliament to make provision with respect to such elections.

For holding the elections to municipalities and panchayats, the panel recommended a second set of constitutional amendment bills, which should include inserting a new provision, Article 324A, for ensuring that the elections to municipalities and panchayats are held simultaneously with the general elections.

It proposed a single electoral roll for consolidating voter information into a single database and enhancing the coordination between the ECI and state election commissions for seamless collaboration to hold the three tiers of elections in India concurrently. For this, the panel suggested amending Article 325 to allow the ECI, in cooperation with state election commissions, to create a single electoral roll and photo identity cards.

It noted that this amendment shall have an overriding effect over Articles 243K, and 243ZA, which authorises state election commissions to prepare electoral rolls for elections to panchayats and municipalities respectively whereas the proposed amendment seeks to empower the ECI to do so in consultation with state poll panels.

Mindful that municipal and panchayat elections come under the ambit of legislative and executive powers of state, the panel stressed that the amendments to include local body polls in simultaneous elections will require ratification by not less than half of the states under Article 368(2) of the Constitution. Article 368 sets down the procedures for modifying the Constitution. A "special majority" is required in cases where subjects relating to State affairs are sought to be amended by Parliament. At least half of the state legislatures must ratify this category of amendments.

Appropriate amendments have also been mullied in the statutes of Union territories having legislative assemblies, including Delhi, Puducherry and Jammu & Kashmir, for conducting simultaneous polls, while suggesting that an "Implementation Group" be constituted to look into the execution of the recommendations given by the committee.

Simultaneous polls draw attention to an issue which is bound to reshape the electoral landscape in a federal country with a diverse population and a complex system of governance. Additionally, the intricate legal structure and critical issues related to stability underline the challenges the proposition is fraught with. Thus, the potential benefits of simultaneous polls must be carefully weighed against the concerns and challenges associated with their implementation.

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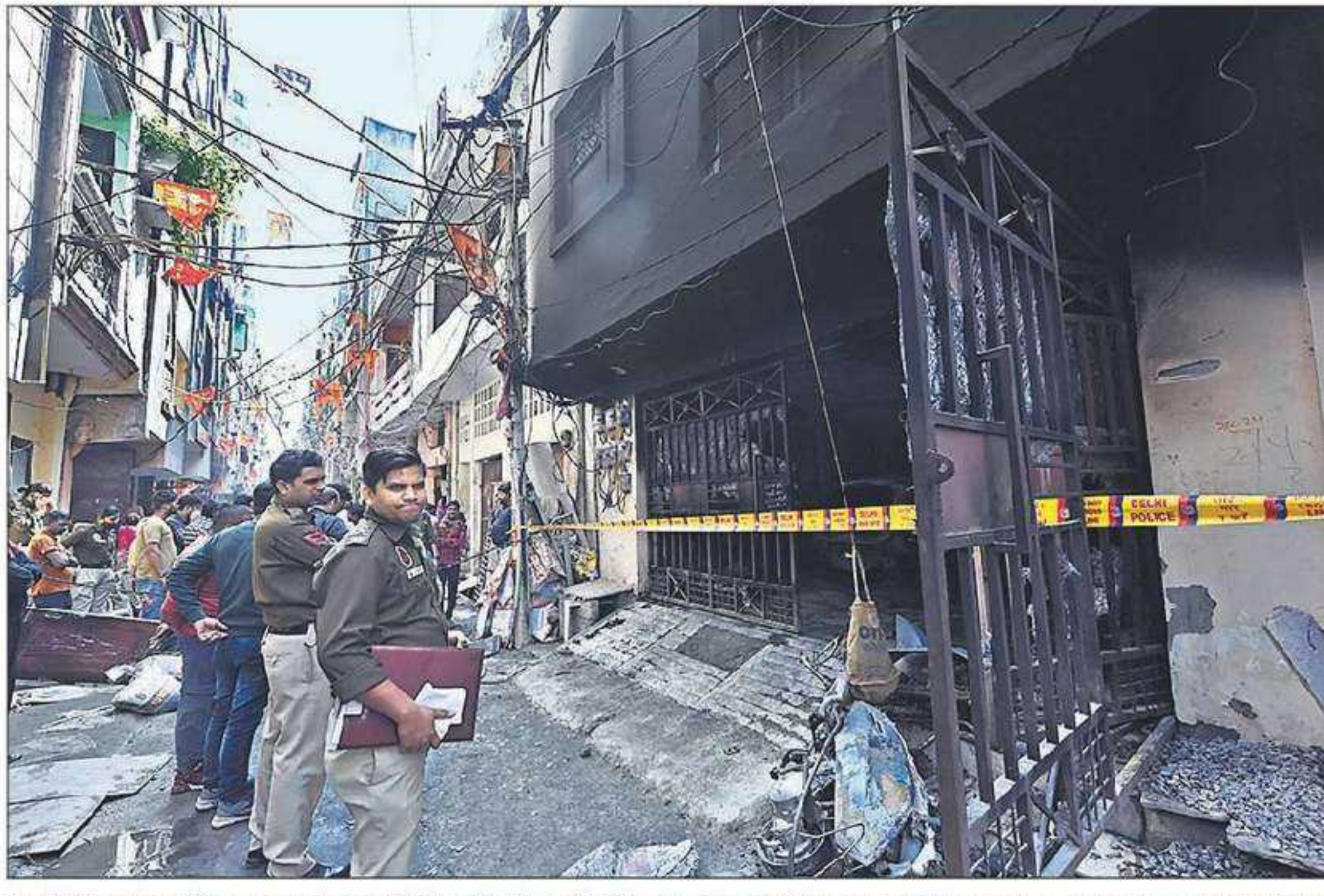
NEW DELHI: Four members of a family died of asphyxiation and at least 13 others suffered injuries after a massive fire engulfed a five-storey building at a congested neighbourhood in east Delhi's Shastri Nagar on Thursday morning, fire officials said.

The deceased were identified as Manoj Shah, 30, his wife Suman Shah, 30, and their nieces Sujata, 3, and Shristi, 5.

The officials said that four of the 13 injured — Manoj's brother Rakesh Shah, 37, his wife Baby Shah, 33, (Sujata and Shristi's parents), and the youngest of the Shah brothers, Nandu Shah, 25, along with their three-month-old neighbour Isra — are in critical condition and are admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) of a government hospital.

"Preliminary observation by forensic experts revealed that sparks in the electric wires in the parking space may be the reason behind the fire. All four people died of suffocation after inhaling toxic fumes. We have registered a case of negligent conduct with respect to machinery and death by negligence under sections 285, 337, 304A and 427 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) against unknown people at the Geeta Colony police station," said deputy commissioner of police (Shahdara) Surendra Chaudhary.

The blaze broke out in a building with nine residential flats and originated in the stilt parking of the building. One car, five two-



Delhi Police officers at the building in Sarojini Park, Shastri Nagar on Thursday. SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTOS

wheelers and two bicycles that were parked on the ground floor were scorched, the fire officials said, adding that the presence of fuel in the parked vehicles may have led to further incineration.

Single exit in building hamper firefighting ops

Police said that the Shah family lived in a two-bedroom rented flat on the ground floor in the rear portion of the parking, and added that around 30 people were in the building when the fire broke out.

Delhi Fire Services director Atul Garg said that nine fire

tenders with over 25 personnel were pressed into action. Garg flagged that since the building was in a congested lane where cars and other vehicles were parked, the firemen struggled to bring the fire tenders to the spot which subsequently delayed their response time.

What also hampered the rescue operation was the fact that the only entry and exit to the building was located in the rear portion of the parking, which had by then been consumed by the blaze and was shrouded by smoke, officials said.

DCP Chaudhary said the

police received a call at 5.22am regarding a fire at a building in Sarojini Park near Shastri Nagar, following which local police personnel, fire tenders, and three ambulances rushed to the spot.

"The parking was on the ground floor and the residences were on the four floors above it. Many people were trapped inside the building because the only way to get out was the staircase. We doused the flames and rescued some occupants through a ladder that we placed outside the building. Those who had already reached the terrace used the adjacent buildings to come out,"



Charred vehicles in the stilt parking of the building.

said divisional fire officer Manoj Kumar Sharma, who led the fire-fighting and rescue operations.

The fire was brought under control in an hour and people were rescued from all the floors and the terrace.

Survivors, neighbours recount horror

Kamal Singh, 46, a resident of the third floor of the building said his family was sleeping when the fire broke out. "My wife Babita woke me up due to the smoke after which we woke up our sons — Kartik Singh, 13 and Dev Singh, 11 — so we could escape," said Singh.

Singh said that there was complete chaos after that. "When I opened the main door, I heard people screaming. We tried to rush downstairs but

failed as flames and smoke were coming up. I was worried for my younger brother, Doori Lal Singh, and his family because they lived in the flat below. We rushed to the terrace... We were relieved only when firefighters rescued us and I found them alive," said Singh.

The occupants of the remaining floors, including Singh's aunt Meena Devi, 50, and her son Shanu Singh, 21, rushed to the terrace. The two families living on the first floor were also trapped.

A resident of the area, Vicky Kumar, 29, said that the tragedy could have been bigger had the fire department not controlled the blaze on time. However, he alleged that the fire tenders took half an hour to reach after the first distress call was made.

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A 19-km stretch of the expressway from Bajghera to Kherki Daula in Gurugram is currently operational. HT PHOTO

Marshals posted on e-way to curb wrong side driving

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GURUGRAM: The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) on Thursday deployed traffic marshals at all exits of the 19km stretch of the Dwarka expressway that opened for traffic earlier this week, in order to enforce traffic discipline and check violations on the elevated corridor, officials said.

The development came a day after HT reported that several commuters were found driving on the wrong carriageway of the expressway, or were speeding on the road, which has a speed limit of 100km/hr. In addition, two-wheelers — officially not allowed on the corridor — were also seen on the expressway.

The Dwarka expressway spans a length of 29km. On Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Gurugram leg of the elevated corridor — a 19km stretch from Bajghera at the Delhi-Haryana border to the cloverleaf flyover at Kherki Daula in Gurugram.

NHAI officials said patrolling vehicles have been deployed on the expressway. "All steps are being taken to ensure that there are no traffic violations. We have deployed traffic marshals on each entry and exit point. Patrolling vehicles have been deployed on the expressway to assist commuters and check violations," an NHAI spokesperson said.

"This is a high-speed access



MARCH 14: HT reported that driving on the wrong side of the road is already a problem on the Dwarka expressway.

control road, and any small traffic violation or mistake can cause fatalities. Apart from enforcement, we also appeal to vehicle users to drive responsibly on the road, avoid rash driving, and not take shortcuts. If someone has missed an exit, they can always take an exit a few kilometres ahead instead of moving in the wrong direction," the spokesperson said.

In addition, the Gurugram traffic police said they fined 28 vehicles for driving on the wrong side of the road on Thursday, and a further 60 people were penalised for speeding.

Deputy commissioner of police (traffic) Virender Vij said the police have also appointed five zonal officers to supervise traffic on the expressway, while assistant commissioner of police (traffic west and crime against women) Surender Kaur will be the overall in-charge of traffic on the elevated corridor.

Sisodia's curative plea junked by SC

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has dismissed the curative petition filed by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Manish Sisodia, challenging the October 30, 2023 order refusing him bail in separate cases against him in connection with alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy 2021-22.

"We have gone through the curative petitions and the connected documents. In our opinion, no case is made out within the parameters indicated in the decision of this court in Rupa Ashok Hurra vs Ashok Hurra (decided in 2002). The curative petitions are dismissed," a bench headed by chief justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, in its order passed on Wednesday, said, referring to the Rupa Ashok Hurra case, as per which a curative petition can be filed only in exceptional circumstances to point out any grave error or a fact that escaped the attention of the judges while giving a judgment.

Though the order in the present case was passed on Wednesday, it was uploaded on the court website on Thursday. This was the last judicial rem-

edy available to Sisodia to challenge the Supreme Court order denying him bail. Earlier, his review petition was dismissed on December 13 following which he filed the curative plea on January 10. He had even moved an application to allow him an open court hearing.

The bench, also comprising justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai and SVN Bhatti, while deciding the matter in chambers (behind closed doors), held, "Application for listing the curative petitions in open court is dismissed."

The Delhi government's 2021-22 excise policy aimed to revitalise the city's flagging liquor business, but was scrapped after lieutenant governor VK Saxena recommended a Central Bureau of Investigation probe into alleged irregularities in the regime.

CBI arrested Sisodia on February 26, 2023 after the agency said that it had recovered several incriminating evidences in the case, and to conduct a fair investigation, his custody was required. The AAP leader was subsequently sent to Tihar Jail, from where he was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on March 9, 2023 in connection with alleged money laundering in the case.

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Ramlila Maidan: Farmers call for stir across country

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NEW DELHI: Thousands of protesting farmers from Punjab and Haryana descended on Ramlila Maidan in central Delhi on Thursday and called for a nationwide agitation against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led central government on March 23 to press home a raft of demands, including for a low on minimum support prices (MSP) for crops and debt waivers.

However, traffic was largely unaffected by either the rally or a slew of traffic restrictions that were put in place to regulate farmers' movements, with business as usual in most parts of the city, said police officers.

The protesting farmers also adopted a resolution to "intensify their fight" against the Union government's "corporate, communal, dictatorial policies" and to "save farming, food security, land and livelihood of the people from corporate loot".

The resolution was authored by the umbrella Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM).

Ramlila Maidan was packed with farmer leaders who spearheaded the cultivators' protests on the fringes of Delhi in 2020-21, but who have stayed away from ground mobilisations and agitations during the ongoing stir.

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait, who addressed the gathering, alleged that several farmers were not allowed to enter the Capital.

"The government will try to provoke you and try to scare you away. On one hand, they say that they have given permission to hold the protest, but since last night, they have stopped many people from coming to the national capital," he said.

To be sure, the agitation, which started on February 12, has been organised by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha. Thousands of farmers have been camped at the Punjab-Haryana borders for over two weeks now.

Agitators initially tried to march towards Delhi, but were met with banks of barricades



(Above) Farmers from Punjab and Haryana gathered at the Ramlila Maidan on Thursday to press home a raft of demands from the Centre, including for a law on minimum support prices (MSP) for crops and debt waivers; (Right) Though traffic was largely unaffected by the stir, police personnel at the Ghazipur border in east Delhi we seen checking vehicles entering the Capital.

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and police forces at the Punjab-Haryana border.

Tikait stressed that the protest will continue.

"The government will try to discredit the farmers by dividing us on the basis of religions but we need to stand together. A six-member committee has been formed to make sure that whenever there is a big protest, we should all come out together to back it," he said.

Tikait was referring to a panel which was formed to forge unity between a range of farmers unions who have so far not been on the same page about the mechanics of the agi-

tation.

Farmer leader Darshan Pal, who was also one of the key faces during the 2020-21 protests, said, "We will observe March 23 as 'save democracy' day. Every village, town and city will participate. We will not stay quiet in the elections. They don't allow us to enter the city. We'll not allow them to enter our villages."

Farmer leader Gurnam Singh Chaduni said MSP for crops wouldn't make them rich, but only help them survive.

"People from Haryana and Punjab are selling their land and moving abroad. We have no

other option but to fight. If they don't agree to our demands, the responsibility of the next agitation will lie with the government," he said.

Meanwhile, the police set up diversions or regulated traffic in the vicinity of Ramlila Maidan, but traffic was largely unaffected.

Some areas of central Delhi, including the Kamla Market roundabout, Minto Road, and Asif Ali Road witnessed some snarls in the afternoon, but by and large, traffic police personnel who were deployed at key points ensured that traffic kept moving.

Kejriwal reiterates his stand on CAA amid protests near residence

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NEW DELHI: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday reiterated his opposition to the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 or CAA, claiming that the law will take away jobs meant for India's youth, will lead to an increase in crime, and will trigger a wave of migration that is bigger than the one in 1947.

Kejriwal's remarks came hours after Union home minister Amit Shah criticised the CM's stand against the law, and accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief of indulging in vote-bank politics.

Separately, a group of Hindu and Sikh refugees from Pakistan protested near Kejriwal's official residence demanding an apology from the chief minister.

The Centre on Monday implemented CAA, a contentious law that paves the way for citizenship to undocumented non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan who entered India before December 31, 2014. The development came four years after Parliament passed the law in December 2019.



Refugees stage a protest at the residence of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal at Civil Lines on Thursday. SANJEEV VERMA/HT PHOTO

Shah, in an interview to ANI on Thursday, said that Kejriwal's opposition to the new law stemmed from the AAP's alleged involvement in corruption cases. "He will face a very tough time during elections in Delhi, that is why he is doing vote-bank politics," the minister said.

Responding to Shah, Kejriwal alleged that CAA will lead to a collapse in law and order, and subsequently lead to a rise in crime. "In his statement home minis-

ter Amit Shah has not responded to any questions I raised yesterday. He has only abused me, and called me corrupt. All the governments of the country are unable to provide jobs to our children, how will you give jobs and houses to the large number of migrants from Pakistan, and Bangladesh who you want to allow to come into the country?" he said at a press conference.

"Around 30 million minorities live in these countries... Even if 15

million come to India, where will they be settled? The home minister has not answered this question. Has the migration into India (from these countries) stopped after 2014?" Kejriwal said.

Separately, a number of Hindu and Sikh refugees from Pakistan protested near Kejriwal's official residence, before they were dispersed by Delhi Police at Chandgiram Akhara.

Responding to the demonstration, Kejriwal in a post in Hindi on X said, "Pakistanis are allowed to protest outside my house with police protection and respect and farmers of this country are not even allowed to come to Delhi? Tear gas shells, sticks, rods and bullets on Indian farmers? And so much respect for Pakistanis?"

A senior Delhi Police officer, on condition of anonymity, said the protesters dispersed when they were asked to leave the site.

The BJP accused Kejriwal of not having empathy. "Kejriwal doesn't even speak up against atrocities on Hindu and Sikh women in Pakistan and Afghanistan, let alone condemning shameful incidents like the recent desecration of temples," Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said.

Kejriwal moves Delhi court over summons in ED case

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NEW DELHI: Delhi chief minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal has moved a Delhi sessions court against the summons issued to him by the additional chief metropolitan magistrate, a few days before he is to make a physical appearance before the magisterial court over two complaints of non-compliance filed against him by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

Kejriwal moved two separate revision petitions before Delhi's Rouse Avenue court challenging the summons issued to him -- to appear before the court on March 16 by additional chief metropolitan magistrate (ACMM) Divya Malhotra -- on two complaints filed by ED on February 3 and March 6.

ED approached the magistrate court with complaints seeking the initiation of proceedings against Kejriwal under Section 174 of the IPC for not appearing before investigators despite repeated summons under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Special judge Rakesh Syal heard the submissions of both parties and listed the matter for further hearing on March 15.

While arguing about the first summons issued on the first complaint, senior advocate Ramesh Gupta along with advocates Vijay Bishnoi, Shailendra Singh and

Mudit Jain, appearing for Kejriwal, said that while the summons were issued by one ED official asking Kejriwal to join the investigation, the complaint was filed by another.

"The complaint has been filed by assistant director Sandeep Sharma, while the summons were sent by assistant director Joginder... their complaint is barred under CrPc and the summons is bad in law," the lawyers argued.

Opposing the revision petitions, additional solicitor general (ASG) SV Raju and special prosecutor Zoheb Hussain, appearing for ED, submitted that the two officials are co-investigators in the case and were therefore authorised to file the complaint.

WCD MINISTRY CLEARS ₹272CR FOR WOMEN'S HOSTEL IN DU

NEW DELHI: The Union women and child development ministry on Thursday approved a budget of ₹272 crore under the Nirbhaya Fund for the construction of hostels for working women as well as for women pursuing higher education at Delhi University.

"The budget of ₹272 crore will be utilised in the construction of accommodation tailored for female students and working women at Delhi University. This includes a significant allocation of ₹72 crore for the deployment of CCTV surveillance systems across the accommodation premises and the prestigious campus of Delhi University," the ministry said in a statement.

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SVANidhi scheme proven lifeline for vendors: Modi

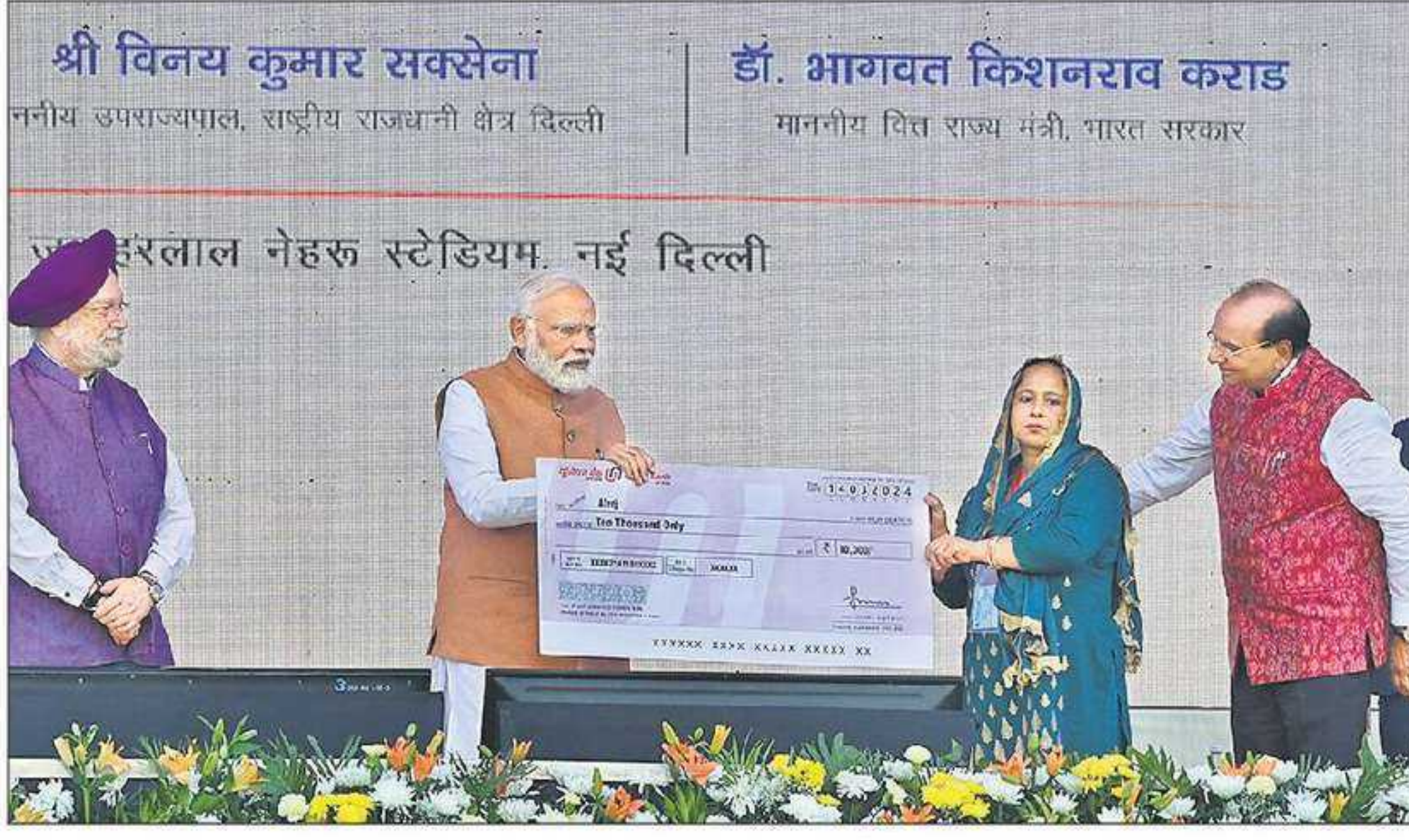
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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the two new Delhi Metro corridors and handed cheques to five beneficiaries of the PM-SVANidhi scheme at a public event held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Thursday evening.

As part of the event just ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, 100,000 more loans under the scheme implemented by the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) were disbursed on Thursday nationwide. The two new Delhi Metro corridors—one from Lajpat Nagar to Saket G-Block in the south and the other from Inderlok in the northwest to Indraprastha in central Delhi—were approved only on Wednesday by the Union Cabinet.

Hitting out the INDIA alliance, the PM said they were guided by "corruption, misgovernance and fueling anti-national agenda" while he was interested in the welfare of all for the benefit of the nation. "Previous governments did not pay any heed to the needs of street vendors, nor did they make any effort to tackle their issues," Modi said to the gathering that included beneficiaries of PM-SVANidhi, a microcredit facility for street vendors.

"This servant of yours has come out of poverty. I have lived in poverty. That is why those who have not been cared for by anyone were not only cared for but have been worshipped by Modi," he added.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi hands over a cheque to a beneficiary of SVANidhi scheme. ARVIND YADAV/HT

The PM said that those who did not have anything to give as collateral were assured of "Modi's guarantee" referring to the collateral-free nature of PM-SVANidhi. To date, 6.2 million beneficiaries have received assistance worth Rs 11,000 crores, with more than half of them being women.

Modi said that not only did the scheme bring financial inclusion to the street vendors, it also introduced them to 'SVANidhi se Samridhhi Yojana' through which they got benefits from other welfare schemes run by different ministries. He mentioned free ration, free medical treatment and free gas connections introduced by the government. He also highlighted the transformative approach of the 'One Nation One Ration Card'

scheme, which allows availing free ration from anywhere in the country.

The PM said 10 million houses have been allotted to the urban poor across India, of which 3,000 houses have already been completed in Delhi and another 3,500 houses are about to be completed.

"The Metro network in Delhi has expanded two times in the last 10 years," he said, adding that Delhi Metro is among the most extensive networks among the select few cities in the world.

He also mentioned NaMo Bharat Rapid Rail connectivity between Delhi and the National Capital Region. "The Central Government is running more than 1,000 electric buses in Delhi to curb pollution in the city."

The PM SVANidhi scheme

rolled out in June 2020 during the first wave of Covid-19 is a microcredit facility with which collateral-free loans up to ₹50,000 are given to street vendors. The beneficiaries can avail ₹10,000 as the first tranche, and upon successful repayment, they are eligible for a loan of ₹20,000 and a third tranche of ₹50,000 upon repayment of the second loan. Under the scheme, regular repayments are incentivised with a 7% interest subsidy, and digital transactions are rewarded with cashback up to ₹1,200 per year.

Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri, who heads the MoHUA, lieutenant-governor of Delhi VK Saxena, and minister of state for finance Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad were also present at the event.

Missing Korean woman, 70, found in Delhi after a month

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NEW DELHI: For two days, a team of eight Delhi Police officers scanned footage from 500 CCTV cameras, spoke to at least 100 informers and to residents in central Delhi, and finally found a 70-year-old South Korean tourist who had been reported "missing" by the country's embassy for over a month.

The woman was found on Thursday morning, seated in a crowded lane near the New Delhi railway station, dressed in a green jacket and beige pants.

A senior Delhi Police officer said, "The woman had planned a solo trip to India in February and left Korea without telling anyone in her family. She was supposed to return home on February 10 but was not allowed to board her flight after 'violent' behaviour was reported by airline staffers."

This was also confirmed to HT by an IGI airport official anonymously. HT is not revealing the name of the woman.

On Monday, a month after she missed her flight back home, her family—unaware of her whereabouts—reached out to the embassy in India after

they found printouts of her travel plans to India at her house, said the police officer, who asked not to be named.

A day later, the embassy reached out to the Delhi Police with a missing person's complaint. That's when the Delhi police unit at the IGI airport swung into action.

The CCTV trail

The CCTV trail revealed that after not being allowed to travel back home, the elderly woman went towards the skywalk near New Delhi Railway Station.

Another police officer, who was a part of the team that found her, said: "We followed the CCTV trail from Delhi Aerocity, Dhaula Kuan, to Shivaji Stadium and New Delhi. We came to know that she was seen leaving the airport on February 10. She then took the Metro and reached the skywalk near Ajmeri Gate. She spent the night sleeping under the skywalk. The next day, she went to the New Delhi Railway Station and then to Metro stations nearby."

The second officer added that, after that, the woman stayed near that area. "CCTVs near the railway station and

Metro stations showed that she took short trips on the Metro but would sleep near the railway station. She didn't have a debit card or much cash. She would sit with beggars or go to temples for food. We don't know how she survived without any help," said the officer, who asked not to be named.

On Thursday, she was found sitting with locals who didn't know her, said police.

The first investigator said that since the area where she was spotted on CCTV is large, a network of informers was deployed, and posters were pasted on walls.

"We questioned hawkers, taxi drivers, hotel owners and auto-rickshaw drivers but got no lead. Later, an informer told us that an 'old, Korean-looking' woman was seen near the New Delhi railway station. A few auto-rickshaw drivers also confirmed that they had seen her. That's how we found her," said the second investigator.

How did she survive?

While the woman has been found, the mystery around how she survived without any help, a language barrier, little money, and no shelter or phone, for

over 30 days, persists.

Usha Rangani, DCP (IGI Airport) said, "The woman is old and doesn't know English or Hindi. The team diligently worked on old CCTV footage and CCTV trail. We must have looked at more than 500 CCTVs around the airport, railway stations, metro stations and markets to find clues. Our work finally paid off and we found her. Though she has not been cooperative, she is healthy and safe. We sent her for a medical examination and doctors said she is fine."

Police said that initially the woman was happy when the police told her that her family was looking for her but when investigators asked her about the trip, she stopped cooperating.

"She may be mentally distressed. We have been trying to ask her questions, but she gets upset. We also brought in a translator, but she has now refused to talk to them. For now, we are happy that the case has been solved. The embassy officials and her family are also relieved. Once legal proceedings are over, she will be sent back to Korea," added the first investigator.

Teenagers held for driving through crowd

NEW DELHI: A day after a speeding Hyundai car killed a 22-year-old woman and injured seven people at a weekly market in Mayur Vihar Phase III, the Delhi Police said it has appre-

hended two teenagers aged 17 and 18 in connection with the case.

The 17-year-old boy was allegedly speeding and driving haphazardly when the incident

took place, police said. Senior police officers on Thursday said they may also detain the owner of the car, a cab driver who lives in the same neighbourhood as the suspects.

A purported video of the incident which surfaced on social media ostensibly shows the suspect speeding and ramming a group of shoppers at the crowded market. HTc

NGT directs authorities to restore S Delhi pond

NEW DELHI: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPC) and the District Magistrate (South) to restore a polluted pond in south Delhi's Kishangarh village.

Observing that the area of the

pond was shrinking due to encroachments, a bench comprising of the NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava said it was three months to the authorities for taking remedial measures.

WARMER DAYS AHEAD; MERCURY SET TO CROSS 32-DEGREE MARK

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NEW DELHI: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Thursday forecast clear skies and warm, sunny days for Delhi till next week, with no rain likely across the National Capital Region (NCR). The city's maximum temperature is predicted to hover around 31 degrees Celsius (°C) till Sunday, officials said, adding that the mercury may cross the 32-degree mark by March 19.

Delhi on Thursday recorded a maximum temperature of 30.4°C—one notch above the normal for this time of the year, but a slight dip from the 31.4°C a day earlier.

The minimum, meanwhile, rose from 13°C on Wednesday to 14.6°C on Thursday—a degree below normal. IMD has forecast strong surface winds with speeds of up to 35 kmph on Friday, following the withdrawal of the latest western disturbance to affect NCR, but its impact will be limited, officials said.

"The maximum could dip to 29°C on Friday due to these strong winds, but we will again see a rising trend in temperature over the weekend. It should touch 31°C by Sunday and by Tuesday, reach 32°C," said Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist at IMD, adding that no immediate weather systems are likely to impact Delhi, with both days and nights to become warmer as the second half of March begins. "Though we are not expecting any extreme temperature in the second half of the month, the maximum will gradually be on the rise," Srivastava said.

Delhi's minimum, meanwhile, is likely to oscillate between 12°C and 14°C over the next six days, IMD said.

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MCD to restore 72-yr-old clock tower at Kamla Mkt

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NEW DELHI: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi is planning to restore the 72-year-old clock tower located at Kamla Market near the New Delhi Railway Station — as part of the civic body's plan to revamp and beautify the market — according to senior MCD officials.

The officials said the project will likely be completed by June, and the civic body has already invited bids for the facelift and repair of the market. The market was set up to provide livelihood to Partition refugees settling in the Capital, and was inaugurated by former president Dr Rajendra Prasad on November 26, 1951, when the clock tower was also installed.

A senior MCD official said the architecture department has formed a plan to beautify the market according to which a common facade will be developed on the outer circle of the market, along with common patterns of signage for all shops.

The bids invited by MCD for the initial phase of the work said that the corporation would spend around ₹25.3 lakh on general repair, facelift of the clock tower, repair of the boundary walls and grilles and development of a new toilet block.

An MCD spokesperson said that the civic body plans to carry out the work in phases and the funds may increase accordingly, over and above the ₹25.3 lakh. "We plan to spend ₹10 lakh on the clock tower repair and beautification, around ₹20 lakh on the repair of outer boundary wall and ₹90 lakh on the facade repair and improvement," the spokesperson said, asking not to be named.

A second MCD official said that during the redevelopment work, the unsound and weak concrete material from slab beams and columns will be chipped off and the basic structure will be strengthened by repairing the rusted portion of reinforcement bars.

"The outer plaster of the market is badly damaged so a new layer of plaster coating will be



Kamla Market, near the New Delhi railway station, now has 271 shops and 1,500 workers who operate as craftsmen, porters and mechanics.

developed after waterproofing of the rooftops. We will also replace the stone slab flooring with 'kota' stone and a new drainage network will be developed as the old lines are completely choked," the official added, requesting anonymity.

The market was named after Kamala Nehru — wife of the first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru — and turned into one of the biggest desert air cooler markets in the country.

Members of the market association said that the area needed an urgent upgrade. "The basic structure of the market has not been repaired for several decades," said Pradeep Bhatia, president, Kamla Market Welfare Association (KMWA).

"MCD has started the work on the public convenience toilet complex in the area. We hope the other problems with the market, roof repair, paintwork, and illumination will be addressed as well. A series of meetings have been held over the last two months to plan the rejuvenation of the market," he added.

Bhatia said that there are more than 271 shops located in the market. "The shops have mixed ownership of freehold,

leasehold and license-based. The market was set up by the Land and Development Office after the Partition," he added.

Crumbling structures

During a spot check, HT found that the busy market located next to the Ajmeri Gate was in terrible shape with poorly maintained toilets, cramped corridors, exposed plaster sections and damaged roofs. Concrete had come off the 40-foot-high main clock tower even as weeds and peepals grew along its cracks. The non-functional clock has remained stuck at 11.55 for almost three decades, the traders rued.

Lakhvir Singh, the vice president of the market, whose family has been running a shop since 1960, said that the market was developed as two concentric horseshoes on the lines of Connaught Place. "Originally, it had restaurants, grocery shops, and ice cream parlours but the market was not successful. In the 1960s workers from the Shradhanand Market across the road moved in and the work related to making metal cases, cabinets and metalware started. It was in the 1970s and 80s that most shops moved to desert coolers,"

he added. The market now has 271 shops and 1,500 workers who operate as craftsmen, porters and mechanics.

"The clock tower was maintained by the market association till 1995 after which our local mechanic dealing with its machinery passed away. It has remained non-functional for almost three decades but its original machinery is intact. We are glad that the heritage is being restored," Singh added.

Traders, however, objected to the new toilet complex being developed in front of the market next to the clock tower. "We have enough toilet complexes inside the market, MCD should focus on maintaining them well," said one trader.

Lieutenant governor VK Saxena inspected the market on February 23 and directed the agencies to take remedial measures. "Unfortunately that these beautifully designed and planned hubs in the heart of the Capital are crumbling due to unardonable apathy and neglect on the part of government agencies... Instructed concerned agencies to immediately take up restoration," Saxena posted on X at the time.

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Peepal watching

Stalking the season's moody trees

{ PUBLIC INTEREST } The Hauz Khas pave is coated with leaves. The culprit is standing innocently by the roadside — the tree is partly leafless. Such is the case these days with many Delhi peepals.

In the western world, leaves fall in autumn. In Delhi, the patjar, or leaf fall, arrives for certain trees after the winter, during our short spring. The phenomenon foretells the coming dry months. To survive in prolonged drought, a tree might briefly discard its leaves to stop transpiring water. March happens to be a time of such transition, when certain trees have parted with their leaves, and tend to be either bare, or are just starting to be stocked with new leaves, or have already acquired the fresh foliage. The peepal begins shedding in January, a process that continues for a couple of months, even as new leaves sprout in March and April.

An afternoon stroll through parts of central Delhi shows these peepals in their moodiest — some trees are completely bare, some are clothed in new leaves, tinged with pink, copper and cinnamon.

A peepal in Khan Market is sharply standing out from other green trees of the Front Lane — every inch of it is currently leafless. Meanwhile, the trunk of a bare peepal in Gole Dak Khana is buried in knee-deep piles of browned leaves. In E

block Connaught Place, a torn patang is jabbed into a peepal's leafless branch. (This stranded kite is the season's recurring motif, spotted in virtually every leafless Delhi tree.) Outside Rama Krishna Ashram metro station, green leaves are continually drifting down from a luscious peepal. "These are old leaves, new ones will come later," says Fateh Singh, running a tea stall underneath. Next door in Paharganj, a skinny peepal is entwined into Imperial cinema's pink concrete. Some leaves are translucent with yellow, some are green, and a few are patchy with papery brown texture.

Outside New Delhi railway station, the tall peepal behind Kapoor Juice Corner is covered with green leaves, and the tall peepal beside Gupta Pan Bhandar is without leaves. Inside the railway station, a gigantic peepal on platform 7 stands totally stripped, and yet looks dignified. A crow is perched at the topmost point.

The peepal outside Anglo Arabic School, in Ajmeri Gate, is clothed in leaves from head to toe; each leaf is part-green and part-yellow. Steps away, outside Kamla Market clock tower (the clock doesn't work), a completely leafy peepal is standing beside a completely leafless peepal. The sight is surreal. See photo.

A mile ahead, the massive peepal facing the Dilli Gate monument is stark naked — both landmarks are exuding aristocratic austerity.

Hours later, at night, under a Mathura Road peepal, a brown dog is sleeping on a heap of fallen peepal leaves.



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'ONE NATION, ONE POLL'

the aspirations of India, that is Bharat," the report said.

"Simultaneous elections will bring fundamental transformation in the electoral process and overall governance. It will result in optimising scarce resources and also encourage voters to participate in larger numbers," the panel added.

To be sure, simultaneous elections do not mean that voting across the country for the three tiers of government must take place on a single day. "In a country as large as India, it is not possible to have that. Pragmatism requires elections to be held in phases," clarified the panel.

The proposal was welcomed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

"It is a historic day for the country's democratic system. Today, the High-Level Committee formed by the Modi government on One Nation One Election, chaired by Shri Ram Nath Kovind Ji, presented its report before the Hon'ble President." Union home minister Amit Shah said in a post on X.

The Opposition, led by the Congress, said the recommendations could hurt democracy.

"How can there be One Nation, One Election when the current regime is not accepting the people's mandate? Also, it's against the spirit of decentralisation of the panchayats and everything else. So let's see what the recommendations are," Congress leader Priyank Kharge said.

From the first elections in Independent India in 1952 until 1967, elections were held simultaneously across the country. But since the Lok Sabha and state assemblies can be dissolved before their tenures end, the state and national elections came to be held at different times after that.

Several committees, including a parliamentary panel, the Niti Aayog and the Election Commission of India, have studied simultaneous polls in the past, backing the idea but flagging logistical concerns.

The report said that the panel — set up by the Union government on September 2, 2023 — received responses from 47 political parties, with 32 favouring simultaneous elections. These parties — which include the BJP, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), Janata Dal United (JDU) and the Shiv Sena — said the proposal will save scarce resources, protect social har-

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mony, and stimulate economic development. However, 13 political parties opposed simultaneous elections — including Congress, BSP, Aam Aadmi Party, CPI(M) — expressing concerns that it could violate the basic structure of the Constitution, be anti-democratic and anti-federal, marginalise regional parties, encourage the dominance of national parties, and lead to a presidential form of government.

Four former Chief Justices of India — Dipak Misra, Ranjan Gogoi, Sharad Arvind Bobde and UU Lalit — and a former judge of the top court unequivocally endorsed simultaneous elections.

According to the report, the former judges said, "Separate elections cause a waste of resources, result in policy paralysis, and inflict a huge socio-economic burden on the nation, besides developing fatigue amongst voters."

Former four chief election commissioners were also consulted, all of whom, supported the decision.

The panel outlined a road-map for simultaneous elections, flagged demands for adequate voting machines, polling personnel, security forces and other materials, and called for further planning and coordination between central and state electoral bodies to streamline electoral processes.

"In the first step, simultaneous elections to the House of the people and the state legislative assemblies be held. In the second step, the elections to municipalities and panchayats will be synchronised with House of people and state legislative assemblies," the report said.

National and state elections are conducted by the Election Commission of India (ECI) and local body polls are conducted by state election commissions.

In all, the committee recommended two amendments to the Constitution. "Necessary amendments to the Constitution will not be anti-democratic or anti-federal, violate the basic structure of the Constitution, or result in a presidential form of government," the panel said.

The panel also dismissed

THE PANEL DISMISSED CONCERNS ABOUT NATIONAL PARTY DOMINANCE

concerns about national party dominance. "The Indian electorate is sagacious enough to differentiate between national and regional issues, as also between national and regional parties."

The panel said that simultaneous elections will offer benefits such as convenience for voters, stability for businesses, and reduced disruptions to governance and production cycles. They will streamline processes, minimise financial burdens, and mitigate election-related issues, ultimately promoting efficiency and stability in the electoral system, it said.

The committee suggested holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies in the first step, and synchronising local body polls within 100 days.

The Constitution would have to be amended to introduce the concepts of a "full term" and an "unexpired period" (where the House or the assembly is dissolved sooner than the expiry of its "full term"), and provisions made so that the elections held where the House or an assembly is dissolved sooner than its "full term" would be considered to be a "mid-term" election. The election held after the expiry of five years would be considered a "general election," the report noted.

In the event of a mid-term dissolution (encompassing instances of a hung House, no-confidence motion, or any other such event), the term of the reconstituted legislature shall be for the remaining unexpired period of the original term of five years so that next election to the legislature concerned could take place with "general election".

In extraordinary circumstances where simultaneous elections to legislative assemblies cannot be conducted, the Election Commission of India may recommend conducting these elections at a later date. However, the term of such legislative assemblies will end concurrently with the Lok Sabha's full term, the panel said.

The first step involved amending Article 83 which stipulates the duration of both Houses of Parliament and Article 172 lays down the term for the Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils of the States, and introducing Article 82A(1),(2), and (3). Article 82A(1) would designate the first sitting of the Lok Sabha after the next election as the "Appointed date", establishing a clear starting point for the new legislative

term. Complementing this, Article 82A(2) proposes aligning the terms of state assemblies with that of the Lok Sabha, ensuring a synchronized electoral calendar for smoother governance.

Article 82A(3) seeks to empower the Election Commission of India to conduct simultaneous polls across various levels of governance, consolidating its authority in overseeing fair and efficient elections nationwide. These amendments collectively aim to streamline the electoral process and strengthen democratic practices in India. This will not require ratification by the states, said the panel.

In the second step, elections to municipalities and panchayats will be synchronised through the insertion of Article 324A which would authorise Parliament to make a law so that elections to municipalities and panchayats are held simultaneously with the general elections, and amendment to Article 325 which states that no person to be ineligible for inclusion in an electoral roll.

For the Lok Sabha, the panel suggested fresh elections in the event of dissolution, with the new House continuing for the remainder of the term. Similar provisions were recommended for state assemblies. Additionally, mid-term elections to municipalities and panchayats would be conducted to fill unexpired terms until the next general elections, said the panel.

The panel also recommended a single Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) to be used for elections at all three tiers of government. The Election Commission submitted detailed logistics and monetary requirements to meet the logistical demands of simultaneous elections.

The panel recommended that for the purpose of having a single electoral roll and single elector's photo identity card, Article 325 may be suitably amended to the effect that the Election Commission of India prepares the electoral roll and voter IDs in consultation with the state election commissions. This amendment will require ratification by the States.

CORRECTION

The report 'Moti Bagh leg of elevated road in W Delhi opened' in Thursday's edition should have said Moti Nagar. The error is regretted.

SC directs Ajit Pawar to not use Sharad Pawar's name or photo

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday ordered Maharashtra deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar to give an undertaking that his faction will not use the name or picture of his uncle and founder of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Sharad Pawar, in the upcoming Lok Sabha and assembly polls in the wake of the split in the party.

The Election Commission (EC), earlier this year, allotted NCP's name and symbol to the faction led by Ajit, recognising it as the "real NCP" based on its numerical strength in the legislature. Sharad Pawar was allotted a different name and symbol for political canvassing.

"Why are you using his name or photo in your campaigns? If you are so sure of your popularity, go with your own photo and name. Don't use his... Now that you are two separate identities, you go with your own identity to the voters... You can't encash his popularity to get votes for yourself," a bench of justices Surya

Kant and KV Viswanathan told senior counsel Maninder Singh, who appeared for the Ajit Pawar faction. It also asked the Ajit Pawar faction to submit the undertaking in this regard by Saturday and fixed the matter for hearing next on March 19.

The court's nudge came after senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who represented Sharad Pawar, complained that despite the split, the Ajit Pawar faction has been using senior Pawar's name and photo in their posters and hoardings. Besides putting some of such pictures on record, Singhvi referred to a purported statement by state minister and leader of the Ajit Pawar camp, Chhagan Bhujbal, that their group would use Sharad Pawar's photo to garner rural votes.

While Singh said that it would be difficult for his faction to stop workers or others from using Sharad Pawar's photo or name, the bench was emphatic. "You must discipline your workers. Who else will do it? You must give us an undertaking that you won't allow any of your workers to use his (Sharad's) photograph," the



Ajit Pawar and Sharad Pawar

bench said. "We want an unconditional and unqualified undertaking from you that you will not use his name or photo and that there will be no overlap of your faction with his name and party."

As Singh said that he would need a couple of days to come back with an appropriate mechanism of allaying the court's concerns, the bench said that the Ajit Pawar faction would do well by also issuing a public notice in vernacular newspapers about its split with senior Pawar.

At this point, Singhvi pressed that it would be in fitness of things if the court directed the Ajit Pawar faction to use a party sym-

bol other than NCP's "clock" because this symbol is intertwined with Sharad Pawar and is likely to mislead and confuse voters, particularly the rural voters. EC has designated a "man blowing turba" (a traditional trumpet) as the official symbol for the NCP-Sharadchandra Pawar.

Agreeing with Singhvi, the bench suggested that the Ajit Pawar faction should consider getting allotted a different symbol from EC.

"It's not that the Election Commission has attained finality. A challenge to it is still pending before us. Hypothetically, if we were to set aside the EC order while some polls are underway, it would be problematic for you too. It's a suggestion from us. Why don't you also go to the polls with a new symbol? Explore this idea. You go with a new symbol. It will be an uninterrupted hassle-free politics for you too," it told Singh, who said he would convey the court's suggestion.

Sharad Pawar had approached the top court last month, contesting the EC's ruling to award the party name and symbol to the Ajit

Pawar faction. The appeal has questioned the basis on which the poll panel arrived at its decision to rule in favour of Ajit Pawar, who joined hands with the Shiv Sena faction led by Eknath Shinde and the Bharatiya Janata Party, and later became a part of the state government as deputy chief minister.

In its hearing on February 19, the top court directed that the EC order allotting the name of 'Nationalist Congress Party-Sharadchandra Pawar' for the faction led by senior Pawar will continue till its further orders.

In its decision on February 6, EC had gone by test of legislative majority to rule in favour of the Ajit Pawar faction. Of the 81 MPs, MLAs and MLCs belonging to NCP, 57 affidavits were filed in support of the Ajit Pawar camp and only 28 in favour of the party patriarch, Sharad Pawar. Among these, six affidavits (five MLAs and one MP) had supported both factions. Even if these affidavits were to be excluded, the Ajit Pawar faction had the support of 51 legislators, the Commission had noted.

{ 31 MQ9B PREDATOR DRONES }

US govt sends acceptance letter for key drone deal

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NEW DELHI: India and US have further cemented defence cooperation with the Biden administration sending the final letter of acceptance (LOA) to the defence ministry for acquisition of 31 MQ9B Predator drones from General Atomics through the government to government route. The US sent the classified LOA for the nearly \$4 billion acquisition to India this week.

According to officials based in Washington and Delhi, the final LOA, with the negotiated price of 31 armed drones by US with the defence ministry on March 11, belying reports that the deal was held up by the Biden administration after the alleged plot to assassinate Khalistani radical GS Panun. The US State Department notified the drone deal on February 1, but the draft LOA was kept open for possible objections from US lawmakers for a mandatory 30 days. The final LOA was sent to



Navy will get 16 MQ9B drones, and the Army and the Air Force will get 8 each.

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India after there were no vetoes from the lawmakers to the US deal with India.

Now that the LOA has been received the deal will be studied by the Indian Navy, the lead player in the acquisition, and then forwarded to the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) for approval via the defence minister if the price is found to be satisfactory. The Indian Navy will get 16 MQ9B drones, and the Indian Army and Indian Air Force will get eight each as per the agreement between the armed forces. India has decided to purchase 31 drones with 171 Hell-fire AGM 114 R missiles,

laser guided bombs, missile launchers, ground stations, anti-submarine sonobuoys and the full encryption as well as surveillance complement package for the state of the art platform.

The letter of acceptance is a response to India sending a letter of intent to purchase 31 drones to the US government. Under the G-to-G route, it is the supplying government that negotiates with the manufacturer on price.

The acquisition of the 31 Predator drones by India came at a time when the lease of two Sky Guardian drones (unarmed Predators) by the Indian Navy was on the verge of expiring in January. This was first extended till March, and then a contract for further extension for four years was signed this month at a cost of \$220-230 million.

Analysts say the India-US MQ9B deal will be a game changer in the Indo-Pacific, serving as an effective counter to the Chinese Wing Loong II armed drones, which have also been sold by Beijing to its client state Pakistan.

Can't deny judgeship just over political past: SC collegium

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NEW DELHI: A candidate cannot be denied judgeship because of her or his political past alone, the Supreme Court collegium has emphasised, rejecting the Centre's objection to the appointment of a Communist Party of India (Marxist) "sympathiser" as a judge in the Kerala high court.

"The mere fact that the candidate has had a political background may not be a sufficient reason..." said the collegium, led by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, in its resolution on Tuesday. The collegium, also comprising justices Sanjiv Khanna

and BR Gavai, was considering the candidature of Manoj Pulamby Madhavan, a lawyer belonging to a Scheduled Caste who was found suitable by the Supreme Court and high court judges to be elevated as a judge in the Kerala HC but the Centre raised a red flag.

The input provided by the department of justice in Madhavan's file said, "Manoj Pulamby Madhavan is considered to be a CPI(M) sympathiser. He was appointed as government pleader in 2010 and 2016-2021 by the LDF government." Disapproving, the collegium called the government's objection based on Madhavan's alleged political affiliation as "extremely vague". Its resolution

THE SC REJECTED GOVT'S OBJECTION TO APPOINTMENT OF A CPI(M) 'SYMPATHISER' AS A HC JUDGE

added, "The input that the candidate is considered to be a CPI(M) sympathiser is otherwise vague and bereft of cogent grounds. Even otherwise, the mere fact that the candidate has had a political background may not be a sufficient reason in all cases."

Interestingly, the collegium's resolution made hints about L Vic-

toria Gowri, a former leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), being appointed as a Madras HC judge in February 2023 without the Centre objecting at the time. Gowri spent about a year as a member of the BJP, having joined in August 2019. Her Twitter handle then was 'Chowkidar Victoria Gowri', with her bio identifying her as the national general secretary of the BJP Mahila Morcha.

"For example, in the recent past, an advocate has been appointed as a judge of the HC though she was an office-bearer of a political party prior to her elevation," said the collegium.

About the second limb of the government's objection, the colle-

gium said the fact that Madhavan was appointed as a government pleader in 2010 and 2016-2021 by the LDF government does not constitute valid grounds to reject his candidature. "As a matter of fact, the appointment of the candidate as a government pleader would indicate that he would have acquired sufficient experience in handling cases where the state is a party in diverse branches of law."

The collegium also recommended five other lawyers for appointment as judges in Kerala HC — Abdul Hakkim Mullappally Abdul Aziz, Syam Kumar Vadakke Mudavakkat, Harisankar Vijayan Menon, Manu Sreedharan Nair and Easwaran Subramani.

IT ministry empowers I4C to notify instances of cybercrime

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NEW DELHI: The ministry of home affairs has notified the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) as the agency of MHA that can send takedown orders to intermediaries on illegal content related to cybercrimes under Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act. I4C is the second agency under MHA to be designated as such. The National Crime Records Bureau was notified in 2018.

HT reported on February 4 that Section 79(3)(b) is a provision that created a grey area for who can direct intermediaries to remove content, for what reason, and if it

can be challenged. A key issue was whether the central ministries and states need to specifically notify agencies in the official gazette to empower them to send takedown notices to intermediaries, including social media firms.

To establish the appropriate authority, the Centre must issue a gazette notification, Priyadarshi Banerjee, partner at Delhi-based Banerjee & Grewal Advocates, had said. "It is because the executive believes in following the principle of contemporanea expositio [best meaning of a law is given by those who made it]," he said.

Experts had earlier told HT that it might not matter. "I have my doubts about their validity but there is a practical difficulty. In the

IT Rules, the word 'notification' has been used to mean both gazette notifications and intimation," Banerjee had said.

"Section 79(3)(b) erects a blocking process separate from Section 69A with a much lower threshold for issuing takedown notices and grants power to a much larger swathe of ministries, departments and law enforcement agencies," Pavit Singh Katoch, general counsel at Inshorts, said in February.

Section 79 lays down conditions for an intermediary to claim protection from liability for third party content. Section 79(3)(b) says that such protection is not available if the intermediary fails to remove upon being informed by the "appropriate" government.

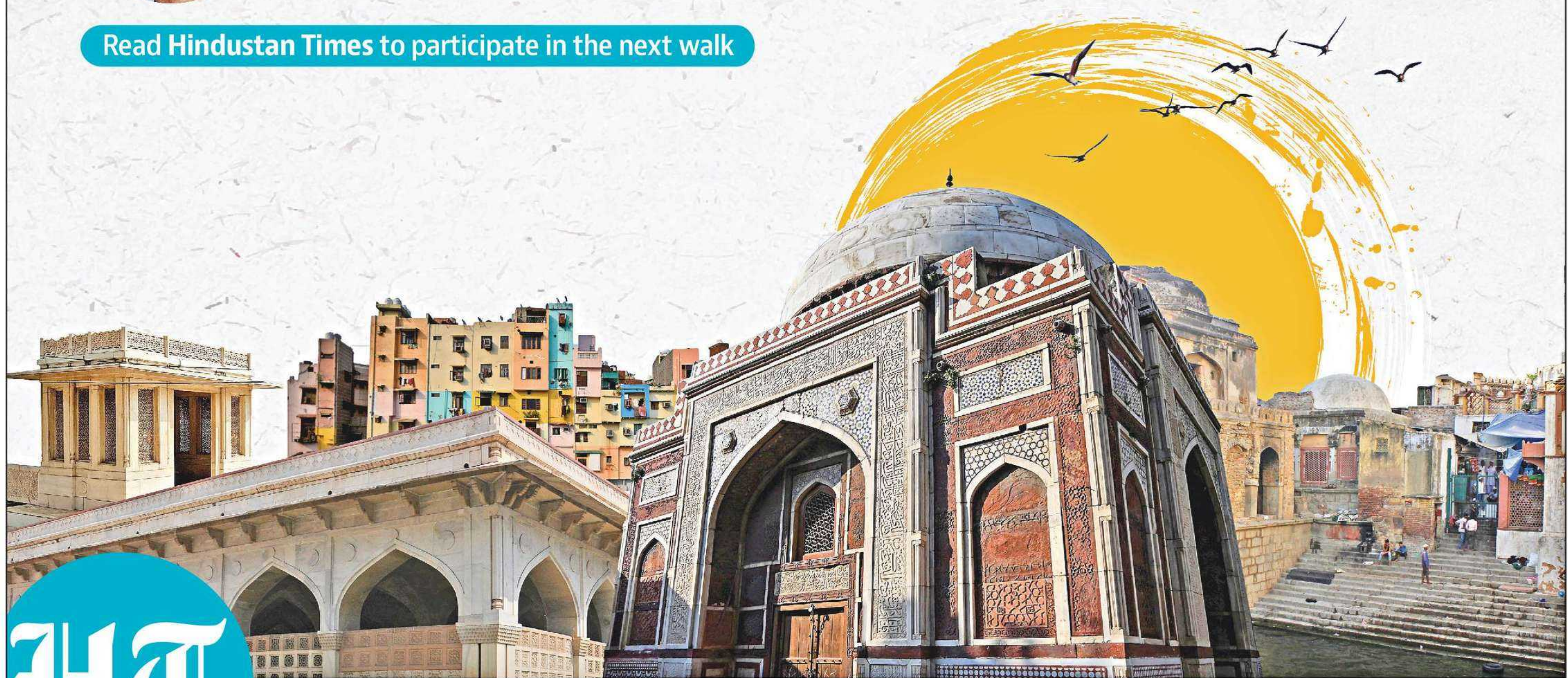
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'One nation, no election': Oppn slams panel's proposal to Prez

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NEW DELHI: Opposition parties on Thursday accused the Centre of trying to "completely dismantle" the Constitution and dubbed the idea of One Nation, One Election as "One Nation, No Election", after a high-level committee recommended simultaneous polls for Lok Sabha and state assemblies in a report submitted to President Droupadi Murmu.

While the Congress alleged that the simultaneous elections' proposal was meant to service the Prime Minister's "objective" to secure a "clear, two-thirds majority" in Parliament, the Shiv Sena (UBT) said the concept was a move towards "dictatorship".

A high-level panel led by former president Ram Nath Kovind on Thursday recommended simultaneous polls for Lok Sabha and state assemblies as the first step, followed by synchronised local body polls within 100 days, in its report on "One Nation, One Election" submitted to President Murmu.

"The Prime Minister's objective is very clear, he is going around asking for a clear majority, two-thirds majority, 400 seats, and the cat is out of the bag. They want to completely dismantle Babasabheb Ambedkar's Constitution and with what objective - 'one nation, no election', that is what they want," Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh told PTI.

Congress leader Priyanka Kharge also criticised the recommendations, saying "how can there be One Nation, One Election when the current regime is not accepting the people's mandate?" "Also, it's against the spirit of decentralisation of the panchayats and everything else," he said.

According to the report, the panel approached 62 political parties out of which 47 responded - 32 in support of holding simultaneous polls and 15 against it. The remaining did not submit a response.

The Congress, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Trinamool Congress (TMC), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) were among those which opposed the proposal.

"This (proposal) is nothing but a tactic to divert people's attention from burning issues such as inflation and unemployment. West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee wrote to the Centre earlier that holding state and Lok Sabha polls simultaneously is not feasible in a nation like India," TMC spokesperson

Santanu Sen said.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray said the One Nation, One Election concept was a move towards "dictatorship". "Understand the strategy of the BJP... they want more than 400 seats (out of 543 in Lok Sabha) because they don't want opposing voices when they go ahead with their plan of changing the Constitution," the former Maharashtra chief minister said.

All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen. Abbreviation (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi said the idea of One Nation, One Election will be the death knell for Indian federalism and convert India into a one party state.

"Frequent elections keep governments on their toes. There are many Constitutional issues with #OneNationOneElection, but the worst is that governments will no more have to worry about people's fury for five years. It will be the death knell for Indian federalism," the Hyderabad MP said in a post on X.

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Panel suggests new legal regime

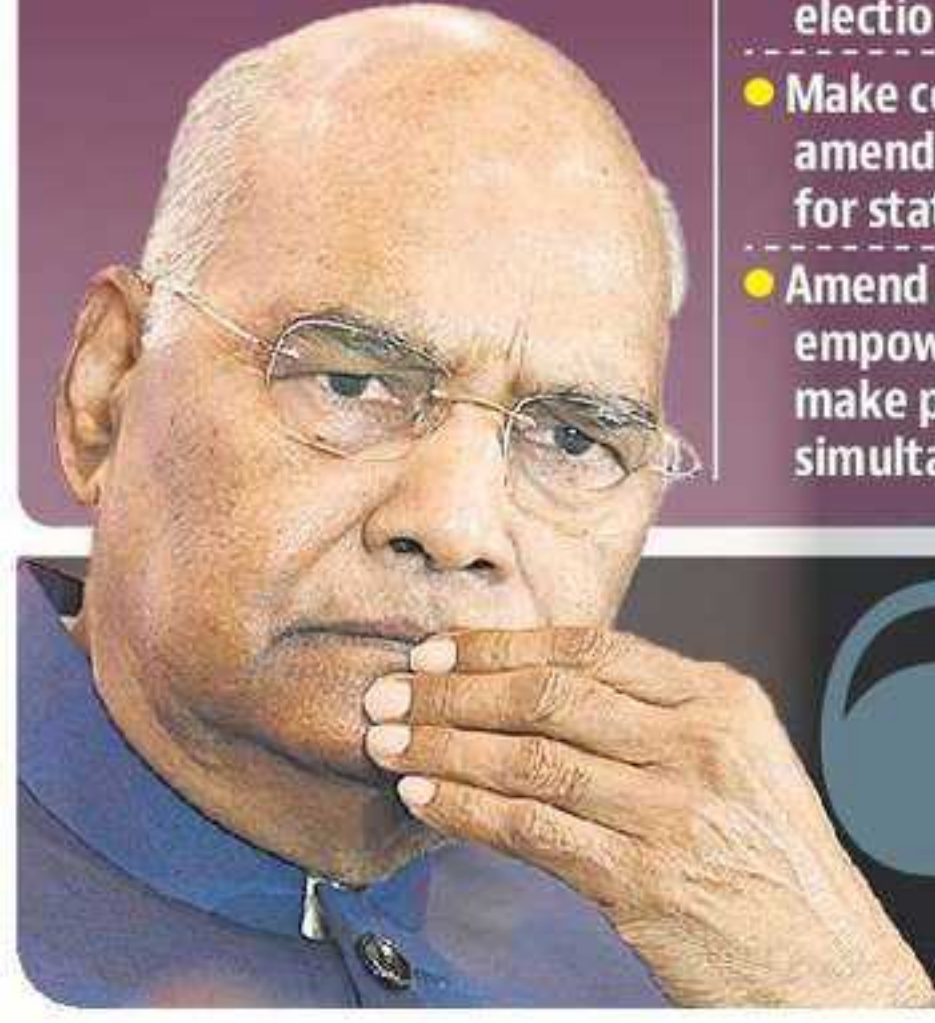
A committee on simultaneous polls has proposed a series of amendments to the Constitution and other statutes for implementation of the proposal.

First Constitutional amendment bill for simultaneous polls for Lok Sabha and state assemblies:

- Insert Article 82A (1) to assign the first sitting of Lok Sabha after next election as "appointed date"
- Insert Article 82A (2) so that terms of state assemblies end with term of next Lok Sabha
- Insert Article 82A (3) to empower Election Commission for holding simultaneous polls
- Amend Article 83(2) to state "full term" would mean the five-year period
- Insert Article 83(3) to define and allow "unexpired term" in cases of early dissolution of Lok Sabha
- Insert Article 83(4) to state that election for a full term will be called "general election" and election for unexpired term will be termed "mid-term election"
- Make corresponding amendments in Article 172 for state assemblies
- Amend Article 327 to empower Parliament to make provisions for simultaneous polls

Second Constitutional amendment bill for including local body polls:

- Insert Article 324A for authorising Parliament to make law so that elections to municipalities and panchayats are held simultaneously with "general election"
- Insert Article 325(2) to provide for single electoral roll for simultaneous polls
- Insert Article 325(3) to empower ECI to make single electoral rolls
- Ratification by not less than half of the states is required for amendments in Articles 324 and 325



The public will be most benefited from simultaneous polls, and the amount of revenue generated by saving money could be used for the development of the country.

RAM NATH KOVIND, EX-PRESIDENT

- 2023**
- **September 2**
Centre notifies panel, led by former president Ram Nath Kovind, to discuss feasibility of holding simultaneous polls
 - **September 23**
Panel holds first meeting, discusses possibility of a common electoral roll and necessary modifications required in laws
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 - **November 20**
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- **January 5**
Committee issues public notice, seeks suggestions on proposal by January 15
 - **January 15**
Committee receives more than 21,000 suggestions from public
 - **March 10**
Last meeting held; a total of 65 meetings conducted
 - **March 14**
Committee submits report to President Droupadi Murmu, supports proposal

Shah says move 'historic day' for the country's democratic system

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NEW DELHI: Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday termed the submission of a report to President Droupadi Murmu, recommending simultaneous elections, as a "historic day" for the country's democratic system, as the BJP hailed the proposal, saying it will save resources and spur development.

"It is a historic day for the country's democratic system. Today, the High-Level Committee formed by the Modi government on One Nation One Election... presented its report before the Hon'ble President," Shah wrote on X.

The remarks came after a high-level panel led by former president Ram Nath Kovind, which also included Shah, on Thursday, recommended simultaneous polls for Lok Sabha and state assemblies as



Amit Shah

the first step, followed by synchronised local body polls within 100 days, in its report on "One Nation, One Election" submitted to President Droupadi Murmu.

According to the report, the panel approached 62 political parties out of which 47 responded - 32 in support of holding simultaneous polls and 15 against it. The remaining did not submit a response. The BJP and National People's Party were among parties that supported the idea.

BJP leader Nalin Kohli also welcomed the panel's recommenda-

tions. "In our country, we used to have simultaneous elections right up to 1967. If the committee, which was formed under the leadership of our former president Ram Nath Kovind, has broadly called along with the Law Commission's recommendations that there should be simultaneous polls, then it should be welcomed," he said.

Madhya Pradesh chief minister Mohan Yadav said holding simultaneous elections will ensure uninterrupted development. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been saying that elections should be conducted simultaneously in the country as this creates many opportunities for development. Development gets interrupted if elections happen in different states (separately) throughout the year,"

Former Uttarakhand chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said the proposal will reduce the financial burden on the government.

LEFT FRONT NAMES CANDIDATES FOR 16 BENGAL LS SEATS, SAYS WILL HOLD TALKS WITH CONG

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KOLKATA: The Communist Party of India (Marxist), or CPI(M), and its partners in the Left Front in West Bengal fielded a number of young leaders as they released its first list of 16 names for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

"Fourteen of these candidates will be contesting the Lok Sabha elections for the first time. Two of the 16 candidates are women," Left Front chairman Biman Bose announced in Kolkata.

"This is our first list. Candidates for the remaining 26 seats will be decided when we hold talks on seat sharing with Congress. We can talk to the Indian Secular Front also if they want, although we have heard that today, they announced six names unilaterally. We are not part of an alliance like the Left Front. This is a seat sharing arrangement," he added.

Among the CPI(M) candidates are Dipshita Dhar (30), who led the Student's Federation of India (SFI) unit at Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University, Srijan Bhattacharya (29), a state SFI leader, Sayan Banerjee (28), an SFI leader and lawyer and Sabyasachi Chatterjee (40), a lawyer who is representing petitioners in several cases against the Trinamool Congress (TMC)-led Bengal government.

Dhar, who will contest from Srirampur against TMC's three-time MP Kalyan Banerjee, and Srijan Bhattacharya, who has been fielded from Jadavpur, were both defeated in the 2021 assembly polls.

Fielded from the Howrah seat against former footballer and two-time TMC MP Prasun Banerjee, Sabyasachi Chatterjee said: "This is a fight between idealism and misrule." Bengal has 42 Lok Sabha seats.

'Only for sake of formality': Adhir slams process to pick election commissioners

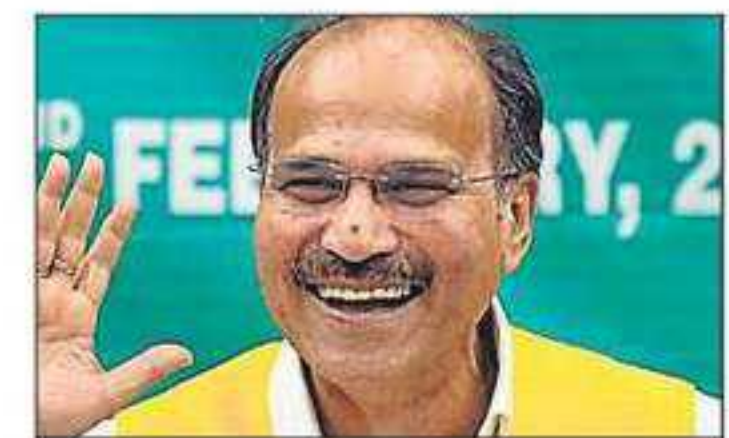
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NEW DELHI: Soon after the selection committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi selected two retired IAS officers - Gyanesh Kumar (Kerala cadre) and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu (Uttarakhand cadre) - as election commissioners, leader of opposition Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury lambasted the process and said it was a "fait accompli" that the government's pre-decided candidates would be chosen as election commissioners.

"It was fait accompli that the chosen two would be selected," Chowdhury said in a press conference after the meeting.

Chowdhury said that when he arrived in Delhi late night on Wednesday, he was given a list of 212 names to examine. "In a single night, [you tell me] whether it is humanly possible for me to examine the 212 names to find



Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury

out the most competent person amongst them. So it was fait accompli," he said.

Ten minutes before the selection committee meeting began, he was given a list of six short-listed names, he said.

"Of these six names, the government had a proposal, and they had the majority. What could I do? I told them that I don't accept because in a democracy like India, and for selection to such an exalted position, if I am given the names 10 minutes before the meeting begins, only for formality's sake because I am the leader of the largest opposi-

tion party, this is not going to be an effective process. Still, you called me, I came but I will oppose this," Chowdhury said.

"You are giving me all this information suddenly 10 minutes before the meeting is supposed to begin. I am not omniscient that I can get all information, their biodata, their experience, their capability immediately and assess it. That's why, I don't accept this procedure... there's a procedural lacuna that I didn't like. It was already known that only those whom the government likes will be chosen. I have already given a detailed dissent note," Chowdhury said.

"If the CJ had been there, it would have been a different matter," Chowdhury said. "The law has been amended to ensure that the CJ was removed from the selection process," he said, referring to the new Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment,

Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023 which was passed by Parliament in December and enacted in January.

Chowdhury said that Union home minister Amit Shah was a part of the selection committee. He said that the system was already rigged in favour of the government as the selection committee consists of the prime minister and the home minister on one side and a single leader of opposition on the other side.

Chowdhury said that the head of the search committee, law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, had said that he and his team had worked day and night to come out with these six names. Chowdhury said that was immaterial as he had no inputs in shortlisting these names. Chowdhury did not suggest any names.

Singh and Kumar will fill the two vacancies left by Pandey's retirement on February 15 and Goel's resignation on March 9.

{ ELECTORAL BONDS DATA }

'Lottery King' to infra firm among top donors

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NEW DELHI: From a lottery company with operations in multiple states, to a company that built the Kaleshwaram dam, to large industrial conglomerates, the top five purchasers of electoral bonds spent upwards of ₹3,446 crore between April 2019 and February 2024, data released by the Election Commission of India on Thursday showed.

The highest donor, with bonds worth ₹1,368 crore, was Future Gaming and Hotel Services Private Limited, a company run by Santiago Martin, commonly known by the moniker "Lottery King".

The company was the subject of an Enforcement Directorate investigation since 2019, with raids carried out in Coimbatore and Chennai in May 2023 for alleged violations of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Officials familiar with the case said that the ED probe is based on a Central Bureau of Investigation charge sheet that alleged the company sold lotteries from the government of Sikkim in Kerala. "It was found that Martin and his associate companies and entities had made unlawful gain with a corresponding loss to the government of Sikkim to the extent of ₹910 crore on account of inflating the prize-winning tickets claim from April 2009 to August 2010," ED said at the time, attaching assets worth ₹457 crore that belonged to Martin and the company.

The company website explained its operations as having "developed a vast network of dealers, stockists and agents across different lottery playing states in India, wherever lottery sale are permissible".

Martin, a company website said, began his lottery business in Tamil Nadu in 1988, extending operations gradually to Karnataka and Kerala, and then the north-east. The company now also has arms that deal with construction, real estate, hospitality and visual media entertainment.

The second biggest purchaser of electoral bonds at ₹891 crore is Megha Engineering and Infra-

structure Limited (MEIL), established in 1989 by 67-year-old Pamireddy Pitchi Reddy in Andhra Pradesh's Krishna district. The firm has built several projects such as the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project on the Godavari river, and also has interests in hydrocarbons, roads, power, buildings, defence and telecom.

The Kaleshwaram project has been besieged by controversy after the Medigadda barrage were submerged last year, with the Congress, which is now in power in Telangana, accusing the previous Bharat Rashtira Samithi government of mismanagement and corruption. MEIL has also been involved in several other key projects, including the Polavaram dam project, Mission Bhagirathi—a Telangana government drinking water project—the Thoothukudi thermal power project and the Zojila tunnel project.

While the ownership of Qwik Supply Chain Private Limited was less clear, Zaubacor—a website that tracks the ownership of companies—suggested that one of its directors was also a director in a Reliance Group company.

Vedanta Private Limited, the industrial conglomerate founded by Anil Agarwal that has interests across sectors including mining and power, is the fourth highest donor with purchases worth ₹400 crore over the five-year period, according to the data. The company website describes Vedanta as a leading natural resources and technology conglomerate, focusing on large-scale expansion of its portfolio in India.

Haldia Energy Limited, a group company of the RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group, is the fifth highest donor in the scheme, buying bonds worth ₹377 crore. The company has developed a 600MW thermal power plant in Haldia in West Bengal that supplies power to Kolkata and its suburbs. "The units began commercial operation from January 2015 onwards. The company supplies its power to CESC Limited, the distribution licensee for the city of Kolkata," the company website said.

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POLL BODY MOVES APEX COURT TO RETRIEVE DATA ON ELECTORAL BONDS

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NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday moved a request before the Supreme Court to retrieve the electoral bond (EB) documents it had presented to the court in November last year, the same day it made public the data on EBS provided by the State Bank of India (SBI). The court will hear ECI's plea on Friday.

Claiming that it did not retain copies of the documents, ECI expressed its inability to comply with the court order on Monday that directed the poll body to "forthwith" publish the details of the information which was supplied to the court in November 2023.

On November 2, a Constitution bench led by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud had directed ECI to provide the court with comprehensive information on donations received by political parties through EBS till September 30, 2023. Subsequently, ECI submitted details in two tranches, containing 309 and 214 sealed envelopes, respectively.

According to the ECI application moved on Thursday, to maintain the confidentiality of the aforesaid data, the poll body forwarded the documents to the court in sealed covers without keeping any copies of the same. "Thus, no copies of the documents/statements filed by the Election Commission of India before this Hon'ble Court in the instant case were ever retained by it," the application filed through advocate Amit Sharma said.

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BJD and BJP keep up suspense on alliance

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BHUBANESWAR: Suspense continued over alliance talks between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) after a meeting of the Odisha's ruling party called by chief minister Naveen Patnaik at his Bhubaneswar residence on Thursday evening ended without the regional party uttering a word on tie-up ahead of the Lok Sabha and state assembly polls.

Senior BJD leader Debi Mishra, who attended the meeting, told reporters that district observers were called at the party chief's house and they presented reports on their plans for the upcoming polls in the state. However, he walked away when asked about the alliance talks with BJP.

This was the second BJD meeting at Patnaik's residence in as many weeks. After its meeting on March 6, the BJD had issued a cryptic statement that indicated alliance discussions.

On Thursday morning, Odisha BJP chief Manmohan Samal, who had attended a meeting chaired by Union home minister Amit Shah in Delhi on Wednesday night, in a post on X said his party will fight alone in Odisha with the blessings of crores of Odia people and form the government. He, however, deleted his post within an hour, adding



Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

to the prevailing confusion. When reporters asked him about the alliance talks, Samal said: "The procedure is on. Everything is on the right path. We are discussing everything."

He also told reporters that the BJP will make the government at the Centre for the third consecutive time and in Odisha, for the first time. "Our election committee will meet tomorrow [Friday] afternoon to discuss about our plans," he added.

Meanwhile, a BJP functionary said the party is in the process of finalising its candidates for all 21 Lok Sabha and 147 assembly seats irrespective of the alliance discussions.

Both Lok Sabha and assembly elections are generally held together in Odisha.

"We would be ready with the list by next week," the BJP leader, who is part of the process of finalising the candidates, said, requesting anonymity.



MK Stalin

CM STALIN FILES DEFAMATION SUITS AGAINST ANNAMALAI, EPS

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CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin on Thursday filed defamation suits against AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami and BJP state chief K Annamalai for their "scandalous" remarks against him in connection with a drug trafficking racket that was busted by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) last month.

Stalin, who is the chief of the ruling DMK in the state, filed a suit each against the two Opposition leaders for their remarks which came after expelled DMK functionary and movie producer Jaffer Sadiq was arrested by NCB in the drugs case last week.

In his suits filed through city public prosecutor G Devarajan, Stalin accused Palaniswami (EPS) and Annamalai of trying to "discredit" the chief minister's credibility by "wilfully" and "consciously" making "scandalous statements" against him in public forums. The suits said that during a press conference, Annamalai alleged Stalin's role in the distribution of contraband through assistance to drug peddlers in the state. "The complainant submits that the said statements made by the accused... is an attempt to discredit the credibility of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and to launch a smear campaign against him," it said.

The suits also said that Palaniswami passed remarks that strike at the core of ethical governance and public trust. "The consequences of such a defamatory statement extend far beyond mere political rivalry; they have the potential to inflict irreparable harm upon the social fabric of the State," it said. Stalin sought punishment for offences under sections 499 and 500 (defamation) of Indian Penal Code.

Responding to the defamation suit, Annamalai said on X: "Send as many legal notices you want, but you cannot stop us from exposing DMK's nexus in the International Drug Trade." AIADMK leader D Jayakumar said it has become "routine" for the ruling dispensation to file cases against his party members.

AAP releases first list of 8 candidates for Punjab LS seats

CHANDIGARH: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday released its first list of eight candidates for Punjab for the Lok Sabha polls, fielding five Cabinet ministers.

According to the list released by the party, Cabinet ministers Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal has been fielded from Amritsar, Laljit Singh Bhullar from Khadoor Sahib, Gurmeet Singh Khadian from Bathinda, Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer from Sangrur and Dr Balbir Singh from Patiala. Punjab actor and singer Karamjeet Anmol, considered close to chief minister Bhagwant Mann, has been fielded from Faridkot Parliamentary seat.

Dhar, who will contest from Srirampur against TMC's three-time MP Kalyan Banerjee, and Srijan Bhattacharya, who has been fielded from Jadavpur, were both defeated in the 2021 assembly polls.

Fielded from the Howrah seat against former footballer and two-time TMC MP Prasun Banerjee, Sabyasachi Chatterjee said: "This is a fight between idealism and misrule." Bengal has 42 Lok Sabha seats.

TDP releases second list of candidates for Andhra elections

HYDERABAD: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) on Thursday released its second list of 34 candidates for the upcoming assembly elections in Andhra Pradesh, taking the total number of TDP candidates announced so far to 128 seats. Prominent among those who have been fielded for the state elections are former minister Gorantla Buchaiah Chowdary from Rajahmundry (rural), Chintamani Prabhakar from Denduluru, Pulivarthi Nani from Chandragiri, Challa Ramachandra Reddy from Punganuru and Palla Srinivasa Rao from Gajuwaka.

Danish meets Sonia, hints at fighting LS polls on Cong ticket

NEW DELHI: Sitting MP Danish Ali dropped an indication that he would be contesting the upcoming Lok Sabha election on a Congress ticket after he met Congress' parliamentary wing chief Sonia Gandhi on Thursday. "Honoured to get blessings of epitome of sacrifice, #SoniaGandhi for my 2nd #LokSabhaElection from #Amroha. Her heart beats for India's poor. It was NAC headed by her that piloted landmark pro-poor & transparency laws like MNREGA, #RTI, Right to Education, Food Security Bill," he said, emphasising on his second Lok Sabha election from Amroha.

Rahul, Pawar attack Centre over farmers' protest at Nashik rally

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MUMBAI: The opposition Indian National Development Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) will be the "voice of farmers" and work to protect their interests if it is voted to power in the coming Lok Sabha elections, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Thursday.

Gandhi made the remarks as he addressed a farmers' rally at Chandwad in Maharashtra's Nashik, in the presence of allies Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) chief Sharad Pawar and Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut.

"The INDIA bloc government will be the voice of farmers and work to protect their interests.



Sharad Pawar, Rahul Gandhi

Mine and our (INDIA bloc) government's doors would always be open for farmers," Gandhi told the rally that was held as part of Congress' Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra.

Pawar, who also addressed the crowd, slammed the Narendra Modi-led Union government for its "anti-farmer" decisions and policies. "This (Union) government is against the farmers, the laborers and is inviting inflation. It is our

duty to remove this government. We have to be united and do whatever it requires to throw them out of power," he said.

Pawar also praised Gandhi and urged the public to support him to "bring a change". The remarks came on a day hundreds of farmers from Punjab and Haryana descended in Delhi and called for a nationwide agitation against the Centre on March 23 to press home a raft of demands. While there was no immediate reaction from BJP on Gandhi and Pawar's remarks, earlier in the day, Shiv Sena leader Shambhuraj Desai sought to know whether Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray will share the stage with Gandhi who has in the past disrespected Vinayak Damodar Savarkar.

{ US INTEL REPORT }

India-China dispute could escalate to armed conflict

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NEW DELHI: An assessment by US intelligence agencies has warned of a "potential" armed conflict between India and China amid large troop deployments by both sides and sporadic encounters between their militaries, adding the border dispute "will remain a strain" on ties between the neighbours.

The annual threat assessment from the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) further states that Beijing is looking to establish overseas military bases at multiple locations - including Sri Lanka and Pakistan - in its attempt to "project power" and "protect China's interests abroad".

"The shared disputed border between India and China will remain a strain on their bilateral relationship. While the two sides have not engaged in significant cross-border clashes since 2020, they are maintaining large troop deployments, and sporadic encounters between opposing forces risk miscalculation and escalation into armed conflict," the report released by the US intelligence community on Monday stated in a section on potential interstate conflict.

There was no immediate response from the Indian side to the report, which highlighted a fragile global order against the backdrop of China's military expansion plans, Beijing's aggressive cyber operations and its possible attempt to influence the 2024 US presidential elections. The report also focused on other conflicts such as the Israel-Hamas war and the Russia-Ukraine war.

President Xi Jinping envisions China as the "preeminent power in East Asia" and a leading power on the global stage, and the Chinese Communist Party will attempt to "preempt challenges to its reputation and legitimacy" while "fostering global norms that favour its authoritarian system", the report said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi last week inaugurated the strategic Sela tunnel, built at an altitude of 13,000 feet in Arunachal Pradesh, to provide all-weather connectivity to Tawang amid the dragging standoff with China on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Infrastructure projects near the border with China have gathered pace since the military face-off began in Ladakh sector in May 2020.

Both sides have arrayed close to 50,000 troops each in Ladakh sector and India has made it clear that bilateral relations cannot be normalised till there is peace and tranquillity in the border areas. China, on the other hand, has pressed for the border issue to be placed in an "appropriate place" while relations are taken forward in other areas.

The report also pointed to a possible armed conflict between India and Pakistan in case of any provocations from Islamabad. "New Delhi and Islamabad are inclined to sustain the current fragile calm in their relationship following their renewal of a cease-fire along the Line of Control in early 2021. However, neither side has used this period of



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calm to rebuild their bilateral ties as each government has focused on more pressing domestic priorities including election preparations and campaigning and for Pakistan, concerns over rising militant attacks in its west," the report said.

"Pakistan's long history of supporting anti-India militant groups and India's increased willingness, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to respond with military force to perceived or real Pakistani provocations raise the risk of escalation during a crisis. There remains the potential for an event to trigger a rapid escalation," it added.

Referring to China's plans to create overseas bases in India's neighbourhood and other areas, the report stated that the People's Liberation Army (PLA) will "continue to pursue the establishment of overseas military installations and access agreements in an attempt to project power and protect China's interests abroad".

The report noted that China will focus on building a fully modernised national defence and military force by 2035 and for the PLA to become a world-class military by 2049.

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18 SITES BLOCKED FOR PUBLISHING OBSCENE CONTENT

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NEW DELHI: At least 18 streaming platforms, 19 websites, 10 apps, and 57 social media accounts have been blocked by the Union ministry of information and broadcasting for publishing "obscene, vulgar, and, in some instances, pornographic content".

The platforms have been blocked under Section 4 of the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986, Section 292 (sale of obscene books, etc.) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and Sections 67 and 67A of the Information Technology Act, 2008.

The blocked platforms include Beharams, Hunters, Dream Films, MoodX, NeonX, XtraMood and others as these companies are engaged in producing sexually explicit content.

"A significant portion of the content hosted on these platforms was found to be obscene, vulgar... It depicted nudity and sexual acts in various inappropriate contexts, such as relationships between teachers and students, incestuous family relationships, etc. The content included sexual innuendos and, in some instances, prolonged segments of pornographic and sexually explicit scenes devoid of any thematic or societal relevance," the statement from the ministry said.

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Oppn spreading lies on CAA: Shah slams parties against law

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NEW DELHI: Union home minister Amit Shah on Thursday slammed the Opposition for "spreading lies" about the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or CAA, stressed that the law will "never be repealed", and assured minorities from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan who came to India before the law's cut-off date of equal rights.

"The Opposition, including Rahul Gandhi, Mamata Banerjee and Arvind Kejriwal are indulging in jhooth ki rajneeti (the politics of lies). When the country was partitioned on the basis of religion, minorities faced persecution, they were being converted, and women from the minority (in Pakistan) were being tortured. They came to take refuge with us. Do they not have a right to get our citizenship? Even Congress leaders promised them shelter. But they started doing vote bank politics," Shah said in an interview with the news agency ANI.

"CAA has been brought by the BJP, and the Narendra Modi-led government has brought it. It is impossible to repeal it. We will spread awareness about it in the whole nation so that those who want to repeal it do not get a place," Shah said.

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PEOPLE ARE BEING MISLED, NO ONE'S CITIZENSHIP WILL BE SNATCHED DUE TO CAA: RAJNATH

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BARPETA (ASSAM): The people are being misled over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, or CAA, said Union minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday even as he assured that the legislation won't take away the citizenship of anyone living in India.

Singh while addressing a rally in Barpeta district of Assam said that the CAA will grant citizenship to religiously persecuted people who came to India till 2014 from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.

Singh was campaigning for the Bharatiya Janata Party ally Asom Gana Parishad (AGP)'s candidate Phani Bhusan Choudhury, who is contesting the Barpeta Lok Sabha constituency, currently represented by Congress MP Abdul Khaleque.

"The people are being misled over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act... I assure you that this Act will not take away the citizenship of any people. It will only grant citizenship," he said.

The Centre on Monday implemented the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, notifying the rules four years after the 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.

Appealing to the people to vote for the AGP candidate, Singh asserted that the CAA is being implemented as per the BJP's election manifesto of 2019.

Singh also praised Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for repealing the Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorces Registrations Act, 1935.

India seen as 'safer bet' for supply chains: Irish min

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NEW DELHI: As countries and large multinationals look to reshape their supply chains amid growing geopolitical uncertainty, India is seen as a "safer bet" for reliance and predictability in crucial areas ranging from semiconductors to food security, Ireland's trade minister Simon Coveney said on Thursday.

India's voice is "listened to and heard" in the context of the Ukraine-Russia conflict and the Israel-Hamas war since it is perceived as a global superpower in terms of its economic and military might and also from a diplomatic point of view, Coveney said

in an exclusive interview.

Coveney, who previously served as the minister for defence and foreign affairs and is in India to drive bilateral relations, especially in trade and investments, as part of the annual St Patrick's Day programme, said Ireland is a big supporter of efforts to finalise an India-European Union (EU) free trade agreement as it will give India access to one of the highest spending markets in the world.

"There's probably more uncertainty now in terms of globalisation and international supply chains than at any time in my political lifetime...As a result of that, a lot of countries are perhaps viewing India through a different lens than five or 10 years ago," he



Simon Coveney

said.

"They see a large democracy here that is relatively stable, that has good relationships with most parts of the world. I think it's seen as a safer bet in terms of reliance and predictability around future supply chains, whether that's semiconductors or food security or a whole range of other trades."

Geopolitical tensions have spiked because of the three-year-old war in Ukraine "driven and caused by Russian aggression" and the conflict in the Middle East that has resulted in "huge losses of civilians, women and children, in Gaza on the back of a horrific terrorist attack by Hamas in Israel", Coveney said.

"Again, India's voice is listened to and heard in the context of conflicts like that and we've seen a lot of disruption in terms of supply chains as well as countries and large multinationals [looking] to maybe reshape their supply chains, anticipating potential future tension in terms of geopolitical relationships," he said.

Coveney acknowledged that

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1.	1033	797	0.2210	में से	0.1105	श्रीमती किरन देवी पत्नी खचेड़ा नि. ग्राम रौनीजा जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।
2.	1167	593/2	0.2362	में से	0.0786	ओमवती पत्नी जयप्रकाश नि. रवपुरा।
3.	965/865	919/918	0.5620/0.2420	सम्पूर्ण	0.5620/0.2420	शेर सिंह व दानवीर व लीलावती पुत्र व पत्नी लालमन नि. भाईपुर ब्रह्मनगर।

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क्रम सं.	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का क्षेत्रफल (हे.मै)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
4.	490	842	0.6460	में से	0.1615	सुप्रेन्द्र कुमार शर्मा पुत्र रामफूल शर्मा नि. म. न. 26 शिव मंदिर शाहदरा दिल्ली।
5.	490	842	0.6460	में से	0.1615	ब्रह्मानन्द पुत्र यज्ञदत्त शर्मा नि. म. न. 26 शिव मंदिर शाहदरा दिल्ली।
6.	698	990	0.5340	में से	0.1468	परविन्दर पुत्र मोलाराम नि. नोएडा से. 13 सलारपुर।
7.	544/25	694/657	1.9650/1.2280	में से	0.0328/0.0167/0.0495	चंद्रसेन पुत्र सुक्कन नि. रवपुरा।
8.	143/143/143	1053/1054/1349	0.3670/0.0760/0.3670	में से	0.0459/0.0095/0.0458/0.1012	अजयकुमार पुत्र सुदरलाल नि. मेरठ।
9.	1050/143/143/143	1087/1053/1054/1349	4.6780/0.3670/0.0760/0.3670	में से	0.2108/0.0458/0.0095/0.0459/0.3120	अतुल सिंघल पुत्र अमोद सिंघल नि. रवपुरा।
10.	544	694	1.9650	में से	0.4913	बंसता पुत्र चिरंजी नि. रवपुरा।
11.	10	1021	0.4050	में से	0.0421	कविता पत्नी सलतन नि. रौनीजा गौतमबुद्धनगर।

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12.	320	589	0.7110	में से	0.0711	राजकुमार पुत्र जाहरिया नि. रवपुरा।
13.	269	542	1.0010	में से	0.0834	ओमकार पुत्र ताराचन्द नि. रवपुरा।
14.	269	542	1.0010	में से	0.0834	विपिन पुत्र शेर सिंह नि. रवपुरा।
15.	455	285/352	0.4930/0.3040	में से	0.1233/0.0762/0.1995	भूपाल व मन्नीराम व बबलू पुत्रगण जोधा व राजेश व गिरीश पुत्रगण राजपाल व भागवती पत्नी राजपाल नि. रवपुरा।
16.	455	285/352	0.4930/0.3040	में से	0.0273/0.0169	रोहित कर्दम पुत्र चन्द्रमान नि. कनरसा।
17.	278	914	0.8740	में से	0.2185	किशन पुत्र श्यामा नि. भाईपुर ब्रह्मनगर।
18.	1093	506	0.6430	में से	0.0885	रतीराम पुत्र धुरी नि. रवपुरा।
19.	350	1350/2	0.0630	में से	0.0630	तनवी सिंघल पत्नी अतुल सिंघल नि. रवपुरा।
20.	931/931/931/931	2299/2300/2301/2304	3.1380/0.9740/0.4680/0.2020	में से	0.3138/0.0974/0.0468/0.0202	मस्तराम सिंह पुत्र मेथन सिंह नि. दादरी।
21.	931/931/931/931	2299/2300/2301/2304	3.1380/0.9740/0.4680/0.2020	में से	0.3138/0.0974/0.0468/0.0202	वीरपाल सिंह पुत्र मेथन सिंह नि. दादरी।
22.	269	542	1.0010	में से	0.2225	सूरज, अनिल, जुनेन्द्र, राजकली पुत्रगण व पत्नी छत्रपाल।

सेक्टर-28, मेडिकल डिवाइस पार्क, डाटा सेक्टर पार्क, कॉमर्शियल व फ्यूचर यूज

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23.	887	2260	0.6510	में से	0.1627	अमोद कुमार पुत्र रामरिछपाल नि. रवपुरा।
24.	690	1088	0.3540	में से	0.0716	उसमान खां पुत्र अब्दुल रहीम खां नि. रवपुरा।
25.	887	2260	0.6510	में से	0.1628	दिनेश कुमार पुत्र रामरिछपाल नि. रवपुरा।
26.	373	2258	0.5063	में से	0.1263	प्रेम सिंह पुत्र नौबत नि. रवपुरा।

ग्राम रवपुरा, मेडिकल डिवाइस पार्क

क्रम सं.	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का क्षेत्रफल (हे.मै)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का भाग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का नाम
27.	997	1391	2.5650	में से	0.1082	रामपाल पुत्र राजपाल सिंह नि. शिकारपुर जिला बुलन्दशहर।
28.	997	1391	2.5650	में से	0.1083	जयभगवान पुत्र राजपाल सिंह नि. शिकारपुर जिला बुलन्दशहर।
29.	997	1391	2.5650	में से	0.1082	नेमपाल पुत्र राजपाल सिंह नि. शिकारपुर जिला बुलन्दशहर।
30.	997	1391	2.5650	में से	0.1083	मंजू पत्नी वृजराज व दीपिका ना.बा. व देवराज पुत्री व पुत्र वृजराज नि. अमरपुर।
31.	951	1432	0.6790	में से	0.0562	श्रीमती पूजा पत्नी कृष्ण कुमार नि. दयानतपुर।
32.	951	1432	0.6790	में से	0.0562	सर्वेश देवी पत्नी चन्द्रेश कुमार नि. दयानतपुर।
33.	951	1432	0.6790	में से	0.0562	गीताजली पत्नी किशनदत्त शर्मा नि. दयानतपुर।
34.	21	1488/1529	1.8620/0.3940	में से	0.0517/0.0109/0.0626	फाजिल खान पुत्र इकबाल खान नि. मौ. नार्सैरंजान कस्बा रवपुरा।

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People in mineral-rich states remain poor: SC

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NEW DELHI: A nine-judge Constitution bench of the Supreme Court on Thursday observed that companies are exploiting minerals from states rich in natural resources but that remained poor, concluding hearing a batch of petitions on crucial issues of whether royalty on minerals is a tax and whether states have the power to levy an additional tax on extracted minerals.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud said, "The reality today is that states which have the mineral resources are the poorer states and people (companies) are going from outside and exploiting minerals."

The observation of the Court assumed significance as the Centre and mining companies have opposed giving powers to the state to tax minerals. The Centre had argued that states rich in minerals will impose heavy taxes that will escalate prices of minerals, increase imports and affect the economy.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi appearing for Jharkhand said, "This is the question the Court must ask that why is it that people in states rich in minerals are poor despite 75 years of independence. States also have to answer that. But uneven distribution of minerals is a boon not a bane."



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He explained that uneven distribution of minerals has led to trade and commerce in India and mobility of persons from one place to another. "Our economic unity is built on this differential distribution which is being decried by Centre as if states are hell-bent to destabilise the Centre. The states constitute India. They are Bharat. We have surrendered our powers willingly because we felt that the country must unite and now we are being told that you are acting to destabilise."

The bench, also comprising justices Hrishikesh Roy, AS Oka, BV Nagarathna, JB Pardiwala, Manoj Misra, Ujjal Bhuyan, Satish Chandra Sharma and Augustine George Masih, added: "Until actual extraction of mineral takes place, it is possible that the right to the land surface rests with one government (state) and

right to minerals rests with another government (Centre)."

The Centre argued that under Entry 54 of Union List, it has exclusive control on mines and minerals and in exercise of this power, the Parliament enacted Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 which takes away state's power to tax in this field. It is under this Act, royalty is fixed by Centre but the same goes into the state coffers.

Dwivedi further responded to the arguments of mining companies opposing tax by states. He said, "Look at who is complaining, Vedanta, Adani, Ambani, and Tata. They are trying to paint disaster and doomsday if states will be allowed to impose tax. They are worried their profits will come down."

The Centre presented a summary of its arguments to the Court by saying, "Minerals being the building block of any nation, represent a key sector for development and regulation at the federal level. The centrally regulated fixation of amount to be levied by the State Government, ensures the uniformization of the price regime. The said uniformization, apart from being in larger economic interest for the nation, also serves as a key tool for rationalization of the utilization and usage of the mineral in general."

The Court allowed Solicitor

general Tushar Mehta to present a brief written note on their arguments and permitted senior advocate Harish Salve appearing for mining companies to file a small note to rebut any additional point raised by Dwivedi.

Over 80 petitions were referred to the 9-judge bench in March 2011 as the top court found a conflict between two previous judgments - a 1989 verdict by a 7-judge bench in India Cements Limited versus State of Tamil Nadu which held royalty is a tax under MMDR Act and a 5-judge bench decision of 2004 in State of West Bengal versus Kesoram Industries which held that in India Cements, the Court had mistakenly written "royalty is a tax" while it meant that "cess on royalty is a tax".

An affidavit filed by Centre last month indicated that over 78% of coal resources are extracted in Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal while 90% of iron ore in the country comes from four states - Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Karnataka, according to National Minerals Inventory. Similarly, states of Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra account for 82% manganese produced in the country, over 95% chromite comes from Odisha alone, and about 73% bauxite is generated by Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Chhattisgarh.

SANDESHKHALI: ED RAIDS RESIDENCES OF SHAHJAHAN'S AIDES, RELATIVES

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KOLKATA: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday conducted raids at the residences of close aides and relatives of arrested TMC leader Shahjahan Sheikh, seizing several documents and diaries in connection with a land-grabbing case, an officer said.

Searches were carried out at the houses of three local businessmen and close associates of Sheikh in Dhamakhali, North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, continuing for at least seven hours.

Additionally, the houses of Sheikh's relatives in Rampur, also in North 24 Parganas district, were also raided. "These three businessmen and few other people, mostly relatives of Sheikh, are into shrimp culture and trading. In the veil of the trade, they have been helping Sheikh in siphoning off huge amounts of money abroad. It seems that Sheikh had injected the money which he got from the multi-crore ration distribution scam into the shrimp trade. We are probing into that," the ED officer told PTI.

The central probe agency alleged that Sheikh utilised his relatives and friends, mainly involved in shrimp farming, to funnel money overseas.

Land-related documents and diaries were seized from these businessmen, with the entire trading reportedly conducted under Sheikh's supervision, the officer said.

Bhutan PM calls on Modi



Bhutan PM Dasho Tshering Tobgay kicks off his five-day visit to India by calling on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

Ahead of polls, Andhra withdraws Amaravati land acquisition notice

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HYDERABAD: The Andhra Pradesh government has withdrawn the land acquisition notification for more than 600 acres in at least 21 villages in Amaravati for the construction of the capital city, people familiar with the matter said on Thursday.

The YS Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government issued a series of gazette notifications days before the announcement of schedule for the assembly elections in the state as well as the Lok Sabha polls.

The notifications withdrawing the land acquisition in a total of 625 acres were issued by Guntur district collector M Venugopal Reddy on February 28, but came to the fore earlier this week, the people said. "The notifications were issued after deliberations between the collector and officials of the AP Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA)," a senior official of the APCRDA said.

Interestingly, the land acquisition of only 625 acres was withdrawn as against over 1,317 acres of land proposed to be acquired during the previous Telugu Desam Party (TDP) government. "This withdrawal...will result in the disturbance of entire Amaravati capital city masterplan," said a local farmer, K Anil Kumar.

The previous TDP government led by N Chandrababu Naidu proposed to develop the capital city at Amaravati in about 53,000 acres of land, including the government land and forest land. In 2015, the APCRDA created to take up the capital city construction, sought to acquire over 34,000 acres of land from 28,000-odd farmers from 29 villages through land pooling scheme (LPS).

As per the agreement signed with APCRDA, the farmers, who had given away their fertile land to the government for the capital city, were allotted 250-400 square yards of commercial plot, depending on the location, besides 1,000 square yards of



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residential plots in the capital region, for every acre of land they surrendered to APCRDA.

"While majority of the farmers had given away their lands to the APCRDA under LPS, a few farmers in each village refused to surrender their pieces of land. In bigger villages like Penumaka and Undavalli, majority of the farmers refused to part with their land," Kumar said.

Since the APCRDA has prepared the master plan for the entire capital city of Amaravati, the government was forced to issue a land acquisition notification in 2015, as per the RFCTLARR, 2013, since it cannot leave parcels of agricultural land amidst the capital city.

The farmers had gone to the high court and got the land acquisition stalled. "Even as the case is pending, the farmers who surrendered their lands for the capital city were allotted commercial and residential plots through draw of lottery. Some of them got the plots allotted in the land parcels of those farmers who did not surrender their lands, as part of the master plan," Kumar said.

In the last eight years, some of the farmers sold away the allotted plots for their financial needs. Meanwhile, the Jagan Mohan Reddy government formed in May 2019, dumped the Amaravati capital city project and proposed three capitals for the state, with Visakhapatnam as the executive capital.

As a result, the Amaravati master plan was given a go-by. Last year, the government sought to cancel the plots allotted to farmers in the lands meant for land acquisition and relocate them to other places.

PLEA SEEKS MORE CENTRES FOR UPSC EXAMS IN MANIPUR

NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Thursday sought the response of the Centre, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Manipur government on a plea seeking setting up of additional examination centres for civil services and Indian Forest Service aspirants from hill districts in the ethnic strife-torn northeastern state.

A bench of acting chief justice Manmohan and justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora issued notice on the petition filed by Zomi Students Federation (ZSF), which seeks additional centres for the Indian forest service (preliminary) examination and civil services (preliminary) examination scheduled for May 26, also sought directions to the authorities to make adequate arrangements for tribal candidates from the hill districts in Manipur.

Submitting that there was only one centre for various UPSC exams in the state, the petitioner through advocate Mohammad Nizamuddin Pasha on Thursday prayed for setting up examination centres in Churachandpur and Kangpokpi - both tribal-dominated regions - in the state, which has been in the grip of ethnic violence between Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities since May 3 last year.

The court then issued the notice and posted the matter for March 19. HTc

Dance competition judge accused of graft dies by suicide: Police

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KOCHI: A 51-year-old man, who had recently judged a dance competition as part of the youth festival at Kerala University and was accused of taking a bribe to tamper with the results, was found dead at his residence in Kannur city, police said on Thursday, suspecting it to be a case of suicide.

A purported note has been recovered from the bedroom of the deceased dance teacher, in which he claimed innocence in the bribery allegation, a senior officer from Kannur city police station said, adding the man took the extreme step on Wednesday night.

"He had consumed poison and it is being treated as a case of suicide. The post-mortem examination has been completed and a case under Section 174 (inquest

report in suicide case) of CrPC has been registered," the officer said, adding his family has made some allegations through local media, which are being verified.

The dance instructor, who had judged the "Margam Kali" competition at the KU youth festival in Thiruvananthapuram on March 9, was taken into custody, along with three others, by the Cantonment police the same day following a bribery complaint against them. They were later released on bail, the officer said.

The incident sparked a political row, with the Congress accusing members of the Students' Federation of India (SFI) of assaulting the dance teacher during the fest. The CPI(M) and SFI did not respond till night.

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Amarinder's wife joins BJP, praises PM Modi

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NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha MP and suspended Congress leader Preet Kaur joined the BJP here on Thursday, praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the work done by his government in the last 10 years.

Kaur, a four-time MP from Punjab's Patiala and a former Union minister, was suspended by the Congress for alleged anti-party activities in February last year soon after her husband, former Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh, joined the BJP, quitting the grand old party.

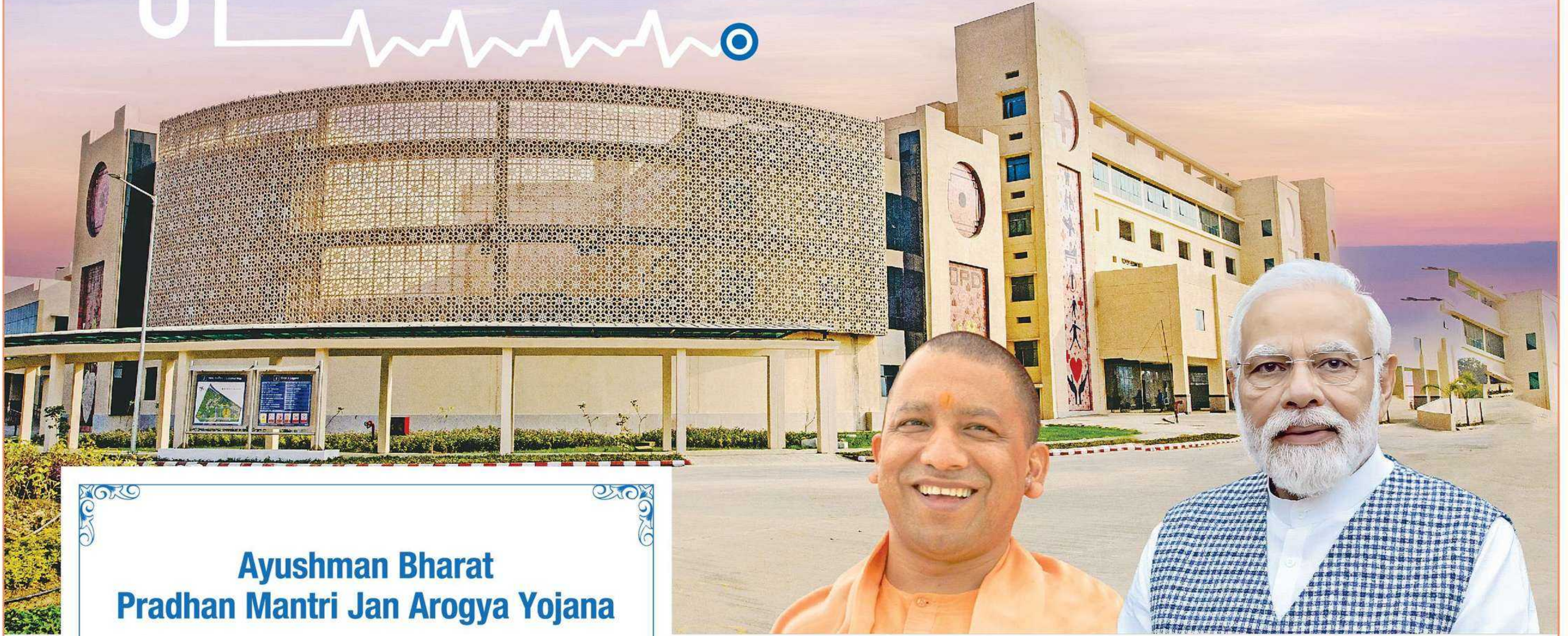
Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, president of the Congress Punjab unit, had sent a complaint to the party high command, accusing Kaur of indulging in anti-party activities to help the BJP.

Addressing a joint press conference with BJP leaders at the party headquarters here, Kaur expressed her happiness over joining the party. She also thanked Prime Minister Modi, BJP chief JP Nadda and the "entire BJP family" for giving her an opportunity to work with the party.

Praising Modi's leadership, Kaur said she decided to join the BJP looking at his policies and the work done by his government in the last 10 years. "I am fully confident that our children's future and our country will remain secure under his (Modi's



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- **AIIMS operational in Gorakhpur and Raebareli**
- Under the **Maternal Health Programme**, a total of 5547 delivery centers are operational in government health units established in rural and urban areas of the state
- 421 birth centers marked as F.R.U.
- **Janani Suraksha Yojana**, 2060963 deliveries were conducted in the financial year 2023-24 till January 2024
- **Janani Shishu Suraksha Programme**, in the financial year 2023-24 till January, 16,38,428 pregnant women have been provided free medicines, 10,13,098 free food and 20,62,382 free check-up facilities
- **Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan**, in the year 2023-24, till the month of January 2024, 39,790 camps were organized at 1667 units, providing medical treatment to 2,53,891 high-risk pregnant women
- Treatment of 1,05,456 very critical infants in the **Sick Newborn Care Unit** from April to January 2024
- 81 Nutrition Rehabilitation Center units are operated in 74 districts of the state
- **Regular vaccination program**, 46,43,598 (97.34%) beneficiaries vaccinated against the target of 47,70,524 in the financial year 2023-24 (from April 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024) Complete immunization of children
- **Under 102 ambulance service**, 2,270 ambulances are operational in the state, services provided to 1,33,66,334 beneficiaries in the year 2023-24 (April, 2023 to January, 2024)
- **Under 108 ambulance service**, 2,200 ambulances are operational in the state, services provided to 48,54,227 beneficiaries in the financial year 2023-24 (April, 2023 to January, 2024)
- **170 Mobile Medical Units (MMU)** operational in the state, OPD services provided to 23,80,341 beneficiaries and lab test services to 5,66,701 beneficiaries in the financial year 2023-24 (April, 2023 to January, 2024)
- **250 Advanced Life Support Ambulances** operational across the state 1,00,284 beneficiaries have been benefited in the financial year 2023-24 (April, 2023 to January, 2024)
- Facility of free consultation, testing and treatment (medicines) to **Thalassemia** patients through 17 centers in the state
- Facility of free consultation, investigation and treatment (medicines) to **hemophilia** patients through 26 centers in the state
- Hemoglobin variant testing facility by installation of **HPLC (High Performance Liquid Chromatography)** equipment in 10 centers of the state
- From April 2023 to January 2024, a total of 93,42,451 OPDs were conducted in urban primary health centres, 3,10,094 UHNDs were organized and services were provided through 1415 special outreach camps
- 185 medical units of the state have received **National Quality Assurance Certification**. The state ranks first in the category of district hospitals in the country
- **National Lakshya Certification** of 71 health units under the Lakshya program
- Certification of 05 health units under **Muskaan program**
- **Smartphones distributed** to 1.80 lakh Asha sisters in the state
- **Free dialysis** facility available in hospitals of all 75 districts
- 51 district hospitals in the state received **National Quality Assurance Certificate**, highest in the country
- **MBBS seats** in government medical institutions increased from 1840 to 3828 and in private institutions from 2550 to 5250, total 9078 seats available



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- Nature of work : Bridge work
- No. of work : 01 no.
- Tender cost : Rs.10,000.00 (on-line)
- Class of Contractor : Special/ Super Class Contractor
- Available of bid document in the website : From 10.00 AM of 15.03.2024 to 5.00 PM of 03.04.2024
- Date of opening of Bid : Dt.04.04.2024 at 11.30 AM
- The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

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- No. of work : 01 No.
- Nature of work : Road work
- Class of contractor : 'A' & Special Class.
- Tender paper cost : Rs.10000/- (online)
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- Date of opening of bid : Dt.02.04.2024 at 11.00 Hours.
- The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Chief Construction Engineer
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Tender No.	Approx Cost of Work (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Completion Period
391	Rs. 1,52,37,336.05	Rs. 2,26,200.00	04 Months
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Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: Any Civil Engineering Work			
Tender No.	Approx Cost of Work (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Completion Period
392	Rs. 1,21,26,638.00	Rs. 2,10,600.00	06 Months
Name of Work: 1. Augmentation of RPF posts at Rura Station under ADEH/Line/CNB. 2. Provision of one store-room at New Coaching Complex, Kanpur under ADEH/HQ/II/CNB. 3. Setting of Quick Watering arrangement system at (GOV) Govindpur station under ADEH/Line/CNB.			
Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: Building work			
Tender No.	Approx Cost of Work (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Completion Period
393	Rs. 2,49,99,817.55	Rs. 2,75,000.00	08 Months
Name of Work: PNKD-Proposals for Existing Goods Sheds for improvement/upgradation work under ADEH/Line/CNB.			
Similar work for Eligibility Criteria: Any Civil Engineering Work			
Date of Opening of Tender: 03.04.2024, Note: 1. Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. on 03.04.2024. 2. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 03.04.2024. 462/24 (P)			

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No. AUD/07/Acad./2024 Dated: 14.03.2024

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		Film Studies	-	-	OBC-1
		Performing Arts/ Performance Studies	OBC-1	-	-
		Visual Art	UR-1	-	UR-1
4.	School of Global Affairs	Global Studies	SC-1	-	02 (OBC-1 & ST-1)
		Urban Studies	02 (SC-1 & ST-1)	SC-1	-
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		Mathematics	-	UR-1	-
		Sociology	-	OBC-1	-
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		Economics	-	UR-1	02 (UR-1 & ST-1)
9.	School of Education Studies	Education	02 (EWS-1 & UR-1)	-	OBC-01
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(UR-Unreserved, SC-Scheduled Caste, ST-Scheduled Tribe, OBC-Other Backward Class, EWS-Economically Weaker Sections)

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Commencement of online application for all posts: 15.03.2024

Last date to apply online: 08.04.2024 (up to 23:59hrs)

The Last date of receiving hard copy of application form: 12.04.2024 (upto 17:30 hrs)

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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed offers are invited for conduct of study to determine the power factor in respect of 5 Nos. Solar Captive Power Plants connected with MPPTCL's Grid situated in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Sl. No.	Enquiry No.	Particulars	Due Date of Opening
1.	8342/2024	Study of power factor of solar captive power plants operating in parallel with MPPTCL's grid	04.04.2024

AVAILABILITY OF TENDER DOCUMENT :
The Tender document can be obtained from the office of the undersigned as indicated above. Tender document is being uploaded on the Website, <http://mprtransco.in> of MPPTCL. The interested bidder may download the document and submit their tender.

TENDER RECEIPT AND OPENING :
The Tender should reach the office of the undersigned in person or through Registered Post not later than 02:30 PM on the specified due date. The qualifying bid will be opened on the same date (04.04.2024) at 03:30 PM in this office in presence of the Tenderers or their representative, whosever may be present. The price bid will be opened on next working day (05.04.2024) at 11:30 AM.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers in part or full without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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ई-निविदा सूचना

- ई-निविदा सं- 205 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्रों पर स्थापित वीओसी/वीओ को मरम्मत/ बदलने का कार्य। 2. ई-निविदा सं- 206 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय सेफर्ड, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्रों पर स्थापित वीओसी/वीओ को मरम्मत/ बदलने का कार्य। 3. ई-निविदा सं- 207 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड प्रथम, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्रों से पोषित 11 केवी लाइनों का निर्माण कार्य। 4. ई-निविदा सं- 208 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड प्रथम, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्रों से पोषित 11 केवी लाइनों के विभक्तिकरण का कार्य। 5. ई-निविदा सं- 209 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय सेफर्ड, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 33/11 केवी उपकेन्द्रों से पोषित 11 केवी लाइनों के सुदृढीकरण का कार्य। 6. ई-निविदा सं- 210 / 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कार्य। 33. ई-निविदा सं- 237 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय सेफर्ड, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत एलटीओ लाइन निर्माण कार्य एवं अन्य आवश्यक केबिल इत्यादि बदलने का कार्य। 34. ई-निविदा सं- 238 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड प्रथम, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत एलटीओ लाइन निर्माण कार्य एवं अन्य आवश्यक केबिल इत्यादि बदलने का कार्य। 35. ई-निविदा सं- 239 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत एलटीओ लाइन निर्माण कार्य एवं अन्य आवश्यक केबिल इत्यादि बदलने का कार्य। 36. ई-निविदा सं- 240 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय सेफर्ड, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत एलटीओ लाइन निर्माण कार्य एवं अन्य आवश्यक केबिल इत्यादि बदलने का कार्य। 37. ई-निविदा सं- 241 / EDCE / 2023-24 विद्युत वितरण खण्ड प्रथम, इटावा के अधीन विनियम प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत एलटीओ लाइन निर्माण कार्य एवं अन्य आवश्यक केबिल इत्यादि बदलने का कार्य। 38. ई-निविदा सं- 242 / EDCE / 2023-24 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ELECTORAL BONDS

The value of redeemed bonds is greater than the value of purchased bonds because the State Bank of India gave data from April 12, 2019, the date of the apex court's interim order. The 2019 interim order was delivered in the midst of the sale of one tranche of electoral bonds between April 1 and April 20.

As a result, of the 3,346 bonds purchased between April 1 and April 11, 2019, only 1,609 bonds were redeemed before the order. The rest were redeemed in the remaining nine days.

Among other major donors were steel magnate Lakshmi Niwas Mittal, Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, industrialist BK Goenka, Jainendra Shah and one person going by only the first name of Monika. Bajaj Auto bought bonds worth ₹18 crore, Bajaj Finance ₹20 crore, three IndiGo firms ₹36 crore, Spicejet ₹65 lakh, and Rahul Bhatia of IndiGo, ₹20 crore.

"The info of electoral bonds uploaded by EC (which they say is as received from SBI), does not give the serial number of the bonds, which is necessary for finding who gave bond to whom. This was implicit in SC J. SBI affidavit said this info is recorded though in separate silos," advocate Prashant Bhushan, who appeared in the case, posted on X.

EBs, which were bearer banking instruments that do not carry the name of the buyer or payee, used to go for sale in 10-day windows in the beginning of every quarter—in January, April, July and October—besides an additional 30-day period specified by the central government during the Lok Sabha election years.

Introduced in 2018, EBs were available for purchase at any SBI branch in multiples of ₹1,000, ₹10,000, ₹1 lakh, ₹10 lakh and ₹1 crore and could be bought through a KYC-compliant account. There was no limit on the number of electoral bonds that a person or company could purchase. Donations made under this scheme by corporate and even foreign entities through Indian subsidiaries enjoyed 100% tax exemption while identities of the donors were kept confidential both by the bank as well as the recipient political parties.

But on February 15, a five-judge Constitution bench struck down the scheme, declaring it to be "unconstitutional" because it completely anonymised contributions made to political parties, and added that restricting black money or illegal election financing—some of the articulated objectives of the scheme—did not justify violating voters' right to information in a disproportionate manner.

The bench directed SBI—the only designated EB-issuing bank—to stop the issuance of EBs, adding that the bank should submit details of EBs purchased since April 12, 2019, till that date to the poll watchdog by March 6. By March 13, the judgment ordered all funding received by political parties—since the court issued an interim direction to parties to submit such information with ECI—to be made public on ECI's website.

On March 4, SBI told the top court it needed till June to break down the details of 22,217 EBs. But last week, the apex court rejected the plea and gave the bank one day.

On Monday, the apex court 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 ECI in compliance with the top court's April 12, 2019, and November 2, 2023, orders.

The poll body filed an application on Thursday to get the sealed covers back from the court so that it could upload the remaining information.

"[I]n compliance of the orders passed by this Hon'ble Court and in order to maintain the confidentiality of the aforesaid information/data, the Election Commission of India forwarded the documents received by it to this Hon'ble Court in sealed covers/boxes, without retaining any copies of the same. Thus, no copies of the documents/statements filed by the Election Commission of India before this Hon'ble Court in the instant case were ever retained by it," the poll body said in its application.

The EC said that it had submitted one sealed cover (with 106 sealed envelopes), and two sealed boxes (with 309 and 214 sealed envelopes respectively), in two tranches. The petition will be heard on Friday.

TWO NEW ECs

of the shortlisted candidates, was provided 212 names the night before, and handed a shortlist of six names before the

meeting. "Of the six names, the names of Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu were finalised for appointment as election commissioners," Chowdhury said. "I did not have information about the background, experience and integrity of these people and I did not like the procedural lacunae."

The appointment came a day before the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear a plea by non-profit Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) to restrain the Union government from appointing two new ECs under the law cleared by Parliament last year—Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023—until its legality is decided.

The petition asked that, in the meantime, the government be ordered to fill the positions through a consultative procedure that involves the Chief Justice of India (CJI) in the selection panel.

Kumar is a Kerala-cadre officer from the 1988 batch who retired as the secretary of the ministry of cooperation in January. He was secretary in the Amit Shah-led ministry from May 2022. He spent five years in the home ministry, first as a joint secretary from May 2016 to September 2018 and then as an additional secretary from September 2018 to April 2021. As the additional secretary, he headed the Jammu & Kashmir desk when Article 370 was abrogated in August 2019. According to one government official, he would routinely accompany Shah to Parliament when the bill to nullify Article 370 was to be introduced.

Sandhu is an Uttarakhand-cadre officer from the 1988 batch who is currently serving as the secretary of Lokpal. He retired as the chief secretary of Uttarakhand in July 2023. Before that, he was the chairperson of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) between October 2019 and July 2021. He spent five years in the then ministry of human resource development from October 2014 to October 2019, first as a joint secretary in the department of higher education and then as an additional secretary.

The new officers were chosen by a committee consisting of Modi, home minister Amit Shah, and Chowdhury. Singh and Kumar fill the two vacancies left by Pandey's retirement on February 15 and Arun Goel's abrupt resignation on March 9. According to the new law, the selection process consists of two committees—a three-member search committee led by the law minister and comprising two government secretaries; and a three-member selection committee headed by the PM and consisting of a Union minister recommended by the PM and the leader of Opposition.

But critics say the new law marked a crucial departure from a judgment of a Constitution bench of the Supreme Court in March last year, which directed for inclusion of the CJI in the selection panel until Parliament came up with a new law. The judgment in Anoop Baranwal Vs Union of India, delivered on March 2, 2023, said that the selection of CEC and ECs should be done by a panel headed by the Prime Minister and comprising two other members—leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and the CJI, to ensure transparency in the selection mechanism.

The composition of the committee was, however, changed in the new law. The SC had said in its order that it was for Parliament to enact a law on the subject.

But the new mechanism for the appointment of CEC and ECs, ADR argued in its petition, had not removed the defect which the court had found in the previous regime but has sought to restore the previous position when appointments were being made solely by the executive.

"I opposed their appointment. I was called only as a formality and their appointment is also a formality. Had the CJI (Chief Justice of India) been there, then the situation could have been different," Chowdhury said.

With Shah's inclusion in the selection committee, Chowdhury said the system was already rigged in favour of the government.

ADR criticised the appointments.

"While our application is waiting to be heard, these two appointments have been made. I suppose legally and constitutionally, there is no problem but by and large, it would have been appropriate for the government to wait when the Supreme Court is to take the decision the next day. It would have been decent of the government to wait. These two appointments were done in a hurry," Jagdeep Chhokar, founding member and trustee of ADR, said.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
1st CORRIGENDUM

Tender No. 30-ELECT-55-T-2023-24-E3

Name of Work: Electrical work regarding provision of Centralized control and command center (C-4) at BRSQ Railway Station. The amendments in above said tender are as under:

Tender No:- 30-ELECT-55-T-2023-24-E3		
Earlier published		Amended
Name of work	Electrical work regarding provision of Centralized control and command center (C-4) at BRSQ Railway Station	Cancelled due to administrative reason
Approx cost of the works in Rs.	109.38 lacs	
Address of the office	Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.	
Bid Security	Rs. 204700.00	
Date & time of submission of tender	19.03.2024, 12.00 Hrs.	
Opening of tender	19.03.2024, 12.00 Hrs.	

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SN	Tender No.	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
1	396	53,63,735.05	1,07,300.00

Name of Work: Construction of New 08 Wheeler Tower Wagon shed at Sirathu station in the section of Asst. Divisional Engineer/Line/North Central Railway/Prayagraj.

Completion Period: 06 (Six) Months, **Date of Opening of tender:** 18.04.2024, **Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Any Civil Engineering work.

SN	Tender No.	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
2	397	2,18,26,968.76	2,59,100.00

Name of Work: PRYJ-CNB: Loading, unloading of various P Way materials in the jurisdiction of Sr. DENI/INCR/PRYJ. **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months, **Date of Opening of tender:** 18.04.2024, **Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Any Civil Engineering work or transportation work.

SN	Tender No.	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
3	398	1,58,22,736.91	2,29,100.00

Name of Work: Installation, commissioning and testing of effluent treatment plant 50 KLD & associated sewer line works at Fatehpur station under Sr. Asst. Divisional Engineer/North Central Railway/Fatehpur. **Completion Period:** 09 (Nine) Months, **Date of Opening of tender:** 18.04.2024, **Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Supply, installation testing, commissioning of STP/ETP.

SN	Tender No.	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
4	399	3,06,03,748.32	3,03,000.00

Name of Work: Supply and stacking of welding portions, welding equipment & welding works for R-260 grade rails in the section of Sr. Divisional Engineer/IN/North Central Railway/PRYJ. **Completion Period:** 12 (Twelve) Months, **Date of Opening of tender:** 18.04.2024, **Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work":** Thermo Welding

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The case for one nation, one poll

Kovind panel's recommendations on simultaneous polls need to be discussed with an open mind — in Parliament and assemblies

The Ram Nath Kovind panel has come up with a detailed and plausible plan to have simultaneous elections for all three tiers of government. It has proposed simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies with polls to local bodies held within 100 days of these. The idea of one nation, one poll is a welcome one. The challenge, however, is in the procedural details and the fear that it militates against the federal structure and spirit of the Constitution. These are concerns that need wider consultations and a broader political consensus. The report needs to be discussed in Parliament and state assemblies.

At the outset, simultaneous elections are welcome for they will help avoid disruptions in governance due to frequent elections. All elections have become competitive and expensive exercises. Governance is stalled when parties and leaders turn on the campaign mode and the model code of conduct kicks in. Less frequent elections will enable leaders to focus on governance. This view of the Kovind panel, surely, has merit. But when federal relations are fraught and the Centre is suspected of championing a unitarian idea of the nation — one-nation-one-poll is perceived by the Opposition as an extension of the BJP's ideological preference for homogeneity and uniformity with respect to language, customs, faith, dress, and diet — the push for simultaneous elections will be viewed as the imposition of the political agenda of the party in office.

It needn't be so. One, simultaneous elections were the norm in the first decade after Independence, until the Nehru Cabinet blotted the copybook by dismissing the CPI-led government in Kerala in 1959. Thereafter, the Congress and the Janata Party, in the post-Emergency interregnum, weaponised Article 356 and dismissed Opposition-led state governments numerous times, until the Supreme Court stepped in with the *Bommai* judgment in 1994. Two, voters are intelligent enough to recognise the federal balance and choose parties/candidates as per the House they are voting to elect: Voting patterns for general and assembly elections in different states — Delhi, Odisha, Kerala, and West Bengal, for instance — suggest this awareness among voters.

The challenge before the Union government now is to convince the Opposition and state governments that the merits of simultaneous polls outweigh fears about the centralisation of the polity. And the Opposition should realise that it is not the process that is failing them but their politics.

In Kathmandu, a new coalition in office

Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal has won a trust vote in Parliament after ditching his erstwhile coalition partner, the Nepali Congress (NC), and forming a new alliance with the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML). This is the third coalition formed by Dahal, also known as Prachanda, since the general election of November 2022. Dahal has tenaciously clung to power, even though his Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist Centre (CPN-MC) does not have the numbers to survive on its own.

It is perhaps telling that the votes secured by Dahal in the three trust votes in Parliament since December 2022 have fallen from 268 to 172 to a mere 157 this time around. Such fragile coalitions are unlikely to lead to political stability at a time when Nepal is grappling with a host of issues, including a much-needed impetus for development. The CPN-MC's relationship with the Nepali Congress had frayed in recent months over issues such as differences over a provincial election and the signing of a petition by almost half of the latter's members demanding the restoration of a Hindu State.

The coming together once again of Nepal's two main Communist parties will go down well in Beijing, which was behind a project in 2018 that resulted in their short-lived merger. It also comes at a time when China is pushing to revive several major infrastructure projects. India has considerable stakes in a stable Nepal, especially after massive investments to create connectivity for trade, energy and people-to-people contacts. New Delhi must be prepared to play the long game as Nepal's political parties attempt to find an equilibrium, without in any way being seen as backing any single player.

Making sense of China's anti-corruption agenda

Its expansion into financial and other economic sectors is aimed at targeting institutions and positions where power and resources lie, to prevent economic instability

Chinese Premier Li Qiang presented his first government report on March 5 at the annual legislative session of the National People's Congress, one-half of the country's rubber-stamp parliament. The party-State attempted to present a positive picture of the economic situation and send out a message of policy continuity through the media and orchestrated events.

Unprecedented unemployment among urban youth between 16 and 24 years of age, local government debt, a struggling real estate market, and sluggish domestic demand are some of the economic issues facing the Chinese leadership as it attempts to transition to a new growth model with less reliance on investment in infrastructure and real estate.

Rather than embarking on the required structural reforms, however, the Communist Party of China (CPC) leadership under general secretary Xi Jinping has, in the past decade, responded with propaganda and by expanding the party's control over State functions. For example, it has launched a country-wide education

campaign to reinforce Xi's policy lines and ideology and attempted to manage narratives to push positive messages on the economy.

The Third Plenum of the 20th Central Committee of the CPC did not take place as it normally would have at the end of last year. It is this plenum of the central committee that traditionally provides the blueprint for economic policy and reforms in China. In yet another tradition-breaking move, the premier did not hold a press conference at the end of the "two sessions" of the Chinese parliament for the remainder of the current term. Together, these developments indicate the leadership's diminishing confidence in laying out for public discussion its economic thinking and policies.

In November last year, the CPC expanded its direct control over the financial sector by establishing a new body, the Central Financial Work Commission, which took over the functions of overseeing the financial sector from the State Council, thereby further reducing the role of State bodies in economic governance.

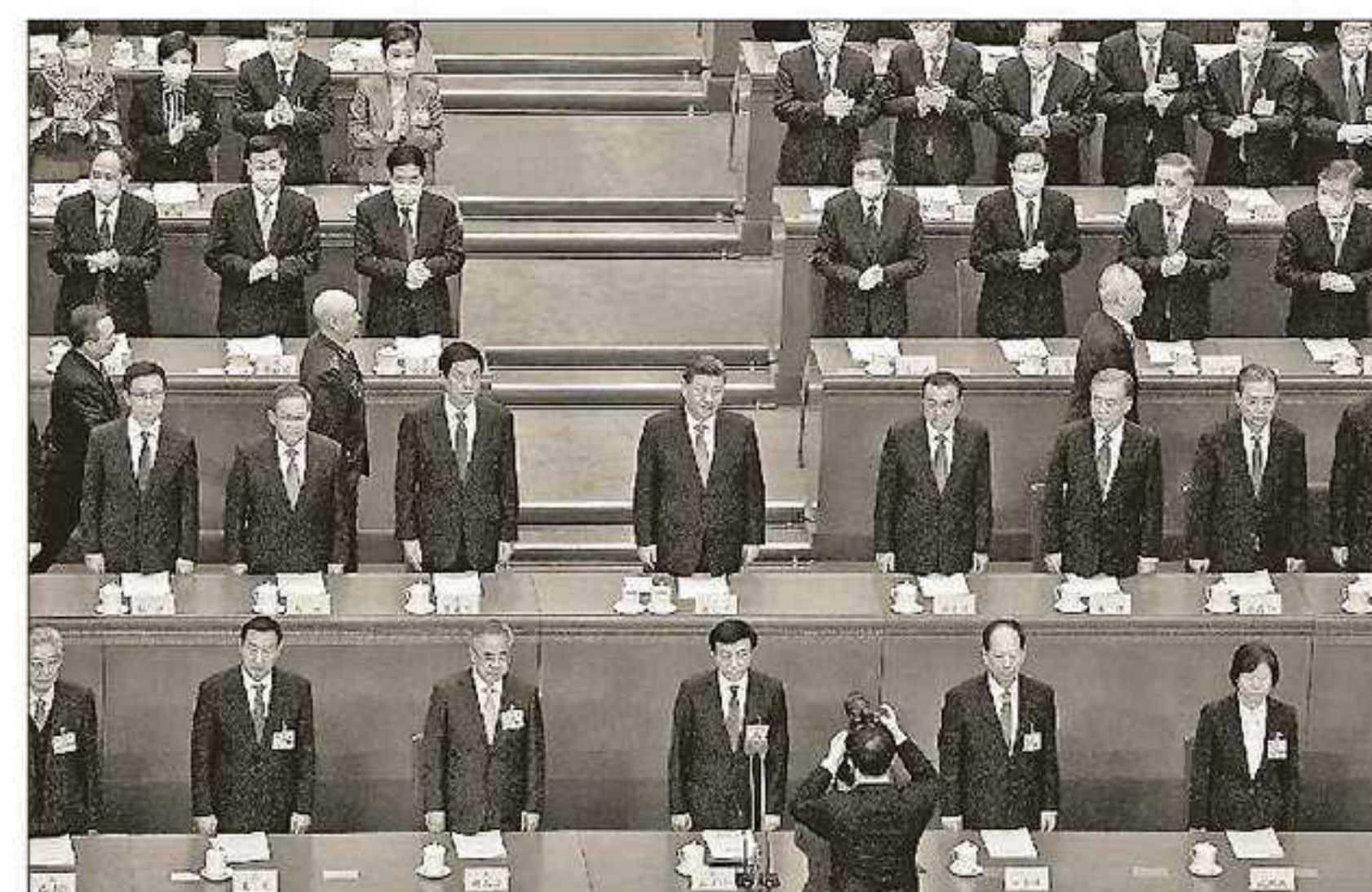
Another striking feature of the CPC's response to China's economic crisis is a further intensification of the anti-corruption campaign. Since 2020, it has increasingly used the anti-corruption watchdog, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI), to try and address financial instability due to reckless credit lending by banks, local government debt,

and corruption in State-owned enterprises (SOEs) and financial regulatory bodies.

In Xi's first and second terms as general secretary of the CPC, it was cadres from the political and legal apparatus — which manages China's police, courts, and procuratorates — and the military that were predominantly targeted. Current trends suggest an additional group being targeted, namely, party-appointed officials in rating agencies, insurance companies, policy banks, SOEs, and asset management companies.

The number of such officials under investigation has gone up rapidly after the 20th party Congress in October 2022 at which Xi was confirmed as general secretary for a third term. Nearly 300 such cadres have been investigated compared to 440 cadres investigated during Xi's first term from 2012 to 2017. The figures are even more significant when contrasted to that in Xi's second term from 2018 to 2022 when the CCDI probed 111 officials.

In the banking sector, more than three dozen senior executives and officials of the country's biggest banks, namely the Bank of China (BoC), China Construction Bank, Agricultural Bank of China, and the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) have been investigated. Some prominent examples include a former senior official at the ICBC, Zhang Hongli, and the former head of the BoC, Liu Liang. The list of fallen offi-



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cial also includes Li Xiaopeng and Tang Shuangning, who had both served as party secretary and chairman of the Everbright Group, a Fortune Global 500 company.

To give a sense of the scale and importance of these actions, note that each of the four Chinese banks mentioned is larger than the State Bank of India, India's largest bank, by several orders of magnitude across revenue, net income and total assets, among other indicators.

The CCDI has also probed some 80 senior officials from other SOEs since the 20th party Congress covering a wide range from globally-ranked energy majors like the China National Petroleum Corporation, Sinopec and PetroChina to those in the railway, aviation, shipping, telecom, and electricity sectors. These include officials from the China Railway Qinghai-Tibet Group Company as well as party committee members in the China National Nuclear Corporation, Central, provincial and sub-provincial level officials have all come within the net with trials being held across the length and breadth of the country.

The expansion of Xi's anti-corruption campaign into the financial and other economic sectors is aimed at

targeting the institutions and positions where power and resources lie, to prevent dangers to economic stability. The urgency is underscored by Premier Li in his work report when he says, "We must tighten up financial and economic discipline and intensify oversight on accounting. Prestige and vanity projects and wasteful and excessive spending will be strictly prohibited."

The objective is also to strengthen the CPC's control. The fact that several officials under investigation are also members or heads of party committees — the nucleus of decision-making and source of the CPC's direct control over these institutions — underlines the political significance of the campaign. It also suggests that greater party control is likely to be a defining feature of the Chinese economy for the foreseeable future. This is a reality that must be acknowledged and factored into approaches and policies that countries frame towards China.

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Assam's repeal of Muslim marriage law is a mistake

The reported move of the government of Assam to repeal the state's 90-year-old Muslim Marriages and Divorces Registration Act is, to say the least, ill-advised. The decision that marriages among Muslims should instead be registered under the Special Marriage Act 1954 smacks of ignorance about the nature and objects of this Act.

Marriages among Muslims are solemnised by a *nikah* ceremony conducted by a religious official called *qazi* (also spelt as *kazi*). The *qazis* prepare and issue to the parties a signed *nikah-nama* (marriage certificate) containing all relevant information about the marriage, parties thereto and mutually settled terms of marriage. They also prepare *talaq-namas* (divorce-deeds) as and when asked for by interested persons. The *qazis* preserve with them copies of all marriage and divorce deeds they issue, and all these documents are admissible under the law as proof of related transactions.

During the Mughal rule in the country, official *qazis* were designated by the local governments for various administrative units under their control. The British rulers inherited the system and maintained it for a long time. As per necessity, they associated designated *qazis*, along with selected pundits, with the civil courts as "native law officers" to expound to the British judges the principles of Hindu and Muslim laws applicable to disputes that were under the then charters of governance to be settled in accordance with the parties' respective personal laws.

After the system of associating native law officers with the courts was abolished by a law enacted in 1864, the government altogether stopped designating *qazis*. Muslim leaders demanded that it should continue nominating official *qazis* to perform non-judicial functions. A Mohammedan Marriage and Divorce Registration Act was then enacted in 1876 for Bengal, Bihar and Orissa (then constituting a single province) re-empowering the government to designate official *qazis* by the title 'Mohammedan Registrars' to perform the limited function of solemnising marriages and preparing divorce documents. These so-called registrars were to be picked from religious functionaries and were no different from *qazis* — which term was seemingly avoided to dispel the impression that the nominees had any adjudicatory powers.

The Act laid down the procedure for preparing records of marriages and divorces and provided forms for the same. Registration under the Act was kept optional, and it was clarified that mere registration would not validate an otherwise invalid marriage or divorce. The enacted by the central legislature in 1886 amended the Bengal Act under reference to the effect that the records of marriages kept under it should be periodically transmitted to the local registrar-general's office.

In 1912, when Bihar and Orissa were separated from Bengal, the 1876 Act remained in force in both the new provinces with necessary adaptation. While in Odisha it was locally re-enacted two years after Independence, it remains in force in Bihar and the newly created state of Jharkhand. Assam, which was initially under the control of

the Bengal government, had been made a separate administrative unit in 1874 and was reorganised as a new province in 1921. The Bengal Act of 1876 was locally re-enacted there in 1935 under the name Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorces Registration Act. When in 1971 a separate state of Meghalaya was carved out of Assam, the 1935 Act was retained in force there.

In 1955 the Hindu Marriage Act provided for registration of all marriages governed by it with marriage registrars to be designated by state governments, leaving it to the latter to decide whether registration would be optional or compulsory. Administrative rules framed under the Act in various states (including Assam) generally kept it optional until the Supreme Court directed, in the *Seema* case of 2006, that all marriages everywhere in the country must be compulsorily registered.

The states then either amended their existing registration rules accordingly or enacted new laws for the mandatory registration of marriages. Compulsory registration would, of course, not affect the nature of marriages which would continue to be governed by the parties' personal law. The Assam Hindu Marriage Registration Rules of 1961 too were amended along the same lines. The Muslim Marriages and Divorces Registration Acts in force in the six states mentioned above, or the rules framed under them, were also amended to comply with the apex court directive.

The case of the Special Marriage Act 1954 is essentially different. It provides for solemnisation of civil marriages to be governed by its own provisions and not by any personal law. Additionally, the Act provides the facility of voluntarily converting a pre-existing religious marriage solemnised under the personal law of the parties into a civil marriage. The married couples, if they mutually decide to bring their marriage under the civil marriage regime, have to register it for such an effect under Section 15 of the Act. This special provision of the Act is not an administrative but a substantive legal provision which, if availed, would entirely change the nature of marriage and take it out of the ambit of the personal law hitherto applicable to it.

Requiring marriages among Muslims to be registered under this exceptional provision of the Special Marriage Act would amount to forcing the parties to altogether abandon their personal law. Singling out a chosen community for such a drastic step, while leaving marriages among the other communities to be governed by their respective personal laws, cannot stand the constitutional test of equal justice and non-discrimination. Such an extraordinary measure full of revolutionary implications cannot be taken in a particular state. Of course, if Parliament in its wisdom decides to adopt such a measure — repealing at the same time all other marriage and marriage registration laws wherever in force — this may be seen as a simpler way to bring the nation under a Uniform Civil Code.

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If we want to make our society happy, then uplift of youth, women, workers and farmers is important. Youth should get employment, women should be empowered, workers should get proper wages, while farmers should get good prices

Why NATO's new roles may be one too many

Tensions are rising again in Europe. Even as Sweden reversed two centuries of neutrality to become the 32nd member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), various political actors are adding fuel to the fire. President Vladimir Putin warned of total annihilation if NATO put "boots on the ground" in Ukraine. That remark was set off by a seemingly mystifying statement by President Emmanuel Macron, to the effect that troops on the ground should not be ruled out. A flurry of denials by other members followed. No one wants to walk erratically into World War III. Meanwhile, NATO declared the Indo-Pacific as a priority. That may be a problem for many.

Macron's comment was made against a specific background. France has been championing an independent foreign policy for decades, much to the chagrin of the United States. On a visit to China, he even warned of getting dragged into a US war over Taiwan and resisting NATO plans to open an office in Japan. Macron has also been at the forefront of trying to ease relations with Russia and faced criticism for sending the least arms aid to Ukraine. Paris tried to retrieve its status with a grand conference on Ukraine on February 26. In response to a question, Macron simply said that nothing should be ruled out. Putin reacted predictably with threats of annihilation, as did NATO members in rejecting it.

A report notes pessimism across the European Union (EU) with just 10% believing in a Ukrainian victory. Twice as many expect an (undefined) Russian win. Those polled in Poland, Portugal, and Sweden preferred (but did not expect) Ukraine to take back its territory, while most wanted Kyiv to accept a settlement. Meanwhile, as European GDP growth falters, even the projected 0.6% rise is attributable ironically to a stronger than expected Russian economy. Europe's largest imports are from China, with some 2,000 ships plying every day in the Indo-Pacific. As officials echo the need to ensure a "rules-based order", it seems the circle has closed. NATO now wants a place in the Indo-Pacific.

Recently, NATO secretary general Jens Stoltenberg castigated China's mild reaction to Alexei Navalny's death as an "internal matter", observing this as another indicator of Beijing quietly supporting Putin on Ukraine. He warned that if Russia succeeded against

Ukraine, China would then feel free to act against Taiwan. That's rather combative talk. All this when Europe is being accused by former President Donald Trump of spending little on defence. His threat that the US would stay out, if Russia invaded countries not "paying up" was outrageous, but it is true that only three NATO countries are spending the required 2% of GDP on defence, even after the 2014 Crimea invasion. This may rise to 18 of an expanded 31 countries. But all this is going to take time, as China rises.

At the Vilnius Summit, NATO for the first time identified China as a "challenge", even while holding regular military staff talks with Beijing since 2010. In December, the European Union also had its summit with China,

in a process that started in 1998. The key issue for the EU is the huge negative trade imbalance of €400 billion, and China's support to Russia. Neither is likely to change much. So as before, no joint statement was issued. For China, the worry is that NATO communiqués are now signed onto by Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. These NATO Plus countries will transition to a new Individually Tailored Partnership Programme (ITPP), for greater integration, but remain outside Article 5's collective defence.

NATO now declares the Indo-Pacific as having a direct relation to security. But important actors are wary. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) likes the EU as a strategic partner but recently held its first-ever military exercise, stressing ASEAN centrality, rather than choosing sides in a world of competition between great powers. India's foreign minister distanced Delhi from an explicit recommendation by the US Senate India Caucus to get India to be part of NATO Plus. Delhi has worked with NATO on piracy, and both have a raft of common interests, like climate security and terrorism.

China is India's second-largest trading partner, but no such consideration will limit Delhi's actions to defend itself to the full in this part of the world. Meanwhile, it would be advisable to talk and engage with NATO, and understand its proposals to be a smart security enabler. All friends are welcome, as long as they stand their ground.

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COUPLE SENT TO JAIL FOR FORCING MAN TO CONVERT

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BHOPAL: A court in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh has sentenced a couple to two years in jail for allegedly forcing their niece's husband to adopt Christianity, officials familiar with the matter said on Thursday.

Sagar district court additional sessions judge Sagar Kiran Kol also imposed a fine of ₹25,000 on the couple, said officials. Accused Ramesh Ahirwar Masih (40), and his wife Sakhi Masih (40), both residents of Vivek Nagar in Sagar district were found guilty under Section 3 read with Section 5 of Madhya Pradesh Religious Freedom Act 2021, officials said.

Ramesh and his wife Sakhi were booked under the MP Freedom of Religion Act in October 2021, based on the complaint filed by Abhishek Ahirwar, additional public prosecutor Raman Kumar Jarolia said. Based on the complaint, the duo were arrested in October 2021.

They were initially arrested and sent to jail but were released on bail after a month.

"They lured the complainant to adopt Christianity to get a job," Jarolia said. "In such a situation, accused Ramesh and Sakhi are punished with two years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹25,000 each," the court order read.

NITISH AND RABRI AMONG 11 ELECTED UNOPPOSED TO BIHAR COUNCIL

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PATNA: Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar, former chief minister Rabri Devi along with nine others were on Thursday declared elected unopposed to the state legislative council.

The CM, who got elected for the fourth consecutive term, reached the Vidhan Sabha secretariat to receive his certificate along with party colleagues like MLC Khalid Anwar, and Lok Sabha MP and former national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan'. Among the elected candidates, three are from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) — state president and former minister Mangal Pandey, who got a third consecutive term, besides Lal Mohan Gupta and Anamika Singh, both of whom made their debut.

When asked about the announcement of a seat-sharing formula by the NDA and a long overdue explanation of his cabinet, Kumar said: "Many things will become clear by this evening. You will get to know it all very soon." Vidhan Sabha secretary Raj Kumar said all elected candidates collected their own certificates except Rabri Devi, who sent close aide for it.

(With PTI inputs)

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निम्नलिखित भूमि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा अपनी सहमति के आधार पर काश्तकारों से क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है-							
ग्राम चकलालाबाद सैक्टर 22ई व ग्राम कुरैब सैक्टर 32 के अन्तर्गत							
क्रमांक	सैक्टर/ग्राम का नाम	खाता संख्या	खसरा संख्या	खसरे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे० मे०)	खातेदार का नाम व पता	तहसील से प्राप्त रिपोर्ट के आधार पर काश्तकार का हिस्सा	काश्तकार का विक्रय हेतु क्षेत्रफल (हे० मे०)
1.	22ई चकलालाबाद	70	69	0.3510	मदनलाल पुत्र प्रेम कुमार निवासी मयूर विहार फेस- 1 पूर्वी दिल्ली।	1/2	0.1755
2.	22ई चकलालाबाद	46	15	0.9620	धर्मवीर सिंह पुत्र हरसरनसिंह निवासी साहिबाबाद तहसील व जिला गाजियाबाद हाल निवास मौकनपुर परगना व तहसील जेवर जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर।	1/14	0.0687
3.	32 कुरैब	02	400	3.8990	रविन्द्र सिंह माटी पुत्र बुद्धपाल सिंह निवासी ग्राम रुस्तमपुर, तहसील जेवर, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।	में से	0.0583
4.	32 कुरैब	432	399	4.6320	कान्ता अग्रवाल पत्नी श्री मुकेश मोहन अग्रवाल निवासी रामलीला ग्राउंड मुरसान, तहसील व जिला हथरस।	में से	0.0844
5.	32 कुरैब	48	281	2.6560	विरेंद्र सिंह पुत्र प्यारेलाल निवासी मौहम्मदपुर गुर्जर, तहसील सदर, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।	में से	0.1018
6.	32 कुरैब	48	281	2.6560	गजराज सिंह पुत्र प्यारेलाल निवासी मौहम्मदपुर गुर्जर, तहसील सदर, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।	में से	0.1018
7.	32 कुरैब	48	281	2.6560	कन्हैयालाल पुत्र प्यारेलाल निवासी मौहम्मदपुर गुर्जर, तहसील सदर, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।	में से	0.1018
8.	32 कुरैब	459	290	0.7270	श्रीमती हसनवी पत्नी कासिम निवासी ग्राम नगला जहनु, तहसील जेवर, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।	में से	0.0317
9.	32 कुरैब	105/71	0.0470	0.0470	मौहम्मद हुसैन पुत्र कलुआ निवासी ग्राम नगला हाण्डा, तहसील जेवर, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।	में से	0.0047
		63/72	0.2690			में से	0.0269
10.	32 कुरैब	374/348/348	313/254/255	0.0040/0.1680/0.3800	रजाह मौहम्मद पुत्र ईसब खॉ निवासी ग्राम नगला हाण्डा, तहसील जेवर, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।	में से	0.0010
						में से	0.0840
						में से	0.0107
11.	32 कुरैब	105/63/78	71/0.2690/0.0880	0.0470/0.2690/0.0880	मुत्ताक पुत्र कस्यम निवासी ग्राम नगला हाण्डा, तहसील जेवर, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर।	में से	0.0063
						में से	0.0189
						में से	0.0293
उपरोक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिन के अन्दर अघोस्तासरी को अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।							
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FUEL RATES

revise fuel rates.

In a post on X, petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri said in Hindi, "By reducing the price of petrol and diesel by ₹2, the country's accomplished Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji has once again proved that the welfare and comfort of his family of crores of Indians is always his goal." It is expected that some BJP-ruled states, such as Rajasthan, may cut value-added tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel as was promised by the PM during the recent assembly polls, a government official said, requesting anonymity.

due to decent profits earned by OMCs, but the timing and quantum were to be decided by the competent authority." The executive requested anonymity. India's fuel retail business is dominated by three state-run OMCs with over 90% market share - Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL).

The three oil marketers have posted about ₹70,000 crore net profit in the first three quarters of the current financial year, as against a combined net profit of ₹1,137.89 crore in the entirety of 2022-23, and are expected to make significant profits even in the three months to March as average international crude oil rates are more or less stable, another official said, requesting anonymity. IOC pumps of Delhi had kept prices of petrol at ₹96.72 per litre and diesel at ₹89.62 until Friday morning.

While India's monthly average crude oil import cost (Indian basket) ranged between \$74.98 a barrel in May 2023 and \$93.5 per barrel in September 2023 in the current financial year. After the September peak, it fell to \$77.42 in December 2023, \$79.22 in January 2024, and \$81.62 in February 2024, according to official data. The average price of the Indian basket was \$83.04 a barrel in about first two weeks of March 2024.

OMCs froze petrol and diesel rates on April 6, 2022, to check international oil price volatility and the central government reduced excise duty twice (by ₹13 on petrol and ₹16 on diesel) to protect Indian consumers when average crude oil purchase prices of the Indian basket surged from \$73.30 a barrel in December 2021 to \$112.87 a barrel in March 2022, and further to \$116.01 a barrel in June 2022.

Auto fuel rates were changed for the first time after they were kept frozen for almost two years since April 6, 2022. HT on Sunday reported about an imminent automobile fuel price cut after the CNG rate was slashed by ₹2.50 a kg in regions such as Bengaluru, Patna, Ranchi and the Taj Trapezium Zone. Consumer prices of various types of fuel came down after Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 8 announced a reduction in cooking gas price by ₹100 per cylinder as a gift to 320 million households on International Women's Day.

"Reduction in petrol and diesel prices will boost consumer spending and reduce operating costs for over 58 lakh heavy goods vehicles running on diesel, 6 crore cars and 27 crore two-wheelers," the oil ministry said on X. It said the reduced fuel prices will benefit citizens through a higher disposable income, controlling inflation, lowering the input costs of farmers, boosting tourism and enhancing profitability for the logistics, manufacturing, and retail sectors.

One executive of an oil marketing company (OMC) said, "The price cut was imminent

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE - Open Competitive Bidding
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

The Government of Assam through Government of India has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the **Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Program (ARRBP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the eligible payment under the contract. Bids are invited online from the eligible bidders from India for the following works as detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Package no.	Name of the work	Approx. Estimated Amount (Rupees in Lakh)	Bid security (Rupees in Lakh)	Tender Processing fees (INR)	Completion Period (month)
1	CE/EAP/ARRBP/OCB/Bridge-1/Nagaon/14	Construction of Bridge in Nagaon district: i) Br. on Roha Gaon Tupakuchi Road	560.38	11.21	5000	30
2	CE/EAP/ARRBP/OCB/Bridge-1/Nagaon/15	Construction of Bridge in Nagaon district: i) Br. on Mahgarh to Tepporati Road	581.84	11.64	5000	24
3	CE/EAP/ARRBP/OCB/Bridge-1/Hojai/06	Construction of Bridge in Hojai district: i) Br. No. 5/1 on Dhonsila to Longjup (Lila Ghat)	1291.43	25.83	5000	30
4	CE/EAP/ARRBP/OCB/Bridge-1/Nagaon/01	Construction of Bridge in Nagaon district: i) Br. No. 3/1 on Samaguri Udmari Road to Kathalguri Amlakhi Road via Sotarbasti	203.07	4.06	5000	18
5	CE/EAP/ARRBP/OCB/Bridge-1/Tinsukia/06	Construction of Bridge in Tinsukia district: i) Br. No. 1/1 7 No. Shantipur to Ghuramura Gaon Road	188.78	3.78	5000	18
6	CE/EAP/ARRBP/OCB/Bridge-1/Barpeta/20	Construction of Bridge in Barpeta district: i) Br. on Sikartary ME school to Sikartary Pather Road	440.29	8.81	5000	30
7	CE/EAP/ARRBP/OCB/Bridges-2/Karimganj/06	Construction of Bridges in Karimganj district: i) Br. No. 2/3 on Cheragibazar to Kotamoni road ii) Br. No. 2/2 on Cheragibazar to Kotamoni road	440.97	8.82	5000	24

The bidding documents are available online on <http://www.assamtenders.gov.in> from 30/03/2024 to 20/04/2024. Bidders will be required to register on the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Bids must be submitted online on <http://www.assamtenders.gov.in> or before 14:00 Hours on 20/04/2024. Other details can be seen in the bidding document. The method of paying Bid Security, Tender Processing fees as indicated in the table above of this e-procurement shall be required to be submitted online on <http://www.assamtenders.gov.in> by selecting "Pay Online" option.

Chief Engineer, (EAP) PWRD
Assam, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati-25

Janasanyog /CF/6558/ 23/15 March 2024

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-11

F. No. _____ Date: _____

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on behalf of Search-cum-Selection Committees invites applications for the following posts of the **National Nursing and Midwifery Commission and Autonomous Boards i.e. the Nursing and Midwifery Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Education Board, the Nursing and Midwifery Assessment and Rating Board & the Nursing and Midwifery Ethics and Registration Board under the National Nursing and Midwifery Commission Act, 2023:-**

Sr. No.	Category of post	Number of posts	Scale of pay
1.	Chairperson, National Nursing and Midwifery Commission	01	Rs. 182,200-224,100/- (Level 15)
2.	Secretary, National Nursing and Midwifery Commission	01	Rs. 144200-218200/- (Level 14)
3.	Members under clauses (j), (k) and (l) of Section 4	06	Rs. 144200-218200/- (Level 14)
4.	President, Nursing and Midwifery Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Education Board	01	Rs. 144200-218200/- (Level 14)
5.	President, Nursing and Midwifery Assessment and Rating Board	01	Rs. 144200-218200/- (Level 14)
6.	President, Nursing and Midwifery Ethics and Registration Board	01	Rs. 144200-218200/- (Level 14)
7.	Whole Time Members, Nursing and Midwifery Under-Graduate and Post- Graduate Education Board	02	Rs. 144200-218200/- (Level 14)
8.	Part Time Member, Nursing and Midwifery Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Education Board	01	N.A.
9.	Whole Time Members, Nursing and Midwifery Assessment and Rating Board	02	Rs. 144200-218200/- (Level 14)
10.	Part Time Member, Nursing and Midwifery Assessment and Rating Board	01	N.A.
11.	Whole Time Members, Nursing and Midwifery Ethics and Registration Board	02	Rs. 144200-218200/- (Level 14)
12.	Part Time Member, Nursing and Midwifery Ethics and Registration Board	01	N.A.

2. The last date for receiving the application will be **thirty days from the date of publication** of this advertisement in the Employment News.

3. The particulars of the post, eligibility conditions etc., including the downloadable application format can be obtained from the MoHFW website at <https://main.mohfw.gov.in/>. A candidate can apply for more than one post but not more than three posts as per his/her eligibility. In case a candidate applies for more than three posts, application received for the first three posts shall be considered and applications for the rest of the posts will not be entertained.

4. Application in prescribed pro-forma completed in all respects should reach to **"Under Secretary (Nursing), Room no 504 'A' wing, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-011 or by email to nursing-mohfw@gov.in.**

5. Applications received after the due date or in different format or otherwise found incomplete will not be considered.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University invites e-tenders from reputed and registered Caterers/Firms desirous of participating in the e-bid for allotment of Hostel Mess Services at SMVD University, Kakryal Katra.

The tender document can be seen/downloaded from website www.smvdu.ac.in and www.iktenders.gov.in from date 12.03.2024. The bids shall be submitted in electronic format on website www.iktenders.gov.in upto date **01.04.2024**.

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any tender / all tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

No: SMVDU/DSW/2024/3077
Dated: 12.03.2024

Sd/-
Registrar

GMDC **GVT**

TENDER NOTICE

Selection Of Agency for Printing, Binding And Supply Of Full Scope & Small Size Notebooks At GMDC Project Locations In Gujarat & Odisha

Tender Advt. No.: GMDC-GVT/CSR/10/23-24 Date: 14/03/2024

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed and experienced organizations by GMDC-Gramya Vikas Trust for selection Of Agency For Printing, Binding And Supply Of Full Scope & Small Size Notebooks At GMDC Project Locations In Gujarat & Odisha.

The detailed schedule of e-tender and tender document is available at the n-procure website (<https://gmcdtender.nprocure.com>) and GMDC website (<https://www.gmcdcltd.com>).

Queries for the tender document can be addressed at: pmcsr1@gmcdcltd.co.in

Last date for submission of bids (Online): 22/03/2024, 18:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of Technical Bids (Hardcopy): 22/03/2024, 18:30 Hrs.

CEO, GMDC-GVT

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.
Gramya Vikas Trust (GMDC-GVT)
8, Mills Officer's Colony,
B/H LA-GAJJAR Chambers, Ashram Road,
Ahmedabad-380009

MADHYA PRADESH RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(An Agency of Panchayat & Rural Development Department,
Govt. of M.P.)
3rd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.)
(GST No. 23AAATM9054A3ZX)
No./3679/22-D-12/MPRRDA/2024 Bhopal, Dated : 14.03.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. 1183 (PM-JANMAN)
(Batch-I, Year-2023-24)

Online Tenders for Construction of Rural Roads/CDs with 5 years maintenance are invited on the E-Procurement System portal <https://www.pmgstenders.gov.in> as detailed below:

- **Name of Work** : Construction/Up-gradation of Rural Roads under PMGSY including maintenance for Five year after construction.
- **SSR Applicable** : SSR issued by M.P. Rural Road Development Authority, effective from 01.01.2024 and amended upto issue date of NIT.

S. No.	Name of District	No. of Packages	No. of Roads	Total Length (in kms)	Total PAC (In Rs.)
1.	Ashoknagar	1	1	1.98	16459000.00
2.	Dindori	3	9	18.48	128956030.00
3.	Guna	1	1	0.70	4365820.00
4.	Gwalior	4	8	12.13	84579134.00
5.	Narsinghpur	1	1	0.70	3661980.00
6.	Shahdol	3	6	7.35	44064296.00
7.	Sidhi	1	2	4.56	31595940.00

1. **Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:** The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgstenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

2. Bid document may be purchased online from 16.03.2024 (17:30 hrs.) and last date for online bid submission is **01.04.2024 (17:00 hrs.)**

3. Other Critical dates and details can be viewed in the detailed N.I.T. and SBD for PMGSY Works (June-2020) on the above-mentioned portal and concerned P.U.

M.P. Madhyam/114454/2024 **CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (TENDER)**
भेरी सड़क ऐप डाउनलोड कर, फीडबैक देकर राष्ट्र के विकास में सहयोग दें।

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai
e-mail - maha.mmgsa2023@gmail.com
MMGPA, 1st Floor, Arogya Bhavan, St. Georges Hospital Compound,
MUMBAI - 400 001.

TENDER NOTICE

Advt No. _____ Date :- / / 2023

Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai invites tender in two Envelope system from the eligible bidders for the following items for purchase of medicines.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Item(s)	Prebid Meeting	Period of sale, download & Submission of Bid	Bid Opening
1	GEM/2024/B/4778044	Syringe pump, Infusion Pump, Electrical Apparatus	Dt. 21.03.2024 At 12.00 PM.	Dt. 14-03-2024 at 02.00 PM to Dt. 04-04-2024 Upto 02.00 PM.	Dt. 04-04-2024 at 02:30 hrs.

1. For detailed information the interested bidders may visit the website <https://gem.gov.in>.

2. The Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be purchased and also reserves the right to cancel all the tenders without giving any reason to.

For e-tendering help/ information, please contact.
Website :- <https://gem.gov.in>
Contact No 022-22621886 / 022-22621973
Email - maha.mmgsa2023@gmail.com

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer,
Maharashtra Medical Goods
Procurement Authority Mumbai

DGIPR/2023-24/ROC 9962

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: 15720232024 Dated: 13.03.2024

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tendering process for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 24.04.2024. The details of the tender is as under:

SN	Tender No.	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
1	413	2,32,91,470.69	2,66,500.00
Name of Work: Lifting of Loop line turnouts, deep screening of siding lines/Over run and Muck removal at various yards between Bamrauli-Sathnaraini in the Section of Asst. Divisional Engineer/Line/Prayagraj. Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months			
SN	Tender No.	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
2	414	2,85,59,858.94	2,92,800.00
Name of Work: Lifting of Loop line turnouts, deep screening of siding lines/Over run and Muck removal at various yards in the Section of Sr. Asst. Divisional Engineer/ Fatehpur. Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months			
SN	Tender No.	Approx. Cost of Work (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)
3	415	93,27,494.65	1,86,600.00
Name of Work: Turnout Sleeper Renewal of 33 set (1in12) at various yards in the jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Engineer-II/North Central Railway/Prayagraj. Completion Period: 09 (Nine) Months.			

Date of Opening of tender: 24.04.2024 for each tender Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work": P. Way work for each tender Note: 1. E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. 2. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on website www.reps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 24.04.2024. 3. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 4. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 5. The Tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. 6. The supplier/contractor of goods and / or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. 7. Document being attached, should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 8. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.indianrailways.gov.in. 9. Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. 10. In case of any difficulty/helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 11. Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. of tender opening date i.e. 24.04.2024. 12. The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC-2022 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. 48724(K)

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I HAVE changed my wife's name from Parvathi Devi to Araveeti Parvathi Devi Service No. 15195317 Havaladar Araveeti Sreenivasulu S/o A Allurak Village Gopavaram Mahamandi Kurnool (A P) 515853

I TARUN S/o Late Sh. Naresh Kumar R/o H.No.266, Lal Chand Colony, Nai Basti, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar, Haryana have changed my name to Tarun Mittal for all purposes.

I SUMIT Gupta, son of Ved Prakash Gupta, resident of 89 Near Filmistan Cinema, Model Basti, Delhi-110005 have changed the name of my minor son, Atharv Gupta aged 10 years (DOB 03-09-2013) and he shall hereafter be known as Vyaas Gupta.

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Ukraine steps up attacks as Russians head to prez polls

Ahead of the election, Kyiv has ramped up its aerial attacks on Russian regions just across shared border

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MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday urged Russians to vote for him at a "difficult" time for the country, hours before polls open and as Kyiv launched a barrage of deadly attacks on Russian border regions.

The former KGB agent is set to extend his rule by another six years this weekend in a presidential election the Kremlin says will show that the country is fully behind his assault on Ukraine.

Ahead of the vote, Kyiv has ramped up its aerial bombardment of Russian regions just across their shared border.

At least two people were killed and several more wounded in a wave of attacks on the Russian region of Belgorod on Thursday.

And the Russian national guard said it was fighting off attacks from pro-Ukrainian militias in Kursk, the latest in a string of border clashes.

"I am convinced: you realise what a difficult period our country is going through, what complex challenges we are facing in almost all areas," Putin said in an address to Russians on the eve of the vote. "And in order to continue to respond to them with dignity and successfully overcome difficulties, we need to continue to be united and self-confident," he said.

'Border clashes'
All of Putin's major critics are dead, in prison or in exile, and authorities blocked the few genuine competitors who tried to stand in the March 15-17 contest.

Things to know about Russia polls

Vladimir Putin is certain to win presidential polls. That will give the longest-serving Kremlin chief since Josef Stalin another six-year term. Here's what you need to know



How will it work?

- The polls will be held on March 15-17. Results will follow shortly afterwards and the winner will be inaugurated in May
- A remote online voting system will be available for the first time in a Russian presidential election
- Voting will also take place in what Russia calls its new territories - parts of Ukraine now controlled by Russian forces

Putin is running against

- (1) **Communist Party**
Nikolai Kharitonov
- (2) **Liberal Democratic Party**
Leonid Slutsky
- (3) **New People party**
Vladislav Davankov

Putin's show all the way

- Putin, 71, a former KGB officer, was appointed acting prez by Boris Yeltsin on the last day of 1999. He won the 2000 election with 53.0% of the vote and the 2004 election with 71.3% of the vote
- In 2008, Dmitry Medvedev ran for president and Putin served as prime minister before winning 63.6% of the vote in the 2012 presidential election and 76.7% in 2018
- Constitutional amendments in 2008 extended the presidential term to six years from four, while amendments in 2020 formally reset Putin's own presidential term tally to zero from 2024 potentially allowing him to remain in power until 2036

You must not only cast your vote, but firmly declare your will and aspirations, your personal involvement in the further development of Russia. Elections are a step into the future.

Vladimir Putin, Russian President

How many voters?

112.3 MN with the right to vote

1.9 MN people abroad have the right to vote

12,000 in Baikonur, a cosmodrome which Russia rents in Kazakhstan

70-80 MN usually cast ballots

67.5% turnout in 2018

Alexei Navalny, Putin's most high-profile opponent over the last decade, died in February in an Arctic prison colony.

He was serving 19 years for "extremism" — charges widely seen as retribution for his campaigning against the Kremlin leader.

Kyiv has this week launched some of its most significant aerial attacks since the start of the two-year conflict.

The governor of Russia's Belgorod region, Vyacheslav Glad-

kov, said on Thursday that two people were killed and several more wounded in at least three separate waves of aerial attacks.

He accused Ukraine of trying to "sow panic, distrust, anger and resentment, in order to break the unit of our society".

Shopping centres in the region were closed on Thursday and Gladkov urged residents to delay taking trips outside "to save your health and your life".

Pro-Ukrainian paramilitaries also claimed to be escalating

attacks and incursions in Russian border regions.

In a joint statement Thursday, three pro-Kyiv volunteer groups — claiming to consist of Russians who oppose the Kremlin and have taken up arms — called on authorities to evacuate civilians from the regions of Belgorod and Kursk.

Ukraine criticises polls in occupied territories
Russia's staging of presidential elections in occupied territories

of Ukraine is illegal and void, the Ukrainian foreign ministry said on Thursday, urging international partners not to recognise the results.

Kyiv's foreign ministry said the electoral campaign in the Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions, all partially controlled by Russia, as well as Crimea, annexed by Russia in 2014, was another demonstration of Moscow's "continued flagrant disregard for international law norms and principles".

UK's new extremism definition sparks row

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LONDON: The UK government on Thursday unveiled a new definition of extremism which will determine which organisations get public funds and meetings with officials, prompting criticism from various civic, political and religious groups.

The change comes weeks after Prime Minister Rishi Sunak warned of a "shocking increase in extremist disruption and criminality" that risked the country tipping into "mob rule".

Sunak's comments — made in a Downing Street address to the nation — follow months of controversial pro-Palestinian protests in British cities but were criticised by some as exaggerated and politically motivated.

The marches protesting Israel's military response to Hamas's October 7 attacks have attracted hundreds of thousands of people and have seen dozens arrested for anti-Semitic chanting and banners, promoting proscribed organisations and assaulting emergency workers.

The government has insisted the update to its 2011 definition of extremism — which applies to conduct that falls short of criminality — is "narrower and more precise".

It was previously defined as "the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values" such as "mutual respect and tolerance".

Announcing the rewording of the government's 2011 extremism definition, senior minister Michael Gove told parliament it was necessary "to protect our democratic values and enhance social cohesion".

"It is important both to reinforce what we all have in com-

WHAT IS THE NEW DEFINITION?

- The update defines extremism as: the promotion or advancement of an ideology based on violence, hatred or intolerance, that aims to: negate or destroy the fundamental rights and freedoms of others; Or undermine, overturn or replace the UK's system of liberal parliamentary democracy and democratic rights.
- The government says a team of impartial officials will carry out a "rigorous" assessment in the next few weeks before announcing which groups will be labelled extremist.
- Any group categorised such will be banned from receiving government funding or any other government support. Groups can seek a judicial review in the courts.
- The government hopes that labelling a group extremist will make the public and other bodies shun them.
- Some critics say the policy is an assault on free speech, and could come to include those who hold gender critical views or those who oppose abortion.

mon and to be clear and precise in identifying the dangers posed by extremism," he added.

Gove rejected criticism — including from normally sympathetic right-wing media — that it could stifle free speech, vowing that the policy would not apply to campaigners on issues such as gender recognition and the environment.

"The government is taking every possible precaution to strike a balance... between protecting fundamental rights and safeguarding citizens," he said.

But the change sparked widespread criticism.

Qari Asim, chairman of the Mosques and Imams Advisory Board, warned it could end up fuelling extremism and that the police may also be imposed inconsistently. "It will be applied subjectively," he told BBC radio, adding it risked creating "huge division in our society".

"My fear is that potentially, this proposed definition will actually result in more extremism and people going under-

ground and, as a result, being manipulated and exploited by those who are true extremists."

Divisive impact

Lawmaker John Mann, the government's independent adviser on anti-Semitism, agreed that ministers should be prioritising "bringing communities together". "I think that the government needs to listen to people who are advising that the politics of division will not work," he told the BBC.

Church leaders too have aired concerns about its divisive impact.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said on Wednesday that there was a danger "of hollowing out the centre... and driving people to one extreme or the other", adding that this was "very, very dangerous".

Sunak's ruling Conservative party has faced claims of Islamophobia, after a former deputy chairman accused London Mayor Sadiq Khan of links to Islamists.

TOP U.S. SENATOR CALLS FOR NEW POLLS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON: Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on Thursday called on Israel to hold new elections, saying he believes Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has "lost his way" and is an obstacle to peace in the region amid a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Schumer, the first Jewish majority leader in the Senate and the highest-ranking Jewish official in the US, strongly criticised Netanyahu in a 40-minute speech on Thursday morning on the Senate floor.

Schumer said the PM has put himself in a coalition of far-right extremists and "as a result, he has been too willing to tolerate the civilian toll in Gaza, which is pushing support for Israel worldwide to historic lows". "Israel cannot survive if it becomes a pariah," Schumer said.

The high-level warning comes as an increasing number of Democrats have pushed back against Israel and as President Joe Biden has stepped up public pressure on Netanyahu's government, arguing that he needs to pay more attention to the civilian death toll in Gaza amid the Israeli bombardment.



A supporter for the LGBTQ+ community holds up a poster near the main entrance of the district court after hearing the ruling regarding LGBTQ+ marriage rights, in Tokyo, on Thursday.

'Japan same-sex marriage ban is unconstitutional'

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TOKYO: Japan's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, the high court in the northern city of Sapporo said on Thursday, the first such ruling by an appeals court on a matter that has divided the lower levels of the judiciary.

Japan is the only Group of Seven nation without legal protection for same-sex unions. Although backed by 70% of the public, they are opposed by the conservative Liberal Democratic Party of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

Japanese civil code rules that limit marriage to those of opposite sexes are "unconstitutional" and "discriminatory", the Sapporo High Court said in its ruling, but dismissed the plaintiffs' claim for damages from the government.

The Sapporo High Court ruling said that not allowing same-sex couples to marry and enjoy the same benefits as straight couples violates their fundamental right to have a family.

"I thought the ruling might be a conservative one, but it ended up exceeding my expectations," one plaintiff, who did not disclose his name, told reporters after the ruling. "I couldn't help but cry."

The plaintiffs are considering appealing to the Supreme Court to clarify the unconstitutionality of existing law, lawyer Tsunamori Fumiya told a press conference.

THE COURT RULING SAID THAT NOT ALLOWING SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY VIOLATES THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE A FAMILY.

The court does not have the power to overturn the current marriage law, which has been interpreted to restrict marriage as between a man and a woman. Government offices may continue to deny marriage status to same-sex couples unless the existing law is revised to include LGBTQ+ couples, or a new law is enacted that allows for other types of unions.

The government will keep its eye on other upcoming court decisions on the matter, its top spokesperson, Yoshimasa Hayaishi, told a press conference.

The debate on the same-sex bar has split lower courts, with one district court holding the bar to be constitutional but others saying it is unconstitutional in varying degrees.

US: Trump's lawyers seek dismissal of charges in classified documents case

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MIAMI: Donald Trump was in a Florida courtroom on Thursday as his lawyers argued for the dismissal of charges against the former president for alleged mishandling of classified documents. District Judge Aileen Cannon was holding a day-long hearing in Fort Pierce, north of Miami, to hear a pair of dismissal motions filed by Trump's attorneys.

Trump, 77, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, pleaded not guilty in June to federal charges of unlawfully retaining national defence information, conspiracy to obstruct justice and making false statements.

He kept the classified files — which included records from



Donald Trump gestures to supporters during a campaign rally at the Forum River Center in Rome, Georgia, US, on March 9.

the Pentagon, CIA and National Security Agency — unsecured at his Mar-a-Lago home in Florida and thwarted official efforts to retrieve them, according to the indictment. Trump's lawyers

argued in court that he had the right to retain the documents under the Presidential Records Act and the indictment should be tossed out.

Special counsel Jack Smith,

who filed the charges against Trump, rejected that argument in a court filing. "Trump was not authorised to possess classified records at all (let alone at unsecured locations at Mar-a-Lago)," Smith said, adding that the documents in question, some of which were top secret, were "presidential, not personal" and are government property.

Trump's lawyers are also seeking to have the charges dropped on the grounds that the statute under which he was indicted suffered from "unconstitutional vagueness".

"Trump's vagueness argument is meritless," Smith responded. "Trump is charged with the unauthorised possession and wilful retention of national defence information. The statute's prohibitions are clear."

China blasts US House's vote to ban TikTok app as buyout plan emerges

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BEIJING: China blasted Washington's "bandit" mentality on Thursday after the US House passed a bill that would ban TikTok unless it splits from its Chinese owner, as former Trump treasury secretary Steve Mnuchin said he is preparing a buy-out plan.

The short-video app has soared in popularity worldwide but its ownership by Chinese technology giant ByteDance — and alleged subservience to Beijing's ruling Communist Party — has fuelled concern in Western capitals.

On Wednesday, the US House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a bill that would force TikTok to divest from its parent company or face a nationwide ban.

(and) stop unjustly suppressing foreign companies," Beijing's commerce ministry spokesperson He Yadong said at a press conference.

Washington should also "provide an open, fair, just, and non-discriminatory environment for foreign companies to invest and operate in the US", He added.

"China will take all necessary measures to resolutely safeguard its legitimate rights and interests," he said.

At a separate press briefing, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said the vote "runs contrary to the principles of fair competition and international economic and trade rules".

"If so-called reasons of national security can be used to arbitrarily suppress excellent companies from other countries, then there is no fairness and justice at all," Wang said.

{ NEW ORLEANS } BUILDING TAKEN OVER BY MOULD AND COCKROACHES

Rats get high on marijuana after eating evidence in police building

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NEW ORLEANS: Rats have gotten into confiscated pot at New Orleans' ageing police headquarters, munching the evidence as the building is taken over by mould and cockroaches. "The rats eating our marijuana, they're all high," Police Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick told New Orleans City Council members.

Kirkpatrick described vermin infestations and decay at the offices that have housed New Orleans police since 1968, saying officers have even found rat droppings on their desks.

The police department did not immediately respond to an emailed request on Wednesday for more information on how they discovered marijuana was eaten by rats or whether any cases were impacted.

City officials are taking steps to move the department to a new space. That's been a priority of the police chief since she took office in October.



Police Superintendent Anne Kirkpatrick addresses the media at Gallier Hall in New Orleans on Wednesday.

The chief said her 910 officers come to work to find air-conditioning and elevators broken. She told council members the conditions are demoralising to staff and a turnout to potential recruits coming for interviews.

"The uncleanliness is off the charts," Kirkpatrick said, adding that it's no fault of the department's janitorial staff.

"They deserve an award for trying to clean what is unclean-

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Magnitude 5.8 earthquake hits Japan's Fukushima

TOKYO: An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.8 hit eastern Japan early on Friday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. The epicentre of the earthquake was off the coast of Fukushima prefecture, where strong tremors were recorded, the agency said, adding that a tsunami warning had not been issued. There were no immediate reports of damage.

SpaceX confirms loss of starship at end of test flight

BOCA CHICA, TEXAS: SpaceX's Starship rocket, designed to eventually send astronauts to the moon and beyond, completed nearly an entire test flight on its third try on Thursday, making it farther than before through a cruise in low orbit but was destroyed during atmospheric re-entry, the company said.

'Russian special services involved in Volkov attack'

VILNIUS: Lithuania on Thursday said that it suspects Russia's special services of involvement in the attack on Russian opposition figure Leonid Volkov, as Vilnius branded it an act of "political terrorism".

Wilders blames rivals for thwarting his bid to be PM

THE HAGUE: Far-right leader Geert Wilders railed against the political rivals who've thwarted his attempts to become prime minister of the Netherlands after his shock victory in last November's election.

 ODISHA STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LIMITED (A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING) SANTARAPUR, BHUBANESWAR - 751002. Tel - MD 0674-2340573, E-mail- mdsscld456@gmail.com NIT No. OSSC/ Mktg (Hort)-84/2024 Short e-Tender Call Notice for Procurement of TL Ginger Rhizomes for 2024-25 OSSC Ltd. invites e-Tender only from Producers (and in case of GOI PSUs, their authorized Agencies) on item wise rate contract basis in double cover system through online mode only for the works below		CAD-4641
Name of the work	Purchase of TL Ginger Rhizomes for 2024-25	
No of work	One	
Availability of bid documents in portal	15 hours on dt.15.03.2024 to 17 hrs of dt.21.03.2024	
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17 hrs of dt.21.03.2024	
Date and time opening of Bid	10.30 hrs of dt.22.03.2024	
The detailed descriptions of crops, varieties, quantity, parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal www.tendersodisha.gov.in . Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation can also be seen in the said website		
Sd/- Managing Director OSSC Ltd OIPR - 01106/11/0126/2324		

Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation City Engineering Department RFQ cum RFP Notice No.NMMC/ C.E./ 604 /2023-24				
Sr. No.	Name of Work	EMD Rs.	Blank RFQ cum RFP cost	Period
1	Tender for Development of Parking facility and Multistoried Commercial Building on Plot No.36A Sector-30, Vashi, Navi Mumbai on Public-Private Partnership basis.	4,53,06,000/-	Rs. 10,000/- + (GST 18,00/-) =11,8,00/-	4 Years.
2	Development of Parking facility and Multistoried Commercial Building on Plot No.72 Sector-15,Belapur, Navi Mumbai on Public-Private Partnership basis.	2,08,00,000	Rs. 10,000/- + (GST 18,00/-) =11,8,00/-	4 Years.

RFQ cum RFP booklets will be available on e-tendering computer system at <https://mahatender.gov.in> on dt.15/03/2024. The tender is to be submitted online at <https://mahatender.gov.in> For any technical difficulties in the e-tendering process, please contact the help desk number given on this website

Tenderers are required to fill in the blank RFQ cum RFP form fee, EMD deposit and service fee online. All mentioned charges can be paid by net banking of any bank. The tenderer should not that the blank RFQ cum RFP form fee will not be accepted in the accepted in the accounting department.

The right to accept or reject any RFQ cum RFP is reserved by the Hon'ble Commissioner of Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation.

Sign/-
(Sanjay Desai)
City Engineer
Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation

NMMCPRAdV/1464/2024

 अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (एम्स), भुवनेश्वर ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AIIMS), BHUBANESWAR (A Statutory body under aegis of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India) Sijua, Post-Dumaduma, Bhubaneswar (Odisha) -751019 Advertisement No. Deputation/01/2024			
RECRUITMENT OF SENIOR ACCOUNTS OFFICER ON DEPUTATION BASIS			
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar an Autonomous Institute of National Importance is one of the new AIIMS and apex healthcare Institute, established by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) with the aim of correcting regional imbalance in quality tertiary level healthcare in the country, and attaining self-sufficiency in graduate, postgraduate and higher medical education and training.			
AIIMS Bhubaneswar invites application from the eligible officers under the Central/State/U.T. Government/Universities/Statutory/Autonomous Bodies or Research and Development Organizations to fill the following post on deputation:			
Sl.	Post & Pay	Vacancy	Qualification & Experience
1	Senior Accounts Officer (Group-A) Pay Level-11 as per 7 th CPC	01	Officers under the Central/State/U.T. Government/Universities/Statutory/Autonomous Bodies or Research and Development Organizations Holding analogous posts on regular basis, OR With 5 years' regular service in the relevant field in the Grade Pay of Rs. 5400/-
For other details kindly refer to the Institute's website i.e. https://aiimsbhubaneswar.nic.in/ for the detailed advertisement.			
Sd/- Deputy Director(Admin)(I/c) AIIMS, Bhubaneswar			


DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD TENDER NOTICE			
Delhi Cantonment Board invites tenders from the eligible bidders in appropriate category through e-tendering for the following works as detailed below:			
Date of release of tender through e-procurement	21.03.2024 at 1700 hrs		
Last date & time for downloading of tender documents	15.04.2024 upto 1500 hrs		
Last date and time submission of e-tenders	15.04.2024 upto 1500 hrs		
Date and time for opening of e-tenders	16.04.2024 at 1530 hrs		
Details of work			
Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit Amount
1.	Redevelopment/Improvement of Horticulture works at Mall Road, Polo Road, Mandir Marg & Manekshaw Marg, Delhi Cantt.	Rs. 3,00,00,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-
2	Redevelopment/Improvement of Horticulture works at Station Road, Church Road, Tigris Road, Gen D Souza Marg & More Line Road, Delhi Cantt	Rs. 3,00,00,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-

The bidder may download the "Tender Document" and other terms and conditions as applicable including detailed NIT, terms & conditions, particular specifications, special conditions, signing of Integrity Pact, adherence to GFR 2017 provisions, applicability of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 etc as provided in the technical bid from website of <http://defproc.gov.in> & www.delhi.cantt.gov.in.

Please note that any amendment, clarification, errata to tender documents shall be uploaded on website <http://defproc.gov.in> & Cantt Board website www.delhi.cantt.gov.in. All intending bidders are required to visit aforementioned websites to check for amendments, clarifications, errata etc prior to quoting their rates & no compensation whatsoever shall be admissible to the bidders for failure to register the same.

Telephone No. 25695450
 No. DCB/36/T-I/NIT/2023-24/2
 OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD
 Website: www.delhi.cantt.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
Delhi Cantonment

 पनवेल महानगरपालिका, पनवेल ता. पनवेल, जि. रायगड-४१० २०६ शुद्धीपत्रक			
जा.क्र.पमया/मातवि/२३२४/प्र.क्र.०१/२१६/२०२४		दिनांक: १४/०३/२०२४	
अ. क्र.	ई-निविदा क्र.	कामाचे नाव असे नमूद आहे	कामाचे नाव असे वाचावे
१	ई-निविदा/पमया/मातवि २३२४/प्र.क्र.०१/२१६/२०२३-२४	पनवेल महानगरपालिका हद्दीमध्ये महिलांच्या सुरक्षिततेच्या दृष्टिने तसेच नागरिकांच्या सुरक्षिततेसाठी व व्यापक जनहितार्थ मुलभूत उपाययोजना करणेबाबत (३ वर्षांच्या वॉरंटी सहित सी सी टी व्ही बसविणे व कार्यान्वित करणे)	पनवेल महानगरपालिका हद्दीमध्ये महिलांच्या सुरक्षिततेच्या दृष्टिने तसेच नागरिकांच्या सुरक्षिततेसाठी व व्यापक जनहितार्थ मुलभूत उपाययोजना करणेबाबत.

या ई-निविदाबाबतची माहिती शासनाच्या www.mahatenders.com या संकेतस्थळावर दि. १४/०३/२०२४ ते दि. २९/०४/२०२४ रोजी दुपारी ०३.३० वाजे पर्यंत उपलब्ध होईल. सदर कामाबाबतची विस्तृत माहिती पनवेल महानगरपालिकेच्या माहिती व तंत्रज्ञान विभागात प्राप्त होईल. संबंधित निविदाधारकांनी याची नोंद घ्यावी.

सही/-
उप आयुक्त (I)
पनवेल महानगरपालिका, पनवेल

बिहार सरकार भवन निर्माण विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय संरचना प्रमण्डल संख्या-३ भवन निर्माण विभाग, पटना-23.			
शुद्धि पत्र			
एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के ज्ञापक-138 अनु० दिनांक 29.02.2024 के द्वारा निर्गत (EPC) ई-पूर्तिनिविदा संख्या 02.Cons-3 जिसका पी०आर० संख्या-018641 (B.C.D.) वर्ष 2023-24 है जो दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित हुआ है निर्गत ई-पूर्तिनिविदा शुद्धि पत्र में निविदा डॉक्यूमेंट आंशिक संशोधन एवं तिथि का पूनर्निर्धारण किया जाता है जो इस प्रकार है:-			
कार्य का नाम:- कृषि जैव प्रौद्योगिकी महाविद्यालय, सबौर के आधारभूत संरचना निर्माण कार्य।			
क्रमांक	विवरण	पूर्व में निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय	नया संशोधित तिथि एवं समय
2	प्रो बीड मीटिंग की तिथि समय एवं स्थान	1. दिनांक 12.03.2024 अर्धरात्रि अभियंता भवन निर्माण विभाग पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में 16.00 बजे। 2. दिनांक 15.03.2024 मुख्य अभियंता (दक्षिण) निर्माण विभाग पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में 16.00 बजे।	1. दिनांक 12.03.2024 अर्धरात्रि अभियंता भवन निर्माण विभाग पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में 16.00 बजे। 2. दिनांक 15.03.2024 मुख्य अभियंता (दक्षिण) निर्माण विभाग पटना के कार्यालय कक्ष में 16.00 बजे।
3	परिमाण विपत्र विज्ञापन (हार्जलोज) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 05.03.2024 से दिनांक 05.04.2024 को अपराह्न 15.00 बजे तक	दिनांक 15.03.2024 से दिनांक 05.04.2024 को अपराह्न 15.00 बजे
4	निविदा प्रारंभ (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 28.03.2024 को 15.00 बजे	दिनांक 06.04.2024 को 15.00 बजे
5	निविदा (तकनीकी बीड) खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 30.03.2024 को 15.30 बजे	दिनांक 07.04.2024 को 15.30 बजे
6	निविदा (वित्तीय बीड) खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	विभागीय निविदा समीति द्वारा तकनीकी बीड के निष्पान के उपरांत	विभागीय निविदा समीति द्वारा तकनीकी बीड के निष्पान के उपरांत

शेष शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेंगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
 संरचना प्रमण्डल संख्या-03, भवन निर्माण विभाग, पटना-23

PR-19859 (B C D) 2023-24
 नशे से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है

 South Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd, Patna Bihar Registered Office: Viduyat Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-21 A Govt. of Bihar undertaking CIN No. U40109BR2012SGC018890 (Department of Stores & Purchase) NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT No. 38/PR/SBPDC/2024 (Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)				
South Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd. (SBPDCL), a Government of Bihar Undertaking, invites online tender for procurement of Oil Filter Machine of 500 GPH for SBPDCL in Two-tier (Techno-Commercial & Price) online bid from eligible and experienced Original Manufacturer as detailed below:-				
Name of material	Quantity	Cost of tender Documents including GST@18%, Rs	Estimated Cost including GST@18%(Rs)	Earnest Money Deposit, Rs.
Oil Filter Machine of 500 GPH	27 nos.	5,900/-	1,58,45,409/-	3,16,910/-

The Time line for the above tender is as follows:

Last Date of Online Submission of bid along with Tender Cost & processing fees:	09.04.2024, up to 18:00 Hrs
Last Date of submission of EMD and hard copy of receipt of BSEDCL processing fee & tender cost	09.04.2024, up to 15:00 Hrs
Date of opening of Techno-Commercial bid(Part-I)	10.04.2024, after 17:00 Hrs
Date of Pre Bid Meeting:	03.04.2024, at 11:00 Hrs ; Venue: SBPDCL, Viduyat Bhawan, Patna

For complaints regarding corruption Vigilance Help Line No. - 9431821485, 0612-2504969. Consumer can deposit electricity bills via Sahaz Vasudha Centre or <http://bills.sbpdc.in/>

“ विवादों के निषादन के लिए लोक अदालत का लाभ उठावे “
 “ परस्पर सहमति से न्यायिक निर्णय प्राप्त करें “
 “ समय एवं खर्च की वचत करें “

Note:- Subsequent information/notification/corrigendum will be available only on website of EPROC and/or SBPDCL. i.e. www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and/or www.sbpdc.co.in.

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 Electrical Superintending Engineer (Purchase)

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

बिहार सरकार जल संसाधन विभाग शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण प्रमण्डल-2, शोध भवन, खगौल, पटना पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं- 15 / 2023-24 (आईएम रेट टेण्डर) राज्य / राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धा हेतु					
1. कार्य का विवरण:-					
क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	अग्रपत्र की राशि (रु० में) (ऑनलाईन अथवा ऑफलाईन मोड में भुगतान)	बीड कागजात का मूल्य (अग्रपत्र/बीड) (रु० में) (केवल ऑनलाईन मोड में भुगतान)	BELTRON को प्रोसेसिंग फीस (रु० में) (अग्रपत्र/बीड) (केवल ऑनलाईन मोड में भुगतान)	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि
1	केन्द्रीय स्पांकण, शोध एवं गुण नियंत्रण, पटना परिसर/शोध विभाग कार्यालयों हेतु उपकरण / सॉफ्टवेयर (डेस्कटॉप, लेपटॉप, टैबलेट, फ्लॉपीडिस्क, A3/A4 प्रिंटर, ऑटोकेट, चॉइदर आदि) का क्रय / अधिग्रहण। (विस्तृत विवरणी Annexure-1 संलग्न)	1,08,000/-	10000/-	590/-	30.04.2024


1	विज्ञापन आमंत्रित करने की तिथि	14.03.2024
2	निविदा डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 29.03.2024 से 08.04.2024 समय 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक। (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
3	प्रो बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	हाइब्रीड मोड में ऑफ लाईन मोड में दिनांक 02.04.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे मुख्य अभियंता, केन्द्रीय स्पांकण, शोध एवं गुण नियंत्रण, जल संसाधन विभाग, पटना का कार्यालय कक्ष में। ऑनलाईन मोड हेतु समर्थक करने पर लिंक उपलब्ध कराया जायेगा।
4	टेक्निकल बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 08.04.2024 समय 3:30 बजे अपराह्न। (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
5	वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	तिथि एवं समय की सूचना तकनीकी बीड पर निर्णय के बाद वेबसाइट पर दी जायेगी।
6	निविदा खोलने का स्थान	www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
7	निविदा की वैधता की अंतिम तिथि	120 दिन।
8	विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण प्रमण्डल-2, खगौल, पटना।

विशेष जानकारी के लिए www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in एवं www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखा जा सकता है।

(चन्द्र भूषण कुमार)
 कार्यपालक अभियंता
 शोध एवं प्रशिक्षण प्रमण्डल-2, खगौल, पटना

PR. No. 019825 (WRD) 2023-24
 नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।


OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B) NIRMAN SOUDHA BHUBANESWAR E-mail seec.bbsr2010@gmail.com Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 39/2023-24 No. 970 / Date 13.03.2024 /		B-1949
The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for E.I. works which are to be received through online bidding, double cover system as detailed in https://tendersorissa.gov.in . The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from dt.15.03.2024 at 05.00 P.M. to dt.26.03.2024 up to 05.00 P.M. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened dt.27.03.2024 at 11.30 A.M. in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.tendersorissa.gov.in . Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.		
Superintending Engineer Electrical Circle (R & B) Odisha, BBSR OIPR -34006/11/0056/2324		

 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION (Govt. of Madhya Pradesh) Office : 6 th Floor, Satpura Bhawan, Madhya Pradesh, INDIA-462004 Tel.: 0755-2551719, Fax: 0755-2578844 Website : www.medicaleducation.mp.gov.in , email : dme12001@yahoo.com		
NIT No. 251		
Request for Proposal (RFP) for Setting Up of Medical College and Upgradation of District Hospital on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode at Panna, Madhya Pradesh		
Director (Projects), Department of Public Health and Medical Education (DoPH & ME), Government of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) hereby invites online bids from interested Bidders for setting up of Medical College of 100 seats and Upgradation of District Hospitals at Panna District in Madhya Pradesh. DoPH & ME shall hand over the existing District Hospital to the selected Bidder on "as is where is" basis. The Selected Bidder shall be responsible to build, finance, operate, maintain, and manage the Medical College and augment, operate, maintain, and manage the District Hospital.		
The Eligibility Criteria, Scope of Work, Selection of Bidder, other Terms and Conditions are given in the RFP document which can be downloaded from website www.mptenders.gov.in from 1400 Hrs IST of 18.03.2024.		
S.No.	Event Description	Date
1	Sale of Bidding Documents	18 th March 2024
2	Last date for receiving queries	12 th April 2024
3	Pre-Bid Conference - 1	17 th April 2024
4	Authority response to queries latest by	22 nd April 2024
5	Pre-Bid Conference - 2	27 th April 2024
6	Authority's additional response if any	2 nd May 2024
7	Bid Due Date	17 th May 2024
8	Opening of Technical Bids	17 th May 2024
9	Announcement of qualified Bidders	To be intimated later
10	Opening of Financial Bid	To be intimated later
11	Letter of Award (LoA)	To be intimated later
12	Validity of Bids	120 days from Bid Due Date
13	Signing of Concession Agreement	Within 30 days of award of LoA

Department of Public Health and Medical Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the Bids.

Sd/-
 Director (Projects)
 Department of Public Health and Medical Education
 Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

G-26256/23

 Govt. of Bihar Urban Development and Housing Department.		
Request for Proposal (RFP) Selection of Consultancy Agencies for State Level Project Monitoring Unit for Double Entry Accounting System, Internal Audit in ULBs of Bihar, Audit, Utilization certificate & Other related Financial Work assigned by UD&HD, Govt. of Bihar		
NOTICE INVITING SHORT TENDER Request for Proposal		
1. Urban Development & Housing Department, Government of Bihar invites Request for Proposal (RFP) Selection of Consultancy Agencies for State Level Project Monitoring Unit for Double Entry Accounting System, Internal Audit in ULBs of Bihar, Audit, Utilization certificate & Other related Financial Work assigned by UD&HD, Govt. of Bihar. 2. Interested Consultancy Firms may download the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) Document, from website: https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in or https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban .		
SN	PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1	Website for submission of proposal	www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/
2	Mode of Submission	Online submission through eproc2 portal (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and at the same time submission of hard copies at UD & HD office
3	Last date and time for Submission of Technical & Financial proposal on	09-04-2024 by 07:00PM
4	Last date and time for Submission of Hard Copies (along with Technical Bid with payment proof and original copy of affidavit/black listing form) for RFP document, EMD and affidavits will submit in hard copy (Only Technical proposal to be submitted No financial Proposal)	12-04-2024 by 03:00PM Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, 1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna – 800015
5	Date and time of opening of Technical Bids	12-04-2024 by 03:30PM
6	Date and time of opening of Financial Proposal	Will be intimated later to successful bidders
7	Date and time of Pre bid meeting	21-03-2024 at UDHD office
8	Method of Selection	LCS

3. Agencies/ Firms may download the complete Request for Proposal (RFP) Document, from website: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> or <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban>.

4. For participating in e-RFP process, the applicant shall have to get them registered to get user ID Password and digital Signature. This will enable them to access the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and participate in e-tender. Those who are not registered in e-tendering systems, they may contact "e-procurement HELPLINE, Mjunction Services Limited, RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajupura, Ashiana Road, P.S.-Shastri Nagar, Patna - 800014" (Toll Free Number: 180057262571, Email: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in) for registration.

5. The RFP can be postponed or cancelled at any time due to administrative reasons and no claim shall be entertained on this account.

6. Modifications/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised in the newspaper but shall be published on the departmental website and website: <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>.

7. All the uploaded documents shall have the signature of Consultants or their authorized signatories.

8. The scanned copies should be of the original papers and certificates.

9. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet service being used by Consultants.

10. Consultants are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical stage.

11. The undersigned reserve the right to change the terms and conditions, select/reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.

12. The proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable Tender Documentation fee of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) and Earnest Money Deposit of Rs. 20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh only) by the Agency in favor of Director, Bihar Urban Development Agency (BUDA) to be submitted in the form of Internet Payment Gateway (IPG) or BG or DD.

13. Sealed completed hard copy proposals will be accepted at the address mentioned below- Additional Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar, 1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna-800015. (Tel: 0612-2215580)

14. The evaluation shall be done based on uploaded documents only <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>. This information is available on www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also

Additional Secretary
 Urban Development and Housing Department.
 PR. No. 019939 (URBAN) 2023-24
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Tender Notice No. N2-039/E&M-03/2024 Dt. 14.03.2024

Name of work : Supply, Installation, Testing and commissioning of Electrical & Mechanical (E&M) works of 20 Nos. of stations in Reach-1, Reach-3 & Reach-4 Extension under Nagpur Metro Rail Project Phase-2.

Estimated Cost : INR 92 Crores (inclusive of GST).

Tender Notice No. N2-029/IT-02/2024 Dt. 14.03.2024

Name of work : Hardware and Tools Management Services for the Data Centre (DAKC) and Services for NMRP Phase-2.

Cost of Documents : INR 23,600/- (inclusive of GST).

Interested Bidders may visit www.metrorailnagpur.com or CPP Website : <https://eprocure.gov.in> for NIT. Bid documents can be downloaded from <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Tushar Mandal** S/o Pappu Mandal R/o H. No.-5/353, Dakshin Puri, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide **FIR No. 285/2020, dated 06.12.2020 U/S 392/411/34 IPC**, registered at P.S. Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **Tushar Mandal** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Tushar Mandal** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the accused **Tushar Mandal** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **01.05.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Devanshi Janmeja,
Metropolitan Magistrate-04,
South-East District, Court No. 10,
Saket Court Complex, New Delhi

DP/2954/SD/2024 (Court Notice)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Prince, S/o. Sh. Vijay, R/o. H.No. 1/9033, West Rohtash Nagar, Shahadara, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 151/2020 U/s 188 IPC** registered at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Prince** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Prince** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Prince** accused of **FIR No. 151/2020 U/s 188 IPC** P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **15.05.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Shipra Dhankar,
Metropolitan Magistrate-01,
Central District, Room No. 180, 1st Floor,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/2950/CD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons namely **Arun Kumar** S/o Ashok Kumar R/o H.No. 642, Gali No. 22, DDA Flats, Madangir, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence vide **FIR No. 46/2020 dated 15.03.2020 u/s 356/379/411/34 IPC** P.S. Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Arun Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the **Arun Kumar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation u/s 82 Cr.P.C. is hereby made that the **Arun Kumar** accused of **FIR No. 46/2020 dated 15.03.2020 u/s 356/379/411/34 IPC** P.S. Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **22.05.2024**.

By Order: **Ms. Devanshi Janmeja**
Metropolitan Magistrate-04 (South-East Distt.)
Court No. 10, Saket Court, New Delhi

DP/2958/SD/24

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. Meerut (U.P.)

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE: 1. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 33829 No. 8.5 Mtr. PCC Pole against tender specification no. P/VVNL/MT/MM/54/24-25. Tender Cost - Rs. 5900.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) - Rs. 1117700.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time :-23.04.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time (23.04.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. 2. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 25000 No. 11 Mtr. PCC Pole against tender specification no. P/VVNL/MT/MM/58/24-25. Tender Cost : Rs. 11800.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) - Rs. 2065000.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time :-24.04.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time : 24.04.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. 3. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 8600 No. 11 KV Epoxy Resin Cast CT & 327 No. 11 KV Epoxy Resin Cast PT against tender specification no. P/VVNL/MT/MM/56/24-25. Tender Cost :- Rs. 3540.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) :- Rs. 41250.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time :- 22.04.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time : 22.04.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. 4. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply Different ratio of 1780 No 11 KV CT-PT combined unit & 164 No. 33 KV CT-PT combined unit against tender specification no. P/VVNL/MT/MM/55/24-25. Tender Cost: Rs. 5900.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 754260.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time: 22.04.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time : 22.04.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. 5. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply Different ratio of 1143 No. 11 KV Metering Cubicle against tender specification no. P/VVNL/MT/MM/60/24-25. Tender Cost: Rs. 5900.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 674370.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time: 23.04.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time : 23.04.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. 6. Open tender is invited through e-tendering for supply of 1016800 No. Temper Proof Holographic Meter Seal against tender specification no. P/VVNL/MT/MM/61/24-25. Tender Cost: Rs. 5900.00 (with GST) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 37193.00 Last Date of tender submission & Time:-23.04.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time :23.04.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. Note:- In case of any amendment in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.ctender.up.nic.in and www.pvvn.org Superintending Engineer (MM-1) "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002n (Meerut), & 9412207451" Superintending Engineer (MM-1) "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" पत्रांक : 2255 दिनांक : 14.03.2024

म.प्र. स्टेट सिविल सप्लाइज कार्पोरेशन लि.
मुख्यालय, भोपाल

क्रमांक/वितरण/178835/2023-24/1156 भोपाल, दिनांक 13.03.2024

क्षतिग्रस्त स्कंध के विक्रय हेतु निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

कार्पोरेशन द्वारा म.प्र. के विभिन्न जिलों में भण्डारित क्षतिग्रस्त स्कंध जो कि विभिन्न श्रेणियों (फीड 1, फीड 2, फीड 3 इन्डस्ट्रीयल यूज, मेन्चोर) में विभाजित है, "जहाँ है जैसा है" के आधार पर विक्रय हेतु पात्र निविदाकारों से ऑनलाइन निविदायें ई-निविदा वेबसाइट <https://mptenders.gov.in> पर दिनांक **04.04.2024 सायं 5.00 बजे तक** आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज, नियम एवं शर्तों आदि का विस्तृत विवरण <https://mptenders.gov.in> एवं <https://www.mpsec.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है। निविदा दस्तावेज एवं निविदा प्रक्रिया ऑनलाइन भरने हेतु संबंधित तकनीकी सहयोग व स्पष्टीकरण प्राप्त करने हेतु टोल फ्री नंबर 0120-4001002 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं।

म.प्र. माध्यम/114432/2024 महाप्रबंधक (वितरण)

IT Development Agency (I.T.D.A.)
(Department of Information Technology, Good governance and Science Technology, Government of Uttarakhand)
IT Bhawan, Plot No. IT-07, IT Park, Sahasrabudhara Road, Dehradun
Telephone: 0135-2608330, Email: itrida-uk@nic.in

Tender Notice No.11/ITDA/efile-16532/2023-24 dated 14-03-2024
Request for Empanelment (RFE) Of Service providers for drone-related services in Uttarakhand

The RFP document can be downloaded from www.uktenders.gov.in from 15/03/2024 (11:00 AM). The tender document fee of Rs 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) through demand draft (non-refundable) favoring "Director, ITDA" payable at Dehradun should be submitted along with the Bid. The parties willing to participate in the bidding will have to apply through the e-Tendering procedure as per the guidelines issued by Government of Uttarakhand available on the above mentioned web site under the link "Bidders Manual Kit".

The amendments in RFP in future, if any, would be published in the website www.uktenders.gov.in only. No other notification would be published separately.
Director ITDA reserves the right to cancel the tender at any point of time, without assigning any reason thereof.

DIRECTOR

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Kiran** W/o Warish R/o H.No. F-6/20, HGI Labour Colony, Sultanpuri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case **FIR No. 79/19 u/s 323/341/506/34 IPC** P.S. Raj Park, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Kiran** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Kiran** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Kiran** accused of **FIR No. 79/19 u/s 323/341/506/34 IPC** P.S. Raj Park, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **27.04.2024**.

By Order: **Ebbani Aggarwal**
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate (North West)
Room No. 107, 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/2730/OD/24

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
NO.DYCE-II-GSU-PRYJ-06-2024 Dated 13.03.2024

E-Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Engineer-II/GSU/Prayagraj, North Central Railway, acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work through **Open Tender-Two Packet System & Joint venture/Consortium/MoUs** applicable with closing date/time 16.04.2024 up to 15.00 hours. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Brief Description of work: Provision of Goods Shed at 02 nos. Stations at Ekdlil & Phaphund under Dy CE-II/GSU/PRYJ.

Approx. Cost of Work (INR) (₹): 18.13 Cr. **Amount of EMD (INR) (₹):** 10,56,400/

Cost of Tender Document: 0.00/-, **Tender Opening date and Time:** 16.04.24, 15:00, **Completion period :** 12 Months, **Similar Nature of Work for Eligibility Criteria:** "Any Civil Engineering Work". Note: For complete details and submission of tender please see Indian Railway's website: <http://www.ireps.gov.in> 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-works tender will be available on website <https://ireps.gov.in> up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rate entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head attached by tenderer shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 5. In case of any difficulty, helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 482/24 (ADM)

www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

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(SPV of Govt. of India and Govt. of Gujarat)
Block No.1, First Floor, Karmayogi Bhavan, Sector 10/A,
आपली भेरी Gandhinagar, 382010, Gujarat. (CIN): U60200GJ2010SGO059407

EoI No.: GMRC/PQ-AM/Surat/2024 Date: 15-03-2024

Bids are invited from reputed and experienced Consultant for the following tender:

Tender Name	Tender Fees
"Consulting Services under the Accompanying Measure for the Surat Metro Rail Project, Phase - I"	INR 25,000/-

Interested bidders are requested to visit <https://tender.nprocure.com>, www.gujaratmetro.com and www.gtai.de for eligibility criteria, applying/ downloading the Bid document. Last date and time for Bid Submissions is **15:00 Hrs. on 15-04-2024**. Any alterations in Eligibility Criteria cum Qualification Requirements, and terms of the Tender Document, or any amendment to the Tender Document, etc, will be uploaded on <https://tender.nprocure.com> and GMRC's Website www.gujaratmetro.com without any obligation or press notification or other proclamation.

Sd/-
Managing Director
GMRC, Gandhinagar

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 **Smt. Tulsi @ Shilpa** W/o Lt. Sh. Irappa R/o Kotha No. 57, 1st floor, G.B Road Delhi, Permanent: Vill. Bommanahalli, Bangalore have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR No. 44/13 dated.05.03.2013 U/s 342/366A/371/372 IPC., 4/5/6 ITP Act 4/6/8/17 Pocco Act.**, has been registered at **P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Smt. Tulsi @ Shilpa** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Smt. Tulsi @ Shilpa** as absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Smt. Tulsi @ Shilpa** of under **FIR No. 44/13 dated.05.03.2013 U/s 342/366A/371/372 IPC., 4/5/6 ITP Act 4/6/8/17 Pocco Act.**, Registered at **P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **18.04.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Balwinder Singh, ASJ,
FTSE Pocco-01 Central Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/2972/Crime/2024

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SPORT

Scaling the peak: Mumbai back where they belong

India's domestic giants end eight-year drought to become Ranji champions for the 42nd time in their illustrious history

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MUMBAI: In the end, it needed the home team's bowlers to turn 'khadoos' — the hard-nosed attitude generally associated with Mumbai's batters — and break the back of Vidarbha's resistance to lift the coveted Ranji Trophy for a record-extending 42nd time.

For 255 balls on Thursday, Vidarbha skipper Akshay Wadkar and young all-rounder Harsh Dube kept the hosts at bay with a 130-run partnership at the Wankhede Stadium. A wicketless morning session on the final day had left Mumbai's players feeling restive even though they had the cushion of 537 runs to defend and a first-innings lead. The resistance, however, was spoiling a party that had been on hold for eight long years.

But as has often been the case during Mumbai's 2023/24 campaign, it was Tanush Kotian — the player of the tournament with 502 runs and 29 wickets — who rose up to the challenge and trapped Wadkar in front of his stumps. The resolute innings of 102 (119b, 9x4, 1x6) had shown that victory needed to be earned the hard way and that is how it should be in a final.

As it so often happens in cricket, one wicket heralds the arrival of another; here, though, it brought five. In the very next over, Tushar Deshpande bounced out Dube (65) and in no time Vidarbha went from being 353/5 to 368 all out. Dhawal Kulkarni, Mumbai's long serving fast bowler who was playing his farewell match, wrapped up proceedings when he cleaned up Umesh Yadav, handing Mumbai a 169-run victory and the trophy.

The dhols that broke the silence at the Wankhede with Wadkar's departure never fell silent again.

"I wasn't ready to bowl. Shardul and Ajinkya discussed that I should be given the ball. It was memorable to get the first and last wicket of the match," Kulkarni said. "Winning the final the tough way is what you want. We held our nerves."

Kulkarni was a surprise inclusion for the final, having bowled at moderate speeds in previous matches. He came in for the injured Mohit Avasthi and delivered another big-

Mumbai's star performers

42 Number of titles Mumbai have won in the Ranji Trophy

8 Mumbai's triumph is their first in eight years. The last time they won was in 2015/16



Musheer Khan

A little over a month ago, Musheer was starring for India in their run to the final of the U-19 World Cup in South Africa. He has made the transition to the senior level in some style, scoring a double ton in the quarter-final against Baroda and a century in the final against Vidarbha.

3 Matches

433 Runs

108.3 Avg

5 Matches

16 Wickets

3.18 Eco

255 Runs

Shardul Thakur

When cricketers part of the Indian team get back to the Ranji Trophy, they should be able to underline their authority. Having hit a century and fifty in the semi-final and final in addition to his wickets with the new ball, Thakur can certainly claim to have done that.

3 Matches

433 Runs

108.3 Avg

5 Matches

16 Wickets

3.18 Eco

255 Runs

Tanush Kotian

The 25-year-old was consistent with bat and ball for Mumbai this season. As an off-spinner, he claimed 29 wickets in 10 matches, providing solid support to left-arm spinner Shams Mulani. Batting at No.10 predominantly, he also scored 502 runs in 14 innings at 41.83, a crucial reason for Mumbai's batting depth.

10 Matches

29 Wickets

2.91 Eco

502 Runs

match performance. The pacer has been Mumbai's Mr. Dependable in Ranji finals — a winner in five out of six finals with three five-fors and a personal batting best of 87. Here in the first innings against Vidarbha, he provided three crucial breakthroughs.

Mumbai are one of the most dominant red-ball domestic outfits in world cricket, but the rise of smaller teams in India with improved infrastructure and organised programmes post IPL — Vidarbha is one such side with Ranji wins in 2017-18 and 2018-19 — had stalled their trophy march for six seasons and eight years. Only captain Ajinkya Rahane, Shardul Thakur, Kulkarni and Shreyas Iyer from the winning squad had

previously tasted Ranji success. And the joy showed in their euphoric celebrations.

Winning the Ranji Trophy is Indian cricket's Tour de France — a grueling competition with matches every three days that only rewards consistent excellence. It helped Mumbai that they topped their group and finished with most points across all groups in the league phase, losing only one match against Uttar Pradesh. This meant that they got the vital home advantage and an opportunity to choose the venue of their choice across knockout rounds.

Against Baroda in the quarter-finals, they chose a slow wicket to bat the opposition out of the game. For the semi-finals, they went for a green top and

blew Tamil Nadu away. In the final, they would have liked a pitch with more life but their bowlers gave them a big advantage at the end of the first innings. Left-arm spinner Mulani (35 wickets) was their workhorse, Avasthi (35 wickets) and Kotian did their bit even as Thakur and Deshpande delivered impact performances. In young Musheer Khan — 433 runs in three knockout matches — they have found a batter who showed maturity beyond his age. "This win means a lot. 42nd title is massive," said Rahane. "We couldn't qualify for the playoffs by one run, last year. Now we have a win and 10 Mumbai players representing India across formats."

Mumbai's win this year holds

additional importance as it comes at a time when the BCCI has been pushing India players to play domestic cricket and not preserve themselves for the IPL.

The Mumbai Ranji outfit is a star-studded lineup of many IPL regulars who will soon join their franchises. Many of them became substantially richer with the BCCI raising the winning prize money from ₹3 to 5 crore. Even the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) announced a cash reward of ₹5 crore for Mumbai's winning squad.

"It has been a great year for the MCA as the association has won 7 titles and we have made it to the knockout stage in all age groups in BCCI tournaments," said MCA secretary Ajinkya Naik.

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Sharda Ugra



BCCI's Test fillip must not forget Ranji players

Inside ten days, two BCCI statements paid homage to two very important pillars in our cricket. First, at the bottom of its annual retainer contracts announcement for senior men came a small note — "The BCCI has recommended that all athletes give precedence to participating in domestic cricket during periods when they are not representing the national team." This reads like a muscular validation of the importance of domestic cricket in our ecosystem. Then came "Test Cricket Incentive Scheme" (TCIS) for senior men, the BCCI's salute at the shrine of the 'Primacy of Test Cricket' (PoTC).

Let us see whether such a robust belief system is backed up by facts. The TCIS promised payouts are impressive — a 300% increase in Test match earnings for those who play more than 75% Tests in an Indian season. The TCIS includes the 2022-23 season from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, which ensures that someone like the Great Che aka Pujara will earn four times his regular ₹1.05 crore for Tests that season.

Including 2022-23 also means that Shreyas Iyer, having played five of its nine Tests, gets an additional ₹30 lakh per Test. Iyer is one of the two frontline players, Ishan Kishan the other, culled from BCCI's latest contracts. At the moment, both are in some invisible doghouse due, it is believed but not openly stated, to their laissez-faire attitude to red ball cricket. To be honest, missing out on a BCCI contract plus TCIS extras will hurt egos rather than the bank accounts of our star male cricketers.

Now onto PoTC: that somehow looks a bit off. In a June 2022 interview given to PTI by BCCI secretary Jay Shah[3] said, "In the next ICC FTP, the IPL will have a two-and-a-half month window." An unnamed BCCI official around the same time talked about a 94-match IPL 2025. While the Big Three can focus and fine-tune their Test calendars against each other, a 94-match/75-day IPL means that smaller Test playing nations must bury all PoTC dreams.

In the PTI interview, Shah said the BCCI was "committed to international cricket" and "all bilateral commitments across all formats will be honoured." The plan was to have, "two national teams ready at the same time." This is a win-win for everyone if only. If only smaller nations had deeper pools of cricketers to choose from. If only smaller cricket boards aren't competing with better-paying year-round global franchise leagues for player time and attention.



An incentive scheme was announced for India's Test cricketers after the conclusion of the series against England.

But that's not really BCCI's problem because it has expressed its PoTC faith through TCIS. What does confuse was another mysterious trial balloon sent up December 2023. A MoneyControl story reported that the BCCI was planning a Tier-2 cricket league either T10 or T20, with a September-October window and a probable age cap. That deflated balloon has disappeared, but who knows six months later.

The BCCI's push for domestic cricket by is based on the somewhat unsuccessful economic model — the trickle down when it asks its star 'athletes' to give 'precedence' to domestic cricket participation.

Some basic facts. Our highest-earning cricketer-athletes — around 150 IPL signees — are less than eight percent of the 1041 registered Indian professional male cricketers (FICA numbers). Between the high earners and the rest of the 900 domestic cricketers, there lies an earnings abyss.

The BCCI is unable to run a unified payment system for internationals and domestics. Internationals are on match fees plus contracts based on their seasonal performances. Domestic cricketers have no retainer contracts and receive payments based on match fees. Sort of like Uber/Ola drivers, their skills being their vehicles. Think of them as gig workers, but in a monopoly business.

In late 2021, match fees for domestic cricketers were suddenly divided into seniority/experience: those with 1-20 match experience received ₹40,000 (per match day), 21-40 matches ₹50,000 (pmd), 40+ matches ₹60,000 (pmd). Like Rohit Sharma and Dhruv Jurel being paid different match fees because BCCI couldn't bother with contracts to differentiate their value as players across formats. The BCCI's annual income from its last public balance sheet 2021-22 was ₹4360.56 crore. Its interest on fixed deposit that financial year alone was ₹232.8 crore. This is not an organisation without money.

And still, the most experienced players in Ranji final who would have played in all ten matches will earn ₹25 lakh as match fees from the season. In no way vastly different from what domestics earned in the BCCI's previous media rights sales cycle. The BCCI's true treatment of first-class cricket should be given its most brandable name: the Domestic Cricket Dis-Incentive Scheme.

"This is where it ends today," said a first-class cricketer, putting domestic cricket in its proper context. The primary focus for his tribe is now an IPL contract. "Ranji Trophy is a hobby." As media rights holders assemble multi-lingual commentary teams, insiders joke how "domestic giants" are starting to make money only now, "Because of broadcasting not because of playing Ranji Trophy."

Yet conversations around domestic cricket payments, with young and old, are met with a medieval response. That BCCI's domestic player salaries are adequate because first-class cricketers do not "deserve" or "require" higher earnings. Because they are not international quality talents or because they live outside of major metros. Like is also said about women's cricket.

Basically these gig workers-athletes — in the BCCI monopoly — should be grateful they've got a source of livelihood. Those issuing judgement on what are 'deserving' wages for athletes would not accept ad-hoc external criteria being used when fixing their own salaries.

Every time the BCCI signs a gazillion-dollar deal, there is muscle-flexing celebration about the power and growth of the Indian cricket 'industry'. At the same time believing it is okay to keep squeezing its player base of hundreds out of this wealth cycle which is driven and centered around player performance. So what if a billion-dollar industry runs like a home business unit? Just keep those ticking PoTC and TCIS boxes.

Eliminator: RCB hope to get the better of MI, again

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NEW DELHI: On Tuesday night, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) romped past Mumbai Indians (MI) by seven wickets to seal a spot in WPL-2's Eliminator.

On Friday night, RCB will again face MI with a place in Sunday's final against Delhi Capitals on the line.

A place in the playoffs for RCB is indicative of a much-improved campaign after a fourth-placed finish in the inaugural edition. That was underlined by their all-round display against the defending champions a couple of nights ago, bowling out the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side for 113 before chasing down the target in just 15 overs.

But MI are defending champions for a reason. They had a rare off-day with the bat, but for RCB to engineer another such display will require an effort as special as Ellyse Perry's 6/15 in four overs.

From MI's perspective, it is imperative that Harmanpreet clicks. She was out first ball on Tuesday, triggering a meltdown that saw MI lose their next four wickets for only 17 runs.

But other than that, the 35-year-old has been striking



Smriti Mandhana. PTI

the ball exceptionally well and leads the way as their top run-getter with 235 runs in six innings at an average of 58.75 and a strike rate of 146.87. Evidence of her ball-striking ability came against Gujarat Giants last Sunday as a blazing knock of 95 not out (48 balls) guided MI to a daunting target of 191.

Though Harmanpreet hadn't set the stage alight going into this season's WPL — she had mediocre returns against England and Australia — she's seemingly able to flick a switch and get going in a way that few of her compatriots can in the shortest format.

"Every player has a way of preparing. She was asking me before that knock (95) for more lofted shots," MI batting coach Devika Palshikar said on Thurs-

day. "She usually does knocking in a different way. That day was different. Her inner voice may have told her to do things differently that day."

While MI also have the overseas calibre of Hayley Matthews, Nat Sciver-Brunst and Amelia Kerr in the batting unit, they will be pleased with the return of Yastika Bhatia at the opening slot. The wicketkeeper-batter, who has scored 185 runs in seven games at a strike rate of 131.2, missed the previous game versus RCB due to a niggle. With the ball, Shabnim Ismail, Sciver-Brunst and Saika Ishaque have been MI's leading contributors.

If RCB have been a much more difficult team to beat this year, it's because they have had several players sparkie at different stages. Sample the returns of the batting department, where skipper Smriti Mandhana, Perry and Richa Ghosh have shone with 200-plus runs. The bowling unit too hasn't been overly reliant on any one performer — Sophie Devine, Sophie Molineux, Asha Sobhana, Shreyanka Patil and Perry have all chipped in with crucial wickets.

"Really excited to qualify for the playoffs. To be able to do that, you need different contributors at different times," said RCB coach Luke Williams. "That's what we have been able to do."

{ SELECTION TRIALS } WRESTLING

Vinesh seeks to clear air on trials

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NEW DELHI: Wrestler Vinesh Phogat's decision to compete in selection trials in two weight categories on March 11 may have been a wise move in terms of her keeping the Olympic dream alive, but the act earned her criticism from some of her fellow athletes.

On Thursday, the two-time World Championships bronze medalist took to X seeking a "transparent resolution" to the situation. Phogat had entered in 50kg as well as her pet 53kg classes, finishing third in the higher weight category while winning the 50kg trials to book her place for next month's Olympic qualifiers.

The 53kg quota has already been secured by Antim Panghal — who was exempted from trial — and as per the selection criteria laid down by the three-member ad hoc committee that conducted the trials, a final selection trial in May-end will determine who boards the flight to Paris.

"I was not sure if the final selection trial in the 53kg class will be held at all. That's why I entered in two weight classes," the 29-year-old had said after beating Shivani Pawar in the 50kg final in Patiala. Claiming that she didn't



Vinesh Phogat. HT

breach any rule by entering in two weight categories, Phogat echoed ad hoc panel chairperson Bhupendra Singh Bajwa's view that Article 7 of UWW regulations applies only to international competitions and not trials.

"Regarding my participation in the 53kg category, it is crucial to understand that Article 7 of UWW regulations, which stipulates that each contestant may compete in only one weight category corresponding to their official weigh-in, applies to international events and not national trials," she added.

Further, responding to rumours that she didn't undergo the mandatory dope test after winning the trial, Phogat wrote, "I want to clarify that I, along with other finalists, have undergone dope tests after both the senior nationals held in the previous month and following the recent trials."

I-League set for hit as AIFF cuts ₹20 crore from budget

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KOLKATA: Unlike last year's budget which had a projected deficit of around ₹2 crore, All India Football Federation (AIFF) has presented one with a surplus of ₹30 lakh for the next fiscal. But since AIFF's overall projected income is down by nearly ₹11 crore from 2023-24, there has been a lot of pruning in expenditure on football activities in the budget passed at AIFF's annual general meeting on Sunday. HT has a copy.

For 2024-25, AIFF slashed nearly ₹20 crore from its competitors' budget. What was ₹62.25 crore in 23-24 will now be ₹42.84 crore. With expenditure on it cut by ₹4.02 crore, I-League's first division will face a significant hit.

Barring Santosh Trophy and the age-specific Khelo India girls' leagues, there will be reduced spending on all AIFF tournaments. From ₹3.26 crore spent on the I-League second division, AIFF has allocated ₹1.69 crore this term. From ₹4.50 crore allotted in 23-24, only ₹1 crore has been earmarked for international friendlies.

The total spend on the men's national team remains almost the same, ₹21.50 crore in 23-24 to ₹21.51 crore this year, but preparatory camps and tourna-

Breaking down AIFF finances

Income ₹121.38 cr Expenditure ₹121.08 cr

MAJOR SOURCES OF INCOME
₹50 crore from commercial partners FSDL
₹21.16 crore from FIFA (up from ₹16.21 cr in 23-24)
₹10.91 crore from AFC (up from ₹9.10 cr in 23-24)
₹23 crore from Union government (including grants for national teams)

MAJOR SPENDING CUTS
I-League: From ₹14.20 crore in 23-24 to ₹10.18 crore
Overall competitions' budget: ₹42.84 crore from ₹62.25 crore in 2023-24
U17 men's team camps: ₹2.11 crore from ₹4.42 crore
Salaries for senior women's team staff: ₹1.82 crore from ₹3 crore in 23-24

ments have got an increased allocation of ₹1.33 crore. However, nothing has been earmarked for the men's under-23 team and amounts for the under-20 and under-17 have been slashed. In the year of the Asian under-17 qualifiers, the budget for that age-specific team has been reduced from ₹4.42 crore to ₹2.11 crore.

The amount set aside for camps and tournaments for the senior women's team will see a nearly three-fold increase, from ₹3 crore to ₹8.27 crore but for the under-20 and under-17 national teams, spending will be reduced.

And while salaries for the men's team staff has increased from ₹8.90 crore to ₹11.21 crore, the budget for the staff of the

women's team has been cut from ₹3 crore to ₹1.82 crore.

Even after increase in grants from FIFA (₹21.16 crore from ₹16.21 crore) and Asian Football Confederation (₹10.91 crore from ₹9.10 crore), AIFF's projected income has come down from ₹132.31 crore to ₹121.38 crore. Reduction of government grants by ₹9 crore is one reason. AIFF's projected income is ₹121.38 crore.

Despite cuts almost everywhere — scouting (₹40 lakh from ₹1 crore) and grassroots development and courses (₹22 lakh from ₹1 crore), assistance to states (₹8.64 crore to ₹8.16 crore) — general administration will see an increased allocation of ₹77 lakh, from ₹7.73 crore to ₹8.50 crore.



Sabalenka ousted by Navarro

INDIAN WELLS: Emma Navarro of US shocked Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka to reach the Indian Wells ATP-WTA Masters quarter-finals on Wednesday. Navarro pushed Sabalenka hard on a breezy Stadium Court to notch her first career win over a top-five player 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Coco Gauff, seeded third, posted a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Belgian Elise Mertens. It wasn't quite so easy for last year's men's runner-up Daniil Medvedev, but the Russian managed the windy conditions to post a 6-4, 6-4 triumph over Grigor Dimitrov.

'Pleased to see Pant's bat swing'

VISAKHAPATNAM: Rishabh Pant's bat swing remains "vintage" and his batting in Delhi Capitals' pre-season camp doesn't indicate that he has been away from the game for 14 months, said the team's assistant coach Pravin Amre. "As coaching unit and personally, it was really pleasing to see him bat. It didn't feel like he was batting after a long time. The bat swing was vintage," Amre was quoted as saying by DC in a media release.

Watson undecided on Pak coach role

KARACHI: Former Australian all-rounder Shane Watson, who is in line to take over as Pakistan cricket team's head coach, is yet to make up his mind despite the PCB accepting his remuneration demands. According to officials in the board, Watson has demanded \$2 million annually, the highest fee ever paid to a foreign coach. Watson is coaching Quetta Gladiators in PSL.

Driven by resilience, Sen finds a way past Antonsen

The 22-year-old earns his biggest win in almost a year to reach quarter-finals of the All England Open

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NEW DELHI: The last six months have been tough for Lakshya Sen. Seven successive first round losses, career on a downward spiral, separation with coach Anup Sridhar, doubts over qualification for Paris Olympics. The 22-year-old had been searching for answers.

But his mentors U Vimal Kumar and the great Prakash Padukone always kept harping on the need to adhere to two core virtues both on and off court — persistence and resilience. Sen not just believed but also followed the mantra of the two coaches to finally turn his career around.

Last week, the 22-year-old from Almorat beat former world champion Loh Kean Yew and 2023 All England winner Li Shifeng — his first victory against a top-five player in more than half-a-year — before reaching his first semi-final since July 2023.

On Thursday, Sen earned his biggest win in several months as he ousted world No.3 Anders Antonsen 24-22, 11-21, 21-14 to reach the men's singles quarter-finals of the \$13 million All England Open. But not without drama.

Sen wasted four game point opportunities before finally closing the first game but thereafter the world No.18 looked completely drained of energy in the second game. Sen looked not just down but almost out at 2-8 and then at 6-12 before staging a sensational comeback victory to first level the score at 13-all before winning eight straight points to close the game in his favour in an hour and 20 minutes.

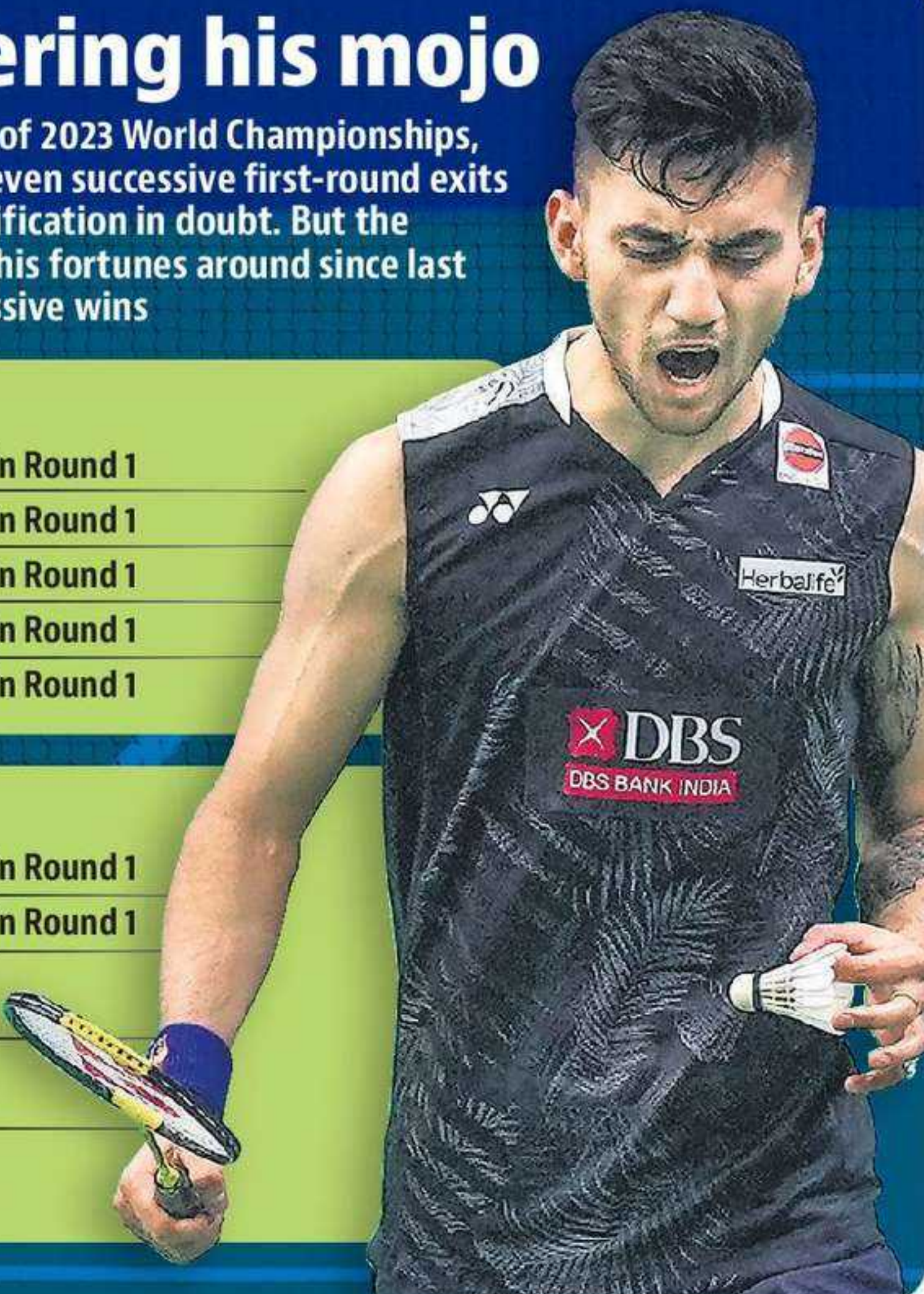
The last 11 days have not just resurrected Sen's career but also his chances of qualifying for the Olympics as he was racing against time to make the cut for Paris. This win, second in five outings against Antonsen, is nothing less than a statement from Sen. The Dane has been the player to beat

Rediscovering his mojo

After reaching Round 3 of 2023 World Championships, Lakshya Sen suffered seven successive first-round exits to put his Olympic qualification in doubt. But the 22-year-old has turned his fortunes around since last week with some impressive wins

2023	
China Open:	Lost in Round 1
Denmark Open:	Lost in Round 1
French Open:	Lost in Round 1
Japan Masters:	Lost in Round 1
China Masters:	Lost in Round 1

2024	
Malaysia Open:	Lost in Round 1
India Open:	Lost in Round 1
Indonesia Masters:	Lost in Round 2
French Open:	Lost in semi-finals
All England Open:	Quarter-finals (ongoing)



in 2024, having won the Malaysia Open and Indonesia Masters and 16 of the 17 matches he had played till Thursday.

"I am very pleased with the way Lakshya was able to convert this into a win, especially against a player who is not just tricky but has also been the most consistent player this year. He started by keeping a very good length at the start," Vimal said from Birmingham. "It eventually boiled down to who made the fewer errors. Lakshya played sensibly in the first game but made unbelievable errors to give away such a big lead. In the third I told him why wasn't he getting angry for committing such silly errors. He should end it."

Sen paid heed to Vimal's advice and started playing percentage badminton, not committing errors in the second half of the decided. A couple of silly errors from Antonsen, who looked

casual and assured of a win, is when Sen pounced on the opportunity to keep the shuttle in play and slowly clawing back into the contest.

A couple of umpiring calls that went against Antonsen also frustrated the Dane. By now, Sen had turned the tables on Antonsen to clinch eight straight points and fell to the floor after winning the contest. Sen will take on 2021 All England champion Lee Zii Jia next in the Super 1000 tournament in Birmingham against whom the Indian has a 3-1 record. "Tomorrow the trick will be to contain Lee Zii Jia, defend well and move on the counterattack. Me and Prakash have told him to keep his feet on the ground despite the win today and just focus on winning tomorrow," said Vimal.

While Sen advanced to the last eight stage, PV Sindhu exited in Round 2 after losing 19-21, 11-21 to world No.1 An Se Young. Playing

her best badminton in more than a year, the former world champion showed her eagerness to fight the South Korean but even though not at 100 percent. An, who is nursing a recurring knee issue, was good enough to beat the Indian. In women's doubles, Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponappa showed promise when they won the first game 21-11 against Zhang Shuxian and Zheng Yu but the Chinese fifth seeds were able to rally and win the next two games 21-11 and 21-11.

Late on Wednesday, top seeds Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty overcame their idols, three-time world champions Hendra Setiawan and Mohammad Ahsan 21-18, 21-14 to open their account at All England. But it was the end of the road for Panda sisters, Rutuparna and Swetaparna, who went down 9-21, 9-21 to Japan's Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakanishi.

India stares at crisis ahead of Paris after Dunne's exit

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NEW DELHI: Four months before the Paris Olympics, Indian boxing is staring at a crisis with high performance director Bernard Dunne resigning from his position following the team's disastrous show at the Olympic qualifiers in Italy. India failed to win a single quota from Busto Arsizio, Italy, with eight boxers crashing out in opening rounds. Dunne, who did not return to India with the team, sent his resignation to Boxing Federation of India.

"We have received his resignation letter and we have called an executive committee meeting on Friday to take a stock of the situation," said Boxing Federation India secretary general Hemanta Kalita. The BFI top brass was unhappy with Dunne's way of functioning. The Irishman changed the selection policy, bringing in an evaluation process in the national camp. That did not go down well with BFI. The final straw was the performance in Italy.

Foreign coach Dmitry Dmitruk, who was brought by Bernard, is in India currently and his fate hangs in the balance. BFI will quickly need to decide on the future course with the last Olympic qualifiers just two months away in Thailand from May 23. In such a short time, it will not



Bernard Dunne, BFI

be possible to hire foreign coaches. BFI therefore will have to fall back upon trusted coaches at home. There is some talk that BFI might recall coach Bhaskar Bhatt for the women's team. Bhatt, who was head coach of women's team till June last year, is currently SAI HPD of boxing in NCOE Rohtak. He reportedly had differences with Dunne over training and selection process of the team, following which he left.

The men's team head coach CA Kuttapa has been there for a long time along with Dharmendra Pradhan. "We will look at all the options before finalising," said a BFI member. The biggest stumbling block may be the selection policy. Since 2023, Indian teams have been picked through evaluation process — be it Asian Games or world championships. No selection trials were held and boxers have also knocked the doors of

the court. A change in policy at this point, so late in the Olympic cycle, might start a fresh debate.

"I have not been comfortable with the evaluation process for selection. We don't get to know how we are being marked and why certain boxers are getting opportunity again and again. I have raised my concerns many times," said a national camper who could not make it to the team in Italy.

A coach, aware of developments, said you need one Olympic cycle to bring changes. "To bring change into any system it takes time. The evaluation process he introduced is followed in some other countries also. It is good and boxers were getting used to it. When we won four medals at world championships, nobody was complaining," said the coach.

Dunne joined late in October 2022, after BFI dragged its feet over the contract extension of previous HPD Santiago Nieva for a year losing crucial time in preparation for Paris Olympics. When Dunne joined, he had the responsibility to prepare the team for world championships and Asian Games and wanted a focused approach with small set of elite boxers in the national camp. At the Asian Games, Nikhat Zareen, Lovlina Borgohain, Preeti Sapraw and Parveen Hooda, won Paris berths, but the men boxers let him down there.

Sharath breaks new ground, takes down No.22 Assar to make last 8

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MUMBAI: After his stunning Round of 32 victory over world No.13 Darko Jorgic on Wednesday, Sharath Kamal said he was happy to be able to "keep up with some of the best players in the world" this week.

Add Omar Assar to that as well. Sharath backed up his show against Jorgic by taking down the 22nd-ranked Egyptian 3-0 (11-4, 11-8, 12-10) in the

Round of 16 to storm into the men's singles quarter-finals of the Singapore Smash on Thursday. At 41, Sharath is the first Indian singles player to enter the last eight of this top-tier tournament that is among the most prestigious on the WTT tour where all top paddlers of the world assemble. The Indian will take on France's Felix Lebrun, the 17-year-old sensation who has zoomed to No. 6 in the rankings, on Friday. In the previous two editions, the 2022 Commonwealth Games champion had crashed out in the opening round and, down at 88 in the rankings, had to pass the qualifying rounds to get into the main draw this time around.

The run will ensure that Sharath pockets at least 350 ranking points (and \$14,000 in prize money). Presently on 228 points, that is likely to take him into the top 40 in the updated rankings. That would not only get him close to his career-high but also make him the runaway new India No.1 in men's singles, a tag that currently rests with Harmeet Desai (No. 64).



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E-TENDER NOTICE No. KB/EE-I/03 of 2023-24

On behalf of Chief Engineer- II/ MHADA, Executive Engineer-I, Konkan Housing and Area Development Board (A unit of MHADA), Room No.169A, Mezzanine Floor, Griha Nirman Bhavan, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400 051 Ph.No. (022) 6640 5018 through the process of e-tendering invites digitally signed & unconditional online tenders in form "C" open E-Tender from prospective bidders eligible as per the "post qualification criteria" and terms and conditions mentioned in the tender by using any of the following modern technology and experience in executing the work.

Tender Documents & Detailed Tender Notice shall be available and can be downloaded from Government of Maharashtra portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Put to Tender (₹)
1	Survey, Soil Investigation, Planning, Designing, Building Construction, obtaining all relevant Permissions and Required Occupancy Certificate from concerned Local Authority on Lumpsum Turnkey basis for Rehabilitation of Police Staff Quarters alongwith Police Station and part SRA rehabilitation on land to be Redeveloped in the layout of Vartak Nagar Police Housing Colony (Plot of Building No. 57, 58, 59, 60, 61) Vartak Nagar, Dist. Thane	15686.99 Lakhs

MHADA/Authority reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.

All Contractors should note,
E-Tender Date : 15/03/2024 to 13/04/2024
Pre-Bid Date : 21/03/2024 at 3.00 p.m. at "Bharat Ratna Gulzaril Nanda" Meeting Hall, 3rd Floor, Griha Nirman Bhavan, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400051.
E-Tender Opening Date : 15/04/2024

Office of the Executive Engineer-I
Konkan Hsg. and Area Dev. Board
Room No.169A, Mezzanine Floor, Griha Nirman Bhavan, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400 051.
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Executive Engineer-I
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Bhopal Municipal Corporation
Swachh Bharat Mission (Civil)
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Ref No.: 445 Bhopal, Date : 14.03.2024

Tender for online submissions are invited on website www.mptenders.gov.in, in under "Live Tender" and Department Name "Bhopal Municipal Corporation" for following work. Detailed NIT, Tender Schedule and other information can be seen on the website www.mptenders.gov.in.

S. No.	TENDER ID	Name of Work	Earnest Money Deposit Rs.	Cost of Bid Document Rs.
1	2024_UAD_345658_1	Selection of Contractor for the Work of Old Waste Remediation through Bioremediation, Biomining and disposal of residual waste with Processing and Disposal of Fresh waste in Bhopal Municipal Corporation, Bhopal.	7,53,000/-	30,000

Corrigendum and Amendment for above NIT shall not be issued separately in newspapers & correction if any, would be Published on website only.

T.N. 1545/023/024

Executive Engineer (SBM)
Municipal Corporation, Bhopal

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
Unit-IX, (Near Boys High School) PO-Bhoingar, BBSR
Email: se_ccrw@yahoo.co.in / Phone No: 0674 2540742 (O)

No. Tender Online - 15 of 2024 Letter No.- 1678 Date : 13.03.24

Repair and Maintenance of Rural Roads under PMGSY & Other Scheme

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

The Chief Construction Engineer, Central R. W. Circle, Bhubaneswar on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency invites percentage rate bids with double cover in electronic tendering system for Repair/Maintenance of the Rural Roads Constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the districts of Khurda & Puri for 5 number of Roads with approximate estimated cost totaling to Rs.2.44 Cr including maintenance for five year from the eligible contractors registered with State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways. The registered bidder of outside Odisha, can also participate in this process, but shall have to subsequently undergo registration with the appropriate authority of the State Govt. preferably within a month of the deadline for bid submission, but prior to signing of the contract.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement. Dtd.18.03.2024.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in <http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site whiCh is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a)original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b)original bid security in approved form and (c)original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B (a) (i) of ITB with C.C.E., Central R.W. Circle, Bhubaneswar, on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 02.04.2024 upto 5.00 P.M
For further details please log on to <http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in>

Chief Engineer
Central R.W. Circle, Bhubaneswar
OIPR - 25194/11/0018/2324

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E TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Job No.	Name of Work
1		Appointment of Agency for Peer Review and Design Management for Implementation of the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Sports Enclave in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Date & Time of Publication of Tender on Website : 15th March, 2024
Pre Bid Meeting : 1st April, 2024
Last Date /Time of Submission of online Bid : 22nd April, 2024
Opening of Technical Bids : 23rd April, 2024
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No. AUDA/E-cell/Tender Notice/2023-24/03098 Chief Executive Authority/ Deputy CEO and ED
Date : 14th March, 2024 Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority/GOLYMPIC

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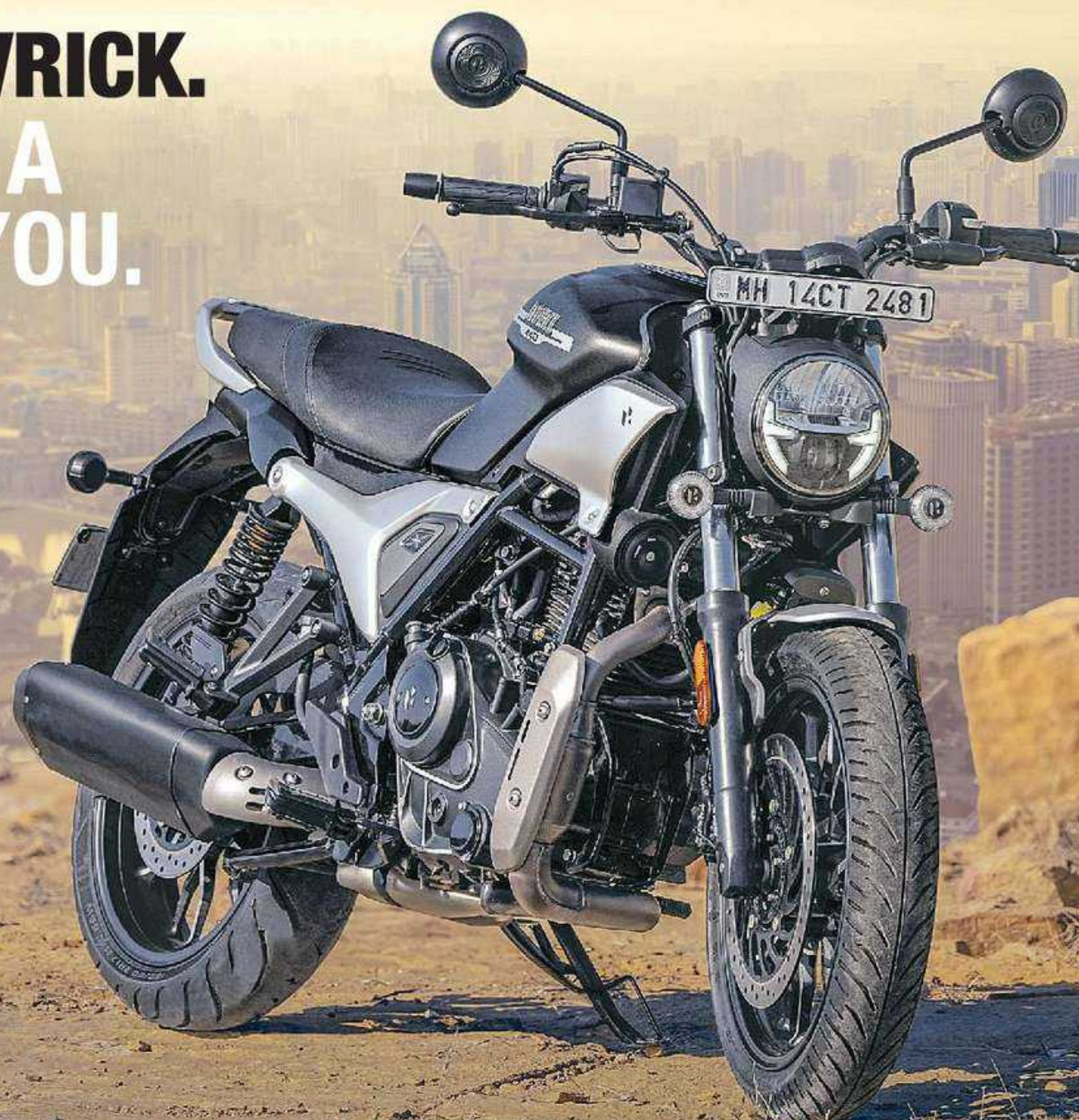
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BOOK II

SPORT

A pulsating title battle awaits

Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester City are all in with a shot at winning the Premier League

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MUMBAI: With 10 rounds left in the Premier League this season, the title race seems poised for a fascinating finish as just one point separates Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester City at the top. What adds more intrigue to the battle is that the three teams are continuing to go strong even in their respective campaigns in Europe.

Arsenal clinched a tense penalty shootout against Porto in the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time in 14 years. City, the defending champions, made it to the last eight last week while Liverpool are all but through to the Europa League quarters.

Domestically, the three teams have done enough to build a sizeable gap between them and the rest. Arsenal are tied with Liverpool but sit atop the table thanks to superior goal difference, while City are just a point behind. Aston Villa, in fourth position, are eight points below City.

There's no doubt the European fixtures will remain critical and offer a stern test in terms of squad strength. When it comes to quality, there's little to separate Arsenal, Liverpool and Manchester City, but as is usually the case, the

A three-way race to the top

With just a point separating Arsenal, Liverpool and Man City, we may have to wait till the season's final week to know the winner

EPL table	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goal Difference	Pts	
Arsenal	28	20	4	4	46	64
Liverpool	28	19	7	2	39	64
Man City	28	19	6	3	35	63



final stage of a season is just as much about a team's character.

Looking at how the last two decades have panned out, this is uncharted territory for the Gunners. They're at the top heading into the final stretch of the Premier League and have even managed to break through the Champions League round of 16 barrier.

Last year, too, they were in a promising position before a string of poor results ended their hopes. The sharpness and creativity that Mikel Arteta's players had shown

through the season was lacking towards the end and there was a desperate need for reinforcements.

With the arrival of Declan Rice, the Arsenal lineup has looked a lot more balanced this season and they've had a terrific run since the start of this year. They're on a nine-game winning streak, which includes three points against Liverpool as well, and have scored 35 goals during this run, which has seen their goal difference soar.

However, Arsenal play City at

the Etihad next and even have clashes with Villa, Chelsea, Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United pending. Once again, it's a question of whether Arteta's men will have enough in the tank against the big teams to fight till the end.

This is the first time in eight seasons that Liverpool are missing in the Champions League, having finished fifth in the Premier League last year. However, Jurgen Klopp's side has bounced back well this season and can be

expected to make a strong push over the next couple of months.

What makes Liverpool all the more dangerous is Klopp's impending departure at the end of this season. The German has acquired legendary status at the club through the course of his incredibly successful nine years in charge, and there's no doubt the players will have that added motivation to give him a memorable farewell.

Liverpool went down to Arsenal before drawing with City

Remaining fixtures

Arsenal

vs Chelsea (H, postponed)	vs Wolves (A)
vs Man City (A)	vs Tottenham (A)
vs Luton Town (H)	vs Bournemouth (H)
vs Brighton (A)	vs Man United (A)
vs Aston Villa (H)	vs Everton (H)

Liverpool

vs Everton (A, postponed)	vs Fulham (A)
vs Brighton (H)	vs West Ham (A)
vs Sheffield United (H)	vs Tottenham (H)
vs Man United (A)	vs Aston Villa (A)
vs Crystal Palace (H)	vs Wolves (H)

Manchester City

vs Brighton (A, postponed)	vs Tottenham (A)
vs Arsenal (H)	vs Notts Forest (A)
vs Aston Villa (H)	vs Wolves (H)
vs Crystal Palace (A)	vs Fulham (A)
vs Luton Town (H)	vs West Ham (H)

recently. While those dropped points were surely a jolt, their fans will be hopeful as there's a slightly less demanding lineup of fixtures to look forward to. Mohamed Salah's return from injury is also a major positive. Among the key games, they will face West Ham and Villa away and host United and Spurs at Anfield.

"We did show from a performance point of view (against City) that we are definitely ready to stay in the race until the end of the season," Klopp told reporters.

City's desire

It's probably to be expected that a team that won the treble last season lacks a bit of pace and motivation. But Manchester City and Pep Guardiola won't settle for anything less than silverware once again. Aside from reaching the FA Cup quarters and beating FC Copenhagen in the Champions League round of 16, City are also well placed in the Premier League.

"They've won the PL title five of the last six times and it would take a brave person to bet against them this season as well. What sets City apart is that when the pressure is at its highest, they know how to produce their best football. With Kevin De Bruyne nearing full fitness as well, one can count on Guardiola's side to make very few mistakes going forward. Three of City's next five fixtures are tricky as they face Arsenal, Villa and Spurs. But with Guardiola at the helm, there can be little doubt about the team's motivation to build on its glory.

Atletico get past Inter on penalties to enter quarters

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MADRID: Atletico Madrid bounced back from two goals down on aggregate against Inter Milan to reach the Champions League quarter-finals with a thrilling 3-2 penalty shoot-out triumph on Wednesday.

Trailing by a single goal after last month's first leg, Atletico looked dead and buried when Federico Dimarco pushed home Inter's opener at the Estadio Metropolitano.

But Antoine Griezmann immediately pulled the hosts level on the night and three minutes before the end of the regulation 90 minutes substitute Memphis Depay took the tie to extra time at 2-2 with a fine low finish.

That set up the decisive shoot-out which ended with Inter missing three of their five penalties, star striker Lautaro Martinez handing passage to the last eight to Atletico when he booted his spot kick way off target.

Sancho helps Dortmund past PSV

A third-minute goal from Jadon Sancho and Marco Reus' late strike sent Borussia Dortmund through to the Champions League last eight with a 2-0 win on Wednesday, sealing a 3-1 aggregate victory. Level at 1-1 after the last-16 first leg in the Netherlands, Sancho wasted no time in putting Dortmund ahead at the Westfalenstadion with a



Jadon Sancho.

low shot from outside the area — his first Champions League goal since November 2021.

In EPL, Bournemouth stage stunning comeback

Bournemouth completed a stunning comeback to beat Luton 4-3 in the Premier League on Wednesday after being 3-0 down at half-time.

Antoine Semenyo's 83rd-minute strike at Vitality Stadium sealed the win for Bournemouth and prevented Luton from climbing out of the relegation zone. Luton had looked set to climb up to 17th in the standings and above Nottingham Forest on goal difference after strikes from Tahith Chong, Chiedozie Ogbene and Ross Barkley before halftime before Bournemouth's fightback.

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Annexure A
Ministry of Education
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Corrigendum to the advertisement for appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (BBAU), Lucknow published on 22.02.2024
It has been decided that the candidates are required to apply only through the Ministry of Education SAMARTH portal as per the link given below: <https://vcrec.samarth.ac.in/index.php>
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Tender Notice Bid Ref. No. :- e-tender/PHSC/Proc./RC/ Medicines under NTEP/2024/137
The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for Medicines under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) list is enumerated in the tender document available on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.
Date, time and place of Pre-bid conference: 22.03.2024 at 11.30 a.m. in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Building, 2nd Floor, Block-E S.A.S. Nagar - Mohali-160062. Phone no. 0172-2232245, 2232247.
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Date of availability of bid document on website: 5.00 PM of 13.03.2024
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"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. www.coalindia.in/ respective Subsidiary Company (CMPDI, www.cmpdi.co.in), CIL e-procurement portal (<https://coalindiatenders.nic.in>) and Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in>. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal <https://gem.gov.in/>."

नियम 92 (1) (क) (ii)
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना का प्रारूप
संयोजक शासन, 1169 दिनांक: 13/03/2024
नगर पालिका निगम, खालियर
जनसंपर्क RO क्रमांक 166 // निविदा सूचना // दिनांक: 13-03-2024
निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्रीय प्रस्तावी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से ऑन लाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा का विवरण निम्न वेबसाइट <http://gm.mptenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।
क्र. सं. कार्य का नाम कार्य की संभावित पूं लागत निविदा प्रत्येक का मूल्य रु. निविदा की अंतिम तिथि
1 2024_UAD_344288_1 12.03.2024 सी.एच. मोनिटिंग- लक्ष्मी पुष्कर 120 रु. 12500/- 22.03.2024
(स्वीडिंग पूल) में जीओटार कार्य। 1,10,57,670/- 55288/-
नोट: निविदा स्वीकृति हेतु ही प्रस्ताव के प्रस्तावक का प्रस्तावक ऑन लाईन <http://gm.mptenders.gov.in> की वेबसाइट पर ही किया जाएगा। प्रस्ताव के स्वीकार नहीं होने का अधिकार नहीं किया जाएगा।
कार्यपालन कंपनी, नगर निगम, खालियर

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग
हरिद्वार
द्वितीय
द्वि. कोड- 249404
संख्या : 200/23/E-01/DR/PCS/2023-24 दिनांक : 13 मार्च, 2024
उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य (सिचिलि) प्रथम अधीनस्थ सेवा परीक्षा, 2024 के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न विभागों में रिक्त 189 पदों पर सीधी भर्ती के माध्यम से चयन हेतु विज्ञापन संख्या A-2/E-1/PCS/2023-24 द्वारा ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र (Online Application Form) आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं:-
विज्ञापन प्रकाशन की तिथि : 14 मार्च, 2024
ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र भरने की अंतिम तिथि : 03 अप्रैल, 2024 (रात्रि 11.59.59 बजे तक)
परीक्षा शुल्क- Net Banking/Debit Card/Credit Card द्वारा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि : 03 अप्रैल, 2024 (रात्रि 11.59.59 बजे तक)
ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र में संशोधन/परिवर्तन करने की तिथि : 09 अप्रैल, 2024 से 18 अप्रैल, 2024 (रात्रि 11.59.59 बजे तक)
भर्ती से सम्बन्धित नियम, अर्हता और शर्तें आदि विज्ञापन में उल्लिखित हैं जोकि आयोग की वेबसाइट psc.uk.gov.in पर उपलब्ध हैं। अन्त्यर्ही आवेदन करने से पूर्व विज्ञापन का भली-भांति अवलोकन करना सुनिश्चित करें।
(मिथ्यारी सिंह रावत) सचिव।

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No- JHS/DYCCM/2024/05 Date: 07.03.2024
On behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, Jhansi are invite the following E-procurement tender
Sr. : 01 Tender No. : 51245006 Qty. : 01 Nos
Description: Combi cooler for Electric driven Screw type Air Compressor, Make- KPCL, Model- KES 30-15, Part No- 271.10.267.50 Make- KPCL/Similar, Special Condition- 1- Authorization dealership certificate of KPCL or OEM of Air compressor must have to submit by supplier at the time of supply. 2. One year of warranty of supplier material after successful installation and commissioning date. Items Guarantee/Warranty and test certificate provide at the time of supply.
Sr. : 02 Tender No. : 51225466B Qty. : 2669 Pairs
Description: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) Industrial Gumbouts to safeguard repairing workers & shunting staff of Jhansi workshop as per attached Annexure 'A'
Tender Opening Date: 05.04.2024. EMD: NIL. Note : 1. The Complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. 2. Bids other than in the form of E bids shall not be accepted against above tenders for this purpose vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS Website along with class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA under IT act 2000. 3. Rules entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vendor shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. 436/24(DG)
North central railways @CPNCR @northcentralrailway www.nctr.indianrailways.gov.in

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, ANGUL
E-Mail - sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in / Phone : 06764 - 236404
No 841 Dt 12/3/24 //
Cancellation of Tender for Maintenance work
The tender for Maintenance works invited vide this office Tender Call Notice No. 513 dt.13.02.2024 (Bid Identification No. Maintenance Online-AGL- 48) by the Procurement officer, Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul is hereby cancelled
Chief Construction Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Angul
OIPR -25180/11/0088/2324

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
"Vidut Bhawan", Near ISBT Crossing, Saharanpur Road, Majra, Dehradun -248002
Corporate ID No: U40101UR2004G01028675 Tel. No. 0135-2642711
E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-3
The last date of submission of the E-Tender for "Supply, Erection and Testing & Commissioning of 80MVA 132/33KV Transformer and associated works at 132 KV Substation Manglore and 132 KV Substation Bazpur" against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/SS-10/2023-24 is hereby extended upto 02.04.2024 15:30 Hrs. For more details please visit the e-tender website www.ptcul.org (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4.68132_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.
For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8999890000 Letter No.: 430/HQP/PTCUL Superintending Engineer
Dated : 13-03-2024 "Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation" (C&P-II)

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, अनुक्षण खण्ड
उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, गोपेश्वर (चमोली)
E-mail - jsgopeshwar@gmail.com
पत्रांक-3289/विद्युत-02/2023-24 दिनांक- 13/03/2024

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
Office of Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, PTCUL, 400 KV S/G Campus, Kashipur-244713
Corporate ID U40101UR2004G01028675 Mob. No. 05947298240
E-Tender Notice
Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender for following works:-
1. E-tender no. SE (O&M)/PTCUL/KSP/45/2023-24 for Work of Hotspot Scanning of Various Transmission Line & Substations under 220 KV O & M Division, Mahuakheraganj.
The last date of submission of e-bid is 27/03/2024 upto 17:00 Hrs. For more details please visit e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in and for e-tender notice our website www.ptcul.org. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact 05947-298240.
पत्रांक संख्या : 205/अधी0अधि0(का)/टी-2 Superintending Engineer
दिनांक : 14/03/2024 "Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation" (O & M), Kashipur

JAIPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
office: Vidut Bhawan, Jaipath, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur 302005
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-II) MM Building, Old Power House Premises, Near Ram Mandir, Banipark, Jaipur-302006 Tel. 0141-2202607, E-Mail id: sem2@jvnl.com
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
E-tenders are invited for purchase of HT Trivector Meters (TN-2817, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00882), LT Trivector Meters (TN-2818, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00883), 11 KV CT-PT Sets of various ratios (TN-2819, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00886), HT Meter Box & MIP Meter Box (TN-2820, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00887), 8.0 MVA, 33/11 KV Power Transformers (TN-2821, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00879), 12 KV Indoor VCBs (TN- 2822, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00881), 40 KVA Three Phase Aluminium Wound BIS Level - 1 Completely Self Protected (CSP) Distribution Transformers with provision of LT Bushing Box (TN-2823, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00878), 160 KVA Three Phase Aluminium Wound BIS Level - 1 (Star-1) Distribution Transformers (TN-2824, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00884), 315 KVA Three Phase Copper Wound BIS Level - 1 (Star-1) Distribution Transformers (TN-2825, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00888), 500 KVA Three Phase Copper Wound BIS Level - 1 (Star-1) Distribution Transformers (TN-2826, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00880) & 25 KVA Single Phase Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers BIS Level - 1 with ICB (TN-2827, UBN-VVN2324GLOB00885). All the details regarding tenders are available at web site www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvnl, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. In future, corrigendum/extension, if any, shall be published only at above web sites.
JPR 2858 (2024)
Raj.Samwaj/C/23/14874 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-II)
For Electricity Complaints Toll Free No. 1800 180 6507

मुख्य महाप्रबन्धक, महोदय उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, देहरादून की ओर से जनपद चमोली शाखा गोपेश्वर के अन्तर्गत निम्न कार्य हेतु उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान/जल निगम में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ई-निविदा सिंगल बिड के आधार पर आमंत्रित की जाती है।
1 - निविदा डाउनलोड/अपलोड प्रारम्भ करने की तिथि एवं समय : 16.03.2024 सांय 5.00 बजे से
2 - निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड/अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : 26.03.2024 सांय 5.00 बजे तक
3 - निविदा प्रपत्र कार्यालय में जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : 27.03.2024 सांय 3.00 बजे तक
4 - निविदा को खोले जाने की तिथि एवं समय : 27.03.2024 सांय 3.30 बजे से

क्र. सं.	विकास क्षेत्र	कार्य का नाम	निविदा प्रतिभूति	निविदा का कुल मूल्य (18 प्रतिशत जी.एस.टी. सहित)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	ठेकेदार की श्रेणी
1	जोशीमठ	भर्ती पेयजल योजना	93000.00	3540.00	60 दिन	"D" या उच्चतर
2	दशौली	सोनला पेयजल योजना	103000.00	4720.00	75 दिन	"D" या उच्चतर
3	दशौली	रोपा पेयजल योजना	93000.00	3540.00	60 दिन	"D" या उच्चतर
4	दशौली	बैजू पेयजल योजना	79000.00	2950.00	60 दिन	"D" या उच्चतर

अधिशासी अभियन्ता

संयोजक शासन
कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता चमोली शाखा
Email ID: sepdwkhairathal@rediffmail.com & sepdwkhairathal@rajasthan.gov.in
दिनांक: 12.03.2024
Short Term NIT No. 08/2023-24
Bids for Construction of Road works (6) are invited from interested bidder from 13.03.2024 04.00 PM upto 26.03.2024 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>) and <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> of the state and <http://www.rajasthan.gov.in> departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is 1332.93/- Lacs.
UEN No.:
P/WD/2324/WS022117 P/WD/2324/WS022119
P/WD/2324/WS022120 P/WD/2324/WS022121
P/WD/2324/WS022122 P/WD/2324/WS022123
Sd/- Superintending Engineer
Diprc/2945/2024 PWD Circle Khairtal, Distt Khairtal-Tijara

बिहार सरकार

समाज कल्याण विभाग

दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण निदेशालय
34/84, ऑफिसर्स प्लेट, न्यू पुनाईचक, बेली रोड, पटना-800023

राज्य आयुक्त (निःशक्तता), बिहार के पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन का आमंत्रण

राज्य आयुक्त (निःशक्तता), बिहार के पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु इच्छुक उम्मीदवारों से दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण निदेशालय (समाज कल्याण विभाग) बिहार, पटना आवेदन आमंत्रित करती है। आवेदन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 15.04.2024 समय- अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक निर्धारित है।

इच्छुक उम्मीदवार विहित प्रपत्र में सभी सूचनाओं को भरकर एवं संबंधित कागजात की स्वअभिप्रेत प्रति संलग्न करते हुए आवेदन निदेशालय, दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण निदेशालय 34/84, ऑफिसर्स प्लेट, न्यू पुनाईचक, बेली रोड, पटना-800023 के कार्यालय में डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट द्वारा या हाथों-हाथ जमा करा सकते हैं।

आवेदक के लिए सामान्य शर्तें एवं विहित आवेदन प्रपत्र समाज कल्याण विभाग की वेबसाईट <https://state.bihar.gov.in/socialwelfare/CitizenHome.html> के नोटिस बोर्ड से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है।

उक्त सूचना www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

निदेशक

PR-19824 (S W D) 2023-24

दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण निदेशालय
बिहार, पटना।JHARKHAND INDUSTRIAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(A GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND UNDERTAKING)Office of the M.D., JIADA, 3rd Floor, New JIADA Building, industrial area, Namkum, Ranchi-834010

Letter No.210

Date-14.03.2024

e-Procurement Notice

Ref. No. - JIADA/16/Adityapur/2023-24

JIADA invites separate Technical & Financial Bids through e-procurement method from eligible and interested contractors registered in appropriate class for **Construction of Basic Infrastructures (Such as Roads, Drain, Utility duct, street-light etc.) of international Level for Adityapur industrial Area Phase-I JIADA.** Interested eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal through e-procurement portal latest by 3.00 PM on 06.04.2024.

The details of Tender Documents can be seen and applied through website <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in> only. Tender notification and Tender Document can also be seen (read only purpose) from departmental website <http://Jiada.co.in>.

Sd/-
Secretary
JIADA, Ranchi.

PR 322682 (RIADA) 23-24 (D)

GOVERNMENT OF UTTARAKHAND

Department of Energy, Dehradun (Uttarakhand)

Advertisement

The advertisement regarding Chairperson, Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (UERC) is advertised the advertisement No.02/UERC/2022-23, which was published on 22nd May, 2022. After due consideration Government of Uttarakhand once again invites applications for the post of Chairperson, Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (UERC), Dehradun from experienced and qualified eligible person along with their full resume. The application can be sent by registered/speed post or e-mail on the following address within one month after publication of aforesaid new advertisement. Application received after due date shall not be considered. Applicants who had already applied for the said post against the above mentioned previous advertisement do not have to apply again. The details of concerned advertisement and prescribed format are visible on the official website of Government of Uttarakhand i.e. www.uk.gov.in.

Secretary (Energy),

Department of Energy,

Secretariat, 4-Subhash Road, Dehradun-248 001 (Uttarakhand)

e-mail : energy.section1@gmail.com andCC to : pssecretary76@gmail.com

(R. Meenakshi Sundaram)

Advt. No. 25/UERC/2023-24 DOP : 15.03.2024

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SPP/HR/Recruitment/2023-24/3441

Date: 15.03.2024

ADVERTISEMENT NO.01/2024

Security Printing Press, Hyderabad (A unit of SPMCIL) invites online applications from eligible candidates for filling up the various posts as per details given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Level	No. of Posts	Scale of Pay (IDA Pattern)	Reservation Status					Total	Horizontal Reservation	
					UR	EWS	SC	ST	OBC		PWD	EX-SM
1.	Supervisor (Printing)	S-1	02	₹ 27600 - 95910	1	-	-	1	-	02	-	-
2.	Supervisor (Tech Control)		05		2	1	-	1	1	05	-	-
3.	Supervisor (OL)	A-1	01	₹ 21540 - 77160	1	-	-	-	-	01	-	-
4.	Jr. Office Assistant	B-3	12		6	1	2	-	3	12	1	2
5.	Jr. Technician (Printing/Control)		68	₹ 18780 - 67390	34	6	7	3	18	68	5*	6
6.	Jr. Technician (Fitter)	03			2	-	-	-	1	03	-	-
7.	Jr. Technician (Welder)	W-1	01	₹ 18780 - 67390	1	-	-	-	-	01	-	-
8.	Jr. Technician (Electronics / Instrumentation)	03			2	-	-	1	-	03	-	-
9.	Fireman (RM)		01	₹ 18780 - 67390	1	-	-	-	-	01	-	-
TOTAL										96		

(*Out of 5 vacancies one Backlog vacancy in Printing & 2 backlog vacancies in Control

Important Dates:	
Opening of website link for applying Online application	15.03.2024 to 15.04.2024
Payment of fees in online mode	15.03.2024 to 15.04.2024
Tentative date of Online examination	May / June-2024

Note : For complete details including Qualification, reservation, relaxation in upper age limit, examination fee, selection process, how to apply online, general information & instructions and other details, please visit our website <https://spphyderabad.spmcil.com>.

Sd/-

Addl. General Manager

(HR) & Head of Office.

(For Chief General Manager)

UJVN Limited
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)
H.O. "UJJAWAL" Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone- 0135-2763008, Fax 0135-2763508
CIN No.: U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvn.com

RO. No. 367
e-Tender Cancellation Notice Dated 13/03/2024
Due to unavoidable reasons the e-tender Notice No. 15/EE(C&M)/MB-II/Joshiyara/2023-24 invited by this office are hereby cancelled.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from "e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>" Executive Engineer (C&M) MB-II, Joshiyara
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

UTTARAKHAND-SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF INVESTMENT, START-UP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (UK-SPISE)
Directorate of Industries, Patel Nagar Dehradun, 248001 | Tel No. 0135-272827 Email : dg@doiuik.org

Reference No. 5482(DO)/5-42/UK-SPISE/2022-2023 Date: 14/03/2024

The Uttarakhand - Society for Promotion of Investment, Start-up and Entrepreneurship (UK-SPISE) requires following personnel purely on contractual basis. Details including TOR, remuneration, qualification and job responsibilities can be obtained from the website www.doiuk.org and www.investuttarakhand.uk.gov.in

S.No.	Name of Post	No. of Post
1	General Manager- Investment Promotion	01
2	Investor Mitra	02

Selection process:

- Short listing of CVs based on relevance of experience
- Short listed candidate would be intimated and called for interview through e-mail.

Note: Eligible candidate may apply via email at dg@doiuik.org within 21 days from the date of publication of advertisement in newspapers.
No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.

CEO
UK-SPISE
Dehradun

GOVT. OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DRAINAGE
CUTTACK, GANDARPUR-753003 A-1734

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO. CE-DR-CTC-04/2023-24
email id :- ce.drainage@gmail.com

1. Name of Works	Renovation of Palpa Nallah and it's Link Drains with construction of structures and slope protection works in Balipal and Basta Block of Balasore District - DOAB-IX.
2. Nature of work	i) Earth Work ii) Structural Work iii) Stone pitching work
3. Total number of Packages	1 no. individual package.
4. Estimated Cost	Rs. 1170.00 Lakh
5. Bid Identification No.	CE-DR-CTCDD-BLS-05/2023-24
6. Period of completion	18 (Eighteen) Calendar months.
7. Availability of Tender On - Line.	20.03.2024, 16.00 Hours to 09.04.2024, 17.00 Hours.
8. Date of Opening of Technical Bid.	10.04.2024 at 11.30 hours in the O/o the Chief Engineer, Drainage, Cuttack.
9. Class of Contractor	Special SA Class.
10. Bid Security/EMD	11,70,00,00/- (To be remitted online)
11. Cost of Tender paper	Rs. 10,000/-
12. Procurement Officer	Chief Engineer, Drainage, Cuttack, Gandarpur-753003

Further details can be seen from the Govt. web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation if any required will be published only in Govt. web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Chief Engineer, Drainage, Cuttack
OIPR - 32466/11/0005/2324

Purvanchal Vidyut Vitaran Nigam Limited, Vidyut Nagar, P.O-DLW, Varanasi-221004, E-Tender Notice - E-

Tender is invited for the following works. The tender will be accepted up to 15.00 hrs. on 01.04.2024 and will be opened on 02.04.2024 15.00 hrs. Please visit www.etender.up.nic.in for details/ download and for any other corrections/amendments/modifications/extensions till the date of submission of bids, will be uploaded on website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.puvnl.nic.in. SI No., Tender No., Material, Qty., Earnest Money (Rs.), Tender Fee (Rs.), Last Date & Time for online submission of tender document, Date & time for online opening of tender Part-1. 1. EAV-176/2023-24, 11/0.433 KV, 250 KVA Copper Wound Distribution Transformers (B. I.S. Std. Level-I) as per IS 1180 (Part-I) :2014 with all & latest amendments-4 with External LT MCCB Box, 60 Nos., 3,48,500.00, 5000.00+GST%@18%, 01.04.2024 15:00 Hrs 02.04.2024 15:00 Hrs. 2. EAV-201/2023-24, 11/0.433 KV, 400 KVA Copper Wound Distribution Transformers (B.I.S. Std. Level-I) as per IS 1180 (Part-I) :2014 with all & latest amendments-4 with External LT MCCB Box, 25 Nos., 2,37,500.00, 5000.00+GST%@18%, 01.04.2024 15:00 Hrs 02.04.2024 15:00 Hrs. 'Save Electricity in the interest of Nation' SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-II) पत्रांक - 312/पू.वि.नि.लि. (वा.)/सा.प्र.-द्वितीय/ विज्ञापन दिनांक 14.3.2024

U.P. MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
(CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425) (A Government of U.P. Undertaking)
Regd. Office: SUDA Bhawan, 7/23, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow-226010

Tender Ref. No: UPMSC/Drugs-2019/053 Dated: 13.03.2024

Tender Notice
e-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF ANTITUBERCULAR DRUGS

Online tenders are invited from licensed manufacturers for supply of Drugs to UPMSC. The details of tender, list of items and Tender Documents are made available on website <https://etender.up.nic.in> and www.upmsc.in.

The last date/time of online submission of the tender documents is 04th April, 2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.

Managing Director
UPMCSL, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, U.P.

U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD., E-Tender Notice - E-TENDER NO. ETDB/GEC-II/Pkg-06(R1)/24. Online e-Bids are invited for Package-06 for Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of (i) 220/132/33 KV, Substation Hamirpur (Sarila) (ii) 132/33 KV Substation Muskara (Hamirpur) (iii) LIL of 220 KV Mahoba (220) - Banda (400) @ Hamirpur. (iv) 220KV Maheba-Hamirpur DC Line (v) LIL of 132 KV Sumerpur - Sarila @ Hamirpur. (vi) LIL of 132 KV Mahoba (220) - Panwari @ 220 KV Charkhari on Turn-key basis. E-tender has been published on 15.03.2024 on <https://etender.up.nic.in>. Estimated cost of the work: Rs 145.43 Crore Only. EMD Cost: Rs. 145,43,000.00 Last date of tender 09.04.2024 at 17:00 Hrs. Total Quantity of work, tender specification and other terms and condition is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Undersigned reserve the right to cancel the e-Bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Superintending Engineer, Ecty. 765/400KV TDC, Shakti Bhawan Extn., Lucknow. R.No: 398, Dt. 13.03.2024, "Save Energy in National Interest"

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNDARGARH
AT/PO-SANKARA, SUNDARGARH-770020. E-mail address-senw_sundargarh@yahoo.com

No. Tender Online - RWCCESNG - 59 of 2023-24, Letter No. 872 / Dt. 12.03.2024

e-Procurement Notice

1. Type of the Work:	: Building (NHM)
2. Class of Contractor:	: As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure
3. Time of Completion:	: As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects:	: As per Annexure attached
5. Estimated Cost:	: As specified in the column-4 of the Annexure
6. Other details:	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWCCESNG-59 of 2023-24	20.03.2024 11:00 AM	12.04.2024 5:00 PM	10.04.2024 5:00 PM	15.04.2024 11:00 AM	Will be intimated separately

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

Chief Engineer
(Design & Quality Control) Chief Construction Engineer (I/C)
Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh
OIPR - 25133/11/0085/2324

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
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INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

File No.B-(ES)/02/2023 Lr. No. 11604 Dt. 11th Mar. 2024

Invitation for Bids
Bid Identification No. C.E.(Civil) - 79 / 2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (Civil), Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the works (1) "Construction of Academic-cum-Workshop Buildings (G-2) having foundation to (G+3) Works at OSME Campus in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2023-24" amounting to Rs. 11,22,38,741/- ; (2) "Construction of Academic-cum-Workshop Buildings (GF, FF, SF) in respect of New Govt. I.T.I., Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda District" amounting to Rs.22,50,00,000/- (Approximate); (3) "Construction of Academic Block-A (G+4) at BOSE, Cuttack" amounting to Rs.17,64,00,000/- (Approximate); (4) "Construction of 300 Seated Boys Hostel (G+4) at BOSE, Cuttack" amounting to Rs.12,61,00,000/- (Approximate) as detailed below.	
2. Nature of work	: Building Work
3. No. of work	: 04 Nos.
4. Cost of Bid Document	: Rs. 10,000/-
5. Class of Contractor	: 'A' Special Class
6. Availability of Bid Documents in the website	: From dt.27.03.2024 to 17.00 Hours of dt:18.04.2024
7. Date of Opening of Bids	: Dt:19.04.2024 at 11:30 AM.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : https://tendersodisha.gov.in . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.	

Chief Engineer (Civil)
Odisha, Bhubaneswar
OIPR - 34117/11/0166/2324

Office of the Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle, P.W.D., Nainital- 263002
Phone/Fax : 05942-235728/232030 E-mail : sepdntnl@rediffmail.com

पत्रांक : 1254/41-M-2/23-24 Date: 14.03.2024

National Competitive Bidding
(E-Tendering)

Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, Public Works Department Nainital on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites e-tender (Double Bid) For further details please log on to <https://www.uktenders.gov.in> from 30.03.2024.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimate money (in Lakh Rs)	Cost of Tender	Validity of tender	Time of completion	Contractor's category of Registration
1	Development (Beautification & electrification) work at Kainchi Dham in Distt. Nainital Under Manakshand Mandir Mala Mission	53.20	5000 + 18% G.S.T	120 days	18month	Category "A/A+" for Bridge and Building work in any State/Govt of India or Govt undertaking

Superintending Engineer,
2nd Circle, P.W.D., Nainital

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION,
JAL "O" PARIMAL BHAWAN, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR-751001, ODISHA
Tel: 0674-2395734, FAX: 0674-2394946, e-mail: ce.rwsosdisha@gmail.com
No. 2440 / Date : 13-03-2024

NOTICE INVITING BIDS (NIB)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT

The Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, Jal-O-Parimal Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar-751001, Odisha on behalf of the Government of Odisha in Panchayat Raj and Drinking Water Department invites bids through e-Procurement in conformity with terms and conditions of the Detailed Tender Call Notice (DTCN) in double cover system for the following work. The bids should be submitted on-line in website www.tendersodisha.gov.in by eligible reputed registered manufacturing agencies/Authorized Distributor/Dealer having sufficient experience in similar type of works on turnkey basis. The bidder should have the necessary portal Enrolment (with his own Digital Signature Certificate)

SI No	Name of the Rural Water Supply Project	Bid Identification No	Cost of Bid document (in Rs.) Online mode	Availability of Bid document for online Bidding	
				From	To
1	Supply and delivery of 5 Nos. Truck mounted Mobile Water Treatment Plant having 2000 ltr/hr. capacity for treating turbid/flood water/brackish water and make it potable on spot, disinfection through ozonation including provision of polythene pouch marking facility of 4000 pouch/hr. (Polyethylene thickness not less than 50 micron) with operation and maintenance for 05-years.	EICRWSS /523-24	10,000	16.03.2024	05.04.2024

Name & address of officer inviting Bid: Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS
Jal "O" Parimal Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar Ph: 0674-2395734/ 0674-2531533, e-mail: ce.rwsosdisha@gmail.com

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>

Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS
OIPR - 25003/11/0022/2324

RAJASTHAN URJA VIKAS & IT SERVICES LIMITED
(Formerly known as Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd.) (A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking)
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) - U40104RJ2015SGC048738, 151 Floor, HUDA Building, Adjoining to Vidyut Bhawan, Jaipur. E-mail: ce.ruvnl@rajasthan.gov.in, Website: www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/ruvnl

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

RUVNL on behalf of Rajasthan Discoms hereby invites online bids for procurement of power on long term basis (25 years) from 3200(4*800) MW coal based power plant and 8000 MW solar power project through tariff based competitive bidding as per specification under TN-05/Long Term/Coal & Solar/FY 2023-24. May visit website <https://www.bharat-electronic-tender.com> & <https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/content/raj/energy-department/rajasthan-urja-vikas-nigam-tdt/en/home.html#f> for further details. Tender document will be available for downloading shortly. Prospective bidders are requested to remain updated for any notices/amendments/clarifications to the tender document through the websites mentioned above.

RUVNL/PR - 72 (2024)
Raj.Samwad/C/23/14793

Superintending Engineer (PP)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
No. 1584 / Dt. 09.03.2024

"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

1. Name of the Work	: Road Work under MMSY-TRIP
2. Total No. of works	: 01 No. of Road Work under MMSY-TRIP for the year 2023-24
3. Estimated Cost of the work	: Rs.807.14 lakhs
4. Class of Contractor	
a) Estimated cost more than Rs. 1.00 Crore up to Rs. 20.00 Crores	: A Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
b) Estimated cost more than Rs. 6.00 Crore up to Rs. 50.00 Crores	: Special Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
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.14 of 2024	15.03.2024 at 11.00 AM	30.03.2024 up to 5.00 P.M.	02.04.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later on

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

Chief Engineer
Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar.
OIPR - 25194/11/0016/2324

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Paramount to sell its 13% stake in Viacom 18 to RIL

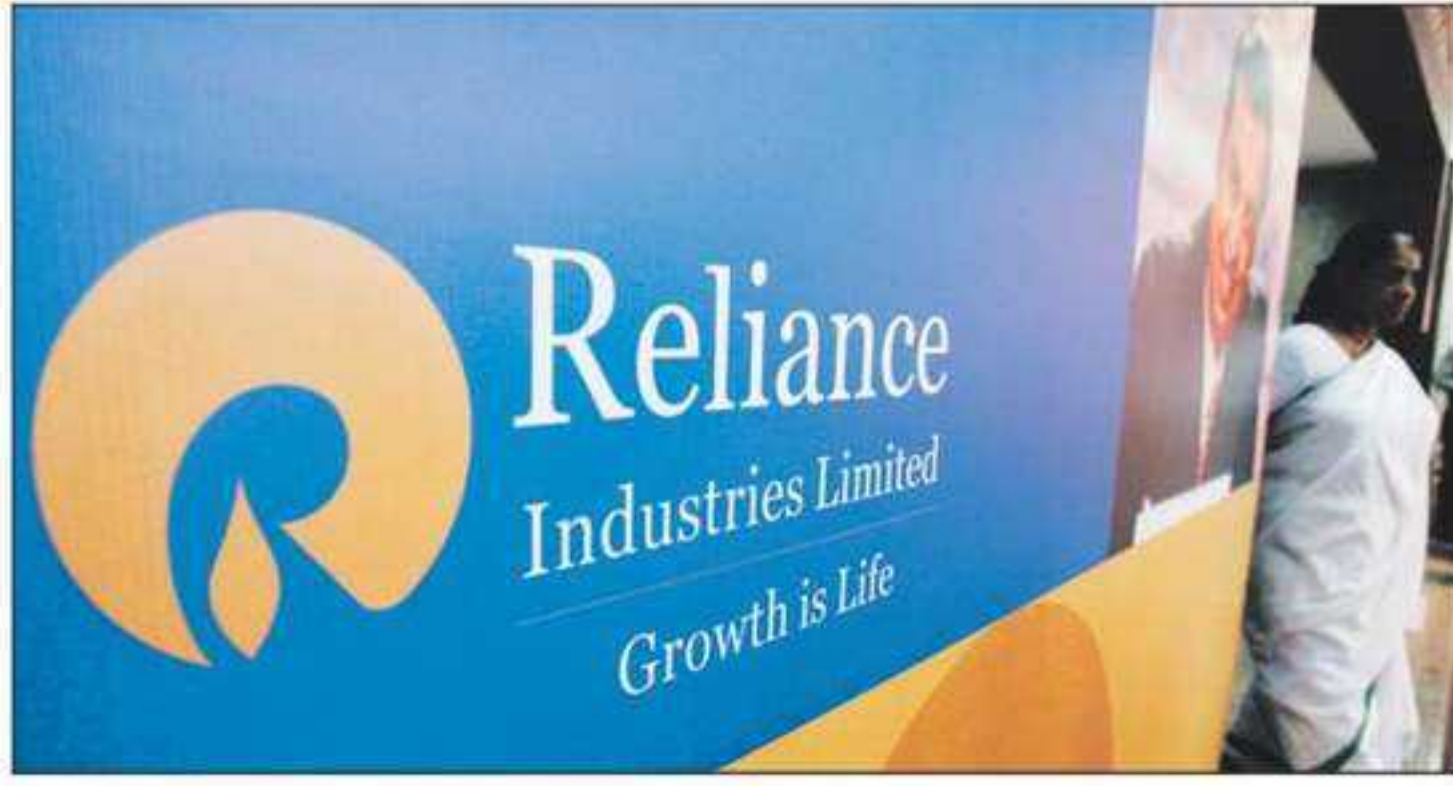
Following the deal, RIL's Viacom18 stake will rise to 70.49% on a fully diluted basis

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NEW DELHI: Paramount Global has agreed to sell its 13% stake in its Indian TV business to Reliance Industries for ₹4,286 crore, the Indian firm said on Thursday.

In a stock exchange filing, Reliance said it has signed a binding agreement with two subsidiaries of Paramount Global to acquire 13.01% equity stake of Viacom 18 Media Private Limited held by Paramount Global.

Similarly, in a filing on the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Paramount Global said the closing of the transaction is subject to the satisfaction of certain customary conditions, including receipt of applicable regulatory approvals, as well as the completion of a previously announced joint venture involving Reliance, Viacom18 and Star Disney.



In February, Walt Disney and RIL had announced merger of their media businesses in India to create a ₹70,000-crore entity. REUTERS

"After the closing, Paramount will continue to license its content to Viacom18," it added.

In its stock exchange filing, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) said Viacom18 is a material subsidiary of TV18 Broadcast Ltd. The company currently holds compulsorily convertible preference shares of Viacom18 representing 57.48% equity stake on a fully diluted basis.

Post the completion of this transaction, the company's equity stake in Viacom18 will increase to 70.49% on a fully diluted basis.

Earlier in February, Walt Dis-

ney Co and Reliance Industries had announced the signing of binding pacts to merge their media operations in India to create a ₹70,000-crore behemoth. Under the deal, that came just over a month after the failed \$10 billion merger of rivals Zee and Sony, Reliance and its affiliates will hold 63.16% in the combined entity that will house two streaming services and 120 television channels.

Disney will hold the remaining 36.84%, the companies had said.

As part of the transaction, the media undertaking of Viacom18 would be merged into Star India

Pvt (SIPL) through a court-approved scheme of arrangement. Reliance had also agreed to invest at closing ₹11,500 crore into the joint venture to give it the muscle to fight rivals such as Japan's Sony and Netflix. The combined entity will have the largest OTT subscriber base.

Media ventures of Reliance are currently housed in Network18, which owns TV18 news channels as well as a plethora of entertainment (under the 'Colors' brand) and sports channels. NW18 also has stakes in money-control.com, bookmyshow and publishes magazines. Its subsidiary NW18 owns the news channels CNBC/CNNNews.

In 2014, RIL had acquired majority stake in media group Network18 from its erstwhile promoters, including its founder Raghav Bahl, for ₹4,000 crore. Prior to this in 2007, TV18, a part of Network18 group, had formed a joint venture with Viacom targeting hindi general entertainment category.

Reliance separately owns a movie production arm - JioStudios, and majority stakes in two listed cable distribution companies, Den and Hathway.

Disinvestment policy to be reviewed by new govt

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NEW DELHI: The new government formed after the general elections will review the existing disinvestment policy in the light of changed economic and geopolitical circumstances, which will include re-examination of the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd's (BPCL) strategic sale, on hold since May 2022 after an unsuccessful attempt, two officials said on Thursday.

This is one of the reasons why disinvestment has no specific estimate in the interim budget for 2024-25, unlike in the past, one official with direct knowledge of the matter said requesting anonymity.

"A considered view will be taken only after the new government is formed and proposals for the full budget (2024-25) are discussed," another official added. A full budget is expected by July.

The full budget for FY25 is expected to be presented by the new government at the centre after the general elections. An interim budget is a vote on account, presented in an election year to cover expenditure for a brief period to keep the government functioning. Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the



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interim budget on February 1, 2024, which had no specific mention of disinvestment estimates under the head of non-debt capital receipts.

While budget estimates for 2023-24 (presented in Parliament on February 1, 2023) had a specific number of ₹51,000 crore as disinvestment receipts, the same was missing in the revised estimate for the same fiscal year. "This is a change in approach from sell-off to wealth management. The approach is to optimise values of public assets," the second official said.

As for now, the government's disinvestment policy is the same as was mentioned in the budget for 2021-22 that was presented by the finance minister

on February 1, 2021. Based on the New Public Sector Enterprise Policy for Aatmanirbhar Bharat (approved by the cabinet, on January 27, 2021 and notified on February 4, 2021), a disinvestment road map has been provided for all non-strategic and strategic sectors. The policy advocates maintaining bare minimum presence of the public sector in strategic areas while privatising the rest. It divides the strategic sectors into four areas -- atomic energy, space and defence; transport and telecommunications; power, petroleum, coal and other minerals; and banking, insurance and financial services.

Under the policy, blue-chip public sector company Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) also figured in the list for sale. After more than two years of efforts, also during the peak period of the Covid-19 pandemic, the department of investment and public asset management (DIPAM) secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Thursday. The state government also agreed to waive dues of ₹298.42 crore, which would have been otherwise payable by AI Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL) to GoM for this transaction, he added.

AIAHL is the special purpose vehicle (SPV), which was incorporated on January 22, 2018 to own and manage residual non-core assets, including painting and artefacts, of state-run Air India, which was subsequently sold to the Tata Group. After five years of struggle to privatise debt-ridden airline, the Centre accepted Tata Sons' bid for its flagship carrier Air India for ₹18,000 crore in October 2021. The ownership of the airline was transferred on January 27, 2022.

The SPV, 100% owned by the Centre, was formed to warehouse accumulated working capital loan not backed by any asset along with four subsidiaries -- Air India Air Transport Services Ltd (AIATSL), Airline Allied Services Ltd (AASL), Air India Engineering Services Ltd (AIESL) and Hotel Corporation of India Ltd (HCI). The non-core assets including land and building was valued at ₹14,718 crore.

According to a report filed by HT on November 8, 2022, the building was eyed by many entities, including Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and LIC.

CENTRE APPROVES TRANSFER OF AIR INDIA BUILDING TO MAHA GOVT

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NEW DELHI: The Union government has approved the transfer of ownership of iconic Air India building in Mumbai to the Maharashtra government for ₹1,601 crore, besides waiver of about ₹300-crore dues payable to the state.

It is expected that the new owner will use the building at Nariman Point in Mumbai to house its offices.

The Centre has approved the transfer of Air India building, Mumbai to the government of Maharashtra (GoM) at consideration of ₹1,601 crore, department of investment and public asset management (DIPAM) secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Thursday. The state government also agreed to waive dues of ₹298.42 crore, which would have been otherwise payable by AI Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL) to GoM for this transaction, he added.

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Consumer protection authority to launch portal for complaints

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NEW DELHI: Consumers unhappy with the services they have purchased can now register their complaint on a dedicated online portal to be launched on Friday by the consumer affairs ministry for the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), two persons aware of the matter said.

The portal is an effort to clamp down on persistent violations of advertising guidelines and will serve as a platform to "name and shame" violators, the first person said.

The portal would be launched on World Consumer Rights Day, celebrated on 15 March annually.

Currently, notices and orders issued against misleading advertisers are not publicly available.

"The portal will display all the final judgments issued against entities involved in misleading ads, violation of consumer rights, such as coaching institutions or service providers, so that consumers can know the exact status of their grievances," the second person said.

The dedicated website comes nearly four years after the launch of the CCPA in July 2020.

"A dedicated portal will help consumers in filing complaints against the violators for their deficiency in services."

"Earlier, end users struggled a lot to find a particular link for registering their grievances seamlessly," said Ashim Sanyal, CEO of consumer rights group VOICE.

The CCPA was established under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, to regulate matters relating to consumer rights violations, unfair trade practices, and false advertisements that harm public and consumer



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interests. "The creation of a dedicated portal for complaint registration is undoubtedly going to benefit consumers."

"Increased consumer awareness may also bring to light smaller violations previously ignored by people," said Manish K Shubhay, partner at The Precept-Law Offices.

"It will enable and equip the central authority to work towards empowering consumers," he said. "The investigation by CCPA in individual complaints would save consumers time and effort and may lead to possible mediations and settlements with goods or service providers, resulting in reduced financial burden on individual consumers," said Shubhay, a Supreme Court lawyer.

Queries sent to the consumer affairs secretary, who currently heads the CCPA, and the consumer affairs ministry spokesperson, remained unanswered at press time.

Fitch raises India growth forecast for next fiscal to 7%

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NEW DELHI: Fitch Ratings on Thursday raised its forecast for India's economic growth to 7 per cent for the next fiscal year starting April 1 on the back of strong domestic demand and sustained level of business and consumer confidence.

With a stronger-than-expected 8.4% growth in gross domestic product (GDP) during the third quarter (October-December) of the current fiscal year, Fitch saw the Indian econ-

omy expanding 7.8% in 2023-24 financial year (April 2023 to March 2024), marginally higher than the government's estimate of 7.6%.

In its latest 'Global Economic Outlook', the rating agency said the country's economic growth continued to outperform quarterly forecasts with domestic demand (investment growth increased 10.6% year-on-year while private consumption was 3.5% higher).

For the world, Fitch Ratings has raised its 2024 global GDP growth forecast by 0.3 percentage points to 2.4%.

Stronger US growth

prospects outweigh a marginal cut to our China 2024 growth forecast -- to 4.5% from 4.6% -- and a minor revision to our eurozone forecast, to 0.6% from 0.7%," it said.

"Growth in emerging markets, excluding China, has been revised up by 0.1 percentage point to 3.2%, with forecasts raised for India, Russia and Brazil." It expected world growth in 2025 to edge up to 2.5% as the eurozone finally recovers -- on a pick-up in real wages and consumption -- but as US growth slows.

For India, Fitch Ratings said,

"With GDP growth having exceeded 8% for three consecutive quarters, we expect an easing in growth momentum in the final quarter of the current fiscal year, implying an estimate of 7.8% for growth in FY24."

Recent quarterly data has shown that GDP is rising much faster than gross value-added -- indirect taxes net of subsidies is the difference between the two -- and this unusually wide gap may normalise.

Strong business survey data for January and February represents an upside risk to these estimates, it said.

Feb WPI eases to 0.2% as prices of manufactured goods decline

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NEW DELHI: Inflation, as measured by the Wholesale Price (WPI) Index, eased to 0.2% in February 2024 from its January print of 0.3% on the continued contraction in prices of manufacturing and fuel and power sub-indices, according to data from the ministry of commerce and industry released on Thursday. The numbers were in line with Bloomberg estimates for February 2024.

The wholesale price index increased for the fourth consecutive month albeit at the slowest pace since November 2023. Unlike the previous two months of sequential deflation in wholesale prices, the WPI was up 0.07% in February over the previous month.

A large part of the slowdown was due to 1.3% deflation in the manufactured goods category, which constitutes about 64% of the WPI basket. The sub-index has stayed in the deflation zone since March 2023. Food prices however stayed elevated, increasing at 4.1% in February 2024.

The January print for the food index was 3.8% slower



Vegetable prices increased at 19.8%, up 0.7 percentage points from the January print.

than the December 2023 print of 5.4%.

Although food prices softened in the past three months, there was an increase in February 2024. To be sure, the sub-index was up by 0.17% in February 2024 on a month-on-month basis after two consecutive months of sequential contraction. Barring the fruits, and eggs meat and fish, the prices of all primary food articles increased at a faster rate than January 2024 on a year -- on year basis. Potato prices were higher by 15.3% after contracting for five months straight.

Onion prices, increased at 29.2% in February. To be sure, onion price inflation was much

slower than the November 2023 print of 109%.

Vegetable prices on a whole increased at a faster pace of 19.8% up 0.7 percentage points from the January print.

Paddy price increased at a faster rate of 10.25% in February after a slight moderation to 9.6% in the previous month. Inflation for pulses grew at 18.5% in the reporting month from 16.1% in January 2024. "The easing in food prices has now faded, thus, the trajectory of cereal prices needs to be watched for signs of persistence," said Rahul Bajoria, MD & Head of EM Asia (ex-China) Economics Research at Barclays in a research note.

Indian tourists shun Maldives; industry feels pinch

Press Trust of India
feedback@livemint.com

MALE: Indian tourists, who used to flock to the Maldives, are now shunning the island nation and its tourism industry is already feeling the pinch of declined revenue, prompting calls for mending the fence with New Delhi.

India has slipped to sixth position in 2024 compared to being a topper in visitor numbers in 2023, prompting voices from the local tourism industry to flag the danger for the tourism-dependent economy of the archipelagic country in the Indian Ocean.

A full-blown backlash was directed at the Maldives following derogatory remarks against India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on social media by three Maldivian officials after Modi posted photos and video of



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the pristine Lakshadweep Islands on India's west coast on January 6 on his X handle.

According to the Maldives Tourism Ministry statistics, over 17 lakh tourists visited the island nation in 2023, out of which more than 2,09,198 visitors were Indians followed by Russians (2,09,146) and China (1,87,118).

The number of Indian visitors was more than 2.4 lakh in 2022 while over 2.11 lakh Indians flew to the Maldives in 2021. The Maldives was also one of the few countries open for international tourists during the pandemic and nearly 63,000 Indians visited that country during that period.

The local tourism industry is worried about the development and already flagged caution. Explaining how India plays a vital role in sustaining tourism-related receipts to the state during off-peak season, a news portal Sun.Mv said: "Indian travellers have a counter-travel pattern to European travellers; meaning Indian travellers frequent to the Maldives during hot sea-

sons, which coincides with a drop in European market arrivals. In other words, India is the most significant 'filler' for the Maldives tourism off-peak season." It further reported on Tuesday, how, tourism industry experts and analysts have highlighted the adverse impacts of dwindling Indian arrivals to the Maldives, while some have forecast estimated losses north of USD 1.8 billion to USD 2 billion.

"Travel agencies and operators relying on Indian arrivals report a revenue decline of 80 per cent -- a dangerous prospect," the report said.

Quoting an official from Let's Go Maldives, a prominent travel agency, the portal said, the Indian traveller market consists of multiple demographics and segments from affluent to budget travellers and India is a large summer market.

{ THE CROSSWORDS }

CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Plot developer (7)
 - Meant to upset the media (5)
 - Only a mild attack of ague? (2,5,6)
 - It's hard work sorting waste (5)
 - It may be worn as a favour (7)
 - Bed not turned - but the sheets may be (6)
 - Is getting in support to carry on the fight (6)
 - It controls the waves though the rain is wild (7)
 - As a guardian he was fabulous (5)
 - Promising gardening correspondent? (7,6)
 - Concise language after the start (5)
 - Imagined me in terror (7)
- DOWN**
- You may find them by the sea and on board ship (5)
 - He takes the lot (7,6)
 - Musician having ear most developed (7)
 - One type of fan club (6)
 - Fly from a ship (5)
 - What bees do when really busy? (4,6,3)
 - The fall of French currency (7)
 - A small company's custom is to share accommodation (7)
 - Obitleration is certain after time (7)
 - Produced in a dramatic way (6)
 - Green? Might be a vine (5)
 - A bit quiet and embarrassed (5)

PUZZLE 16808



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS (16807)

CRYPTIC

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R O C K E T W A S H E
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QUICK

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QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Insanity (7)
 - Hemmed in (5)
 - Very conspicuous (5,3,1,4)
 - Great crowd of insects (5)
 - A choral work (7)
 - Restrain by force (6)
 - With pleasure (6)
 - As a whole (2,5)
 - Husband-to-be (5)
 - Achieve spectacular results (4,9)
 - An indoor game (5)
 - Promote (7)
- DOWN**
- Hebrew lawyer (5)
 - Avoid discussing (4,1,4,4)
 - Native to particular people (7)
 - Point of origin (6)
 - Intellectual capacity (5)
 - Exaggerated smartness (4,3,6)
 - Curative treatment (7)
 - Captivated (7)
 - Large flat-bottomed barge (7)
 - Snub (6)
 - Twin brother of Romulus (5)
 - Mean grasping person (5)

{ WEATHER }

TEMPERATURE HIGH # LOW

FRIDAY
Strong surface winds during day time
30°C | 13°C

SATURDAY
Mainly clear sky
30°C | 12°C

SUNDAY
Partly cloudy sky
31°C | 12°C

{ SUDOKU }

DIFFICULTY LEVEL ★★★★★

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ALMANAC

Today is 15th March 2024

- 4 Ramadan, 1445
- 21 Phalgun, Krishna Paksha, 6
- Samat 2020

Sunset: Friday at 06:29 p.m.
Sunrise: Saturday at 06:29 a.m.
Moonset: Saturday at 12:11 a.m.

TEMPERATURE IN FOUR METROS

Delhi 30°C | 13°C

Mumbai 33°C | 21°C

Kolkata 33°C | 26°C

Chennai 36°C | 25°C

उपरो लोक सेवा आयोग

विज्ञापित

अपर निजी सचिव परीक्षा-2023 के आधार पर द्वितीय चरण की परीक्षा हेतु सफल घोषित अभ्यर्थियों को एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि द्वितीय चरण की परीक्षा हेतु आवेदन की प्रक्रिया दिनांक 14.03.2024 से प्रारम्भ हो चुकी है। ऑनलाइन आवेदन करने की अन्तिम तिथि 29.03.2024 एवं आवेदन पत्र सम्पूर्ण शैक्षिक अभिलेखों के साथ आयोग कार्यालय में जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि 05.04.2024 है। इस संबंध में विस्तृत विज्ञापित आयोग की वेबसाइट <https://uppsc.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

संख्या: 12/11/ई-6/2022-23
दिनांक: प्रयागराज, 14 मार्च, 2024

हर्षदेव पाण्डेय
(परीक्षा नियंत्रक)

UJVN Limited
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)
H.O.: "UJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763508, 2763808 & Fax: 0135-2763507
CIN No. U40101UR2003SG025866 Website: www.ujvn.com

Ro. No. 376 Dated 14.03.2024

e-Tender Notice Extension Notice-01

Office of The Executive Engineer (Civil-I), Lakhwar Multipurpose Project, Dakpathar (Distt-Dehradun) invites sealed and separate tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders are given below:

Tender No. 14/EE (Civil-I)/LMP/2023-24
Last Date for submission of tender on website - 20.03.2024, up to 17:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>. **Executive Engineer (Civil-I)**

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate ID No.: U40109PB2010SGC033813,
Website: www.pspcl.in, Contact Number: 96461-17648
Email: xen-cmc-lehra@pspcil.in

Tender Enquiry No. - 123/CCMC-269/2023-24

Add. S.E./Colony Civil Mtc. Cell, GHPT, Lehra Mohabat invites e-tender for the work of Pre-mix carpeting of Roads in Power Colony at GHPT, Lehra Mohabat. For detailed NIT and tender specification, please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from dated 15.03.2024 from 3.00 PM onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
GHPT-20/24 33733

Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Ltd.
D-Block, Swasthya Bhawan, C-Scheme, Jaipur-302005
Ph. No.: 0141-2223887, Fax: 0141-2228065, E-Mail: edepmmmc-rj@nic.in
No.: F-8/JRMS/EPM/M-1/2023-24/1167 Dated:- 13/03/2024

NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for Item Disposable Delivery Kit Set are invited from interested bidders up to Date : 15.04.2024; 06:00 P.M. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://sppp.raj.nic.in>), <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> of the state; and <http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in>.

UBN No.: MSC2324GLRC00143 Executive Director (EPM)
Raj.Samwad/C/23/14849 Rajasthan Medical Services Corp. Ltd., Jaipur

हरियाणा विद्यालय शिक्षा बोर्ड, भिवानी
Board of School Education Haryana, Bhiwani
(Established Under Haryana Board of School Education Act, 1969)
(ISO 9001:2015 - Certified Organization)

"पुनः आमंत्रण निविदा सूचना"

हरियाणा विद्यालय शिक्षा बोर्ड, भिवानी द्वारा योग्य एवं अनुभवी फर्म/कम्पनी/विक्रेता से 500 लोहे के रैक बनवाने/खरौदने के लिए दो भागों में ई-निविदा (Tender ID 2024_HRY_368170_1) आमंत्रित की जाती है। इच्छुक फर्म/कम्पनी/विक्रेता दिनांक 13.03.2024 से 21.03.2024 प्रातः 11:00 बजे तक ई-निविदा के लिए आवेदन कर सकते हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज, विस्तृत सूचना, निमग्न एवं शर्तें इत्यादि के सम्पूर्ण विवरण <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> एवं <https://bseh.org.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

हस्ता-
सचिव

Letter No. 14/2024
RO NO 1012/11/36/2024/25928/C/19/7

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

E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM

"Supply of Circuit Breakers (CB) at 220KV Substation Piran Kaliyar" against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-33/2023-24 is hereby extended. The last date of submission of online offline e-tender is 02.04.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 03.04.2024 at 15.00hrs. Details of e-tender can be obtained from e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in and information of e-tender can be seen from PTCUL website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No. +91-8899890000.

CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)
No.497/CE(O&M)/GZR/Adv. Dated: 14/03/2024
"SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION"

KALYAN SINGH SUPER SPECIALTY CANCER INSTITUTE
C.G. City, Sultanpur Road, Lucknow-226002
Website: <https://cancerinstitute.edu.in> Email: jdmm.sscih@gmail.com

GeM Bid Notice

It is hereby informed that a bids No. is as follow :-

Sr. No.	Name of Services	Bid No. & Date	Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time
1.	Parking Services for 2-wheeler and 4-wheeler	Auction ID: 10857	Not Applicable
2.	Custom Bid-Renovation	GEM/2024/B/4762223 Dt. 13-03-2024	Not Applicable
3.	Custom bid for Services-CAMC of UPS and Inverters	GEM/2024/B/4767549 Dt. 13-03-2024	Not Applicable

The Bid uploaded on GeM Portal for Procurement of Services Bids at KSSSCI. All interested service providers/bidders are required to submit their bids on GeM Portal in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GeM bid documents. The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage without assigning any reason therefor.

Note: (1). EMD Submitted for the previous bid through RTGS/NEFT will be accepted and held valid for this Bid However, UTR No. and a scanned copy must be uploaded with this GeM bid. (2). In case of Re-bids, the affidavits submitted in the previous bids (with the same terms and conditions) will also be accepted.

The Tender documents are available on the website of the Institute www.cancerinstitute.edu.in
Adv. No: KSSSCI/PRO-48/2023-24 **Director**

राजस्थान स्टेट फूड एण्ड सप्लायर्स कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड
द्वितीय चरण, किसान मन्ड, श्रीगंगानगर रोड, बीकानेर-334001
फोन नं.: 0151-2226610, ई-मेल: rfscsbikaner@gmail.com
सीआरएफ: U63023RJ2018G033489

NO/ F10(101)RFS/CPDS/Tender/दस्तावेज / 2022/227 Dated: 13.03.2024

e-Bid Notice

e-Bids are invited for transportation work of Food Grain & Sugar under P.D.S in district Bikaner for one year from the date of agreement.

The Bid shall be submitted only through online tendering system at concerned districts. For details visit our website <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> / <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>

नाम जिला	UBN No.
जिला बीकानेर	FCS2324SLOB00101

Raj.Samwad/C/23/14875 **Manager Civil Supplies, Bikaner**

Uttarakhand Infrastructure & Investment Development Board
Room no -424, Vishwakarma Bhawan
Uttarakhand Secretariat, 4-Subhash Road, Dehradun - 248001
e-mail- md-uid@ukgovernment.in

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EoI)
Ref No: 61/14/M.P.&A/UIIDB/2023-24 Dated 14-03-2024

Uttarakhand Infrastructure & Investment Development Board UIIDB, Dehradun Uttarakhand, Invites proposals from reputed Firms/Institutions on "Empanelment of Master Planners and Architects for upcoming Projects in Uttarakhand" through e-tender portal www.uktenders.gov.in. All detailed informations, terms and conditions may be obtained on website: www.uktenders.gov.in.

End date and time of submission of EoI: 10-04-2024 till 3:00 P.M. **Managing Director UIIDB Dehradun**

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

E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM

The following e-tenders are hereby extended. 1. Procurement of Battery Charger & Battery Set for 132 KV Substation Chudiyala against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-31/2023-24. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 27.03.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 28.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs.

2. Supply of current Transformers (CT) at 220KV Substation Piran Kaliyar and 132KV Substation Bhagwanpur under 220KV O&M Division Piran Kaliyar against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-32/2023-24. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 27.03.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 28.03.2024 at 16.00 hrs.

Details of e-tender can be obtained from e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in and information of e-tender can be seen from PTCUL website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No.+91-8899890000.

CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)
No. 487/CE(O&M)/GZR/Adv. Dated: 13/03/2024
"SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION"

DR. RAM MANOHAR LOHIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
VIBHUTI KHAND, GOMTI NAGAR, LUCKNOW- 226 010
Phones: 0522-4918510, Fax 0522-4918506
Website: www.drmlims.ac.in

Ref. No. RMLIMS/MM(eq)/2023-24/4296 Date: 14.03.2024

INVITATION FOR PRE-BID OFFER (EXPRESSION OF INTEREST) FOR PET/MR & SPECT-CT Machine on the basis of Public Private Partnership (PPP Model)

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow invites Suggestions/EOI from Manufacturers/Vendors/Authorized distributors/Dealers/Agents for the specification and General Terms & Conditions for State of Art PET/MR & SPECT-CT Machines (16 Slice or above) basis of Public Private Partnership (PPP Model) in the Institute. Shortly we will holding a face to face meeting with the prospective vendors/interested parties with the Dr.RMLIMS, administrative & Technical Team soon. The firm may also be requested to make presentation before the committee.

The Manufacturers / Vendors / Authorized distributors / Dealers / Agents are requested to send their suggestions with Product Brochure, Specifications & GTC of related PET/MR & SPECT-CT Machine latest by one month from the date of advertisement i.e 14.04.2024 up to 1.00 PM in the JDMM Camp Room No-10, Administrative Block, Ground Floor of the Institute through speed post/by hand/courier etc. in the hard copy.

Director

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice

For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N. Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:

Name of Work of Floor Channel of BRN Wagon at C&W Workshop, Jagadhri Workshop for 12 months Northern Railway.

Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
Tender Value	Rs. 1357083.0
Quantity	As per scope of work
Cost of Tender form	Rs. 0/-
Earnest money amount	Rs.27,200/-
Completion period of the work	12 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
Date & Time for Submission of tender form	05.04.2024 till 15.30 hrs.
Opening of tender	05.04.2024 till 15.35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenders are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
Website particulars	www.ireps.gov.in
Tender No: 6-S/66/Tender/2023-24 Dated: 13.03.2024	814/2024

Serving Customers With A Smile

Office of the District Basic Education Officer, Bareilly.

Letter No. / S.S.A / E.M.I.S / 1 / 2023-24 Date- 14.03.2024

-: Press release:-

Data of schools, based on student enrollment by Basic and Secondary Education, Minority Social Welfare Department, Madrasa, Kendriya Vidyalaya, CBSE, ICSC and other schools operated in Bareilly district, is available on the online portal <http://udiseplus.gov.in> on the basis of September 2023. Regarding feeding on Data Capture Format (DCF).

As per letter no. No. R.P.N./MIS/7772/2023-24 dated September 21, 2023 of the State Project Director, State Project Office, Samagra Shiksha, UP Lucknow, all the schools running from class 1 to 12 under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in Bareilly district And council schools, secondary schools, government schools, recognized (aided/non-aided) schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya KGBV, Tribal and Social Welfare Department, ICSC CBSE recognized schools And instructions were given to complete the feeding work on the data capture format (DCF) available on the online portal <http://udiseplus.gov.in> of the Madrasa run by the Minority Welfare Department by October 31, 2023.

Principals/Headmasters of all the schools running in the district are directed to establish contact with the Block/City Resource Centre, obtain the Username & Password of the school from the respective Block/City Resource Center and login to the above mentioned portal and do error-free data entry of their respective schools. Please ensure mandatory completion by March 31, 2024. If the school does not feed its school data online by the prescribed date, then in that case the U-DICE code of the school will automatically get cancelled. Whose entire responsibility will be of the school manager. This order is also applicable to CBSE Board and all other board affiliated schools and institutions (which have received U-DICE code).

Randhir Singh **Sanjay Singh**
EMIS Incharge Samagra Shiksha, District Basic Education Officer,
Bareilly, Bareilly.

बरेली विकास प्राधिकरण, बरेली।
विकास ज्योति, प्रियदर्शनी नगर, पीलीभीत रोड, बरेली (उ.प्र.)
Website: www.bdainfo.org, email: bdabareilly@gmail.com, bdida@up.nic.in
पंचांक- 122 टी-10/राज्य-विकास/2023-24 दिनांक: 13.03.2024

Request for proposal (R.F.P)

Request for proposal (R.F.P) is invited from interested experienced agencies/individuals/company/firm for "Selection of an agency for conceptualization, construction & supply with 2 year maintenance of 51 feet height bronze statue of Lord Rama in standing posture at Ramayan Vatika in Bareilly".

The details relating to Scope of Work and General Terms and Conditions can be downloaded from the website-www.bdainfo.org. The last date of submission of interest regarding the above said work is 18-04-2024 by 5 PM in the office of Bareilly Development Authority, Vikas jyoti, Priyadarshani Nagar, Bareilly

Start date for submission R.F.P. 18-03-2024
Last date for submission R.F.P. 18-04-2024

Executive Engineer
Bareilly Development Authority
Bareilly

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORK DIVISION, SANGAMNER
E-TENDER NOTICE NO.59 FOR 2023-2024 (Second Call)

E-Tenders in B-1 Form for the following works invited by Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Sangamner Phone No. (02425-225335) From Registered Contractors in appropriate only Class with Government of Maharashtra, Public Works Department Details information regarding Tender is available on following web site.

Work No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost put to tender	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form	Registration class of Contractor	Time stipulated for completion of work
1	Construction of Rahata Chitali Road, Puntamba Road, (V.R. 63) Tal. Kopergaon, Dist. Ahmednagar	15161073	150000	1180	Capable and Eligible Registered or Unregistered Contractor	12 Months (Including monsoon)
2	Improvement of Kokanewadi to Padoshi Road, (V.R. 181) Tal. Akole Dist. Ahmednagar	11624035	117000	1180	Class IV & Above	12 Months (Including monsoon)

TENDER SCHEDULE

1.	Tender Downloading	-:-	Date 13.03.2024 to 20.03.2024
2.	Date of Pre-bid meeting	-:-	Nil
3.	Envelope Opening	-:-	1 And 10 Date- 22.03.2024 In the Office of the Superintending Engineer P.W.Circle Ahmednagar At 11.00 AM or as Possible
4.	Date of Submission for Sealed Envelope of Hard Copy of E- Tender Document	-:-	In the office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Division Sangamner on or before Date 22.03.2024 up to 17.00 hrs,

सविस्तर निविदा सूचना व निविदाबाबतची इतर माहिती खालील संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध आहे.
The Details of works Provided in the websites as below.
1. www.mahapwd.com 2. <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
2. There is a provision of "POST QUALIFICATION CRITERIA" for works.

ROC-2023-24/No.5/C9905

Sd/-
(S.R.Varpe)
Executive Engineer
Public Work Division, Sangamner

Uttarakhand Infrastructure & Investment Development Board
Room no -424, Vishwakarma Bhawan
Uttarakhand Secretariat, 4-Subhash Road, Dehradun - 248001
e-mail- md-uid@ukgovernment.in

Notice Request for Proposal (RFP)
Letter No. 62/15/M.P.D./UIIDB/2023-24 Dated 14-03-2024

Uttarakhand Infrastructure & Investment Development Board UIIDB, Dehradun Uttarakhand, Invites proposals from reputed Firms/Institutions on "Selection of Consultant for Zonal Planning and Architectural Design for Redevelopment of Government Land at Dakpathar" through e-tender portal www.uktenders.gov.in. All detailed informations, terms and conditions may be obtained on website: www.uktenders.gov.in.

End date and time of submission of RFP: 10-04-2024 till 4:00 P.M. **Managing Director UIIDB Dehradun**

Government of Punjab
Building Fiscal and Institutional Resilience Project
(BFAIR; P175261)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Chief Engineer (O&M), Department of Local Government (DoLG), Punjab, on behalf of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Company (PMIDC), is looking to roll-out and implement a performance-based grants system for its 13 Municipal Corporations under the World Bank funded Building Fiscal and Institutional Resilience Project (BFAIR; P175261).

RFP No.	Name of the Project	Start Date and Time	Closing Date and Time
RFP No.: 2023-24/...	Selection of Consulting Firm for Designing and providing technical support for Pilot Performance Based Grants system (PBGS) in 13 Municipal Corporations, Punjab.	15.03.2024 from 11:00 Hrs (Server Time)	29.04.2024 till 12:00 Hrs (Server Time)

Notice inviting tenders which includes instructions for 'Submission of Proposals' and all other relevant information is available on <https://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender/RFP notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (O&M)
33725 Department of Local Government, Punjab

MADHYA PRADESH TOURISM BOARD
6th Floor, Lily Trade Wing, Jahangirabad, Bhopal, Pincode - 462008, Madhya Pradesh, India.
Website: www.tourism.mp.gov.in, (CIN) : U73022MP2017NPL043078
NIT No. 1529/220/MPTB/IP/UltraMega/2024 Dated : 13.03.2024

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ALLOTMENT OF LAND ON 90 YEARS LEASE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ULTRA MEGA TOURISM PROJECT IN MADHYA PRADESH

Under Madhya Pradesh State's Tourism Policy (2016), Amended 2019, applications are invited for allotment of government land of Tourism Department/Revenue Department on 90 years lease at collector's guideline rate on "first come first serve" basis for development of ultra mega tourism project with minimum investment 100 Crore. List of land parcels are as follows:-

S. No.	Name of Land Parcel	Distt.	Total Area (in Hect.)	Google Coordinate	Nearest Tourist Destinations
1.	Pipalner (Near Bhopal Airport)	Bhopal	9.713	23.298685, 77.339023	Sanchi - 54 Km, Bhopal - 15 Km, Bhojpur - 50 Km Bhimbetka- 56 Km, Udaigiri - 62 Km, Pachmarhi - 121 Km
2.	Hatnoor	Burhanpur	51.560	21.2641100, 76.2039100	Burhanpur - 9 Km, Asirgarh Fort - 32 Km, Yawal Wildlife Sanctuary - 18 Km, Hanuwantiya island - 127 Km, Omkareshwar -130 Km, Maheshwar - 194 Km
3.	Imlani Island (Indira Sagar Reservoir)	Khandwa	10.350	22.072778, 76.690206	Maheshwar - 120 Km, Omkareshwar - 75 Km, Choral - 100 Km, Mandu - 162 Km, Ujjain - 200 Km.
4.	Lachhoramal Island (Indira Sagar Reservoir)	Khandwa	10.500	22.236560, 76.782385	Maheshwar - 120 Km, Omkareshwar - 75 Km, Choral - 100 Km, Mandu - 162 Km, Ujjain - 260 Km.
5.	Najarpura Island (Indira Sagar Reservoir)	Khandwa	17.57	22.025435, 76.654697	Maheshwar - 120 Km, Omkareshwar - 75 Km, Choral -100 Km, Mandu - 162 Km, Ujjain - 240 Km
6.	Kasrawad Island (Indira Sagar Reservoir)	Khandwa	10.500	22.030067, 76.673802	Maheshwar - 120 Km, Omkareshwar - 75 Km, Choral - 100 Km, Mandu - 162 Km, Ujjain - 240 Km
7.	Bilkhirua (Near Bhedaghat)	Jabalpur	32.23	23.262175, 79.846468	Bargi Dam - 40 Km, Pachmarhi- 246 Km, Bhedaghat - 29 Km, Kanha National Park - 190 Km
8.	Datia Pahad (Near Khajuraho)	Chhatarpur	72.943	24.847564, 79.967382	Khajuraho - 2 Km, Panna National Park - 25 Km, Orchha - 172 Km, Chitrakoot - 158 Km
9.	Ninod (Near Sanchi)	Raisen	77.718	23.46,77.51	Sanchi - 15 Km, Bhopal - 35 Km, 60 Km Bhojpur, 85 Km Bhimbetka, 13 Km Udaigiri
10.	Sawant Nagar (Near Orchha)	Niwadi	61.837	25.375497, 78.645899	Khajuraho - 170 Km, Orchha - 2 Km, Chanderi - 110 Km, Gwalior - 120 Km, Datia - 45 Km, Palpur Kuno - 217 Km, Panna National Park - 177 Km
11.	Shankargarh (Near Dewas)	Dewas	50.292	22.936571, 76.064375	Ujjain - 48 Km, Rajwada Indore - 50 Km, Kheoni Wildlife Sanctuary - 123 Km, Mandu - 135 Km, Omkareshwar - 119 Km, Maheshwar - 143 Km, Bhopal - 155 Km
12.	BrijrajKhedhi (Near Ujjain)	Ujjain	21.74	23.095337, 75.744188	Ujjain - 8 Km, Rajwada Indore - 50 Km, Kheoni Wildlife Sanctuary - 123 Km, Mandu - 135 Km, Omkareshwar - 119 Km, Maheshwar - 143 Km, Bhopal - 155 Km

The Schedule of EOI Process:-

EOI Publication Date	15.03.2024
Pre - Bid Meeting Date	21.03.2024 Time :-12:00 Noon
EOI Submission Start Date	22.03.2024 Time :- 12:00 Noon
EOI Submission End Date	22.03.2024 Time :- 03:00 PM
EOI open Date	24.04.2024 Time :- 12:00 Noon

The detailed EOI document, eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions will be available on the website:- <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> & www.tourism.mp.gov.in. For further information, Contact Mr. Sunil Dubey, Director (IP), Mobile No. 9425037379 or email on dirtup.mptb@mp.gov.in.

M.P. Madhyam/114427/2024 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 06/2024/RS/JHS Date: 12.03.2024
TENDER NOTICE
For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Rolling Stock) North Central Railway, Jhansi invites open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following work:
Tender No. : JHS-RS-WC-T27-2023-24 Tender value : Rs. 4774177.87
Description : Annual repair & maintenance of various electrical assets of Electric Loco Shed, Jhansi.
Earnest Money : Rs. 95500.00, Completion period from the date of issue of LOA : 24 Months
Tender No. : JHS-RS-WC-T28-2023-24 Tender value : Rs. 30582850.00
Description : Electrical repair/ rehabilitation of Stator Frame of Hitachi HS 15250A traction motor of Electric Locomotives.
Earnest Money : Rs. 302900.00, Completion period from the date of issue of LOA : 12 Months
Closing date of tenders : 08.04.2024. Tenderer will submit the tender online upto 08.04.2024 (15:00 Hrs.). Complete details & for submission of tenders can be seen in Indian Railway website <http://www.irops.gov.in>. 46724(AN)
North central railways @www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @CPONCR

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice
E-Tender Notice No. CEN00AGC0424
Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), North Central Railway, Agra Cantt for and on behalf of the President of India invites in Two PACKET SYSTEM (E-RA) open tender on prescribed forms on line (E-Tendering). Tender offer can be submitted on line up to 15.00 hours of 10.04.2024, on website <https://irops.gov.in>. The details of the tenders are as under:-
Description of work: Construction of two lane ROB in lieu of LC No-6, 27 and proposed Bridge No 66 (in DETOUR) span 1x24m steel girder and PSC girder with end to end RE wall between Dholpur Sirmathura in connection with gauge conversion work.
Approx Cost: ₹ 96.60 Crore (App.). **Earnest Money:** ₹ 49,80,200/-, **Completion period:** 10 (Ten) Months including harvest & monsoon period, **Date of opening:** 10.04.2024, **Validity:** 90 days.
Note: For complete details and submission of tender please see Indian Railway's website <https://www.irops.gov.in> 44124 FA
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SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
OPEN TENDER NOTICE FOR BRIDGE FOUNDATION WORK IN NAGPUR DIVISION
Tender Notice No.: CEC-NGP-23-24-15 Dated: 07.03.2024
Name of the Work: Execution of Foundation and Substructure work of Bridge No. 74 on Khobragadi River (12 x 45.70 m O.W.G) and Bridge No. 130 on Kathani River (5 x 45.70 m O.W.G) of Wadsa - Gadchiroli New BG Line (52.68 Km.) Project of Nagpur Division of S.E.C. Railway.
Tender Value: ₹ 60,62,80,452.63
Earnest Money: ₹ 31,81,400.00
Cost of Tender Document: Nil
Completion Period of Work: 18 (Eighteen) Months from the date of Acceptance Letter.
Date and Time of Tender Closing: At 15:00 Hrs. on 12.04.2024
Date and Time of Tender Opening: At 15:30 Hrs. on 12.04.2024
For further details related to Tender Document, Eligibility Criteria and the complete details for the above work, please contact the Office of the Chief Engineer Officer (Const.), S.E.C. Railway, Nagpur, Pin: 440001 or Dy. Chief Engineer (Const.-II), S.E.C. Railway, Nagpur or refer to our website: www.irops.gov.in.
Dy. Chief Engineer (Const.-II), South East Central Railway, Nagpur
AIM/57-257
स्वच्छ भारत अभियान एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE (SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM)
Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)-II, North Western Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tender. Tenderer shall submit their original/revised offer online before the date and time of closing of E-Tender. (1) E-Tender Notice No.: NWR-GC-KWP-Civil-13641932 (2) Name of the work with its location: Laying and linking of Broad Gauge line, including points & crossing, SEJ, spreading of ballast, Tamping of track, Transportation of P.Way materials supply of stone ballast & Providing water hydrant facilities at Khatipura station on line No. 3 & 6 and other ancillary works in connection with developing new coach care complex at Khatipura (Phase-II). (3) Approximate cost of the work: ₹ 9,77,82,296.70/- (4) Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹ 6,38,900/- (5) Completion Period : 12 (Twelve) Months (6) Closing Date & Time of submission of Online E-tender: Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 18.04.2024 (7) Website particulars where complete details of E-Tender can be seen: www.irops.gov.in Note: No manual tender will be accepted. 346-DP/24
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NORTH EASTERN ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
POWER FOR PROSPERITY
Advertisement No. PERS/28/01/2024 dated 07/03/2024
Notification for Empanelment
North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited, a Schedule - 'A' "Mini Ratna" category-I CPSE under Ministry of Power, Government of India and a fully owned subsidiary of NTPC, engaged in planning, designing & executing power projects in hydro, thermal & Solar Sector, is invites application from the Advocate/Law Firms having sufficient relevant experience and proficiency in handling cases, which inter alia includes Arbitration Laws, Commercial Law, Constitutional Law, Service Law, Environmental Laws, Taxation Law, Corporate Law, Land Law, Information and Technology & Cyber Act, Intellectual Property Law, including Labour Disputes, and other statutes, rules, regulations, Govt. guidelines relating to the Energy Sector for empanelment for a period of three years or until further orders whichever is earlier.
For detailed advertisement, eligibility criteria, general information etc. please visit www.neepco.co.in and navigate to the career section.
Any further agenda/corrigendum/updates will only be published at our website only.
General Manager (HR)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No.-24/15 Date: 12.03.2024
E-Procurement Tender Notice
On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit) invites the following E-Procurement Tenders.

S. No.	Tender No.	Short Description	QTY.	Tender Opening Date
1.	20242291	Magnet Valve with Pipe Bracket	518 Nos.	04.04.2024
2.	20245001B	Air Dryer assembly for Vacuum Circuit Breaker	45 Nos.	03.04.2024
3.	20225001C	Complete Speed Sensor Assembly	06 Nos.	03.04.2024
4.	20243194	Kit B IOH Kit for Air Dryer	62 Set	10.04.2024
5.	20243206	Smoothing Reactor Cooling Blower with Motor (MVSL)	59 Nos.	10.04.2024
6.	20242518	Plain Inner Racer	290 Nos.	10.04.2024
7.	60245013	Passenger lifts 6 person	06 Nos.	04.04.2024
8.	50245101	Supply of 12 Core signaling Cable	6112.12 KM	03.04.2024
9.	40233258	Winding Wire for 3 Phase	8498 Kgs	09.04.2024
10.	40243018	Battery Operated LED Based Flashing Tail Lamp	2346 Nos.	10.04.2024
11.	63245100	Manufacture and Supply of Elastic Rail Clips Mark-V to RDSO Erg. No. T-5919 with latest alteration and conforming to specification IRS: T-31-2021 (Fifth Revision) as amended up to date.	1306218 Nos.	02.04.2024
12.	64231087A	Hydraulic Plug	500 Nos.	08.04.2024
13.	64231091A	Hydraulic Dummy	500 Nos.	08.04.2024
14.	64231089A	Hydraulic Dummy	500 Nos.	05.04.2024
15.	64231085A	Hydraulic Plug	500 Nos.	08.04.2024

Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS website i.e. <https://www.irops.gov.in>. For any change/corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper. 465/24 FA
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बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना-800001
आवश्यक सूचना
स्वास्थ्य विभाग, बिहार के अधीन राज्य के चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय एवं अस्पतालों में सुरक्षित/सहायक विभाग में सहायक प्राध्यापक के पदों पर नियुक्ति हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन सं. 02/2024 (काडियोलॉजी) एवं विज्ञापन सं. 11/2024 (यूरोलॉजी) के परीक्षाफल का प्रकाशन किया गया है जिसे आयोग के वेबसाइट www.bpsc.bih.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
परीक्षा निबन्धक,
बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
पत्र सं. NWRGSGU(GEN)/07/2023-01/CPM/GSU/JU/NWR, दिनांक : 11.03.2024, माध्यम रेल प्रबंधक, गति शक्ति, उत्तर परिसर रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए एवं उनकी ओर से ई-निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित निम्नो के अनुसार निर्धारित प्रजनों में निविदा निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमगुनार आमंत्रित की जाती है। (1) ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2023-24-15, कार्य का नाम व स्थान : Development of Coaching maintenance facility at Jaismal. अनुमानित लागत : ₹ 22,93,05,674.18/-, बयान की राशि : ₹ 12,96,500.00/- निविदा सूचना संख्या GSU-15 of 2023-24 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 12.04.2024 को 15.00 बजे तक है। वेबसाइट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई-निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है - www.irops.gov.in 348-DP/24
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Govt. of Bihar
NORTH BIHAR POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(Registered Office: Viduyt Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna -800021)
A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking
(DEPARTMENT OF Planning & Engineering)
CIN:U40109BR2012SGC018920
[Notice Inviting Tender]
(Through e-procurement mode only -www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Online tender is being invited by Chief Engineer, (Planning & Engg) for Turn Key Contract for Design, Engineering, Construction, Testing and Commissioning of two Nos. of 33/11 KV New P55, 2X10 MVA capacity along with associated 33 KV and 11 KV lines under State Plan as detailed below:-

SL No	NIT No	Name of PSS	Name of Block	District	Estimated Cost Inclusive of GST (In Crore)	Cost of EMD (In Lacs)	Cost of BOQ/Tender Document (In Rupees)	Bid Process ing fee (In Rupees)
1	22/PR/NBPDCL/2024	Mahiya	Tardih	Darbhanga	15.35	30.70	1,18,000/- (Rs 1,00,000 + GST @18%)	As per actual
2		Agricultur e College/ Veterinary College	Pothia	Kishanganj				

The Time line for the above tender is as follows:
Bid Submission Start Date:- 28.03.2024, 11:30 Hrs onwards
Bid Submission Due Date:- 22.04.2024, up to 17:00 Hrs
Physical DOC submission End Date as allowed in the Tender Document 23.04.2024, up to 17:30Hrs
Techno-Commercial Bid Open Date:- 24.04.2024, 11:30 Hrs Onwards
Date of Opening of Price Part:- To be notified after techno-commercial bid evaluation
Pre-Bid Discussion
Pre-bid Query Submission Type:- Through email: ceplanningnbpdcl@gmail.com
Pre-bid Discussion Date:- 08.04.2024, 12:30 Hrs
Venue Details:- Conference hall 4th floor, Viduyt Bhawan-3, Bailey Road, Patna - 800021
The RFP documents can be downloaded from website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Submission of RFP and any documents forming part of the Proposal are not required to be submitted in hard copy in person.
♦ The Bank detail of NBPDCL is being provided hereunder:
• Name of Beneficiary A/c: NBPDCL Capital A/c
• Bank A/c No: 0352101042058
• IFSC Code: CNRB0000352
• Name of Bank: Canara Bank
• Branch: South Gandhi Maidan, Patna
♦ Bid processing fee and Cost of BOQ/Tender are mandatory to be paid online mode i.e. internet payment gateways (Credit/Debit cards), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS. Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-payment portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before date and time specified in the NIT. The department does not take any responsibility for the delay / Non-submission of tender / Non reconciliation of online payment caused due to non-availability of internet connection, network traffic / Holidays or any other reasons. For online submissions of Cost of BOQ/Tender, bidder shall submit intimation of details to Chief Engineer (P&E), NBPDCL before 17:30 Hrs. of 23.04.2024.
♦ Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): The Cost of EMD may be paid through either Online or Offline mode. In case, Cost of EMD is opted to paid through Offline mode, Bank Guarantee/Demand Draft for EMD in favour of "Senior Manager (Finance), NBPDCL, Patna" must be submitted to Chief Engineer (P&E), NBPDCL, Viduyt Bhawan, Patna positively up to 17:30 Hrs. of 23.04.2024, failing which the tender shall be summarily rejected. For online submissions of Cost of EMD, bidder shall submit intimation to Chief Engineer (P&E), NBPDCL before 17:30 Hrs. of 23.04.2024.
PR. No. 019752(B&C) 2023-24 Chief Engineer (P&E)
This information is available on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in also
नशे से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है।

बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि 0 पटना
(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)
राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धा ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं- 80/2023-24
1 विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-800023
2 निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि : दिनांक: 13.03.2024
3 निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (बाउनलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: 28.03.2024 से 19.04.2024 को 15:00 बजे तक।
4 निविदा जमा (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: 20.04.2024 को 15:00 बजे तक।
5 निविदा बिक्री का स्थान : केवल वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
6 प्री-बोड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक-08.04.2024 को 16:00 बजे संबंधित उप महाप्रबंधक के कार्यालय कक्ष में।
7 प्री-बोड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक: 09.04.2024 को 16:00 बजे, मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-23
8 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (टेकनिकल बोड) : दिनांक: 22.04.2024 को 15:00 बजे।
9 निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वित्तीय बोड) : तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के बाद।
10 निविदा वैधता की तिथि : 120 दिन
11 कार्य का विवरण :

क्र	खिला का नाम	कार्य का नाम	प्रस्तावित राशि (अनुमानित एवं अनुसूचित) (₹) में	अंदाज की राशि (₹) में	परिणाम विवरण का मूल्य (अनुमानित) (₹) में	Bid Processing Fee	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (माह में)	उप महाप्रबंधक का नाम
1		बिहार राज्य वक विकास योजनाकर्ता, दरगाह हजरात दरगाही साह बक इस्टेट सं-1903, मोहनियाँ जिला-कैमूर (मधुआ) की भूमि पर C+3 बहुउद्देशीय भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	₹ 9,16,35,000.00	₹ 18,33,000.00	₹ 10,000.00	As per website	12 (बारह)	पटना

विरस्त जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है।
मुख्य महाप्रबंधक
PR-019773 (B & C) 2023-24 बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि 0, पटना
नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.
A Government of Bihar Undertaking.
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
For
Tender for Properties of Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., (BSTDC) On "As is Where is" basis at Various Locations across Bihar.
NIT. No:-06/13/H&C/Esstt/2016-17 Part/628/24
(Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
1. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (BSTDC) a nodal agency for executing tourism infrastructure projects in the state of Bihar, India, intends to execute tourism infrastructure projects at its tourism potential locations.
2. Bihar State Tourism Development Infrastructure Ltd. (BSTDC Ltd.) invites e-bids from eligible experienced Private Ltd. company/Public Ltd. Company/JV/Firm/Proprietorship/other for execution of properties as given below:-

SL No.	Name of properties	Bid processing Fees (Non-refundable)	Bid Document Cost (Non-refundable)	Bid Security (EMD)	Contract Duration
1	Hotel Ajatshatru Vihar, Rajgir	590.00	5000.00	1,00,000.00	20 Years
2	Brabar Dharmshala, Jehanabad	590.00	5000.00	1,00,000.00	15 Years
3	Hotel Maa Mundeshwari Vihar, Mundeshwari Dham, Bhabhua (Kaimur)	590.00	5000.00	1,00,000.00	15 Years
4	Hotel Bir Vihar, Birpur, Supaul	590.00	5000.00	1,00,000.00	15 Years
5	Resort & Water Sports activities at Odhani Dam, Banka	590.00	5000.00	1,00,000.00	15 Years
6	Tourist Facility at Prag Bodhi, Dungehswari, Gaya	590.00	5000.00	20,000.00	10 Years
7	Grivraj Panth Vihar, Hiswa, Nawada.	590.00	5000.00	20,000.00	10 Years

1. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting : Date -18.04.2024 time 3:00 PM.
2. BSTDC office, Sikh Heritage, Bhawan, Daroga Rai Path, Patna- 800001
3. Date of downloading of bid document : From 05.04.2024 to 06.05.2024 up to 3:00 PM
Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4. Last date and time for receipt of bids on eproc2. : Date -07.05.2024 Time 3:00 PM.
5. Time and Date of opening of technical bids : Date -08.05.2024 Time 4:00 PM. Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6. Time and Date of financial bids : To be Communicated later on
7. Place of bids validity : Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8. Period of bids validity : 180 days
9. Officer inviting bids : General Manager (BSTDC)
10. Further details of works can be obtained from the office of General Manager. For clarification, regarding the E-tendering process, please contact e-proc2.0, Helpdesk, Mjunction services Ltd., R.J. Complex, 2nd floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajipura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna-800014, Bihar. Toll free No:- 18005726571, Email id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in.
For further details please visit website www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
General Manager (Planning & Development) BSTDC, Patna
PR- 19794 (B & C) 2023-24 नशे से बनानी दूरी है, क्योंकि परिवार जरूरी है

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NORTH BIHAR POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(Registered Office: Viduyt Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna -800021)
A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking
(DEPARTMENT OF Planning & Engineering)
CIN:U40109BR2012SGC018920
[Notice Inviting Tender]
(Through e-procurement mode only -www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Online tender is being invited by Chief Engineer, (Planning & Engg) for Turn Key Contract for Design, Engineering, Construction, Testing and Commissioning 15 nos. of new 33 KV line in various locations in North Bihar Power Distribution Co. Ltd. under State Plan as detailed below:-

NIT No	Name of District	Name of Circle	Details of 33 KV line	Length of Line (in Km)	Estimated Cost for Tender (Rs. In Cr.)	Bid Security (% of estimated cost) (In Lacs.)	Cost of BOQ		
20/PR/NBPDCL/2024	Kishanganj	Kishanganj	Kishanganj GSS to Bolan PSS	22	44.53	89.06	1,18,000/- (Rs. 100000+GST@ 18%)		
			East Champaran	Motihari				Pakridiyal GSS to Patahi Marpa PSS to Phenara PSS	6
			Purnea	Purnea				Dalkola GSS to Baisi PSS SKMCH GSS to SKMCH PSS	8
	Muzaffarpur	Muzaffarpur	Musahani GSS to BandraDholi Tapping Point	12					
	Begusarai	Begusarai	Zero Miles Begusarai GSS to Circuit House Begusarai PSS Bhakhari GSS to Haripur PSS	11					
	Khagaria	Darbhanga	Gangwara GSS to Simri	14					
	Darbhanga	Darbhanga	Kadhalya PSS to Rajnagar PSS	8					
	Madhubani	Madhubani	Hajipur (Digghi) GSS to KonharaGhat PSS	3					
	Vaishali	Samastipur	Sitapur GSS to Darni PSS	8					
	Chapra	Chapra	Bangwara PSS to Bhehahi PSS	15					
	Saharsa	Saharsa	Murliganj (Jitapur) GSS to Bhudhna Tapping Point	12					
	Madhepura	Madhepura	Murliganj (Jitapur) GSS to Murliganj PSS	1.5					
	Madhepura	Madhepura	Murliganj (Jitapur) GSS to Murliganj PSS	15					

The Time line for the above tender is as follows:
Bid Submission Start Date:- 28.03.2024, 11:30 Hrs onwards
Bid Submission Due Date:- 22.04.2024, up to 17:00 Hrs
Physical Document submission End Date as allowed in the Tender Document 23.04.2024, up to 17:30Hrs
Techno-Commercial Bid Open Date:- 24.04.2024, 11:30 Hrs Onwards
Date of Opening of Price Part:- To be notified after techno-commercial bid evaluation
Pre-Bid Discussion
Pre-bid Query Submission Type:- Through email: ceplanningnbpdcl@gmail.com
Pre-bid Discussion Date:- 08.04.2024, 12:30 Hrs
Venue Details:- Conference hall 4th floor, Viduyt Bhawan-3, Bailey Road, Patna - 800021
The RFP documents can be downloaded from website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Submission of RFP and any documents forming part of the Proposal are not required to be submitted in hard copy in person.
♦ The Bank detail of NBPDCL is being provided hereunder:
• Name of Beneficiary A/c: NBPDCL Capital A/c
• Bank A/c No: 0352101042058
• IFSC Code: CNRB0000352
• Name of Bank: Canara Bank
• Branch: South Gandhi Maidan, Patna
♦ Bid processing fee and Cost of BOQ/Tender are mandatory to be paid online mode i.e. internet payment gateways (Credit/Debit cards), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS. Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-payment portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before date and time specified in the NIT. The department does not take any responsibility for the delay / Non-submission of tender / Non reconciliation of online payment caused due to non-availability of internet connection, network traffic / Holidays or any other reasons. For online submissions of Cost of BOQ/Tender, bidder shall submit intimation of details to Chief Engineer (P&E), NBPDCL before 17:30 Hrs. of 23.04.2024.
♦ Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): The Cost of EMD may be paid through either Online or Offline mode. In case, Cost of EMD is opted to paid through Offline mode, Bank Guarantee/Demand Draft for EMD in favour of "Senior Manager (Finance), NBPDCL, Patna" must be submitted to Chief Engineer (P&E), NBPDCL, Viduyt Bhawan, Patna positively up to 17:30 Hrs. of 23.04.2024, failing which the tender shall be summarily rejected. For online submissions of Cost of EMD, bidder shall submit intimation to Chief Engineer (P&E), NBPDCL before 17:30 Hrs. of 23.04.2024.
For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
PR- 019766 (B & C) 2023-24 Chief Engineer (P&E)
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BAREILLY SMART CITY LIMITED (BSCL)
BAREILLY (UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA)
Ref No: -BSCL/2023-24/4238 Date:- 14/03/2024
Bareilly Smart City Limited, Bareilly invites e-tender for the following projects: —

Project Name	RFP Cost	EMD Amount	Tender Fee	Work Completion Period	Bid Start Date
Request for Proposal for Selection of Agency for Operation and maintenance services of Multi Media Laser Fountain Show at Akshar Vihar in Bareilly for 10 (Ten) years on Yearly License Fee Basis.	Offer Invited	24,000.00	Rs.5,900/-	10 Years	15.03.2024 11.00 AM
Request for proposal for selection of Agency for Operation, Maintenance & parking management services of MLCP parking at Ghantaghar in Bareilly for three years on yearly License Fee Basis.	Offer Invited	1,90,000.00	Rs.11,800/-	3 Years	15.03.2024 11.00 AM

1 Detailed NIT and Bid Document shall be available on:- <https://etender.up.nic.in> and <http://www.bareillysmartcity.in>
2 Tender call notice in two Bid systems (Part-I: General & Technical Bid and Part-II: financial Bid/Price Bid/BOQ) from intending bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in this Notice and other qualifying requirements mentioned in this RFP.
3 Amendment to NIT if any would be published on website only.
4 In case of any queries on this RFP, intending bidders may contact THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, BAREILLY SMART CITY LIMITED, Bareilly (Tel. No: -9719777995) or send an email to: bareillysmartcityltd@gmail.com
Chief Executive Officer, Bareilly Smart City Limited, Bareilly.

