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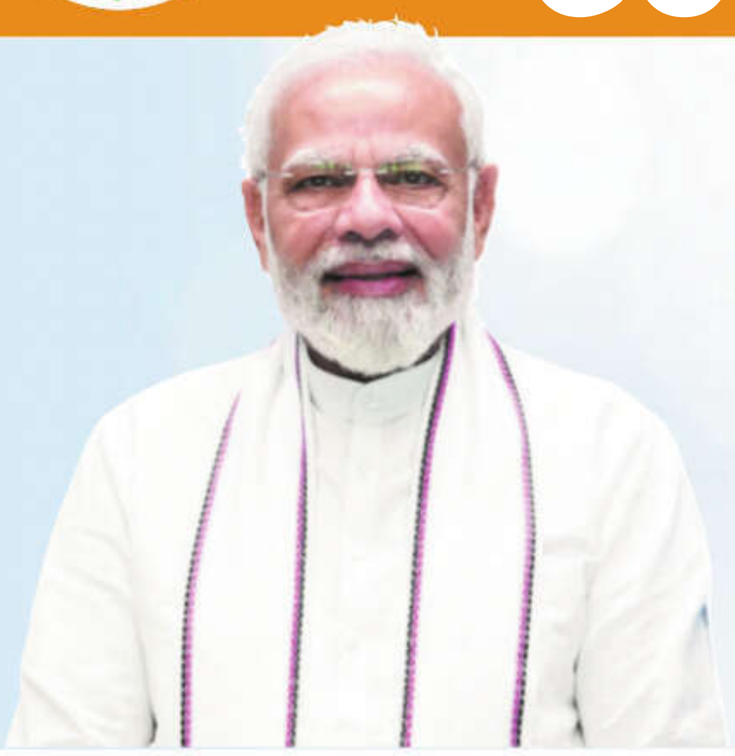

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VISION FOR DEVELOPED CHHATTISGARH @2047

We are in the process of creating a vision document titled 'Amrit Kal: Chhattisgarh Vision@ 2047'. This document is scheduled to be presented to the state on November 1, 2024. It will outline the various initiatives that will be undertaken to transform Chhattisgarh into a developed state and play a significant role in the advancement of a developed India by 2047.

Focus on the Pillars of Development

Our prime focus would be on 'GYAN' i.e. poor, youth, farmers and women. We aim to attain swift economic advancement by implementing technology- driven changes. To enhance the infrastructure, we are committed to maximising capital expenditure, ultimately leading to the progress of Chhattisgarh.

Emphasis on tertiary sectorThe service

Industry has enormous potential for the growth of our state, and is poised to boost our GDP significantly. Initiatives have been set in motion to attract IT firms to Atal Nagar, paving the way for the creation of 10,000 new jobs annually.

Facilitating private investment

Our goal is to effectively implement the single- window system and leverage digital technology to reduce bureaucratic interference and corruption. We are dedicated to creating more job opportunities for the people of Chhattisgarh.

Marching Towards Balanced Development

We have recently introduced a new policy aimed at uplifting the most underdeveloped regions within the state. Our strategy involves enhancing infrastructure and supporting traditional trade to foster growth in areas such as Bastar and Surguja.

Cultural and social development

Our policy of inclusive growth focuses not only on economic development but also on social and cultural development. As part of this, we are actively promoting religious tourism in Chhattisgarh. The construction of a Link Road, which will connect five significant religious spots, has already commenced.

Doubling the GDP

We aim to double the GDP from 5 lakh crores to 10 lakh crore within a span of five years. In addition to focusing on infrastructure development, our strategy includes enhancing governance by combating corruption, supporting the private sector, driving industrial growth, and enhancing the skills of our workforce.

Creating Niche Institutions

An advisory council on economic matters has been established with the aim of proposing strategies to enhance the economy. Likewise, in order to monitor the effective practices of various departments and recommend improved approaches, a completely new department called the Good Governance and Convergence Department has been established. Additionally, we have devised plans to position Chhattisgarh as a front runner in eco- tourism, medical tourism, and as a center for alternative forms of medicine.

"I firmly believe we will chalk out ways to fulfil promises made under 'Modi ki Guarantee' in the next five years. Key works like allocation of houses, disbursement of two years pending bonus to farmers and implementation of Mahtari Vandan Yojana will be done. Ever since our government came to power in Chhattisgarh, the fight against Naxalism has strengthened. In the coming times, Naxalism will end in Chhattisgarh."

Vishnu Deo Sai
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

KEY DECISIONS MADE BY CHHATTISGARH GOVT

- Rs3.716 or pending bonus transferred to 13 lakh farmers, 21 quintal paddy per acre purchased from them
- 50 takh rural families get tren tap connections, Rs4,500 crore allocated under 'Jal Jeevan Mission
- 69.92 lakh poor families to get free cation for the next five years
- Rs1,000 to be provided to women every month under "Mahtari Vandan Yojana
- Chhattisgarh Govt asks Call to probe irregularities in PSC recruitment exam
- Raniala Darshan Yojana launched for pilgrims of Chhattisgarh
- Rs. 369 crore alocated for construction of 18 lakhs houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojarur
- Provision of Rs 13,320 crore made under Krishak Unnati Yojana
- Remuneration of tendu patta collectors increased from Rs4000 to Rs5500 per standard bag
- Rs300 crore earmarked for construction of Katghora to Dongargarh rail line
- Chhattisgarh Udyam Kranti Yojana launched to promote self-employment

- Rs10,000 will be given annually to tandless agricultural labourers under Deendayal Upadhyaya Krishi Majdoor Yojana
- Ordinary families to get electricity at half price for up to 400 units per month
- Age limit for recruitment in government Jobs increased by 5 years
- Atal Monitoring Portal launched to monitor implementation of govt schemes
- Online permit and approval system introduced to bring transparency in coal transportation

Ramlala Darshan (Ayodhya Dham) Yojana Launched

Under the umbrella of the "Modi Ki Guarantee", the Chhattisgarh Government delivered another promise with the introduction of the Ramlala Darshan Yojana. This initiative aims to provide the residents of the state, who are between 18 and 75 years of age, with the opportunity to have a darshan of Shri Ramlala in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. The scheme will be implemented by the Chhattisgarh Tourism Board. The Chhattisgarh Tourism Board and the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) are set to sign an MoU as per which the IRCTC will make arrangements for security, health, food, sightseeing, local transport and escort to the passengers during the journey.

Rs 3716 crore transferred to 13 lakh farmers in Chhattisgarh

CM Vishnu Deo Sai on December 25, executed one of the poll promises under 'Modi Ki Guarantee' for the state's paddy farmers and transferred the pending bonus of Rs 3,716 crore to 13 lakh farmers who had sold their paddy in 2014-15 and 2015-16 in cooperative societies under minimum support price (MSP). The bonus amounts were transferred to bank their accounts. In his address, the CM said that his government will fulfil every "Modi guarantee" in the next five years. The confidence of the farmers in the Chhattisgarh Government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has increased, Sai asserted. He also announced to procure paddy up to 21 quintals per acre, and assured to extend the period, if needed, for procuring paddy at the support price. The promises of recruitment to one lakh government vacant posts in a transparent manner, and free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh under Ayushman Cardwill also be fulfilled.

Empowering Women through 'Mahtari Vandan Yojana'

The Chhattisgarh Government has recently launched the 'Mahtari Vandan Yojana-2024'. The scheme promises a monthly financial assistance of Rs1000, translating to an annual aid of Rs12,000 per beneficiary. The introduction of 'Mahtari Vandan Yojana-2024' reflects the State Government's commitment to gender empowerment and socio- economic development. This initiative not only addresses immediate financial needs but also strives to create a conducive environment for women to thrive through skill enhancement and entrepreneurial endeavours. This approach aligns with the broader goal of creating a more economically empowered female population in the state. Beyond the immediate financial relief, the scheme places a strong emphasis on fostering self-reliance among women. The scheme is designed to benefit all married women in Chhattisgarh.

State Govt Approves Houses for 18L Poor

Families Under PMAYn his first cabinet meeting, the newly sworn-in CM Vishnu Deo Sal cleared the proposal of implementing the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna (PMAY) for over 18 lakh poor families in rural areas. The Chhattisgarh Government is prioritizing decisions that focus on the welfare and historical development of the state. Announcing the decision, the CM said, the cabinet has decided to clear houses for 18,12,743 needy families in rural areas approve houses for PMAY, a flagship scheme of the Centre, and provide them with the required funds.

State Govt Recommends CBI Probe into 'irregularities' in CGPSC Recruitment

Chhattisgarh Government decided to recommend a CBI investigation into the alleged corruption and irregularities in the recruitment of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC) exam-2021.. The decision was taken during a meeting of the state cabinet chaired by CM Vishnu Deo Sai. In the interest of the youth, the State Government decided to hand over the complaints to the Central agency. The State Government has also promised that transparency will be maintained in the PSC examination in the state and CGPSC examinations will be conducted on the lines of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

Rural households get free water supply under 'Nal Jal Yojana'

The Chhattisgarh Government is actively working towards ensuring access to clean drinking water for rural communities. Through the 'Nal Jal Yojana', tap connections are being installed in every household, along with the construction of water tanks and the expansion of pipelines. Thanks to PM Narendra Modi's ambitious scheme 'Jal Jeevan Mission to provide clean and safe drinking water to every household, tap water is now reaching 75% of rural households in the state.

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1 nation, 1 poll report likely today: In eight volumes, no German model

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

THE HIGH-LEVEL committee set up by the government to draw a roadmap for holding simultaneous elections is expected to submit an eight-volume report, running into 18,000 pages, to President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday, sources said.

The committee, chaired by former President Ram Nath Kovind, is likely to recommend a concrete model for one nation-one election — as opposed to suggesting options — for synchronising the different poll cycles, it is learnt.

The committee is reported to have deliberated on a number of options for ensuring continuity of simultaneous elections.

According to sources, it also debated the German model of constructive vote of no-confidence — where a no-confidence motion against the incumbent can be brought if there is a positive vote of confidence in a successor — but decided against

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PARTY RELEASES NAMES FOR ANOTHER 72 SEATS

Gadkari, Khattar, Goyal in second BJP list for LS, 28 MPs dropped

3 former CMs, 9 ministers, 15 women among nominees

LIZ MATHEW & VIKAS PATHAK
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

THE BJP Wednesday released its second list of candidates for the Lok Sabha elections, dropping at least 28 sitting MPs while including three former Chief Ministers, nine Union Ministers, two Rajya Sabha MPs and 15 women.

If the party's first list of 195 candidates, released on March 2, was more about continuity with a large number of candidates being retained, the second list of 72 candidates signalled change and an emphasis on selection based

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Gadkari (Nagpur); Goyal (Mumbai North); Khattar (Karnal)

EXPLAINED

The winnability factor

THE BJP second list points to the emphasis on the winnability factor of candidates given that it has set itself a target of 370 seats this time. Reason why 28 MPs no longer find place in a list of 72.

BJP COMPLETES ITS DELHI LIST, PAGE 3

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Hyderabad probes tapping of BRS rivals, officer held

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, MARCH 13

THE HYDERABAD Police on Wednesday arrested a suspended Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) who is suspected of having tapped the phones of the Bharat Rashtra Samiti's (BRS) political opponents while the party was in power in Telangana.

DSP Dugyala Praneeth Kumar was posted with the Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB) when the alleged offences took place. He was suspended earlier this month after it came to light that he allegedly erased intelligence data from the SIB's hard drives after Congress won the

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Cong revisits NYAY promise: Rs 1 lakh/yr for poor women

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

AHEAD OF an uphill Lok Sabha election battle, the Congress on Wednesday dusted off and revived NYAY, the centrepiece of its 2019 manifesto promise, and announced that the party, if voted to power, would give Rs 1 lakh annually to a woman of every poor family. The party also said it would provide 50 per cent reservation for women in new appointments in the central government.

NYAY, or Nyuntam Aay Yojana, was the highlight of the Congress's 2019 election manifesto, under which it had promised "five crore families who constitute the poorest 20 per cent of all families" a guaranteed cash transfer of Rs 72,000 a year. "As far as possible, the money will be transferred to the account of a woman of the family who has a bank account or who will be urged to open a bank account," the manifesto had said.

On Wednesday, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, in

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Rahul Gandhi in Dondaicha, Maharashtra, Wednesday. PTI

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Growing tally, rising turnout: More and more women stepping out to vote

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

FROM THE women's reservation Bill passed by the BJP-led government at the Centre to AAP's promise of Rs 1,000 a month and Congress's proposed allowance of Rs 1 lakh per annum — ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, political parties have been pushing key legislative and development measures targeting women voters. Data drawn from three

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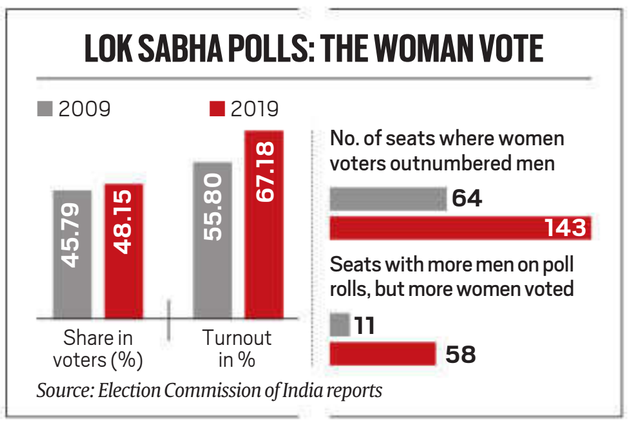

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- 89 LIG flats at Loknayakpuram, price in the range of Rs. 27-28.5 Lakhs each

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- Discounted price in the range of Rs. 13.1-14.5 Lakhs each
- MIG (2 BHK) Flat Cost Rs. 85 Lakhs after discount at Narela

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- 25% discount for all employees of Government of India, State Government, Autonomous Bodies, Local Bodies, PSUs, Central and State Govt. Universities
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Double Engine Governance Propels Uttar Pradesh to the New Heights

The Double Engine government has steered Uttar Pradesh towards remarkable progress in infrastructure, placing special emphasis on transforming transportation systems to meet the demands of the modern era. Boasting exemplary rail, air, and waterway systems, the state has undergone a remarkable evolution, ensuring efficient transit of individuals across its expansive territory. Furthermore, initiatives such as the UP-Defence Corridor, focusing on making India Self-Reliance in Defence Manufacturing, the Meerut-Delhi-Ghaziabad Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), and the impending establishment of the International Film City highlight the government's concerted efforts to establish Uttar Pradesh as a growth engine of the country.

UP's Contribution Vital to India's Defence Self-Sufficiency

The Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) embodies a strategic effort to combat India's import dependence in the Aerospace and Defence sectors. Aligned with the government's vision, this initiative prioritizes domestic manufacturing, thus advancing self-reliance and catalysing economic development. Recently, the Chief Minister of State, Yogi Adityanath inaugurated the first phase of Adani Defence's Arms & Ammunition Complex in Kanpur.

- Kanpur's Arms & Ammunition Manufacturing Complex is South Asia's Largest and is spread over 500 acres of land.
- Manufacturing complex to provide direct employment to 4000 people.
- Having the capacity to produce 150 million rounds of ammunition per year. Bullets for rifles, light machine guns (LMG), AK-47s and carbines will be made here.
- With this, 4 Nodes of the UP-Defence Corridor are now LIVE.
- All six nodes, namely Aligarh, Agra, Kanpur, Lucknow, Jhansi, and Chitrakoot of the defence corridor are actively contributing to India's self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

International Film City

At the exhibition accompanying the Ground Breaking Ceremony (GBC@IV) in Lucknow's Indira Gandhi Pratisthan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's visionary initiative of an International Film City. He commended the efforts of the UP CM, expressing optimism that the Film City would exceed expectations by offering top-notch facilities to its visitors.

- Capacity to accommodate over 30 film productions simultaneously.
- Versatile shooting floors of varying dimensions.
- In-house equipment including lighting, cameras, set design, construction services, VFX, CG team, logistics and transportation services.
- Accommodation for stars and crew.
- Personal assistance for various approvals.
- Pre- and post-production facilities, such as editing and mixing studios.
- Hospitality amenities, including accommodations and dining options.
- Strategic proximity to the upcoming airport, enhancing its appeal.
- Ideal destination for OTT content and advertisement filming.
- Planned development of a Bollywood-themed amusement park.

State with Maximum Metro Rail

Uttar Pradesh is fast emerging as the Metro state of India with a maximum number of Metro projects which are operational and under construction phase.

- Metro services in Lucknow, Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Kanpur and Agra.
- Government approves East-West Route (Charbagh to Vasant Kunj via Chowk) of Lucknow Metro.
- Metro Lite in Prayagraj With a proposed length of 44 km, the metro route will be divided into two corridors.
- DPR of Gorakhpur for a 15.14 km long corridor is approved by the government.

Inland Waterway Authority to enhance cruise services

- Lake Queen Cruise is operational in Gorakhpur's Ramgarh Tal Lake.
- Cruise services will boost tourism and employment opportunities.
- Government to start inland waterway service in rivers like Rapti, Saryu, Ganga, and Yamuna.
- Cruise service from Varanasi to Haldia on Ganga River.

Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS

The Meerut-Ghaziabad-Delhi RRTS is not just a train line; it's a symbol of progress, a testament to India's growing infrastructure capabilities, and a harbinger of a more connected and sustainable future for the National Capital Region.

In a significant development for urban transportation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a 17-kilometer stretch of the Meerut-Ghaziabad-Delhi Rapid Rail Transit System (RRTS) corridor. Through a virtual launch event from Duhai to Modi Nagar North, PM Modi propelled the project forward. This newly opened stretch features three essential stations: Murad Nagar, Modi Nagar South, and Modi Nagar North. With the introduction of this segment, the RRTS services now span a cumulative distance of 34 kilometres, promising improved connectivity and convenience for commuters.

Ensuring balanced and sustainable urban development through better connectivity and access across the NCR, it aims to significantly reduce travel time between Meerut and Delhi by under an hour.

The RRTS covers a length of 82.15 km, featuring both elevated and underground sections. It comprises 22 stations, connecting Meerut to Delhi.

Big Boost to Air Connectivity

The Double Engine government is tirelessly focused on enhancing infrastructure, including the development of new terminals and greenfield airports, alongside the launch of additional flight routes. Recently inaugurated airports in Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Moradabad, and Shravasti, boasting an annual capacity for 100,000 passengers each, mark a significant stride in bolstering domestic air connectivity nationwide.

International Airports

- Chaudhry Charan Singh International Airport, Lucknow
- Maharshi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhya Dham
- Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi
- Kushinagar International Airport, Kushinagar

Domestic Airports

- Agra Airport
- Kanpur Airport
- Prayagraj Airport
- Gorakhpur Airport
- Hindon Airport
- Aligarh Airport
- Azamgarh Airport
- Chitrakoot Airport
- Moradabad Airport
- Shravasti Airport
- Bareilly Airport

Jewar International Airport, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida and 5 domestic airports are under construction

PARTY FACES FROM EAST DELHI, NORTH WEST DELHI

Malhotra, Chandolia complete BJP list of candidates for Delhi

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

THE BJP on Wednesday dropped high-profile sitting MPs, Gautam Gambhir and Hans Raj Hans, in the run to the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, and instead decided to throw its weight behind two "long-time loyalists".

In its second list, the BJP announced Harsh Malhotra, former mayor of the erstwhile East Delhi Municipal Corporation, as Gambhir's replacement for East Delhi seat, and former North Delhi mayor Yogendra Chandolia instead of Hans for the one in North West Delhi. Replacing six of its seven sitting MPs in the Capital, sources said, the decision to field Malhotra and Chandolia — who have moved up the party's organisational hierarchy in the city over decades — was an ostensible bid to "promote hard-working karyakartas", weed out anti-incumbency, fulfill caste criteria, and "usher in generational change".

The party has already announced the candidature of Ramvir Singh Bidhuri from the South, Bansuri Swaraj from New Delhi, Kamaljeet Sehrawat from West, and Praveen Khandelwal from Chandni Chowk seats.

Northeast Delhi BJP MP Manoj Tiwari is the sole incumbent to have been retained. Malhotra, Chandolia, and Sehrawat were appointed the general secretaries of the Delhi BJP unit, as part of an organisational rejig in 2023.

"This is a clear message that for the BJP, work is merit and merit is recognised. Each candidate is a hard-working karyakarta, who rose up the rank over time. This is also not the end of the road for the sitting MPs who have been replaced," said a party leader. "...Tiwari is a star campaigner with recall value across the country. While the party is waiting for alliance talks with the Shiromani Akali Dal in Punjab to conclude, following which, Hans may be considered as a candidate — from Ambala — others are likely to be fielded for the 2025 Delhi Assembly polls," the leader added.

Chandolia, who will contest from the reserved North West Delhi seat, is the first Scheduled Caste leader to have been appointed to the post of General Secretary, and had his first tryst with the party as a youth leader in the 1990s. On the other hand, party sources described Malhotra as "an organisational man" with a knack for "numbers and analysis", adding that he was "crucial" to the functioning of the party's state unit.

7 contenders: 6 new faces, 1 sitting MP

SOUTH DELHI, **Ramvir Singh Bidhuri:**

MLA & Delhi Assembly Leader of Opposition, he replaces Ramesh Bidhuri

NEW DELHI, **Bansuri Swaraj:**

Daughter of former BJP stalwart Sushma Swaraj and secretary of Delhi BJP's legal cell, she replaces sitting MP Meenakshi Lekhi

EAST DELHI: **Harsh Malhotra**

Serving his 2nd consecutive term as Delhi BJP's general secretary, he replaces Gautam Gambhir. He is considered state chief Virendra Sachdeva's right-hand man. He was first elected as councillor from East Delhi in 2017, before becoming Mayor of the erstwhile East MCD

NORTH WEST DELHI: **Yogendra Chandolia**

Appointed general secretary, he became the first SC individual to occupy one of three such posts in BJP's Delhi unit last year. He replaces sitting MP Hans Raj Hans. With the party since the 1990s, he served as an MCD councillor from 2007-2017 and rose to the post of Mayor of erstwhile North MCD

NORTH EAST DELHI, **Manoj Tiwari:**

Sitting MP from the seat, he has been fielded from NE Delhi for the 3rd time

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A businessman, he replaces sitting MP Harsh Vardhan

8 ARRESTED SO FAR

Fake anti-cancer drugs racket: Pharmacist held from Muzaffarpur

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A DAY after seven people were arrested for allegedly manufacturing and selling fake anti-cancer injections to hundreds of patients through pharmacies and hospitals, the Delhi Police has made its eighth arrest — a pharmacist who allegedly supplied the spurious drugs in NCR and Pune.

Police said the accused, Aditya Krishna (23), runs a pharmacy in Muzaffarpur and procured the fake medicines from co-accused Niraj Chauhan. He is a BTech graduate from IIT and has studied at BHU, they said. An officer said: "He was a middleman... He would get a cut of around 50% from Chauhan... He sold the 'medicines' to customers who used to come to his pharmacy and send it to other places."

Another officer said that they suspect that apart from Krishna, there were other middlemen involved in supplying the counterfeit medicines across North India. "We have got Krishna's police custody; he will be questioned to ascertain who he sold the fake medicines to... and the victims will be identified," said the officer.

On Tuesday, during raids by the Crime Branch and the Delhi government's drug control department, seven people, including employees of Delhi and Gurgaon-based hospitals, were arrested in connection with the racket. More than 150 vials of the fake medication with labels of the original drugs — that cost crores in the open market — were seized.

Officials from the drug control department said the accused "used disposable syringes to fill innocuous substances into the vials, which were manually sealed and sold to unscrupulous dealers". ACP (Crime) Sanjay Bhatia had said raids were carried out at four places — two flats in DLF Capital Greens, Moti Nagar; South City in Gurgaon; Yamuna Vihar and a Delhi hospital — to nab the seven accused.

'Surprised': HC over govt petition against granting maternity benefits to woman

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

THE DELHI High Court has recently expressed its surprise over the Delhi government — which publicises the 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojna' — for filing an appeal against an order granting maternity and medical benefits to a "young woman".

A division bench of Justices Rekha Palli and Shalinder Kaur was hearing the government's appeal against a single judge's order, which directed the authorities to grant maternity and medical benefits to the woman for 26 weeks on account of her pregnancy, as per the provisions of the Maternity Benefit Act.

The court, in its March 12 order, observed: "In fact, we are surprised that the Govt of NCT of Delhi, which is giving great publicity to the steps being taken to promote the interest of women in Delhi and has under its recently announced scheme i.e. Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojna promised to pay all adult women in the city except those who are tax-payers/ government employees or are drawing pension a monthly sum of Rs 1,000/- in the future, has chosen to file such a misconceived appeal to assail an order which grants the benefits under the Act to a young woman, who has with utmost dedication served in the Delhi State Consumer Forum over 5 years."

Dismissing the appeal as "wholly misconceived", the HC imposed costs of Rs 50,000, and observed that the appeal "is in the teeth" of various Supreme Court decisions, wherein, it has been categorically held that "even women working on contractual basis are entitled to be granted the benefits under the Act, even if these benefits exceed the duration of their contractual engagement".

The costs are to be paid to the woman within four weeks from the date of the order.

On March 5, when the matter was listed, the counsel appearing for the Delhi government had sought time to obtain instructions whether in the light of the government Yojna, it would still want to press their challenge to an order which directs grant of the benefits under the Act to a young woman in Delhi. On March 12, it was told that the government wants to press the appeal.

On February 7, 2013, the woman was appointed as a stenographer on contractual basis for a year with the Delhi State Consumer Forum. The contractual period was extended from time to time, either without any break or with a notional break of one or two days. After she had rendered over "five years of unblemished service", on February 28, 2018, she submitted an application for the grant of maternity leave of 180 days w.e.f. March 1, 2018.

This, the HC noted, was made in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The authorities did not accede to her request and said that since her contractual period of engagement was to expire on March 31, 2018, no maternity leave benefits would be granted to her.

14-yr-old falls from 22nd floor; dies

Noida: A 14-year-old boy died on Wednesday after falling from the 22nd floor of a high-rise housing complex near Greater Noida.

A probe is underway to ascertain if he died by suicide or it was an accident, said police, adding the incident took place in Supertech Eco Village III society. "The boy, who studied in Class 7, fell off the railing on the 22nd floor of a tower and died on the spot. Legal proceedings are underway," said a police spokesperson.

Officers said his parents had no idea how the incident took place. "On Wednesday, he told his family members that he was going out to play, but went to the terrace...," said a police officer. **ENS**

Umar Khalid moves Delhi HC against discharge of accused in murder attempt

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ACTIVIST UMAR Khalid moved the Delhi High Court on Wednesday against a trial court order discharging two men who allegedly attacked him outside Constitution Club in 2018 of the offence of "attempt to murder".

A single-judge bench of Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta issued notice to the Delhi Police and the accused — Naveen Dalal and Darvesh — and listed the matter on May 21. Senior advocate Trideep Pais, representing Khalid, argued that the trial court's order was perverse and that the accused had "stalked Khalid on Facebook, found him and procured a gun".

On December 6, 2023, the additional sessions judge of Patiala house court discharged the accused of the IPC Section 307 (attempt to murder) offence.

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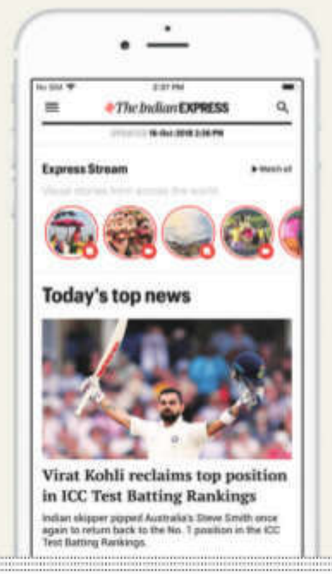

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Many turncoats on BJP's list of 60 names for Arunachal polls

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, MARCH 13

SEVERAL MLAs, who had jumped ship to the BJP, were among the 60 candidates BJP announced for the Arunachal Pradesh Assembly elections Wednesday. The state will go into Assembly and Lok Sabha elections simultaneously.

In the 2019 elections, the BJP had won 41 seats, the JDU 7, the National People's Party 5, the Congress 4, the People's Party of Arunachal had won 1 and two Independents. However, over the years, MLAs from other parties joined the BJP. The Congress is left with just one MLA, former CM Nabam Tuki, the NPP has two and two Independents, while the remaining legislators have entered the saffron fold.

Among the turncoats who got BJP tickets are: Dongru Siongu (Bomdila), Kardo Nyogyor (Likabali), Talem Taboh (Rumgong), Ninong Ering (Pasighat West), Lombo Tayeng (Mebo), Mutchu Mithi (Roing), Chakat Taboh (Khonsa West) and Wanglin Lowangdon (Borduria Bogapani).

CM Pema Khandu will once contest from Mukto seat, which he has held since 2011, while Deputy CM Chowna Mein will seek a second consecutive term from Chowkham. However, state Home Minister Bamang Felix missed out on a ticket, which went to Tai Nikio, who had contested against Felix from Nyapin seat in 2019 on a Congress ticket. Earlier, it was announced the BJP has appointed Felix Chairman of Campaign Committee for 1-Arunachal Pradesh West parliamentary constituency and all Assembly seats in Arunachal Pradesh West parliamentary seats for the polls.

TN ex-education minister Ponmudy reinstated as MLA

Chennai: Senior DMK leader K Ponmudy was Wednesday reinstated as a legislator with the authorities revoking a notification that declared his Tirukoyilur Assembly constituency vacant.

Following Ponmudy's conviction on 19 December 2023 by Madras HC in a disproportionate assets case, the TN Assembly Secretariat declared his constituency as 'deemed to have become vacant' from the date of his conviction. From May 2021, when the DMK assumed power, Ponmudy had served as the Higher Education Minister till his disqualification following conviction in the assets case.

The Assembly Secretariat issued a fresh notification dated March 13 to rescind the notification of March 5. According to the new notification, an interim order of SC dated March 11, 2024 suspended Ponmudy's conviction and following that, the Assembly Secretariat on Wednesday revoked the earlier notification. **PTI**

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Gadkari, Khattar, Goyal in second BJP list for LS, 28 MPs dropped

on the winnability factor. With the second list, the BJP has announced all its candidates for Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Tripura and Uttarakhand.

Manohar Lal Khattar, who resigned as Haryana Chief Minister Tuesday and vacated his Karnal Assembly seat Wednesday, has been fielded from the Karnal Lok Sabha constituency.

While Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has been retained from Nagpur, his colleague Piyush Goyal, Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha, will be contesting from Mumbai North.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi has been fielded again from Dharwad in Karnataka while Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje has been moved from Udupi Chikmagalur to the Bangalore North constituency.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur will again contest from the Hamirpur constituency in Himachal Pradesh.

BJP's media cell head Anil Baluni, who is currently a Rajya Sabha MP, has been fielded from Uttarakhand's Garhwal constituency. Tejasvi Surya, who heads the party's youth wing, has been retained in Bangalore South.

Former Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will contest from Haveri. He is the fifth former CM to be handed the party ticket — the first list had Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Madhya Pradesh) and Biplab Kumar Deb (Tripura) while the second list named Khattar, Bommai and former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat who will be in the fray for the Haridwar seat. Rawat replaces former CM and former Union Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal in Haridwar.

The second list also has surprises in Delhi — Harsh Malhotra will be the BJP face in East Delhi and Yogendra Chandolia in the SC-reserved North West Delhi.

In Maharashtra's Beed constituency, once represented by Gopinath Munde, the party has replaced the late leader's daughter Pritam Munde with her sister Pankaja Munde, a BJP national secretary and a prominent state party leader.

The BJP has dropped Sunita Duggal, one of the most vocal MPs in Lok Sabha, in Sirsa and has fielded Ashok Tanwar who joined the BJP recently from AAP, a party he had joined after leaving the Congress.

In another surprise move, the BJP also replaced Union Minister of State Darshana Jardosh in Surat with Mukeshbhai Chandrakant Dalal. Union Ministers of State Rao Inderjit Singh (Gurgaon), Krishan Pal Gurjar (Faridabad), Bhagwanth Khuba (Bidar) and Bharati Pawar (Dindori, Maharashtra) have found place in the list.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Kalaben Delkar has been handed the BJP ticket from Dadra and Nagar Haveli. She is the wife of the late Mohanbhai Delkar who used to be the MP from the constituency. After his death, Kalaben Delkar joined Shiv Sena and won the 2021 by-election.

Also in the second list is cardiac surgeon C N Manjunath, son-in-law of former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, and he will be contesting on the BJP ticket from Bangalore Rural.

The BJP has dropped its two sitting MPs in Tripura too — after Union Minister of State Pratima Bhoumik made way for Biplab Kumar Deb in Tripura West in the first list, the Tripura East seat, reserved for ST, has gone to Maharani Kriti Singh Debbarma, elder sister of Tipra Motha founder and royal scion Pradyot Kishore Manikya Debbarma.

Pratap Simha, who landed in a spot after his office provided visitor passes to men who had jumped with smoke canisters from the Lok Sabha gallery to the chamber last December, has been dropped in Mysore — the ticket has gone to Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of the erstwhile royal family.

Former Karnataka party unit president Nalin Kateel has been replaced by Brijesh Chowta in Dakshin Kannada.

The BJP has also given a ticket to late party MP Rattan Lal Kataria's wife Banto Kataria in Ambala constituency.

In Karnataka's Davanagere, the BJP has replaced veteran party leader G M Siddeshwara, who had been representing the constituency since 2004, with his wife Gayathri Siddeshwara. His father G Mallikarjunappa was also a Lok Sabha MP for two terms – 1996-1998 and 1999-2002. B Y Vijayendra, son of former Chief Minister B S Yeddyurappa, has been retained in Shimoga.

But the decision to field V Somanna in Tumkur, a disgruntled leader who had taken swipes at the party leaders publicly, has raised some eyebrows in BJP circles. A party leader from Karnataka said the move could send a "wrong signal" about discipline, but sources pointed out that with the party setting a target of 370 seats, its primary criterion for finalising the name of a candidate has been the winnability factor.

The winnability factor is one of the key takeaways from the list. Those who lost in states where the BJP is strong have mostly been replaced, but those who gave a good fight before losing in Telangana — where the BJP is weak — have been retained.

Nathansaha Kawreti, who lost to Congress leader Kamal Nath's son Nakul Nath from Chhindwara in 2019 by a margin of 37,536 votes, has been replaced this time by Vivek Bunty Sahu. The OBC Sahus have a significant presence in Chhindwara.

Veteran BJP leader Hansraj Ahir, who lost from Chandrapur in 2019, has been replaced by Sudhir Mungantiwar. Similarly, Ashwath Narayangowda of the BJP, who lost the 2019 Lok Sabha polls from Bengaluru (rural) to the Congress's DK Suresh by more than 2 lakh votes, has been replaced by CN Manjunath.

The party has been kinder to candidates who put up a good fight in Telangana the last time. In Medak in 2019, M Raghunandan Rao stood third but got over 2 lakh votes, a fraction below the Congress candidate who stood second. He has been fielded again this time. But candidates fielded in 2019 from Peddapalli, Nalgonda and Mahabubabad, who all polled below 1 lakh votes — the last one just 25,000 — have been replaced by new faces.

• Cong revisits NYAY promise: Rs 1 lakh/yr for poor women

a video statement, and senior leader Rahul Gandhi, at a women's rally in Maharashtra's Dhule district, announced five "Mahila Nyay" guarantees. The first of the promises — Mahalakshmi guarantee — was to give Rs 1 lakh to one woman in each of the poorest families. The Congress did not spell out the overall financial implication of the promise or estimated number of families which would be covered.

Asked how many families would benefit, former Chhattisgarh Deputy CM and convenor of the Congress manifesto committee, T S Singh Deo, told *The Indian Express*: "We are still waiting for the Government of India to do the Census. Once the government does it... we will identify the women. There are figures by various bodies... but they don't match. So obviously, it will be an exercise that the government will have to do."

"One figure puts it (the number of poor families) at 6 or 7 per cent. Another puts it at 12 per cent, yet another puts it at 15-16 per cent. The government has not gone ahead with the Census. The only figures we have is that of the 2011 Census… But that is not an issue. It is a goal that is to be achieved and it will be done."

In its 2019 manifesto, the Congress had said the estimated cost of its NYAY promise would be over 1% of the GDP in the first year, and over 2% of the GDP from the second year. "As the nominal GDP grows and families move out of poverty, the cost will decline as a proportion of GDP," it had said.

Among other "Mahila Nyay" guarantees announced on Wednesday was a promise of "*aadhi aabadi, poora haq*" — providing 50% quota for women in new appointments in the central government. Deo said the promise could be implemented through "executive orders". "Job reservation is not a Constitutional issue," he said. The other big promise was to double Centre's contribution in salaries of Anganwadi, ASHA and mid-day meal scheme workers.

The party also promised the appointment of a legal assistant in every panchayat to educate women on their rights and provide necessary help, and the construction of at least one working women's hostel in all district headquarters across the country, to be named after social reformer Savitribai Phule.

Kharge said the Congress's guarantees are "*pathar ki lakeer*" (set in stone) and not a "*jumla*".

• Hyderabad probes tapping of BRS rivals, officer held

Assembly election last year. He is also accused of having copied intelligence data to his personal devices.

He was booked last week on charges of tampering with evidence, breach of trust, and criminal conspiracy. Kumar was taken into custody on Tuesday night and arrested on Wednesday following questioning overnight, officers said.

According to sources, Kumar is suspected of having been involved in the tapping of phones of Opposition leaders and others when the BRS was in power. SIB Additional Superintendent of Police D Ramesh had lodged the first complaint against Kumar after finding that he was involved in the alleged phone tapping and copying of data between 2018 and 2023.

Kumar regularly copied intelligence data onto his personal pen drives, and is suspected of using the official intelligence-gathering machinery to profile several people, including the BRS's opponents, officials said.

After the Congress came to power in December last year following the BRS's defeat in Assembly elections, he allegedly tried to destroy evidence of these activities.

According to the complaint against him, Kumar entered his office on the night of December 4, a day after the counting of votes in the Assembly election ended, and switched off all the CCTV cameras before destroying the hard drives and other disks that contained intelligence data collected over many years. He then allegedly installed new, blank hard drives.

After this came to light, the Congress government transferred him to Sircilla district and asked senior SIB officers to conduct a probe.

An FIR has been registered against him at the Panjagutta police station in Hyderabad. He was booked under Indian Penal Code sections 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant, banker, merchant or agent), 427 (mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupee or upwards), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence), and 120(B) (criminal conspiracy). He was also booked under various sections of the Prevention of Destruction of Public Records Act, 1984, and the Information Technology Act, 2000.

• 1 nation, 1 poll report likely today: In eight volumes, no German model

recommending it. The panel found it to be "against the tenets of Indian democracy", a source said.

The Law Commission, in its 2018 draft report, had recommended the "constructive vote of no-confidence" as a way to ensure stability of governments.

The panel met representatives of political parties, retired Chief Justices, former Chief Election Commissioners, industrialists and economists as a part of its consultations with stakeholders. It also invited comments from the public in January. In a statement in January, the committee said it had received 20,972 responses, of which 81 per cent were in favour of simultaneous elections.

While it is learnt that the committee wrote to the Election Commission (EC) asking for a meeting at least twice, the EC did not meet the committee but sent its written response. The committee also examined the macroeconomic impact of simultaneous elections, as well as the implications on crime rate and education outcomes. The Union Law Ministry had appointed the committee in September 2023 to make recommendations for holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha, State Assemblies, municipalities and panchayats.

Apart from Kovind, the committee includes Home Minister Amit Shah, former Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Finance Commission chairperson N K Singh, former Lok Sabha Secretary-General Subhash C Kashyap, senior advocate Harish Salve, and former Chief Vigilance Commissioner Sanjay Kothari.

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha, was included in the committee too, but he declined to be a part of it, saying it was an "eyewash". He said the terms of reference had been drawn up in a way that guaranteed the conclusions.

The committee was asked to suggest specific amendments to the Constitution, the Representation of the People Act, 1950, the RP Act, 1951 and the rules framed under them. It was also tasked with examining whether any amendments to the Constitution would require to be ratified by states.

According to its terms of reference, the Kovind Committee was also asked to "analyse and recommend possible solution in a scenario of simultaneous elections emerging out of a hung House, adoption of no-confidence motion, or defection, or any such other event" and "suggest a framework for synchronisation of elections and specifically, suggest the phases and time-frame within which simultaneous elections may be held". It also looked into the logistics of holding simultaneous elections, and the modalities for a common electoral roll and Voter ID cards.

As INDIA crumbles, a stronger NDA takes shape

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

EVEN as the promise of the INDIA bloc evaporates, another alliance is taking shape as elections approach. Few saw it coming, for few saw any need for it. However, staying one step ahead of its rivals again, and retaining its edge of surprise, the Narendra Modi-led BJP has managed to stitch three crucial alliances in the past few days, with more on the way.

Modi's declaration of a 400-plus seat target for the NDA, on the floor of Parliament, no longer seems like a throw-away audacious challenge to rattle the Opposition. Announcing the number, the PM had said the people would not just confine his rivals again to the Opposition benches, but that they may "achieve greater heights and be soon seen only in the public galleries (of the House)".

Apart from being the face of the BJP electoral campaign, this alliance push also carries Modi's touch, with the PM putting the past behind to reel in even partners who abused him personally in the past, in service of the larger cause of winning.

The case in point is of JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar, who split from the BJP in 2015 specifically on the ground of Modi being named the BJP's prime ministerial candidate. Though he returned to the NDA later, once he re-exited, he was back to attacking the BJP and Modi. As recently as November, Nitish was slamming the Modi government for being "a one-man show".

Sources say that Nitish's latest U-turn towards the BJP came about after Modi took the lead to invite him to join the NDA.

The TDP is another former ally who has returned to the NDA ranks. In April 2019, its supremo Chandrababu Naidu had described Modi as "a hardcore terrorist". "I have only one request for my brothers from the minority community present here. If you vote for Modi, many problems will arise," Naidu had said.

Sources say that while BJP leaders brought this up as talks began between the two parties, Modi advised them to let it go in the "larger interest" of the party.

In Odisha, the Modi government has ensured cordial relations with the BJD since it came to power in 2014, and now looks set to turn that into a mutually agreeable tie-up despite the BJP's own rise in the state.

This is quite a turnaround from March 2009, when Patnaik had snapped his party's ties with the BJP, after making it the unpalatable offer of 6 of 21 Lok Sabha seats in the state. Now the BJD is reportedly okay with going up to 14-15 seats, on the condition that it retain an overwhelming upper hand in the Assembly polls.

In Tamil Nadu, the BJP has not yet given up on its former ally AIADMK, and in the meantime, worked out tie-ups with its small, breakaway faction as well as other smaller parties and groups in the state.

BJP sources say that Modi is involved in every little aspect of the poll planning, from ticket distribution to the narrative. This has meant that there has been little to no dissent despite 195 names being announced in the first tranche, with 33 sitting MPs dropped.

Two candidates who found themselves in embarrassing rows soon after the lists came out — Pawan Singh, from Asansol, and Upender Singh Rawat from Barabanki — quietly dropped out.

• Growing tally, rising turnout

recent Lok Sabha elections shows that their focus on women voters is not surprising.

A number of indicators — from the share of women in the total electorate to their voter turnout — point to their rising participation in the electoral process. Also increasing is the number of parliamentary constituencies where women outnumber men among electors and voters.

■ An analysis of the data for the 2009, 2014 and 2019 general elections shows that the share of women in the total electorate (those on the electoral rolls) increased from 47.73 per cent in 2009 to 48.09 per cent in 2019. Similarly, women's share among voters (those who exercised their franchise) went up from 45.79% in 2009 to 48.15% in 2019. These figures, when seen together, show that more and more women are not only registering to vote but turning out to vote on polling day.

■ A similar trend is seen in the rising number of constituencies where women outnumber men (in absolute terms) on the electoral rolls. The number of such constituencies has gone up from 85 (out of the total 543) in 2009 to 110 in 2019. Similarly, the number of constituencies where the number of women (in absolute terms) exceeded men in exercising their franchise has more than doubled from 64 in 2009 to 143 in 2019.

■ This trend, over the years, has narrowed the gap in overall turnout (measured in percentage terms) between male and female voters at the national level, with women's turnout surpassing that of men (67.2% for women compared to 67% for men) in 2019. In 2009, the male turnout at 60.3% was higher than the female turnout at 55.8%. In fact, in the 10 years from 2009 to 2019, the female turnout increased by 11.4% points as compared to a 6.7%-point increase registered in the male turnout and 9.3%-point increase in the overall turnout.

■ What is particularly noteworthy is the increasing number of constituencies where women's voter turnout exceeded that of men, despite their lower overall numbers on the electoral rolls.

The number of such seats increased from 11 in 2009 to 34 in 2014 and 58 in 2019. In 2009, the 11 seats were spread across seven states and Union Territories — 3 in Tamil Nadu; 2 each in Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh; and 1 each in Daman and Diu, J&K, Lakshadweep, and Punjab.

In 2014, the geographical spread of such constituencies expanded to 13 states — 10 in Bihar; 8 in Tamil Nadu; 3 in Odisha; 2 each in Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand; and 1 each in Arunachal Pradesh, Daman and Diu, Jammu and Kashmir, Lakshadweep, Punjab, Rajasthan, and West Bengal.

In 2019, it spread to 17 states, with the highest in Bihar at 18 seats, followed by 6 each in Odisha, UP, West Bengal; 3 each in Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand and Uttarakhand; 2 in Rajasthan; and 1 each in Arunachal Pradesh, Daman and Diu, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Meghalaya, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.

According to the Election Commission, approximately 47.15 crore women are expected to participate in the forthcoming general elections.

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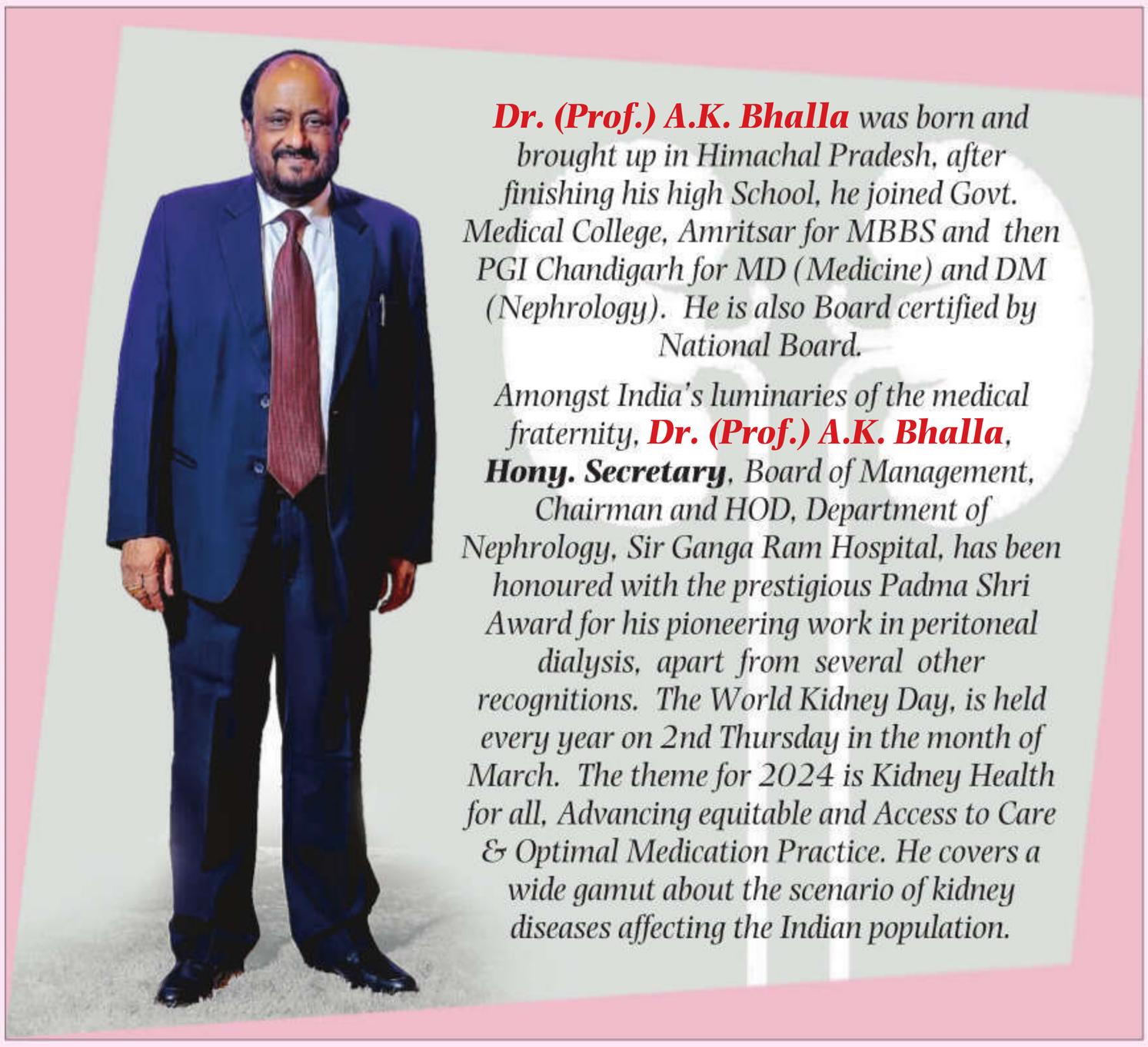

Dr. (Prof.) A.K. Bhalla *was born and brought up in Himachal Pradesh, after finishing his high School, he joined Govt. Medical College, Amritsar for MBBS and then PGI Chandigarh for MD (Medicine) and DM (Nephrology). He is also Board certified by National Board.*

Amongst India's luminaries of the medical fraternity, ***Dr. (Prof.) A.K. Bhalla****,* ***Hony. Secretary****, Board of Management, Chairman and HOD, Department of Nephrology, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, has been honoured with the prestigious Padma Shri Award for his pioneering work in peritoneal dialysis, apart from several other recognitions. The World Kidney Day, is held every year on 2nd Thursday in the month of March. The theme for 2024 is Kidney Health for all, Advancing equitable and Access to Care & Optimal Medication Practice. He covers a wide gamut about the scenario of kidney diseases affecting the Indian population.*

How grim is the incidence of kidney diseases in India and how much of it is triggered by diabetes?

The burden of kidney diseases can be gauged from the fact that one in every ten persons have chronic kidney disease and nearly 2 lac to 2.5 lac new kidney patients are added every year. Out of which, only 10,000 kidney transplants are done every year, and only 8000 are on peritoneal dialysis, i.e. home dialysis, while 50,000 patients are on hemodialysis throughout the country, facility for which is available only in Tier 1 and Tier II cities.

The situation is so grave that one out of ten is a diabetic patient in India. About 15.3% are pre-diabetic incidence which is found more in urban areas of India and one in three is hypertensive. In fact, more than 60% of kidney patients are due to diabetes and hypertension. Diabetes is the main cause of kidney disease, which has spread rampantly both, in the urban and rural population of our country. The other cause an infection, nephritis and renal stones.

What are the factors leading to increase in diabetic kidney cases?

Diabetes is preventable, except hereditary. Shockingly even those who do not have family history are turning diabetic in large numbers. That the rural population is largely spared from the impact of diabetes because of a healthier lifestyle and cleaner environment, is only a myth.

It is also attributed that poor lifestyle increases diabetes consequently raising incidence of kidney disease. Reasons being adulterated and junk food with high sodium and preservative content. Even metabolic syndrome, childhood obesity, weight gain, cancer, neuro problem, diabetes, all non-communicable diseases lead to kidney problems. Also, underweight and immature babies with underdeveloped kidneys, given birth by malnourished mothers in all probability are prone to develop kidney disease.

In north India, particularly, in Haryana and Punjab, incidence of renal stones is very high due to polluted underground water, while in villages, kidney incidence also occur due to malaria, infections, leptospirosis, and snake bite.

How critical is the Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) situation and what is the survival rate?

A silent killer, CKD escapes detection of symptoms that could raise the red flag. Majority of the patients come to us in advanced stage III and beyond where 70% kidney are damaged already. Therefore, it is essential that those with family history of CKD and diabetes should get regular check-ups done to diagnose them at early age.

The body has two delicate kidneys situated in the lower back on sides of spine in lumbar region and back. But the only consolation is that you can live a normal life with one kidney even if the other is damaged, degenerated, donated or born with one.

In 1: 1500 people there is an incidence of single kidney since birth.

The Various stages of Chronic Kidney Disease

Stage I	-	90 ml/minute
Stage II	-	60 – 90
Stage III	-	30 – 60
Stage IV	-	15 – 30
Stage V	-	<15

The last two stages are critical stages and terminal, when nothing much can be done other than recommending kidney transplant or dialysis.

Why is kidney transplant the best therapy in the event of the organ's failure?

Kidney transplant and that too, preferably from a cadaver donor, is the best option because it improves the quality of life considerably and you don't require living donor. But sadly, in India, only 2-3 percent cadaver donations take place because of lack of awareness and cultural, social taboos, hindering the efforts. Unlike, in the West and South India, which has a more robust cadaver donation programme, the northern states of our country lag behind. India unfortunately has high number of road accidents. If the kidneys of brain dead victims can be grafted and transplanted in a patient with the consent of the family as per rules, we could save many precious lives, who die for want of a kidney. We should aim to take the conversation to the drawing rooms of homes and public discourse.

In living donation any close blood relation can donate their kidney to the patient. Of late even the in-laws have been included for instance, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law etc., can donate their kidney. If the patient does not have a family then under new HOTA guidelines, kidney can even be from unrelated donor on emotional grounds. The voluntary donor and the receiver, both have to undergo stringent adherences to rule out any financial transactions.

After Kidney Transplant, immediate results give 98-99 percent, one year survival is 93-95 percent, five year survival is about 60 percent and 40-50 per cent patients survive to 10-15 years. In contrast, on dialysis only 50 percent patients survive for two years and very few patients survive beyond 10 years. The youngest patient to be operated by us was 4-5 years and the oldest 75 years old, which is the upper permissible limit. For children, we recommend peritoneal dialysis usually as a method for Renal Replacement Therapy till they are 5 years old or above.

What are the types of kidney failure, diagnosis and recovery chances?

Acute Kidney Injury and Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) are the two types of kidney disease. While the former is reversible, because it's caused by injury, which as it heals, the kidney too recovers. The factors leading to acute kidney condition are toxic drugs, heavy metals, drugs, poisoning, obstruction like stone, and very high blood pressure, diarrhoea, vomiting, burns etc.

In CKD the disease develops over a period of 3 months or more and is caused by diabetes, hypertension, infections, primary glomerulonephritis and Renal Calculus disease, hereditary disease, obstruction and malignancies. Urine output usually remains normal and symptoms do not appear till 60 – 70% kidney damage has occurred.

Simple tests such as CBC, Urine Routine, Protein, RBC, WBC, eGFR, ACR, Creatinine, Ultrasound for Kidney Size, CT abdomen and Kidney Biopsy can diagnose kidney disease.

What are the various signs and symptoms of CKD, and how can it be managed?

CKD usually passes off as insignificant discomfitures of daily life and hence deceptive. Only after the kidney damage is at stage 4 or 5 that the symptoms become visible.

The signs and symptoms of chronic Kidney Disease are-

- Urine output mainly usually remain normal
- Nacturia
- Polyuria
- Kidneys are damaged
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Burn in urine
- Pus in Urine
- Blood in Urine
- Loss of Appellate
- Weakness
- Weight loss
- Fatigability
- Insomnia
- Itching
- Drowsiness
- Swelling foot and face
- Hypertension
- Pallor – Anemia
- Reduced Exercise capacity
- New onset heart failure
- Restless leg syndrome

Treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

- To slow down the progression of CKD
- Treatment of complications
- ACE Inhibitors
- ARBs
- SGL2 Inhibitors
- Keto Analogs
- Sodabicarb Therapy
- Low Protein Diet
- Management of anemia and mineral bone disease.

What are the various types of Renal Replacement Therapy, and their survival rate?

The three most common and available therapies are namely-

- Hemodialysis
- Peritoneal dialysis
- Renal Transplantation

While hemodialysis is center-based, were the patient has to visit the hospital minimum twice a week for dialysis, peritoneal dialysis contrastingly is home-based and can be managed by the family or healthy patients themselves.

The survival rate of hemodialysis are as follows:

- 5-10 years on HD
- 20-30 % of ESRD on HD
- Die within 2 years
- Kidney Transplant 16-20 years

You are also an expert is ABO in-compatible kidney transplant. Could you share about this intervention?

It was in 2012, that we did the first ABO incompatible kidney Transplant in SGRH. But now we have a technique which was developed first in Japan followed by the US and Europe. India was late to start because we did not have the filter and we introduced the technique of Japanese filter in India. We removed the antibodies of the donor with the help of the special imported filter followed by plasma exchange and then carried out the transplant that works as well even in an incompatible patient. Today, we have 12 years of follow up with us, and till date, we have done almost 350 ABO incompatible transplants. We consider this as a big leap forward. Now about 20% of our recipients are ABO incompatible.

How are advanced technology such as AI proving to be an asset to your specialty?

The use of AI in nephrology is best suited as:

- Prediction Tool for diseases.
- Diagnostic Tool
- Matching for Renal Transplant

Key-hole surgeries using laparoscopy or robot are now common in kidney operation for their meticulous precision causing minimal injury to the tissues, especially of the donor, which is a bigger challenge than the recipient. The future is all about genetic engineering where any defect can be corrected at source.

As President of the Indian Society for Nephrology (ISN), what role are you playing at the policy level with the government and spreading awareness in the public?

A disturbing trend that concerns me is gender inequality of donors, of which 80 percent are women. This is a subject of serious discussion at the national and society level. Mostly, mothers are the first to come forward to donate a kidney, followed by wives and lastly sisters. Yet, women are discriminated despite their sacrifices with dialysis mostly being denied to them as it incurs a cost of Rs 20-25 thousand per month. Comparatively men get preferential treatment among whom CKD is higher than women. Because of our efforts with Ministry of Health and various Government Agencies, our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi launched Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PM-NDP) on 7th April, 2016 as a part of National Health Mission to provide Hemodialysis to poor and needy patients. This covers all the 740 districts in the country, where every government district hospital has a minimum 5 dialysis machines, and trained staff. In 2018, peritoneal dialysis was also included in this programme.

Another concern is that there are only 2500 qualified Nephrologists in India and they practice mainly in metro cites, creating a wide gap. The reason being that the specialty was introduced late, in 1971, by my mentor, the legendary Dr (Prof.) K.S. Chugh, who is known as the 'Father of Nephrology' in India at PGI Chandigarh and initially there were few DM (Nephrology) seats in the country, but now with DNB programme about 250 Nephrologists are being trained in a year. We have to also involve general physicians in management of these patients. Indian Society for Nephrology (ISN) has started screening and early detection of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) by general Physicians at their clinics by providing a simple kit to test for urinary ACR in addition to sugar monitoring and BP recording.

As a leading Nephrologist, what is your strategy for controlling CKD?

The strategy must be a wide screening programme and early detection of kidney diseases in the general population. Considering the population that we have screening everyone is practically daunting and impossible. My suggestion is that atleast diabetes patients and hypertensive patients and those having family history of CKD should be screened. Also, every hypertensive person including children and those with renal stones should be screened for CKD. Those involved in hazardous occupation where there is exposure to heavy metals, chemicals, toxic gases or highly corrosive substance should also be screened. A mistake that many people do is pill-popping pain killers purchased at a chemist without consulting the doctor. It can result in severe consequences including kidney failure. Once the kidney is damaged the only treatment options available are dialysis and transplant.

What is your mantra for ensuring kidney health?

The 8 Golden Rules for Healthy Kidneys are :

- Keep fit - be active – ideal BW
- Eat a healthy diet
- Check & Control Blood Sugar
- Check & control BP
- Take appropriate fluid intake
- Do not smoke
- Don't take over the counter NSAIDs Pain Killers regularly
- Also, get your kidney checked if you have one or more the high risk factors
  - Diabetes • Hypertension • Obese
  - Family history of Kidney disease.

Could you share about your pioneering work and other achievements of your department at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital?

Dr. D.S. Rana, Founder of Department of Nephrology at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi started the Department on 1981 and it was the first Dialysis facility in private set-up in New Delhi. He was pioneer in starting Vascular Access (AV Stunt & AV Fistula) by Nephrologist. I joined Department in 1987 and learnt access technique under his mentorship.

We started peritoneal dialysis in north India in 1988 and since then our centre has done maximum CAPD catheter insertions and about 4000 patients were put on peritoneal dialysis. The Nephrology Department of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, one of the largest private set-up in the country, for AV fistula vascular access intervention. Also, we were first to start ABO incompatible Kidney transplant in the country and have done over 300 ABOi Kidney Transplants till date. Our centre is now recognized for Fellowship for Interventional Nephrology by ISN. We have started the first Spouse Kidney Transplant, Swap donations and Renal Transplant in HBsAg +ve patients, at our Centre.

Our Centre is also recognized for DNB Training in Nephrology by National Board. We have 5 seats per year in Nephrology. So far, we have trained more than 90 Nephrologists from our Centre.

We are excited about the important research projects being done at our department in collaboration with various global partners. My favourite project using Autologous Stem Cells in slowing the progression of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in the pipeline and it will be a major break through in Nephrology. Wearable kidney (implantable artificial kidney) is being developed by an Indian doctor in the US, which is expected to launch in next five years. WAK (Wearable Artificial Kidney) achieve a PD based therapy and is being used clinically in USA.

MAIN FUNCTIONS OF KIDNEY

- Removes toxin and excess of water (urea, creatinine) from the body.
- Controls blood pressure
- To produce RBC – control Hb
- Keeps your bones healthy
- Maintains mineral and molecule Acid / Alkali Balance, Sodium, Potassium, Anemia balance.

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0-50 Good | 51-100 Satisfactory | 101-200 Moderate | 201-300 Poor | 301-400 Very Poor | 401-500 Severe

SKYWATCH

FORECAST: March 14
Partly cloudy sky becoming mainly clear sky by afternoon

MAX: 30 (1.1° C above normal) | MIN: 15 (0.1° C below normal)

GREEN SIGNAL FROM UNION CABINET

Delhi to get 2 new Metro corridors

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THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday approved two new corridors of Delhi Metro Phase-IV — one from Inderlok to Indraprastha and the other from Lajpat Nagar to Saket G-Block — at a cost of Rs 8,399 crore, of which, Rs 4,309 crore will be in the form of a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The proposals of the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry were passed by the Cabinet at a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in what could be the last Cabinet meeting before the announcement of the Lok Sabha elections.

Announcing the Cabinet's decision, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said the Centre will give Rs 1,547 crore; the Delhi government Rs 1,987 crore; and the remaining from the loan, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's own funds, and public private partnership (PPP). He said, once complete, the corridor will have 2.5 lakh daily passengers.

In total, the two corridors will cover 20.76 km. An extension of the Green Line, the Inderlok-Indraprastha corridor will provide interchange with the Red, Yellow, Magenta, Violet and Blue lines, and the Airport Line, said a government statement.

The 12.37-km corridor will have 10 stations — Inderlok, Dayabasti, Sarai Rohilla, Ajmal Khan Park, Nabi Karim, New Delhi, LNJP Hospital, Delhi Gate, Delhi Sachivalaya and Indraprastha — improving the connectivity for commuters from Bahadurgarh, the statement added.

The 8.38-km Lajpat Nagar-Saket G Block corridor will connect the Golden (earlier named Silver Line), Magenta, Pink, and Violet Lines. It will be entirely elevated and have 8 stations — Lajpat Nagar, Andrews Ganj, Greater Kailash-1, Chirag Delhi, Pushpa Bhawan, Saket District Centre, Pushp Vihar, and Saket G Block.

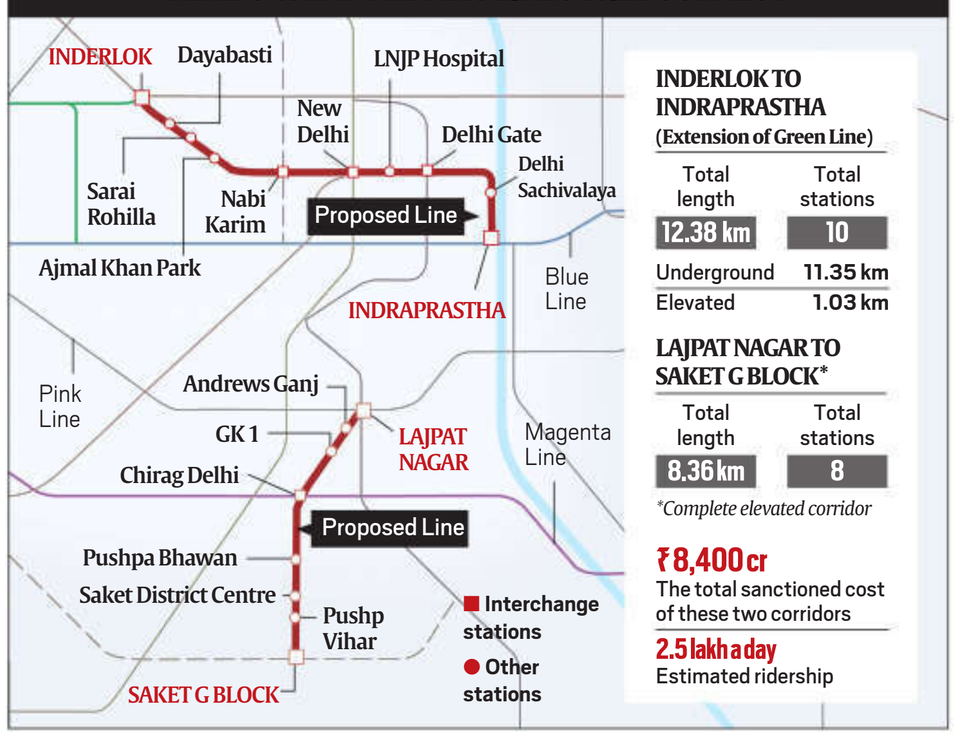
The Inderlok-Indraprastha Line will enhance connectivity to the Bahadurgarh region of the Delhi Metro, which is already constructing a 65-km network as part of its fourth phase of expansion. These new corridors are expected to be completed in stages, by March 2026.

At present, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation operates a 391-km network comprising 286 stations, and is one of the fastest growing networks in the world.

Thakur also said the two new corridors will be completed by March 2029, while the government statement added that the DMRC had already started preparing the projects' tender.

The three corridors of Phase IV, which were approved in 2019, are under-construction as of now. The 65-km corridors will be completed by 2026, he added.

HERE'S WHAT THE NEW LINES WILL CONNECT



INDERLOK TO INDRAPRASTHA (Extension of Green Line)

Total length	Total stations
12.38 km	10

Underground	11.35 km
Elevated	1.03 km

LAJPAT NAGAR TO SAKET G BLOCK*

Total length	Total stations
8.36 km	8

*Complete elevated corridor

₹8,400 cr The total sanctioned cost of these two corridors

2.5 lakh a day Estimated ridership

The new corridors have been approved at a cost of Rs 8,399 crore. *Archive*

SIX INJURED; ACCUSED IN POLICE CUSTODY

Car ploughs into shoppers at Mayur Vihar market, 1 dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

A CAR ploughed into shoppers at a busy market in East Delhi's Mayur Vihar Phase III on Wednesday night, killing a woman and injuring at least six others, police said.

Officers said the incident took place around 9.30 pm.

CCTV footage from the incident shows a silver Hyundai sedan ramming into a vegetable vendor pushing a cart and a temporary structure covered by a tent on a road junction, where several passersby and shopkeepers can be seen. After ramming into the crowd, shoppers can be seen frantically fleeing the spot. One man rushes towards the car and tries to break open the window. As more people gather around the car, it reverses and speeds away.

Of the seven victims, five are women. "One of the women, 22-year-old Sita Devi, 22, a resident of Ghaziabad, died at the hospital," said DCP (East) Apoorva Gupta.

The injured have been admitted to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, said police.

A senior police officer said the accused kept accelerating after ramming the crowd. He was later caught and beaten up by the public, and was handed over to the police, said the officer, adding that he is now in police custody.

Police said they were verifying if the vehicle was from a cab service and if the man had a driver's licence.

"He is changing his statements with regard to his age and we are still verifying his antecedents... we carried out a test and no alcohol has been found in his blood," said another officer.

(Clockwise from top) CCTV footage shows the car ramming into the crowd and shoppers gathering around before frantically fleeing as it reverses and speeds away. *Express*

5,000 protesters, no weapons: Curbs for kisan mahapanchayat

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ONLY 5,000 protesters allowed, no sticks or any other sharp weapons permitted: Delhi Police has issued restrictions as it allowed the Samyukt Kisan Morcha's kisan mahapanchayat to be held at Ramlila Maidan Thursday.

DCP (Central) Harsh Vardhan said permission for the protest had been granted with strict conditions. He said that the farmers' union had signed an undertaking assuring that the mahapanchayat would be peaceful. Officers said steps would be taken to ensure miscreants do not create law and order problems during the protest. Sufficient force will be deployed, they added.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Traffic Police has imposed traffic restrictions in the national capital.

According to its advisory, traffic movement will be restricted on Jawaharlal Nehru Marg, Barakhamba Road, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, Tolstoy Road, Jai Singh Road, Asaf Ali Road and Sansad Marg, among other key routes. The advisory added that traffic diversions might be imposed from 6 am also at Delhi Gate, Ajmeri Gate Chowk, Guru Nanak Chowk and Paharganj Chowk.

Half an hour to three mins: Travel time cut after Moti Nagar flyover opening, says CM

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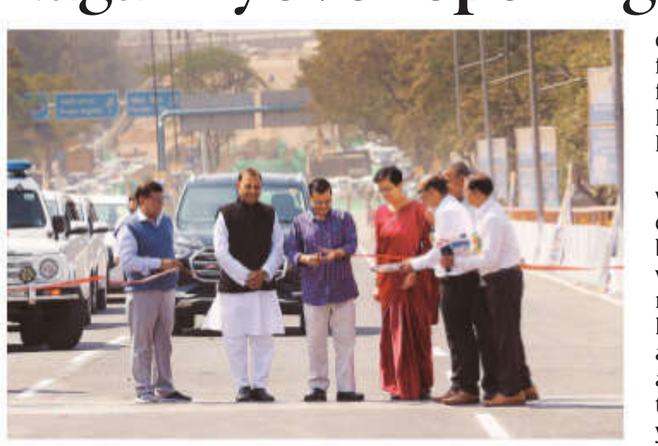
COMMUTING BETWEEN West-South Delhi and Gurgaon is now set to be smoother with the opening of the much-awaited half flyover in Moti Nagar, Ring Road.

Inaugurating the three-lane stretch on Wednesday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said: "Earlier, it used to take half an hour to travel half a kilometre (on the stretch)... due to traffic. With the construction of the new flyover, this distance will be covered within three minutes. The Moti Nagar flyover is just a small component; the bigger and primary component is the Club Road Flyover, which will be ready by July," he said.

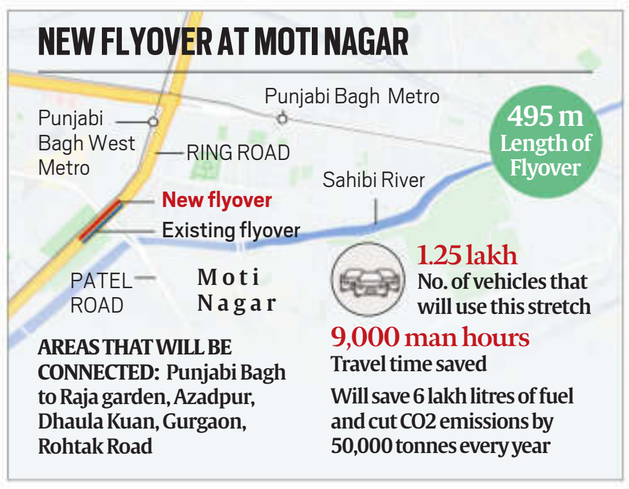
The CM also said the Public Works Department (PWD) built the flyover in just 18 months, and the Club Road one will be completed in about 21 months.

He also said the AAP-Delhi government has built 31 flyovers in 10 years: "In the last 75 years, 63 flyovers had been constructed in Delhi. Since the city's people entrusted us with responsibility, in the last 10 years, we have built 31 flyovers. Today, we are inaugurating the 31st... We have demonstrated that 50% of the work done in the past 75 years in Delhi (can be done) in just 10 years. It only requires clear intentions. Earlier, the issue was not lack of funds but lack of intention."



CM Kejriwal and PWD Minister Atishi at the flyover inauguration, Wednesday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

NEW FLYOVER AT MOTI NAGAR



495 m Length of Flyover

1.25 lakh No. of vehicles that will use this stretch

9,000 man hours Travel time saved

Will save 6 lakh litres of fuel and cut CO2 emissions by 50,000 tonnes every year

AREAS THAT WILL BE CONNECTED: Punjabi Bagh to Raja garden, Azadpur, Dhaula Kuan, Gurgaon, Rohtak Road

Part of the 1.68-km Punjabi Bagh-Rajouri Garden corridor redevelopment plan, the 495-m half flyover will provide connectivity from Punjabi Bagh to Azadpur, Britannia Chowk, Dhaula Kuan, Rohtak Road, and Gurgaon.

PWD minister Atishi, who was present at the inaugural ceremony, said this flyover would be used by more than 1.25 lakh vehicles in a day and help commuters save more than 6 lakh litres of fuel every year. It will also help save 9,000 man-hours and reduce more than 50,000 tonnes of CO_2 emissions every year, said the minister.

A PWD official said, "Currently, a two-lane flyover exists, providing connectivity from Azadpur to Punjabi Bagh. But it sees heavy traffic jams due to the absence of connectivity on the other side. Now, the existing flyover has been widened to three lanes and a new flyover has been built alongside it."

Presently, traffic on the Ring Road destined for Punjabi Bagh and Paschim Vihar has to go via the Basaidarapur bridge. Now, vehicles heading towards Azadpur from Raja Garden and vice-versa can use both flyovers and avoid traffic congestion, said officials.

Further, around the new Moti Nagar flyover, there are provisions for two U-turns and a hump subway (at grade). The area below it has also been landscaped with provisions for footpaths.

LAUNCHES ATTACK ON CAA

Wants to give our rights to Pakistanis: Kejriwal slams BJP

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ACCUSING THE BJP-led Centre of planning to give the rights of Indian citizens to illegal migrants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday demanded the withdrawal of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019. He also urged people to vote against the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls if the government did not withdraw the Act.

"The entire country demands that CAA be withdrawn. We will not let them give our children's rights to others under any circumstances... If BJP does not agree... then express your anger by casting your vote against BJP in this election," Kejriwal said.

The Centre Monday notified the rules for implementation of the CAA, which was passed in 2019 and was met with widespread protests across the country. Several Opposition-ruled states have said they will not implement the Act.

Addressing a press conference, Kejriwal said, "When citizens in the country are struggling to find jobs, the BJP wants to... bring people from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan to India and give them citizenship. They will be provided jobs, schools for their children, houses..."

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> **— ARVIND KEJRIWAL,** DELHI CM

He claimed that the central government's money, "which should be spent on developing the country, will be spent on settling Pakistanis".

"There are around 3 crore people in these countries. If we open our doors, these people will come here... even if 2 crore people come to India, who is going to give them jobs, houses and education? Will the BJP keep them in its house?..." he asked.

Kejriwal further alleged that the CAA was a BJP ploy to "strengthen its vote bank in states where it has few chances of winning". "... maybe not in the upcoming polls but it will benefit in the next one."

He also referred to the government falling in Haryana, saying it failed to provide education and jobs to its citizens, forcing them to go to "a war-hit country like Israel for jobs".

The CM alleged that in the last 10 years, several top businessmen who provided jobs to hundreds of people moved out of the country.

"If the BJP wants to bring people from outside, bring them (businessmen) back... they will provide jobs to our citizens. This is just the beginning... a large number of intruders will enter our country and snatch our rights... In the next election, they will say those who came to the country in 2024 will get citizenship... this is very dangerous," he said.

He said the move will largely impact the northeastern states, especially Assam, where "a large number of people from Bangladesh have entered". "These states are losing their language and culture because of the illegal migration... Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, instead of standing with his people, is supporting the CAA," the Delhi CM added.

YOUNGEST IN HIS FAMILY, WORKED HARD TO ACHIEVE HIS GOALS

Journey of data journalist who died in US fire: Delhi to NY, DU to Columbia

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

FROM A government school in West Delhi to Columbia University and a job as a data journalist in the US — Fazil Khan's leap from the Capital's Raghubir Nagar neighbourhood to New York was part audacious, part inspiring.

That journey was abruptly cut short last month, when Fazil, 27, died in a fire in his building in Harlem, New York, on February 23. While 17 people were injured in the blaze, Fazil was the sole fatality. On February 28, *The New York Times* reported that the fire was caused by "lithium-ion batteries that power e-bikes". The fire began from an apartment where the batteries were being charged, the report added.

The New York City Fire Department (FDNY) had stated on *X* that the fire was caused by a lithium-ion battery. The New York Police Department (NYPD) told *The Indian Express* in an email, "The investigation remains ongoing." The email added that Fazil had been rescued by firefighters in a "critical condition" and was "pronounced deceased at the hospital".

Addressing the press on the day of the fire, February 23, FDNY officials said they had a "challenging fire" that afternoon that started on the third floor of the building but quickly spread to the hallway, blocking off the exit pathway of people on floors above. Fazil lived on the fourth floor.

Fazil was laid to rest in Delhi on February 28. The youngest member of his family, he is survived by his mother, two brothers and three sisters. Kashif Khan, 33, Fazil's brother, told *The Indian Express*, "Our father passed away in 2022. This Eid would have marked two years of his death, but we lost Fazil before that."

Fazil was in India in December 2023 for Kashif's wedding and left for New York in January. "He handled our family's textile shop for a day during his visit and also visited our ancestral village (in Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh) for the first time in 14 years," says the elder brother.

Kashif said, "In our area (Raghubir Nagar), studies don't matter but our father ensured we all completed our graduation. Our neighbours treated Fazil like a celebrity and posed for photos with him because he lived abroad. Fazil had goals and worked hard for them. We did family video calls each Saturday. During our last video call, he said he wanted to go to Mecca in November."

Akshay Kalra, 27, a data scientist and Fazil's classmate at Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya, the Delhi government's school for meritorious students, in Paschim Vihar, said he had achieved the impossible. "Where Fazil is from, leaving it (all behind) is a big deal... People here used to think that he had an attitude because he would not talk to anyone but he was just working on his goals. Very few boys from our batch were able to do as well as Fazil," Kalra said.

Fazil went on to study English Honours from Delhi University's Aryabhatta College and earned a postgraduate diploma in journalism from the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), before working in Delhi from 2018 to 2020, first as a sub-editor with *Business Standard* and then a correspondent with *CNN-News18*. In 2020, he moved to New York to pursue a data journalism course.

He eventually ended up working as a data journalist with *The Hechinger Report*, a non-profit media company that focuses on covering education. One of his recent works was on how, at 17 institutions in the US, economically disadvantaged students paid more than students from affluent backgrounds on account of differences in financial aid.

But before journalism, Kalra recalled, Fazil considered a career in shooting. "When we were in Class 9, we went on a National Cadet Corps (NCC) trip, where we were introduced to shooting. Fazil turned out to be the best shooter. He thought about pursuing the sport as a career, but neither his family nor our school had the resources for the rifle, the training," he says.

Fazil Khan (standing at the back) moved to New York in 2020 to pursue data journalism from Columbia University. *Facebook*

Other friends recalled Fazil as a quiet man who was a confidant of many. They also spoke of him as being "in style" always — in the best of clothes — as someone who wrote poetry and sang in a way that could set the mood in a room.

Parul Rohal, 27, a friend of Fazil's from Aryabhatta College, said, "He was always curious and wanted to learn new things... He was interested in *ghazals*, and in our second year of college, in Urdu literature."

His school friend Kalra added, "Fazil was sure he wanted to go to Columbia University. But his plans for later kept changing. Initially, he wanted to live there. He liked working there, but missed his family. Then, he wanted to live with his family, his *Ammi*, wherever he was... in Europe or the US or somewhere in India."

Madhur Ratawal, 27, another friend of Fazil's from Aryabhatta College who asked Instagram to "memorialise" his profile on the social networking site, said, "He was shy and opened up slowly. Fazil was from a very humble background and a big family — and, being the youngest, very beloved. He was religious and would observe *roza* sincerely. He was happy in New York and would tell his *Ammi*, '*Bahar leke jaunga* (I will take you abroad)'."

Priya Keswani, 28, a classmate from IIMC, added, "We were once travelling in the Metro and met a junior who wanted to get into the same course at IIMC. Fazil explained the entire process for half an hour... Though he was very meticulous and ambitious, he was incredibly kind too."

Ratawal says Fazil's warm personality was perhaps the reason why his friends in New York "moved heaven and earth" to send his body back to Delhi within days of his death.

Pooja Dantewadia, a data journalist based in New York and a friend of Fazil's, said in the aftermath of the incident, the priority for his friends in the US was to figure out the logistics and paperwork, and get his body home to India. "My roommate, who was collaborating with Fazil on a project, received a call from his workplace, informing us that he was present in the building where the fire broke out. Upon learning (of the death), all our friends gathered to coordinate logistics and ensure the body could be returned to his home in India," she says.

At a memorial held at Columbia University, a few days after the tragedy, friends and colleagues spoke of how he was always eager for new experiences, including learning ice-skating.

Liz Willen, Editor-in-Chief of *The Hechinger Report*, who spoke that day, said, "We were very, very lucky to have had him... I have often been asked, why do we do this work? Why? The answer: reporters like Fazil Khan — kind, brilliant, committed to truth-telling without fear or favour. That's one answer. Fazil was the kind of journalist that made it easy to answer that question."

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TOUCHING LIVES

***Dr (Col.) Akhil Mishra**, VSM, is an army veteran. After a very eventful and promising career spanning 28 years, he took premature retirement from the Army Medical Corps to pursue his interest in Nephrology. Eventually, he joined Indraprastha Apollo Hospital since its very inception. This elegant doctor believes that it is the bounded duty of a medical care giver to listen to his patient , patiently . This has won him many hearts and acclaim such as V.S.M. award and others, for his extensive and pioneering work , spanning 58 years, out of which 43 years as a nephrologist. On the occasion of World Kidney Day on 14th March, 2024, Dr Mishra, takes the readers through the milieu of emerging concerns of kidney disease and its solutions as experienced by him.*

What is the kidney disease situation in India and how much is attributed to the escalation of diabetes?

Kidney disease in India is a major health problem. It is estimated that around 0.8 - 1% of the population out of a total of 1. 3 billion suffers from chronic kidney disease. Kidney disease can be acute or chronic in nature. It is difficult to give a correct estimate of the total number of cases in India as there have been very few studies. In the present time it has certainly escalated due to increase in the incidence of diabetes, hypertension, use of nephrotoxic drugs, modified lifestyle and age-related problems due to longevity of life. Out of these diabetes has been a major contributory factor in the increase of incidence of CKD. Out of a total cases of CKD at least 30% are due to diabetes . It is estimated that by the year 2030, India will become the capital of diabetes.

Which are the common kidney diseases prevalent in India, what leads to it and the symptoms that one should be aware of?

The common kidney diseases prevalent in India are diabetic kidney disease , chronic interstitial nephritis , hypertensive kidney disease, chronic glomerulo nephritis , renal calculus disease, obstructive uropathy, congenital kidney disease such as adult polycystic kidney disease, autoimmune kidney disease, and kidney disease caused by nephrotoxic drugs especially painkillers. The, symptoms to look out for are swelling over the body, decreased urine output, leak of protein in urine, rise in urea, creatinine levels , rise in blood pressure and anaemia.

Could you share about your area of expertise and the challenges faced by you?

I have been practicing nephrology in general which includes clinical nephrology and various procedures used to treat kidney patients. This includes haemodialysis peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) and kidney transplant. During my Army career I also had the opportunity to treat tropical kidney disease caused by malaria, cholera, de-hydration, dengue, viral hepatitis, HUS (diarrhoea related) snake bite etc., leading to acute kidney failure.

It is a fact that the number of nephrologists in India is very small. At present, there are roughly only 2400 nephrologists in the country. It almost amounts one to two nephrologist per one million people. That is why a nephrologist is expected to treat all kinds of kidney disease and there will be very few who will concentrate on only one area of the disease.

By virtue of working in Indraprastha Apollo Hospital for the last almost 27 years, I have had the good fortune to treat almost all kinds of kidney disease.

Technology has proved to be a game-changer in the medical field. How has it enhanced interventions and modern drugs in your speciality?

Advancement in technology has made very appreciable difference in all branches of medicine. Likewise, in the field of nephrology as well. It has led to introduction of improved techniques in hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis CAPD and vascular access. New medicines have also been introduced to treat the disease. IgA nephropathy is treated to reduce the protein leak. There are medicines to prevent and cure infection, anaemia and to lessen chances of rejection in kidney transplant.

For haemodialysis we use high flux dialyzer and haemo diafiltration machines for better and faster removal of uraemic toxins.For peritoneal dialysis, we now have advanced ambulatory dialysis machines. Home dialysis is also being more commonly used. Plasma pheresis and plasma exchange is used for more complex cases. In relation to kidney transplant ABO incompatible transplant which is across the blood group barrier has been made possible with plasma exchange . It is now possible to do high risk transplants including second/third transplant.

At what stage of the disease would you recommend a transplant?

CKD is a progressive disease, and variable in turning into a full-blown case. To assess the stage where the disease has progressed is determined by the clinical condition of the patient and the biochemical parameters.

CKD has been classified into 5 stages i.e., CKD-1 to CKD-5. This classification is based on patient's GFR, which means the percentage of kidney function. In CKD 1, kidneys are functioning around 90% and by CKD 5, if its function drops below 15%, the patient is considered for dialysis or transplant . In diabetics when his/her kidney function is < 15% (CKD 5) and in non-diabetics< 10% they are considered for dialysis or transplant . Besides the kidney function, patient's clinical condition is also taken into consideration that is whether he/she has become symptomatic, having nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, shortness of breath etc. Simultaneously a kidney donor work up should also be done in case a donor is available. The donor should have a Blood Group match ,HLA match and cross-match should be negative. The donor should be physically fit, must be above 18 years of age and preferably below 65 years. Recipient does not have an age limit if he/she is fit for surgery.

For a cadaveric kidney transplant one should meet the requirement of Blood Group match, viability of kidney and recipient fitness.

Dr Prathap C. Reddy, Founder-Chairman of the Apollo Hospitals Group with Dr Mishra

With advancements in medical care across the board, how is it benefiting patient recovery?

It goes without saying that advances in medical care have benefited patients a great deal. Although , as mentioned earlier the concern is about grossly inadequate number of Nephrologists to meet the requirement of the growing population of patients with kidney disease . But gradually specialist care and awareness about the disease is being made available at peripheral hospitals . Central government and the state government are coming forward to establish stand-alone dialysis units at the district level. These units will run with the help of government and public support. More number of physicians, technicians and nurses are being trained and inducted in these centres, which will function under the guidance of physicians trained in dialysis. Simultaneously, more physicians are also being trained to recognise and treat the renal diseases.

Prevention is the best cure. How do you encourage this saying among the larger community?

Like for any other disease, prevention of kidney disease is very much desired. This will require the screening of a large population of people. These patients should then be referred to a higher centre for follow up. Early specialised treatment will prevent rapid deterioration of kidney functions and reduce the burden of end stage kidney patients in the society. The symptoms to look out for are swelling in body, presence of protein in urine, rise in blood pressure, anaemia and raised levels of urea and creatinine.

To ensure optimal kidney function and health , drink 2-2.5 litres of water daily to flush toxins from the body and prevent stone formation.

Considering India's huge population, what are the gaps in your speciality and how are you tackling it with team or group practice?

As mentioned earlier there is a gross deficiency of men, machine, and care takers for kidney disease all over the country. We in our own way are preparing the next generation of nephrologists and trained staff. So far the government was concentrating more on communicable diseases and non-communicable diseases like heart disease, hypertension, diabetes and cancer. It is heartening to see that now both the central and state governments are also concerned with and are offering financial help for the treatment of chronic kidney disease as well. It is worth mentioning here that a number of AIIMS and other medical colleges are coming up for training of super specialists . We hope that a larger number of nephrologists will come out of these institutions and fill-up the gap.

Treatment of kidney disease is very expensive and a cause of concern as it hinders accessibility. The government alone may not be able to shoulder the responsibility. The public too has to be made aware and NGO's as well as the general public has to step forward to share the burden.

How has your journey been as a doctor so far and the improvement that you wish to see conveyed by an interesting tagline?

I consider myself extremely fortunate to be part of the medical fraternity. I have also been able to fulfil my other ambition of joining the army and serving the nation. The army taught me discipline and also gave me the opportunity to carry on with my hobbies. I was fortunate to serve in two of the most prestigious institution's i.e., Army Research and Referral Hospital, Delhi and Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, Delhi which gave me ample opportunity to practice advanced nephrology. When I joined the medical profession the practice of nephrology was in its very initial stage. Though an accidental nephrologist, I am feted as a pioneer, who did the first successful peritoneal dialysis in 1968 and the first kidney transplant in the Armed forces in 1991. I established a renal unit in Escorts Research and Referral Hospital, Faridabad and helped in establishing the Nephrology Department of Indraprastha Apollo Hospital. Today Apollo Hospitals are the largest kidney transplant centres in the world.

With my disciplined life, devotion to my profession and with the blessings of my patents and God I still feel very fit and am very satisfied with my 58 years of practice in medicine, out of which I have served 43 years in nephrology alone. With my experience of so many years in the field I can say with confidence that nephrology is the best super speciality in medicine. It makes you a complete physician. I wish a bright future for nephrology and the coming generation of nephrologists.

I would like to end with the motto of my Guru , Swami Sivanandji , himself a renowned doctor of his time and the founder of Sivanand Ashram at Rishikesh.

BE GOOD DO GOOD

This is the advice I would like to share with all my colleagues, young and old.

WORDS OF GRATITUDE BY PATIENTS

I AM writing this note with immense gratitude and appreciation for the incredible gift you gave me over 23 years ago- a new kidney that saved my life. Words cannot express how much your skill, knowledge, and dedication mean to me. You gave me a second chance at life, and for that, I will be forever grateful. And I feel incredibly lucky to have had you as my doctor. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

MR LOKENDRA MEITI

A resident of Manipur, Lokendra Meiti, is a national table tennis player, who has won several prizes and certificates. He underwent a kidney transplant in 2000 at the age of 24 years. Under the care of the veteran Dr Akhil Mishra, Lokendra has been leading a very active life as a sportsperson. His testimony says it all.

ON A reference from one of my staff in Delhi, who had very high opinion about Dr. Akhil Mishra, Sr Nephrologist in Apollo, I landed in Apollo Hospitals in October 2003 and got admitted for tests and treatment. Dr. Mishra worked hard to get the necessary formalities and after exhaustive tests on me and my mother, aged 72, the willing donor, the transplant was successfully carried out by the excellent team of doctors on 26-12-2003. My mother lived 18 years after the transplant and died at the ripe old age of 90 years. I am blessed that Dr. Mishra is my Doctor. He has spread smiles in many other lives as well. The nightmare of my illness slowly became a dream of recovery, thanks to a wonderful Doctor who changed my destiny. It has been 21 years now, and Dr. Mishra has been taking excellent care of me with his professionalism and compassion.

B.K.TIWARY (Retd. HAG Officer of Govt. of India)

A resident of Dwarka, New Delhi, Mr Tiwari, at the time of the transplant was 52 years. After retiring from service in 2011 at 60 years, he continues to lead a normal life, which he says, he owes it to Dr Mishra.

THROUGH references and my own research for the right nephrologist led me to consult Dr Akhil Mishra. As I was in a bad shape, I underwent a kidney transplant in March 2023. The operation was successful and I am regaining my strength, leading a normal life with some medication. With the kind of experience that he has, Dr Mishra, was a great support during moments of apprehension and his presence was reassuring. A sympathetic listener, I am extremely grateful for his invaluable advise and selfless guidance that proved to be a life-saver. I am fortunate to have met the right doctor, at the right time and highly recommend him.

PRATEEK RAO,

Singapore , *Prateek Rao, 40, a consultant with Deloitte, Singapore, underwent a kidney transplant with a kidney donated by his father, who turns 70 this March. The father-son duo are in good health.*

DR AKHIL MISHRA taught me to live. He exudes energy and positivity that inspires his patients. In my 28 years of association with Apollo Hospital as a patient, I was never hospitalised unnecessarily even for a single day, the medicines prescribed was minimal nor unwanted tests ever suggested. A legendary nephrologist, he is known for his expertise, compassion and undying spirit of a soldier. Very grounded, Dr Mishra, is a noble soul with a noble perception, and truly complements a noble profession.

RAJESH GUPTA,

Realtor, Ghaziabad
In November 1996, Rajesh Gupta, then aged 24, suffered from recurring severe headache, thought to be a heart problem, was detected with kidney problem. The cardiologist advised to consult Dr Akhil Mishra. In November 1997, Rajesh, underwent kidney transplant with kidney donated by his mother. Unfortunately, the kidney was rejected and since the patient was born with a solitary kidney, he was recommended to go for dialysis. Rajesh Gupta has been undergoing dialysis for the past 28 years. It's a miracle in medicine, fortitude and family support.

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Dr. Chhavi Agarwal
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Chronic kidney disease is defined by eGFR less than 60ml/min/1.73m2 persisting for 3 months or more. It is a progressively worsening kidney function leading to a stage of either dialysis or renal transplant. In majority of the cases CKD results from either Diabetes Mellitus or hypertension with other causes attributing to only around 10-20% cases.

Uncontrolled blood pressure and diabetes are the most important modifiable risk factors in CKD. Thus screening for CKD in these patients is of extreme importance along with appropriately managing the primary etiology. Timely diagnosis of CKD in early stages can help in reversal or control of the disease with the available therapy.

CKD is a major cause of morbidity in patients with diabetes and substantially increases the treatment cost of the patient. Along with that it also predisposes the patient to heart problems, blood pressure fluctuations, paralytic attacks and high glycemic variability leading to frequent hospitalizations. Thus timely management of the underlying cause and early diagnosis of CKD by screening can exponentially reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with CKD.

Risk factors for kidney damage in diabetic patients

Dr. Chandan Kumar Mishra
Endocrinologist (DM), Delhi

Kidney damage is a significant concern for individuals with diabetes, as it compromises the organs' vital functions, including waste removal and fluid balance. The primary contributors to kidney damage in diabetes are high blood pressure (hypertension) and uncontrolled blood sugar levels.

Hypertension exacerbates kidney damage by causing nephropathy, the gradual deterioration of kidney function. Elevated blood pressure levels lead to stiffening of blood vessels, reducing the flow of oxygen-rich blood to the kidneys and impairing their ability to filter waste effectively.

For individuals with diabetes, optimal blood pressure management is essential. Guidelines recommend maintaining a systolic blood pressure (the top number) below 130 mmHg and a diastolic blood pressure (the bottom number) below 80 mmHg, especially for those at risk of heart disease. These targets help mitigate the risk of further kidney damage and related complications.

Similarly, high blood sugar levels pose a significant threat to kidney health. Prolonged exposure to elevated glucose levels damages the small blood vessels within the kidneys, compromising their ability to function properly. While the precise mechanisms underlying this damage are complex, regulating blood sugar levels through medication, diet, and lifestyle modifications has been shown to improve kidney function and slow the progression of kidney disease in diabetes.

In addition to hypertension and hyperglycemia, several other risk factors contribute to diabetic nephropathy. Smoking, substance abuse, older age, and underlying medical conditions such as obesity and high cholesterol levels further increase the likelihood of kidney damage in individuals with diabetes.

Addressing these risk factors through lifestyle modifications, medication adherence, and regular monitoring is crucial for preserving kidney health in diabetes. Smoking cessation, maintaining a healthy weight, and controlling cholesterol levels are essential steps in reducing the risk of kidney complications.

Overall, proactive management of blood pressure and blood sugar levels, along with lifestyle modifications, plays a central role in preventing and mitigating kidney damage in individuals with diabetes. Regular medical check-ups and adherence to treatment plans are vital for early detection and intervention to preserve kidney function and overall health.

Managing Diabetes in Patients with Kidney Disease: Key Strategies for Better Health

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Diabetes and kidney disease often go hand in hand, creating a challenging situation for patients. When diabetes isn't well managed, it can lead to kidney damage or worsen existing kidney problems. Conversely, kidney disease can make managing diabetes more difficult. However, with proper care and attention, individuals with diabetes and kidney disease can lead fulfilling lives. Here are some key strategies for managing diabetes in kidney patients:

Blood Sugar Monitoring: Regular monitoring of blood sugar levels is crucial for kidney patients with diabetes. Keeping blood sugar within target ranges can help prevent further kidney damage and reduce the risk of complications. Patients should work closely with their healthcare team to establish target blood sugar levels and develop a monitoring schedule that fits their individual needs.

Medication Management: Kidney disease can affect how medications are processed in the body, so it's essential for patients to work closely with their healthcare provider to adjust their diabetes medications accordingly. Some diabetes medications may need to be modified or avoided altogether to prevent further kidney damage. Patients should never adjust their medications without consulting their healthcare provider.

Healthy Eating: A kidney-friendly diet is essential for managing both diabetes and kidney disease. Patients should focus on taking a balanced diet that is low in sodium, phosphorus, and potassium Monitoring protein intake is also important for kidney health. Working with a registered dietitian can help patients develop a personalized meal plan that meets their nutritional needs while managing diabetes and kidney condition.

Regular Exercise: Exercise is beneficial for both diabetes and kidney disease management. Regular physical activity can help improve blood sugar control, lower blood pressure, and maintain a healthy weight. Patients should aim for at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise most days of the week, as long as it's safe and approved by their healthcare provider.

Blood Pressure Management: High blood pressure is common in individuals with diabetes and kidney disease and can further damage the kidneys. Patients should work with their healthcare provider to monitor and manage their blood pressure through lifestyle changes and, if necessary, modification

Quit Smoking: Smoking can worsen kidney damage and increase the risk of complications in individuals with diabetes and kidney disease. Quitting smoking is one of the best things patients can do to improve their overall health and reduce the progression of kidney disease.

Regular Medical Check-ups: Regular medical check-ups are essential for monitoring kidney function, blood sugar levels, and overall health. Patients should work with their healthcare provider to establish a schedule for routine screenings and follow-up appointments.

By following these strategies and working closely with their doctors, individuals with diabetes and kidney disease can effectively manage their conditions and reduce the risk of complications. With dedication and support, it's possible to lead a healthy and fulfilling life despite the challenges of managing both diabetes and kidney disease.

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As an endocrinologist deeply engaged in the comprehensive management of diabetes and its complications, it is imperative to underscore the critical importance of early identification and strategic management of diabetic kidney disease (DKD). DKD, a significant complication affecting a substantial fraction of the diabetic population, necessitates vigilant monitoring and intervention. Key to this approach is the routine annual screening for urinary albumin and estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), enabling the early detection of at-risk individuals.

The cornerstone of DKD management aligns with the American Diabetes Association's recommendations, advocating for stringent blood glucose and blood pressure control. The deployment of Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors or angiotensin receptor blockers (ARB) is paramount for patients exhibiting hypertension and albuminuria, effectively slowing the progression of the disease while offering renal protection. The advent of SGLT2 inhibitors represents a notable advancement in the therapeutic landscape, providing not only improved glycemic control but also significant protective benefits against the progression of chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular events.

The dissemination of this knowledge extends beyond the medical community, highlighting the importance for the general public and primary care physicians to understand and implement these guidelines. Early intervention and adherence to these evidence-based management strategies are critical in enhancing patient outcomes and quality of life. As healthcare practitioners, our responsibilities extend beyond diagnosis and treatment; we are tasked with educating and empowering our patients and the broader community about the risks associated with DKD. Through informed collaborative efforts, we can significantly reduce the burden of this condition, promoting a healthier future for those impacted by diabetes and its renal complications.

Diabetes, Chronic kidney disease and Heart failure

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While it may not be immediately evident, the renal and cardiovascular systems are intricately linked, meaning conditions affecting one often impact the other. Diabetes, chronic kidney disease (CKD), and heart failure (HF) are interconnected conditions that can significantly affect overall health.

Individuals with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) are particularly vulnerable to complications due to high blood sugar levels, which can damage blood vessels and nerves supplying blood to the heart. This damage over time can stress both the kidneys and heart muscle, increasing the risk of developing CKD and HF. Alarmingly, about one in three adults with diabetes is diagnosed with CKD, while 25-40% of those with T2DM will eventually develop heart failure.

The kidneys play a crucial role in filtering toxins from the blood, regulating fluid levels, and maintaining blood pressure. CKD, characterized by a gradual loss of kidney function, often progresses silently without symptoms in its early stages. Regular monitoring of kidney function through tests like estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) and urine albumin-creatinine ratio (uACR) is vital for individuals with diabetes. Early intervention can slow disease progression and reduce the risk of complications like dialysis.

Diabetes can also disrupt the body's metabolic processes, potentially leading to heart failure—a chronic condition that worsens over time. Factors such as advanced age, duration of diabetes, and presence of coronary artery disease can increase the risk. Open communication with healthcare providers about lifestyle adjustments and treatment options is crucial for managing heart failure and reducing the risk of hospitalization and cardiovascular death.

Living with T2DM or related conditions like CKD or HF can be overwhelming, but understanding the interconnected nature of these conditions empowers individuals to take proactive steps in managing their health. By engaging in conversations with doctors and advocating for personalized treatment plans, individuals can better navigate their health journey and strive for a healthier lifestyle.

Diabetic kidney disease (CKD) is the leading cause of end stage kidney disease (ESKD)

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It is microvascular (involving small blood vessels) complication and occurs in both diabetes mellitus type 1 (T1DM) and diabetes mellitus type 2 (T2DM).

The disorder presents with persistent albuminuria (protein leak geinurine) and progressive decline in the glomerular filtration rate (kidney function). There is substantial evidence that early treatment can delay or prevent the progression of the disorder, using reliable urine and blood test for diagnosis and monitoring kidney function help in guiding the choice of medicines in treating diabetes. Optimizing blood sugar control, blood pressure control and cholesterol control are pivotal in halting the progression of DKD. Newer medicines like SGLT2 inhibitors have proven quite beneficial in treating diabetic kidney disease and they should be used when indicated.

Furthermore, diabetes predisposes individuals to urinary tract infections (UTIs), presenting yet another threat to kidney health. The persistent presence of urine in the bladder, exacerbated by impaired bladder function, creates an environment conducive to bacterial growth. Bacteria, opportunistic organisms thriving in environments with elevated sugar levels, proliferate rapidly within the urinary tract, increasing the risk of infection. While UTIs typically manifest in the bladder, their unchecked progression can lead to ascending infections, potentially reaching the kidneys and causing further damage.

Moreover, diabetes-induced neuropathy extends its reach to the nerves governing bladder function. These nerves serve as vital conduits for communication between the brain and the bladder, facilitating the sensation of fullness and prompting urination when necessary. However, in the presence of diabetes, these nerves can sustain damage, disrupting their ability to relay signals effectively. As a consequence, individuals may lose the sensation of bladder fullness, leading to bladder retention and increased pressure on the kidneys, which can ultimately contribute to renal impairment.

Steps to preventing Kidney disease in diabetics

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Living with diabetes increases the risk of developing kidney disease, as high blood glucose levels can strain the kidneys over time. However, there are proactive steps individuals can take to prevent kidney disease from progressing or developing in the first place.

Understand Risk Factors - Recognizing the factors that contribute to kidney disease is essential. Individuals with diabetes should be aware that elevated blood sugar levels can impact kidney function and increase the likelihood of kidney failure.

Be Proactive- Kidney disease often presents with little to no symptoms until it reaches an advanced stage. Engage in discussions with your healthcare provider about protecting your heart and kidneys. Regular screenings for urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio (UACR) can facilitate early detection, enabling timely interventions to prevent further deterioration.

Manage Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure - Keeping blood sugar and blood pressure levels within target ranges is crucial for kidney health. Effective management can significantly reduce the risk of early-stage kidney failure and may even reverse the early stages of kidney disease.

Discuss Special Needs with Healthcare Team - Certain treatments for diabetes may necessitate dietary modifications. Consult with your healthcare team before making any changes to your diet to ensure it aligns with your treatment plan.

Get Regular Screenings - Schedule annual UACR screenings to monitor kidney function and detect any abnormalities early on. Additionally, your healthcare provider can assess blood pressure, estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), urine protein ratios, and provide guidance on lifestyle modifications for prevention.

Taking proactive measures to protect kidney health is crucial for individuals with diabetes. By understanding risk factors, staying proactive with screenings, managing blood sugar and blood pressure effectively, and maintaining open communication with healthcare providers, individuals can lower their risk of developing kidney disease and improve overall health outcomes. Regular screenings and adherence to preventive measures are key to safeguarding kidney health and reducing the risk of complications associated with diabetes.

Diabetes's significance in kidney disease: A critical Issue

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Diabetes, a prevalent chronic condition affecting millions worldwide, brings with it a heightened risk of various health complications. One of the critical concerns for individuals with diabetes is the potential damage to small blood vessels throughout the body, leading to conditions such as diabetic kidney disease.

When diabetes takes its toll on the body, the small blood vessels, including those in the kidneys, become susceptible to injury. The repercussions are significant: impaired kidney function, water and salt retention, weight gain, ankle swelling, protein in the urine, and the accumulation of waste materials in the blood. Over time, diabetes-induced damage to nerves can result in difficulties emptying the bladder, increasing the risk of kidney injuries due to elevated bladder pressure and potential urinary tract infections.

The earliest sign of diabetic kidney disease is an increased excretion of albumin in the urine, a marker detectable before traditional tests reveal evidence of kidney disease. Regular monitoring of blood, urine, and blood pressure is crucial for early detection and effective management.

Several signs and symptoms may indicate diabetic kidney disease progression. These include nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, weakness, increasing fatigue, itching, muscle cramps (especially in the legs), anaemia, and changes in insulin requirements. Other observable signs encompass albumin/protein in the urine, high blood pressure, ankle and leg swelling, frequent nocturnal urination, elevated BUN and creatinine levels in the blood, reduced need for insulin or antidiabetic medications, morning sickness, and overall weakness.

Early intervention and effective management are essential in mitigating the progression of diabetic kidney disease. To maintain optimal kidney function, individuals are advised to control diabetes, manage high blood pressure, seek treatment for urinary tract infections, address any urinary system issues, and avoid medications that may harm the kidneys, especially certain over-the-counter pain medications.

Diabetic kidney disease is a serious complication that underscores the intricate relationship between diabetes and overall health. Early detection, proactive management, and lifestyle modifications are crucial in mitigating the risk of kidney failure.

Listen to your body: When to consider seeing an Urologist

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Bladder issues, pelvic pain, problems in the bedroom and other urologic symptoms aren't just inconvenient and uncomfortable. They can be seriously worrisome. If you have concerns related to your urinary tract or sexual health, your first step may be to see your primary-care provider. But if the issue requires further evaluation or treatment, the primary-care provider may refer you to a urologist. A urologist is a specialist who provides medical treatment to both men and women experiencing problems of the urinary bladder, kidneys, urinary system or reproductive systems. Depending on your symptoms, a urologist may order blood or urine labs, studies like urodynamics or perform diagnostic procedures. Here are some signs when you should consider seeing a urologist –

■ **Urinary tract infections:** When you have pain while passing urine, fever with chills or are passing blood in urine and these symptoms are as frequent as more than 2-3 times over six months.

■ **Incontinence issues:** if you are experiencing urine leakage or feel the need to pass urine more frequently than usual, a urologist may advise lifestyle changes, medical or if required, surgical procedures to improve your symptoms.

■ **Pelvic pain:** unexplained pelvic pain can be treated and may be related to benign conditions, but they could also be a warning sign of more serious conditions of the pelvic organs.

■ **Kidney stones:** the symptoms, if you have stones, include sharp pain in the lower abdomen, typically on one side, burning sensation while urinating, interrupted flow of urine, smelly or cloudy urine, fever with chills or even vomiting.

■ **Kidney cancer.** Now a days, with advent of ultrasound and routine screening, cancers of kidneys are getting detected at early stage. These patients can be treated with Robotic surgery. If the tumour is small and at suitable location, robotic surgery helps in removing the cancer while sparing the kidney

■ **Prostate problems:** that may be causing difficulty in emptying the bladder, weak stream of urine, pain or blood during urination.

■ **Sexual dysfunction in men:** urologists are experts in sexual and reproductive health for men and can treat low testosterone levels, erectile dysfunction, male infertility.

Understanding about your kidney health

Urological disorders are diseases of the kidneys, urinary tract and the male reproductive system. These include the urethra, urinary bladder, ureters as well as the testes, penis, prostate, seminal vesicles and the vas deferens. General urology covers a wide range of medical conditions commonly experienced by both male and female patients that are treated using conservative, minimally invasive or when required, surgical procedures. Urological issues like urine leakage, are common in the elderly, but can also start early among teenagers and active sportsmen. Activities like running, constant jumping etc. can trigger stress incontinence. In younger females of childbearing age, stress incontinence is prevalent following childbirth, when pelvic floor muscles become weak after delivery. Both men and women, throughout different stages of their lives can face urological problems. Urologists may recommend studies like urodynamics if problems are linked to voiding or storage of urine. It is a valuable tool for individuals diagnosed with urinary incontinence including frequent and urgent urination. Urodynamics testing captures how well the bladder is functioning, while measuring its ability to retain and expel urine. Urodynamics testing is simple, virtually painless, and can be performed easily in an office setting. Urodynamic testing includes tests like uroflowmetry (which measures the amount and speed of voiding urine), cystometry (Which is done by passing a catheter

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through the urethra into the bladder to test the bladder capacity, strength of the bladder muscle and the workings of nerve signals in the bladder), electromyogram (that evaluates muscle contractions and control of urination) and pressure flow study (that measures the pressure and flow of urine out of the bladder).

Choosing between a nephrologist and urologist can be a little confusing. One should keep in mind that urologists specialize in issues related to the bladder, penis, testicle, urinary tract and male reproductive system while nephrologists specialize in issues related to the kidneys.

Kidney failure the silent killer

The burden of kidney diseases is enormous affecting 850 million people globally. In India one out of 10 persons is affected with some kind of kidney disease and every year over 2.5 lakh people reach kidney failure and require either dialysis or transplant to continue survival. Patients with kidney disease are also at increased risk of dying from heart attacks and brain strokes.

The kidney diseases are often called silent killers because patients may not have any symptoms till 90% of the kidney function has been lost. The symptoms of kidney failure can be vague ranging from general sense of feeling unwell / fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, recurrent hiccups and itching, pain in flank region to swelling of feet or facial puffiness, bloody or frothy urine, decrease in urine output, shortness of breath, altered mentation and seizures.

Kidney diseases are preventable and treatable. Keeping fit and staying active by doing regular exercises, eating healthy with diet rich in fruits, vegetables and fibers and avoiding processed and junk food, low salt

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intake of less than 5gm per day, drinking plenty of water 8-10 glasses or 2-2.5 lit per day, avoiding tobacco exposure and smoking, control of blood pressure, control of blood sugar levels, avoiding painkillers and over the counter medications, are the 8 golden rules to keep your kidneys healthy. For patients who reach End stage renal failure blood dialysis (hemodialysis - HD) or water dialysis (peritoneal dialysis - PD) and kidney transplantation are the treatment options, with kidney transplant offering the best survival and quality of life.

Sugar Blues for Your Kidneys: Understanding the Link Between Diabetes and CKD

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When Sweet Turns Sour:

High blood sugar acts like a slow poison for your kidneys. Over time, it damages the delicate filters within them, making it harder to remove waste from your blood. This build-up can harm your kidneys and lead to CKD. Think of it like a drain getting clogged: the water (waste) can't flow properly, causing problems downstream.

CKD often progresses silently, with no early symptoms. That's why regular check-ups are crucial. They can spot CKD early through simple urine and blood tests, allowing you to take action before things get worse.

If you have diabetes, you're at higher risk for CKD, but that doesn't mean it's inevitable. Here are some key strategies:

Keep your blood sugar under control: This is the ultimate defense! Aim for healthy blood sugar levels as advised by your doctor.

Mind your blood pressure: High blood pressure puts extra strain on your kidneys. Work with your doctor to manage it effectively.

Fuel your body wisely: Choose a healthy diet low in salt, protein, and processed foods.

Stay active: Regular exercise helps control blood sugar and blood pressure, benefiting your overall health and kidneys.

Don't smoke: Smoking harms blood vessels

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throughout your body, including those in your kidneys. Quitting is one of the best things you can do for your health.

Early detection and good management are key to preventing or slowing CKD progression. Talk to your doctor about your risk. By working together, you can keep your kidneys healthy and live a fulfilling life, even with diabetes.

Get your eyes checked for effect of diabetes on Retina. Diabetic retinopathy and kidney disease usually go hand in hand

Annual eye check is a must for all diabetics.

If your doctor declares retina affectation, get your kidneys checked checked. Two small tests ie serum creatinine and spot urine sample for Albumin creatinine ratio are enough to diagnose and should be done every 6 months.

Cracking the Low-Sodium Renal Diet

If you're on a renal diet, understanding sodium and salt is like having a secret weapon against kidney issues. Salt is like a superhero in the kitchen, adding flavor to our meals. But if you're dealing with kidney disease, reducing salt is crucial. It might take some time to adjust, but it's a powerful tool in managing your kidney health.

Here are some easy-to-follow tips:

Skip the Salt While Cooking: Avoid using salt in your recipes. You can still make delicious meals without it.

Say No to Salt at the Table: Resist the temptation to sprinkle salt on your food before you eat. Your taste buds will adapt, and your kidneys will thank you.

Ditch Flavored Salts: Say goodbye to garlic salt, onion salt, seasoned salt, kosher salt, or sea salt. Stick to the plain variety.

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Hunt for Low-Sodium Alternatives: Look for lower salt or no salt added options for your favorite foods, like peanut butter or box mixes.

Become a Label Detective: Learn to read food labels. Avoid items with more than 300mg of sodium per serving (or 600mg for a frozen dinner). Watch out for foods where salt is listed among the first five ingredients.

Beware of Processed Meats: Cut back on ham, bacon, sausage, hot dogs, and lunch meats. Opt for reduced-sodium soups, but be sure they don't contain potassium chloride. Stick to one cup, not the whole can.

Choose Wisely with Canned Veggies: Pick canned vegetables labeled "no salt added" to keep your sodium intake in check.

Watch Meat Choices: Avoid refrigerated or frozen meats with added solutions, flavors, or pre-seasoning. This includes boneless and bone-in chicken, turkey, steaks, roasts, burgers, pork tenderloin, and pork chops.

By following these tips, you're not just reducing salt – you're taking control of your kidney health.

How to save our kidneys?

As you know that kidney problems are increasing day by day all over the world. Reasons are:

■ Increasing cases of Diabetes Mellitus.
■ Hypertension
■ Medicines like Pain Killers.
■ Changing life style and others.

We can save our kidneys by taking following precautions:

■ If you are diabetes, control blood sugar meticulously by keeping HbA1C 6% - 7%.

■ Control of blood pressure in the range of 130/80.

■ Diet control – Take diabetic diet if you are diabetic, less salt in diet, avoid excessive protein, avoid junk food etc.

■ Stop smoking as it is now established that smoking is harmful for the kidneys also.

■ Avoid unnecessary medications like pain killers because improper use of these drugs can cause kidney problem. If needed we should take these medicines only by the advised of your doctor.

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■ In case you develop kidney problem, immediately consult kidney doctor to treat the disease or retard the progression of the disease.

■ Morning walk of 30-40 minutes per day is very useful to reduce the chances of getting diabetes or hypertension thereby reducing the possibility of kidney involvement.

In case your kidneys are damaged completely do not get depressed as there are various modes of treatment now available to replace the kidney function which are given below :

■ Renal Transplantation
■ Maintenance Hemodialysis
■ CAPD

Renal Transplantation : Now a days renal transplantation is very successful with new immunosuppressive drugs. Renal transplantation can be done in patient where blood group is not matched with donor. Cadaveric transplant is also getting popular now a days as awareness of kidney problem is increasing in public.

Maintenance Hemodialysis : Here patient need hemodialysis for 4 hours thrice a week and he/she can do his/her normal duties whole of the week.

CAPD :CAPD is a type of dialysis where a catheter is introduced in the abdomen and abdomen works like hemodialysis machine.

Understanding Potassium in a Kidney-Friendly Diet

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Ever wondered about potassium and how it affects your body, especially if you follow a renal diet? Let's break it down in simple terms.

Potassium is a mineral that plays a big role in how your muscles operate. Normally, your kidneys help keep the right balance of potassium in your blood. But if your kidneys aren't working as they should, potassium can build up, causing problems like irregular heartbeats and even the risk of a heart attack.

Where do we find potassium? Well, it loves hanging out in fruits and veggies, along with milk and meats. If you're on a renal diet, you might need to be a bit picky about these foods.

Foods Rich in Potassium to Avoid:

■ Melons like cantaloupe and honeydew (but watermelon is okay)
■ Oranges and orange juice
■ Avocado
■ Prune juice
■ Tomatoes, tomato sauce, and tomato juice
■ Dried beans of all kinds
■ Pumpkin and winter squash
■ Cooked greens like spinach, kale, collards, and swiss chard
■ Broccoli and brussels sprouts
■ Nuts and nut butters.

But that's not all; there are a few more items to watch out for:

■ Bran cereals and granola.
■ Salt substitutes or "lite" salt.
■ Molasses.
■ Canned fruits (pour off the juice before munching on them).

Love potatoes and sweet potatoes?

They can still be on your menu but with a bit of special treatment. Peel them, cut them into small pieces, and soak them for a few hours in a lot of water. When it's time to cook, change the water and use a fresh batch. Drain that water before you get them ready to eat.

Understanding these simple tips can help you manage your potassium intake and keep your kidneys happy and healthy. Always remember, that a little knowledge can go a long way in taking care of your well-being.

Burning Sensation When You Pee?

Ever felt like your bathroom trip turned into a fiery ordeal? A burning sensation while urinating, also known as dysuria, is no fun. While it can be alarming, it's important to stay calm and understand what might be causing it.

What can be the causes?

■ **Urinary Tract Infection (UTI):** The most common reason, especially for women. Bacteria invade the urinary tract, causing inflammation and discomfort. Watch out for other symptoms like frequent urination, urgency, and cloudy urine.

■ **Sexual Activity:** Friction can irritate the urethra, leading to temporary burning. This usually resolves on its own.

■ **Inflammation:** Conditions like vaginitis (inflammation of the vagina) or prostatitis (inflammation of the prostate gland) can irritate the urethra.

■ **Kidney Stones:** These sharp crystals can irritate the urinary tract as they pass, causing pain, burning, and blood in the urine.

■ **Medications:** Certain medications, like antibiotics or birth control pills, can have burning as a side effect.

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■ **Hygiene Products:** Scented soaps, douches, or spermicides can irritate the genital area and urethra, leading to burning.

When to See a Doctor:

If the burning is severe or doesn't improve within a day or two.

If you have other UTI symptoms like fever, blood in urine, or frequent urination.

If you experience pelvic pain or burning after sexual activity.

If you suspect kidney stones (sharp pain in your back or side, blood in urine).

Don't ignore the burning!

Drink plenty of fluids to flush out irritants and bacteria.

Avoid irritants like harsh soaps and feminine hygiene products.

Discuss any concerns with your doctor, especially if you have recurrent UTIs or other risk factors.

So, while a burning sensation when peeing can be unsettling, by understanding the causes and seeking medical help, you can get back to comfortable bathroom trips in no time!

Understanding Your Kidney

The kidneys are a natural cleaning system for your body. Each kidney has around a million tiny filters that process about 40 gallons of fluid every day! When your blood passes through them, these filters hold onto the good stuff, like nutrients and water, and flush away harmful wastes in the urine.

Your kidneys also produce hormones that help control your blood pressure, make red blood cells, and keep your bones strong by activating vitamin D.

As we age, we naturally lose a bit of kidney function, but most people can still live well with just one kidney. However, if an underlying kidney disease is present, it can be a cause for concern. About 1 in 10 adults, roughly 20 million people, show some sign of kidney damage.

The tricky part is that symptoms of kidney disease often appear very late. Chronic kidney disease, where the filters in the kidneys worsen slowly, might show little to no symptoms until it's quite advanced.

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Risk factors for kidney disease include heart disease and a family history of kidney failure. It's crucial to get screened: a urine test to look for kidney damage, and a blood test to measure the kidney function.

Knowing your numbers, especially the glomerular filtration rate (GFR), which estimates your kidney's filtering ability, is vital. Catching kidney disease early can slow down its progression. If left untreated, it can lead to kidney failure, which might require a kidney transplant or dialysis.

Take these steps to keep your kidneys healthy:

■ Control your blood pressure
■ maintain a healthy lifestyle
■ adopt a kidney-friendly diet.

Eating less sodium, more fruits and vegetables, and opt for lean meats can make a big difference.

Don't wait! Talk to your doctor, and take the first step in keeping your kidneys happy and healthy.

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THE CHANGE WITHIN

BJP's change of guard in Haryana signals how party blends politics with power — and shifts course if it needs to

THE BJP HAS replaced the old BJP government in Haryana by a new BJP government, with an election still to happen in election year at the Centre and in the state. In one sense, the swift and sudden Haryana change of guard, orchestrated from above, isn't surprising. It could even be said to be part of a now-familiar BJP playbook — as, in recent years, in Karnataka, Uttarakhand and Gujarat. It speaks of the BJP's will to be seen as a change agent even where it is the incumbent, and its unflagging efforts to sidestep and beat back anti-incumbency, often by its high command springing a surprise not just on the people but also on the BJP's own. Manoeuvres such as the overnight replacement of Manohar Lal Khattar by Nayab Singh Saini as Haryana Chief Minister showcase a party at work and on the move, one that does not let victory blunt its appetite for victory. After all, alongside the accomplishments in Khattar's almost 10-year tenure, were several protests and agitations — be it the Jat reservation stir in 2016, the farmers' pushback in 2020-21, or the wrestlers' protests in 2023, a year that also saw communal violence flare in Nuh. The BJP evidently calculates that a change of chief minister can help it project a new leaf before the Lok Sabha and assembly polls. But that may not be all there is to it.

Ever since the BJP's winning spree began in 2014, it has tried to rearrange the conventional caste calculus in politics-so-far. In Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Haryana, the party gambled on a chief minister from the non-dominant caste. This was as much a hard-headed strategy to consolidate the anti-dominant caste vote in its own favour, as it has been an ideological claim of the supremacy of Hindutva over caste. In a party with a high command more powerful than ever before, it could also be read as an overriding of the tyranny of the caste imperative by the prerogative of the leader. So it was that when the BJP won Haryana in 2014, Khattar, a Punjabi Khatri, a caste that falls under the upper caste umbrella, became the first non-Jat chief minister of the state in nearly two decades — it was seen as an upset, like the swearing-in of Devendra Fadnavis, a Brahmin, in Maharashtra and of Raghubar Das, a non-tribal, in Jharkhand.

The replacement of Khattar now by an OBC leader may be an acknowledgement that the experiment did not deliver as the BJP expected it to — incidentally, the same experiment was also seen to flounder for the party in Maharashtra and Jharkhand. This recognition in Haryana has not led the BJP to abandon its anti-dominant caste consolidation strategy, but to a recalibration of its tactic by putting forward an OBC face. This can be seen as a step towards addressing the traditional caste logic that the party has made a point of shunning so far. It is also a direct counter to the political opponent it disdains — Congress is talking up the OBC cause, and the need for the caste census, in its own Lok Sabha campaign. And, in between all these lines, another message, with Khattar getting a Lok Sabha ticket from Karnal. Clearly, the party has a plan for its former chief minister.

SPACE TO PIVOT

Greater clarity over trajectory of food inflation could pave the way for rate cut by Monetary Policy Committee

DATA RELEASED BY the National Statistical Office on Tuesday showed that retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, has remained at almost the same level since the beginning of this year. Inflation stood at 5.09 per cent in February, only marginally lower than 5.1 per cent in January. However, the disaggregated data points towards diverging trends — food inflation has edged upwards, while core inflation, which excludes the volatile food and fuel, has eased further. This represents a conundrum for monetary policy.

As per the latest data, the consumer food price index rose to 8.66 per cent in February, up from 8.3 per cent in January. Inflation remained elevated in vegetables (30.25 per cent), pulses and products (18.9 per cent), eggs (10.69 per cent), cereals (7.6 per cent) and sugar (7.48 per cent). According to a note by Crisil, inflation in the TOP segment (tomato, onion and potato) has surged to 22.7 per cent. This would suggest that the effects of El Nino and subdued production are showing. However, at the same time, core inflation is witnessing broad-based easing. As per ICRA's estimate, core inflation, which excludes food and beverages, fuel and light and petrol and diesel for vehicles, moderated to 3.5 per cent in February, down from 3.7 per cent in January. Inflation has eased in clothing and footwear (3.14 per cent), household goods and services (2.82 per cent), recreation and amusement (2.71 per cent). As per these estimates, core inflation is now at its lowest level since January 2015. Alongside, data released by the NSO shows that industrial production slowed to 3.8 per cent in January, from 4.2 per cent in December, driven by subdued performance of manufacturing. As per Crisil, growth in industrial output has been lower in the second half of the year as compared to the first.

In its last meeting, the monetary policy committee had chosen to maintain the status quo. However, the decision was not unanimous as one member voted in favour of a rate cut. As per RBI projections, while the economy is expected to maintain its growth momentum, inflation is expected to trend lower. The central bank expects growth at 7 per cent and inflation at 4.5 per cent in 2024-25. However, there remains considerable uncertainty around the trajectory of food inflation. As greater clarity emerges over the coming months on production trends and the monsoons, it could open up space for the MPC to pivot.

LIFE AFTER LOVE

Forsaken by France and 'cancelled' by her ex, Picasso, artist Françoise Gilot is finally getting her due

IN LIFE AS in art, few archetypes are as enduring as that of a lover scorned. The tumultuous affair between artist Camille Claudel, muse and lover to French sculptor Auguste Rodin, ended with Rodin's refusal to leave his partner Rose Beuret for her. Claudel destroyed most of her work and had to be institutionalised in the twilight of her life. When her relationship with the Spanish painter Pablo Picasso ended, photographer Dora Maar found refuge in Roman Catholicism, proclaiming famously, "After Picasso, only God". Writer and painter Françoise Gilot, though, the woman who replaced Maar in Picasso's affections, bucked the trend — against considerable odds. In 1953, when she walked out of her relationship with Picasso, with whom she had two children, the artist reportedly told her, "One doesn't leave a man like me." What followed could only be termed as an early example of "cancel culture": Picasso and his influential cohort went out of their way to sabotage her career in France, forcing her to move eventually to the US.

The news of the Picasso Museum in Paris dedicating an entire room to Gilot's art for a year-long exhibition, therefore, comes with a sense of posthumous vindication — Gilot, who died last year, is finally being recognised in France not in terms of a decade-long relationship she decided to forego but for her prodigious work that include *Adam Forcing Eve to Eat an Apple* (1946), *Paloma à la Guitare* (1965) and the *Labyrinth* series (1961–1963). In the aftermath of their relationship — the two had met when Gilot was 21 and Picasso 61 — Picasso had ensured that she lost invitations to prestigious exhibitions and representation by galleries in France. Even the publication of her 1964 biography, Life with Picasso, had been stalled.

In her refusal to submit to a jilted ex's malice, Gilot showed that there is life — and success — after love. Now, in giving her her due in France, the country that had forsaken her in favour of her iconic paramour, Picasso Museum is only validating her indomitable spirit.

The suitable citizen

At some point, Supreme Court will awaken from its slumber. For now, government has had its way on CAA

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THE ENACTMENT OF the Citizenship Amendment Rules is a perfect embodiment of a polity where rulers are utterly cynical, and their supporters increasingly credulous. The enactment of the rules was inevitable after Parliament passed the Citizenship Amendment Act in 2019. But it is worth recounting the progression of aspects of this issue to understand where we are at.

First, on the CAA itself. The government could claim, quite rightly, that it was something of a scandal that persecuted refugees from neighbouring countries who had been residing in India for years had not been given a pathway to citizenship. No one ought to be opposed to granting citizenship to groups covered by the Act. But it cynically downplayed two important facts. First, the Citizenship Amendment Act was not necessary to grant refugees a pathway to citizenship. Second, the purpose of the Act was not to clear a pathway for groups persecuted on grounds of religion from neighbouring countries residing in India.

Even on the question of persecution, the Act is inconsistent. For example, why stop at 2014 as a cut-off date, since, by the government's own account, persecution of minorities is an ongoing phenomenon? It was to send a clear signal that Muslims will be excluded from this pathway. It is simply false to assert that there are no persecuted Muslim groups in the neighbourhood. It introduced a religion-based difference in how migrants, persecuted minorities and refugees were treated. The aim was nothing other than the transformation of Indian citizenship, and to reinforce the idea that Muslims do not naturally belong to India. Having made that point, the government took four years to enact the rules, conveniently trotting it out a few days before elections, when there is some spotlight on its perfidy in the electoral bonds case.

But what made the CAA such a cynical exercise was its ideological alignment with another ominous project, the NRC. The challenge for any citizenship law in India, as Niraja Gopal Jayal had written very powerfully at the time in the most comprehensive piece on the subject, 'Faith Based Citizenship' (*India Forum*, October 2019), was that, "The NRC and the CAB are manifestly conjoined in their objectives. The first paves the way to statelessness and detention centres for many poor and vulnerable people, and most unjustly for those whose genuine nationality is repudiated *only on the basis of their faith*. The second offers a smooth path to citizenship for groups of migrants who are deemed acceptable only on grounds of their faith." The current anxiety over the NRC has its roots in the politics of Assam, where the issue of illegal migration has understandably deep resonance. But by insisting on a fast-tracked and un-implementable NRC, the SC helped create the conditions where the prospect of hundreds of thousands of citizens or residents getting dispossessed of their rights was real. This is what gave the protests against the CAA such urgency.

> By driving, for the moment, a wedge between the CAA and NRC, even for NRC-excluded Hindus, the rules become limited in scope and application. It defuses the ground for protest. It also potentially protects the rules from legal challenge. It will be difficult to mobilise a broad coalition on this. We must give the Shaheen Bagh protest credit, even as we recognise its limitations. The credit consists in the fact that the government has not been able to proceed with the NRC on quite the scale that it was signaling in the heady days of 2019.

The newly enacted rules, for now at least, drive a wedge between the CAA and the NRC. They emphasise only the positive side of granting non-Muslim refugees (who by definition will be treated as a persecuted group), a path to citizenship. This, for the moment, throws cold water on the apprehension that while all Hindus excluded under the NRC would automatically get citizenship, Muslims would not. Under the current rules it seems that for Hindus to be eligible they would have to furnish documentary proof of their connection to Afghanistan, Pakistan or Bangladesh. So the challenge will not be that of producing Indian papers, but of producing some papers from these countries. The rules are not discriminatory in the general way that the pairing of NRC and CAA was going to produce.

This could potentially be consequential in a state like Assam. In the rest of India, outside of the CAA framework, it is still possible that the state is simply likely to assume that all Hindus are entitled to be here; Muslims have to potentially bear the burden of proof. It is unlikely to consider non-Muslims as illegal migrants in the way Muslims might be. As Aman Wadud, who has tirelessly worked on how people can be stripped of citizenship through administrative procedures and law, has often pointed out, a lot of the action on citizenship is not the formal promulgation of the law, but the shifting of the burden of proof.

But this move is potentially clever. At the moment, it blunts some of the formal legal charge of discrimination amongst those who might be Indian citizens. It symbolically reminds the electorate that this government will progressively enact laws that privilege Hindus. But it does not, for now, precipitate the kind of exercise the NRC was signaling. By driving, for the moment, a wedge between the CAA and NRC, even for NRC-excluded Hindus, the rules become limited in scope and application. It defuses the ground for protest. It also potentially protects the rules from legal challenge.

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But having said that, the protests also had two limitations. As much as the protests displayed an extraordinary grammar of constitutionalism, they did not draw as much widespread support amongst non-Muslims. Now that potential might have diminished even more. And in India any protest ends up labouring under the ability of the state to whip up the fear that the protest will be hijacked by extra-constitutional forces. It will be hard to circumvent that fear at this moment.

At some point, the SC will awaken from its slumber and fully consider the complex issues involved in the CAA. But for now, the government gets to fulfill its promise, and use it as an election talking point, while throwing cold water over the apprehensions of an NRC being used to disenfranchise citizens. Civil society will have to remain vigilant on the last point. The project of transforming Indian citizenship may be proceeding more by stealth than big bang.

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AN ERSTWHILE KINGMAKER

Biggest loser in Haryana's political realignment may be JJP

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"ANOTHER SHREWD DEMOCRATIC experiment." This is how political observers are likely to describe the swift change of guard in the Haryana CM's office — from Manohar Lal Khattar to Nayab Saini. Just a day earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had spoken glowingly about the "progressive mindset" of the now former CM, while reminiscing about the good old days when he would ride pillion on Khattar's motorbike.

The unassuming Khattar was an unexpected choice for Chief Minister. In 2014, the lotus sprang a surprise by winning 47 out of 90 seats in the 2014 Haryana assembly elections. CM Khattar had just begun to come into his own. He kept a punishing schedule and had all state-related information at his fingertips. Until the very last minute when Khattar proposed Saini's name, a section in the CMO continued to reassure media persons that he was not going anywhere.

However, the BJP has never shied away from the unpredictable. Cracks in its alliance with Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) had begun to appear last year amid the jousting for the 10 Lok Sabha seats, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah announcing that the BJP would contest all of them. The JJP, led by Dushyant Chautala, former deputy chief minister of Haryana, had also been making similar noises. That it was an alliance of mutual convenience, not shared ideology, wasn't hidden from anyone. The JJP, born in the run-up to the 2019 assembly polls as a fallout of the vertical split in the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), found itself playing the role of a kingmaker when it won 10 assembly seats.

> But the biggest loser in this exercise is the JJP. The newborn party, which had cast itself as the rightful heir to the INLD now finds itself without both power and a constituency. The death of the coalition doesn't bode well for the INLD as well, once a robust regional party that had ruled Haryana. Ironically, INLD allied with BJP in 1999 only to break it after winning the 2000 assembly polls with 47 seats.

In what wasn't seen then as a masterstroke, the BJP joined hands with the fledgling JJP, giving its young leader Dushyant, then aged 31, the deputy chief minister's seat. In one stroke, the party had neutralised the budding opposition. Dushyant, whose voter base is largely rural, stuck to the alliance despite the blowback from the 2020 farm agitation that prompted his uncle Abhay Chautala to resign from the lone INLD seat in the assembly — he won it back in the Ellenabad bypolls in 2021.

The current shakeup, weeks before the Lok Sabha polls, appears to be targeted more at the assembly elections slated for October, with a resurgent state Congress. A new CM and cabinet is the easiest way to beat anti-incumbency. It is also a convenient way to brush off any rancour caused by the wrestlers' protest in the not-too-distant past or the recent farm agitation in Punjab, and the Haryana government's muscular response to it.

But the change is not just cosmetic. In Nayab Saini, the 55-year-old Kurukshetra MP, Haryana gets a CM from an OBC community. Other Backward Classes form over 40 per cent of the state's population as per the 2011 census; the Jats comprise only 20-25 per cent. The BJP had kept this mathematics in mind even during the 2014 elections when, in a departure from the past, it installed Khattar, a first-time MLA from Karnal and a Punjabi Khatri with a Jat as its state party chief. Lately, Congress has also been shining a light on the lack of representation of OBCs, with Rahul Gandhi leading the charge. After Congress installed Udai Bhan, an OBC, as its state party chief in April last year, BJP, too, followed suit with Saini, now CM.

The great split comes days after Brijendra Singh, the BJP MP from Hisar and a great-grandson of Sir Chhotu Ram, the legendary farmer leader, quit the party to join Congress following differences over JJP. Beset by factionalism, Congress will now have to work harder as the BJP takes advantage of its new look.

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The BJP's message is loud and clear: Anyone can be a CM, winnability is all that matters.

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MARCH 14, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

CORRUPTION BILL

THE MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS (I) legislature party seemed set for a split when former chief minister Babasaheb Bhosale defied the party whip and tried to introduce his non-official bill to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act. Legislative Affairs Minister Shantaram Gholap, other ministers present and some legislators were stunned when Bhosale rose to introduce his bill.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

FORMER PUNJAB CHIEF minister Darbara Singh escaped an attempt on his life when a person fired at him near Nangal in Ropar district. He escaped unhurt while four persons, including a woman, were injured. The assailant has been arrested and identified as Mohinder Singh of Faridkot district. Darbara Singh had gone to attend the immersion of the body of religious leader Sant Mohinder Singh Harkhowal near Gurudwara Bhabour Sahib at Nangal.

OPPOSITION CANDIDATE

LT GEN S K Sinha (retd) who was denied his chance by Mrs Gandhi's government last year to be the army chief is likely to join politics soon. There is a move by several opposition parties in Bihar to put him up as a consensus opposition candidate for this month's elections to the Rajya Sabha. Among others, these parties are the Lok Dal, the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Janata Party.

FIRING IN BANGALORE

A CURFEW WAS imposed in 11 localities after violence continued in east Bangalore and the City Market area. Police fired three rounds in the air in the Bamboo Bazaar area when a riotous mob attempted to set a police vehicle on fire. Mobs also indulged in large-scale violence and arson in the City Market area and K G Halli, where seven persons were killed.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The fact that prices have skyrocketed despite there being sufficient food supplies is totally unacceptable. As Ramadan unfolds, we urge the government to honour its commitment anyway possible. The spirit of Ramadan must not be overshadowed by the burden of astronomical prices."

— THE DAILY STAR, BANGLADESH

When Mumbai was Bombay

The city's landscape has altered dramatically. So have its ethos and priorities

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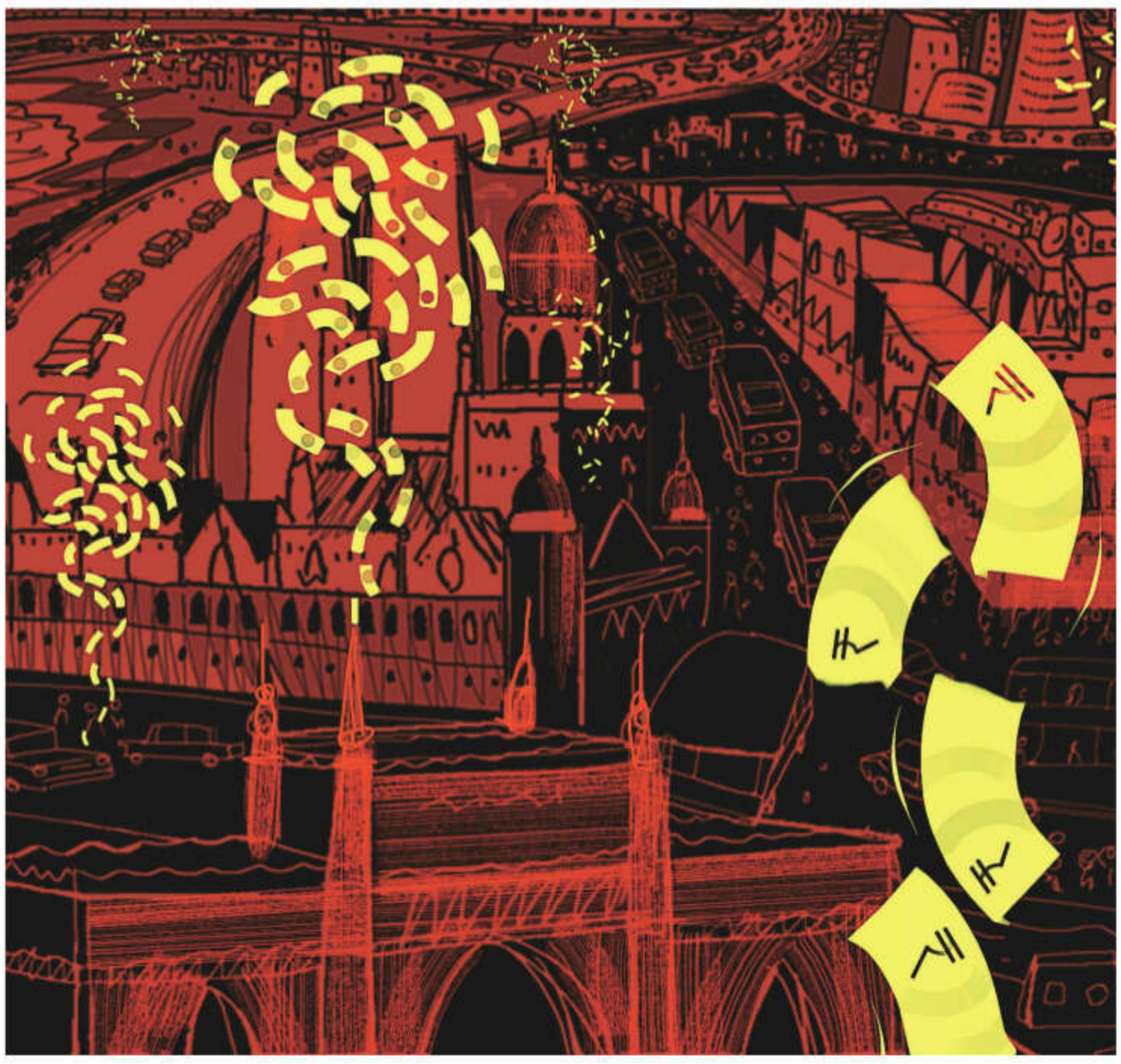

C R Sasikumar

PACKING UP TO leave forever, the family apartment in south Mumbai, was an emotional wrench, but also an eye-opener. In the boxes of photographs and letters I sorted out were memories of the city I grew up in. There is little resemblance between the Mumbai of today and the Bombay of my childhood.

I am among the last of the generation which can still recall a genteel, slower paced, less vainglorious city. I grew up on a leafy quiet street, lined with Victorian two-storey villas, where a lamplighter nightly illuminated the gas street lamps manually with a rod. On the walk to school, one passed the gracious Anglo-Gothic buildings of the Bombay High Court and Bombay University. For longer journeys, there was a tramline near the art deco Regal cinema. The tram moved so slowly you could jump on and off at any point. Churchgate station came up literally in front of my eyes in the Fifties. Then suburban trains started plying, disgorging, at intervals, thousands of commuters from the suburbs working in the then bustling Fort area.

By the early Sixties, the houses on my residential street, New Marine Lines, had been torn down to make way for ugly multistorey office buildings on a road far too narrow to cope with the necessary infrastructure required for the sudden influx of people and cars. The changes came about abruptly due to a deft amendment tweaking municipal corporation rules concerning heights and floor area ratios in the zone. A new breed of builders changed the landscape forever. Then greedy politicians in partnerships with builders extended the boundaries of the island city, reclaiming large tracts of land at Nariman Point.

Every time I return to Mumbai, I witness fresh changes. In January, a six-lane highway bridge connecting Mumbai with the satellite city of Navi Mumbai was inaugurated. In front of the Nepean Sea Road apartment I have left behind, construction on a sea-link road stretching from Chowpatty to Mahalaxmi has continued for years. Another sea-link road is to connect Bandra to Versova. Work on Mumbai's raised Metro line pillars also seems unending and the dust from the myriad building sites has made the beautiful port city so polluted and hazy that often you cannot see Nariman Point from the Hanging Gardens.

As Mumbai's landscape alters dramatically, so do its ethos and priorities. I notice that familiar bookshops and coffee shops have been replaced by wedding couture boutiques. Appropriately, the Mumbai buzz at present is all about the razzle dazzle of the over-the-top Ambani pre-wedding festivities in Jamnagar. The carefully crafted YouTube video clips share every detail of the mind-boggling conspicuous consumption.

Mumbaikars are impressed by the distinguished foreign celebrities who attended the event, along with India's Who's Who from Bollywood, sports and the political world. Videos of the guests dancing dutifully to the music at the events hosted by Mumbai society's uncrowned first lady have gone viral. Uncomfortable questions as to how a young man was permitted to start a 3,000 acre private sanctuary in the middle of a petroleum refinery or how a defence airport was converted overnight into an international airport are brushed aside and viewed as a case of sour grapes.

I can recall an innocent time when wedding ceremonies of even the wealthy in Mumbai were restricted to a single reception and dinner with dance band crooners such as Goody Seervai, Nelly or Maurice Concessio. The only decor was the twinkling lights in the trees. Today, even austere middle-class Maharashtrian families have moved with the times to accommodate Punjabi *joie de vivre* functions such as *sangeets*, and *mehendis*. But the Ambani pre-wedding festivities have raised the bar to a whole new level of dazzle, glitz and limitless expense. *Tatler* magazine estimates the cost at $120 million.

Some see more similarities between India's uber rich today and powerful Russian oligarchs than with the fiscally prudent, publicity reticent, philanthropic merchant princes and industrialists who dominated Mumbai in an earlier era. Flashy jewellery and stunning outfits may always have been *de rigueur* for the rich, but there were also examples of Bombay's wealthy women of yesteryears pawning their jewellery, sometimes secretly, for worthy causes such as a cancer hospital, a steel mill, animal welfare or supporting Vinayak Damodar Savarkar. Eminent academician Pratap Bhanu Mehta terms the hubris of organising well publicised, but private Jamnagar style festivities as "a perfect embodiment of our age". Some view this crass demonstration of power and wealth as an inspiring advertisement for aspirational India and economic liberalisation.

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Superstars, emirs and internet billionaires not only participated enthusiastically, but gifted suitably mind-boggling presents. The rags-to-riches story of Anant's grandfather has become a legend and the few murmurs of moralistic disapproval are drowned in general fascination and ambitions to emulate his life story.

One sees some interesting parallels in today's Mumbai story with a popular serial *The Gilded Age*, trending on an OTT platform. The serial is set in New York of the 1880s and some of the principal characters are modelled on the Vanderbilt family members, parvenus trying to break into the snobby social circles of New York's old money. Season Two centres on the society war over competing opera houses. It was inspired by the real life story of Alva Vanderbilt who funded a new Metropolitan Opera House when she was denied a box at the Academy of Music opera house. The Tata Trusts funded the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA), billed as Asia's first multi-venue cultural centre, at Nariman Point. It was opened half a century ago. It could soon be overshadowed by the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC) inaugurated last year. The NCPA is in sleepy south Bombay, which has sadly been left behind. The city's trendy restaurants, offices and apartment complexes are now in the Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) where the NMACC is located. It is a reflection of the city's changing character.

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A fact sheet, a sheet anchor

We need unit-level data to draw firm conclusions from consumer expenditure survey. It does indicate increase in income and prosperity

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"EVERY GIFFEN GOOD is an inferior good. But every inferior good is not a Giffen good." Every undergraduate textbook on microeconomics will have this statement while discussing consumer behaviour. I wonder whether we would have remembered Robert Giffen had it not been for Alfred Marshall's influential (at the time, in 1890) *Principles of Economics*. Most students read contemporary textbooks, not what are known as classics. Marshall wrote, "For instance, as Sir R Giffen has pointed out, a rise in the price of bread makes so large a drain on the resources of the poorer labouring families and raises so much the marginal utility of money to them, that they are forced to curtail their consumption of meat and the more expensive farinaceous foods: and, bread being still the cheapest food which they can get and will take, they consume more, and not less of it." Had they read the classics, they would have known that farinaceous means something with starch, based on the Latin for ground wheat, or flour. If the price of a good goes up, we consume less of it. The reverse also holds and this is known as the law of demand. A Giffen good violates this principle. When the price goes up, we consume more and vice-versa. This is explained by breaking up what happens into an income effect and a substitution effect.

An inferior good is one where income increases lead to a decline in demand and vice-versa, contrary to what one might expect. Public transport might be an example, since I switch to private transport as income increases. If the price increases, the relative substitution effect will make me switch to other goods. For a Giffen good, the perverse income effect (since it is an inferior good) overrides the substitution effect. This explains the statement from undergraduate texts. Thanks to Marshall, we might identify Giffen as an economist. Since he wrote on finance and taxation, you could call him an economist. But he was primarily a statistician. Indeed, he was the Chief Statistical Officer to the Board of Trade. Therefore, it is appropriate that I should mention Giffen's name in the context of the recent household consumption expenditure survey (HCES) fact sheet brought out by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). This is for 2022-23 and we await the results of the 2023-24 survey. This is just a fact sheet, we await unit-level data. With changes in methodology, we await some kind of validation, with a smaller sample that uses both the old methodology and the new. Despite such caveats, people have jumped the gun, on poverty ratios and inequality, and the World Poverty Clock shows that India has eradicated extreme poverty. Let me ignore those issues.

Let me instead flag shifts in the composition of monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE). There has been income growth and consumption growth — that's obvious, though such household surveys always underestimate aggregate consumption, as measured through national accounts. This isn't a problem specific to India alone. With the caveat that different NSS (National Sample Survey) rounds aren't comparable, rural households are spending less on food, down from 59.40 per cent in 1999-2000 to 46.38 per cent in 2022-23. Across the rounds, there has been a steady decline and naturally, an increase in non-food. At that aggregate level, food is an inferior good. Disaggregated, it's a bit more complicated.

There has been a steady decline in cereals and pulses shares and an increase in consumption of fruits, eggs, fish, meat and processed food. Perhaps rural India's consumption of farinaceous items has shifted to junk food — potatoes may be inferior goods, not potato chips. Wouldn't one have expected the share of milk and milk products to go up over time? (It hasn't). The fact sheet has a separate table with imputations, where there are imputations for subsidised items provided through welfare schemes (with no imputations for health and education). With that, not surprisingly, shares of both food and cereals increase, compared to shares without imputations. Wouldn't one have expected the share of education to increase? It hasn't, not since 2004-05. Nor has that of non-hospitalisation medical expenses, not since 1999-2000 — hospitalisation has increased. These contradict anecdotal assertions and note, these trends pre-date recent welfare schemes. Therefore, the substitution of private expenditure by public expenditure is not a convincing explanation.

These were rural trends. For urban India, food is down from 48.06 per cent in 1999-2000 to 39.17 per cent in 2022-23 and the farinaceous shift to processed food is much more pronounced. The education and health trends diverge quite a bit, between rural and urban. For education, the share increased sharply till 2009-10, but has dipped since then. Non-hospitalisation medical expenses have increased, but hospitalisation has been flat. Again, these are not patterns quite in conformity with a priori impressions. A priori impressions, anecdotal or otherwise, can of course be wrong. However, to validate and check properly, one needs to wait for the unit-level data. The opposite of an inferior good isn't called a superior good. It is simply called a normal good, one where income increases lead to demand increases.

Durable goods are bound to be that and for both rural and urban, increases in shares of durable goods underline increases in prosperity and income. Even though this is an aggregate fact sheet, that improvement cannot be denied. Between 2011-12 and 2022-23, there is also the catch-up of rural vis-à-vis urban, highlighting the blurring of differences between the two. That fact is a sheet anchor of these results.

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The Court's trajectory

With electoral bonds decision, SC has retrieved lost institutional ground. Or has it?

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THE DECISION OF the Supreme Court on the electoral bonds scheme stands in stark contrast with a long series of judgments that appeared to go systematically in favour of the government at the Centre. Is the court back on track in its role of custodian of the constitutional letter and spirit, and as the institution that protects freedoms and liberties against state transgression? And why did it let itself get derailed in the first place?

For decades, India's Supreme Court has been admired across the globe because of its ability to resist, and stand up to, executive power. Till recently, the Court's career had only been really tainted by one episode, the Emergency, about which Justice Y V Chandrachud, the longest serving Indian Chief Justice, came to show remorse later. Two months after he was controversially sworn in as chief justice by the Janata Party — large sections of the judiciary protested his appointment because of his habeas corpus ruling — he said in a 1978 speech: "I regret that I did not have the courage to lay down my office and tell the people, well, this is the law".

After almost a decade of decisions in which it appeared to give a domineering Executive the benefit of every doubt, the Supreme Court of India was hardly recognisable, till the electoral bonds decision. The Indian trajectory is not unique here. Everywhere, in the name of the people, populists fight against the independence of the judiciary. Look at the manner in which judges and their role are viewed by Viktor Orban, Jaroslaw Kaczynski or Benjamin Netanyahu.

As early as July 2014, the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi promoted a constitutional amendment in order to create a commission which would be responsible for appointing and transferring judicial officers and which would consist of the CJI, two senior judges, the Minister of Law and Justice and two "eminent personalities". These two personalities would have been selected by a committee comprising the CJI, the PM and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. This bill was passed in Parliament, but the Supreme Court quashed it in 2015 because it would affect the independence of the judiciary, guaranteed, in its view, by the Collegium system.

However, the Supreme Court began to drop the ball with regard to its vigilance against the crossing of lines by the Executive. In 2017, the Court refused to examine a petition alleging dilution in the Whistleblower Protection Act and in 2018 it validated the Aadhaar Act that the government had passed as a money bill — like the Electoral Bonds Bill — in spite of the fact that it fell well outside the limits set by the Constitution for money bills. These bills solely concern taxation and government spending — that's why they do not need to be examined by the Upper House of Parliament, something the Modi government found to be convenient because the BJP did not have the majority in the Rajya Sabha.

Four senior-most members of the Supreme Court — Justices Kurian Joseph, J Chelameswar, Madan Lokur and Ranjan Gogoi — held a press conference to make their criticism public against Justice Misra's functioning in January 2018. But Justice Misra's successor, CJI Gogoi seemed to follow in his footsteps, confirming that the problem had spread to the Court as an institution. This was evident from the fate of crucial cases, including the electoral bonds case. In 2019, the Supreme Court judgment on the MLAs who had defected from Congress to BJP — enabling the latter party to form the government in Karnataka in spite of its electoral defeat — made a mockery of the Anti-Defection Law.

Similarly, the Court kicked the can down the road on the constitutional challenge to the abrogation of Article 370, and the splitting of the erstwhile state of J&K into two Union Territories, on reservation for economically weaker sections, judicial review of money bills, electoral bonds and the challenge to the Citizenship Amendment Act.

If what constitutional law scholar Gautam Bhatia has called "judicial evasion" remained the Supreme Court's favourite strategy, when it did make decisions, none of them challenged the government. For instance, it dismissed the plea to transfer the PM CARES Fund, that had received large sums of money during the Covid-19 crisis to the National Disaster Relief Fund and upheld the validity of the draconian Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), including the investigative powers of the Enforcement Directorate.

The 10 per cent EWS quota was upheld, as was the legality of the government's 2016 demonetisation move, and the abolition of Article 370 as well as the downgrading of J&K into a Union Territory, which senior lawyers with an impeccable reputation, like Fali Nariman, considered as poor decisions.

With the decision on electoral bonds, the court seems to have retrieved some of the ground it had steadily ceded to the Executive. It remains to be seen, however, if, on this decision and in cases in the future, it can stay the course.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A POLITICAL TOOL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Between the rules' (IE, March 13). The Modi government's notification of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019 Rules, despite the matter being sub-judice for violation of the right to equality, ought to be seen in the light of BJP-RSS's ideology. Non-Muslim migrants from Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh are only a few thousand compared to 140 crore Indians. If granted citizenship, they could hardly impact the election. But the rhetoric built around their suffering in the hands of Muslim rulers would appeal to BJP supporters and many Hindus, which explains the timing of the announcement before the election.

L R Murmu, *New Delhi*

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Between the rules' (IE, March 13). The Centre's decision to notify CAA Rules days before the general elections trigger legitimate questions about the intentions of the government. It seems that the BJP believes that the reignited discussion on CAA at this juncture projects the party as a custodian of its people. Hence, several Opposition parties have already raised their objection to the notification and its timing, holding the government guilty of introducing a divisive agenda ahead of the election. The coming days will go to show whether the government is serious about its stated objective behind the law or merely wants to use the rules as a political tool.

Khokan Das, *Kolkata*

SPECTATOR ETIQUETTE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Satwik-Chirag' (IE, March 13). India's sports landscape witnessed a paradigm shift with Satwik-Chirag's victory. Moreover, with Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa's presence at the FIDE World Cup final, Neeraj Chopra's Gold at the World Athletics Championships, the blind Women's Cricket Team's win at IBSA World Games etc., India has championed inclusivity. Even so, issues persist, such as sexual harassment allegations and inadequate infrastructure. As spectators, however, we must evolve and respect players irrespective of wins or losses. Sports must transcend hate and foster a culture of appreciation and support for athletes.

Snehanjal, *New Delhi*

FALI'S GENIUS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Seven lessons from my guru' (IE, March 13). Fali Nariman was a man of principles, diligently practicing what he preached — the most challenging of tasks. He was readily accepting of his faults. While the constitution committee drafted the Constitution, Fali Nariman implemented it for the people. His resignation on the day of the Emergency exemplified his profound patriotism towards the nation's citizens. Before embarking on his heavenly journey, he bestowed a gift upon the people of our country in the form of his book *You Must Know Your Constitution*. Rest in peace, Prophet.

Ajay Corriea, *Vasai*

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REMINISCING RIDES

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi might have left Manohar Lal Khattar nostalgic a day before the latter had to resign as the Haryana Chief Minister while reminiscing the days when he and Khattar would travel on a motorcycle. Party insiders say Modi has always kept that warmth and regard for Khattar which could have helped the former Haryana CM to tide over many political crises. Incidentally, new Chief Minister Nayab Saini and Khattar also have travel diaries to share. Sources said Saini used to drive Khattar around in his four-wheeler during his (Khattar's) days as organisation general secretary of Haryana. Khattar, too, loves to share the memories of his initial days in active politics when Saini used to be his assistant.

FRONT-RUNNERS

WITH TWO of the three posts in the Election Commission vacant, there is speculation over names being considered for the job. Since the new law for appointment of the election commissioner says that a candidate must be or have held the rank of Secretary to Government of India and the Election Commissioners can serve till the age of 65, the list isn't long. It is learnt that among the front-runners are Central Board of Direct Taxes Chairman Nitin Gupta, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer who was given an extension in September 2023 till June this year; and former Cooperation Ministry Secretary Gyanesh Kumar, a 1988-batch Kerala-cadre IAS officer, who retired on January 31 this year.

BOOST FOR BLOC

SINCE SENIOR AAP leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh got arrested in connection with the Delhi excise policy case, his wife Anita Singh has been managing his social media accounts. On Wednesday, she took part in a meeting of the party's Uttar Pradesh unit in Lucknow where she appealed to workers to support INDIA alliance parties in the coming Lok Sabha elections. Sanjay Singh is also the party's in-charge for Uttar Pradesh. Party leaders said Anita Singh will attend party meetings in future too.

22,217 bonds sold since April '19, data has buyers, parties: SBI to SC

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

THE STATE Bank of India (SBI) told the Supreme Court on Wednesday that, in accordance with the court's directions, its data on poll bonds – submitted to the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Tuesday – includes the names of the buyers along with the date of purchase and denomination of the bonds, and the names of the political parties who redeemed the bonds along with the date and denomination as well.

In its compliance affidavit, the SBI said a total of 22,217 electoral bonds were purchased between April 1, 2019 and February 15 this year, of which 22,030 were redeemed.

The affidavit said that between April 1, 2019 to April 11, 2019, a total of 3,346 electoral bonds were purchased and 1,609 were redeemed. It added that from April 12, 2019 to February 15 this year, a total of 18,871 electoral bonds were purchased and 20,421 were redeemed.

In the affidavit, the SBI chairman said the bank "has ready records in which the date of purchase, denomination and name of buyer were recorded, and (in relation to the political parties) the date of encashment and the denominations of the bonds encashed were recorded".

The bank said that in compliance with the Supreme Court's March 11 directions, "before the close of business hours on 12.03.2024, a record of this information was made available to the ECI by hand delivering in digital form (password protected)".

"As per direction No. (b), the date of purchase of each electoral bond, the name of the purchaser and the denomination of the electoral bond purchased has been furnished. In terms of direction No. (c), the date of encashment of the electoral bonds, the name of political parties who have received the contributions, and the denomination of the said bonds has also been furnished," the affidavit said.

It added that the "data has been furnished in respect of bonds purchased and redeemed between 12.04.2019 to 15.02.2024".

"Electoral bonds were sold and redeemed in phases during this period and Phase XI started from 01.04.2019. The number of bonds set out in the application... included [by oversight] the bonds that were purchased during the period commencing 1st April, 2019 and not from 12 April, 2019," it said.

The data was handed over to the ECI in a pen drive with two PDF documents that are password-protected. An envelope containing the passwords was given along with a letter addressed to Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar.

According to ECI sources, the poll panel is likely to set up a committee to peruse the PDF files on Thursday and will upload the data on its website in the same format as was shared by SBI. Earlier, the court had asked the poll panel to "compile the information and publish the details in its official website, no later than by 5 pm on March 15, 2024".

"The amount of the electoral bonds which were not encashed by the political party within the validity period of 15 days during this period have been transferred to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund, as per the Gazette notification No. 20 dated January 2, 2018," the SBI said.

On February 15, a five-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court had struck down the electoral bond scheme and asked the SBI to furnish details of the bonds purchased and redeemed to the ECI.

On Monday, the court rejected the SBI's request for time till June 30 to disclose the details, and asked it to furnish these before close of business hours on March 12. The court, however, clarified that it had not asked the SBI to match the bonds against the recipients.

CEC Rajiv Kumar (centre) in Jammu on Wednesday. *PTI*

EC will disclose bond details in time: CEC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, MARCH 13

CHIEF ELECTION Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has said that the poll panel will make public the details of electoral bonds of all the political parties by Friday — the deadline fixed by the Supreme Court.

The assertion comes in the wake of the Supreme Court directing the State Bank of India (SBI) to submit the details of the electoral bonds purchased since April 12, 2019 to the EC, which in turn will upload the same on its official website by March 15. SBI is the authorised financial institution to issue the electoral bonds.

"The SBI was supposed to submit the data by March 12. They have given us the details in time. I will go back and look at the data (and) would definitely disclose it in time," Kumar told reporters here.

Kumar reached here on Wednesday to review preparations for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

"We are ready for the 2024 Lok Sabha election. We will ensure free and fair elections across the country. We request voters across the country including Jammu and Kashmir to enthusiastically take part in the 'festival of democracy," the CEC said.

Pointing out that the political parties in Srinagar had raised the issue of delay in assembly elections with him, Kumar denied any delay in holding of assembly elections in J&K, saying that these will be held at the earliest possible.

"A final decision on holding them simultaneously with that of parliamentary elections or one after another will be taken following security review after taking the feedback of political parties, district magistrates, government and officials of the para military forces," he said.

He said a social media cell will be established in all districts in order to respond to fake news in real time. "Adequate security to be provided to all candidates and central forces will be deployed," he added.

Kumar said strict vigil will be maintained on online cash transfers through wallets in Jammu and Kashmir.

President clears Uttarakhand UCC Bill; moment of joy, pride, says Dhami

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, MARCH 13

PRESIDENT DROUPADI Murmu has approved Uttarakhand's Uniform Civil Code Bill, the government in the Himalayan state said on Wednesday.

In February the Bill, which seeks to "govern and regulate the laws related to marriage and divorce, successions, live-in relationships and matters related thereto", was passed by the Assembly following a two-day discussion.

"Under Article 201 of the 'Constitution, the President gave assent to the Uniform Civil Code Uttarakhand 2024 Bill passed by the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly, on 11 March 2024, and it is published as Act Number 3, the year 2024, of Uttarakhand for general information," said the state government in a gazette issued on Wednesday.

After the Bill was passed, the state government formed a Rules Making and Implementation Committee headed by retired IAS officer and UCC draft committee member Shatrughan Singh. Other members are Surekha Dangwal and Manu Gaur, along with Uttarakhand Police ADG (Administration) Amit Sinha and Uttarakhand Resident Commissioner Ajay Mishra.

While the Bill only defines the provisions and sections of the UCC, rules made by the committee will define in detail how the sections will be implemented.

On February 24, the Rules Making and Implementation Committee had its first meeting, during which it formed a sub-committee to simplify the registration process for live-in relationships and marriages by offering services online. In its first meeting, the committee also formed two other sub-committees—one to make the rules for implementing the UCC and the other to train government officials regarding the implementation.

The official notification of the Act will be issued once the Rules Making and Implementation Committee formulates the rules.

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami called it a moment of great pride and joy and said as per PM Narendra Modi's vision, his government was determined to protect the interests of citizens and maintain Uttarakhand's original nature. "It is a moment of great joy and pride for all the people of the state that the UCC Bill... has been approved by the respected President Droupadi Murmuji today. Certainly, with the implementation of the UCC in the state, along with providing equal rights to all citizens, the oppression of women will also be curbed. #UniformCivilCode will play an important role in promoting harmony by proving importance of social equality in the state," he wrote on X.

News-sharing service by Prasar Bharati launched, content to be 'free of copyright'

DIVYA A
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

AHEAD OF Lok Sabha polls, public broadcaster Prasar Bharati launched a news-wire-like service to offer free content across mediums, which will be free of copyright or credit obligations.

Unveiling PB-SHABD (Prasar Bharati-Shared Audio Visuals for Broadcast and Dissemination), in Wednesday, Union I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said it will be offered as a "free service for one year to all news organisations registered with the ministry".

This may include newspapers, periodicals, TV channels and even social media news channels registered with the I&B Ministry, and the content provided will include newsfeed, videos, audio, text and images, available on the websites of DD News and Akashvani News as well as updated News on Air mobile app, as per officials. However, the content won't be available to end users.

"Over the years, Prasar Bharati has cultivated an elaborate network of news gathering as well as news delivery... Now, we intend to share this accurate and meaningful content with the rest of the print and electronic media industry," Thakur said. Officials say the news organisations will be provided with clean feed and will not have to carry the logo of Doordarshan. "This will support smaller news organisations," said senior Prasar Bharati officials.

The minister said the SHABD service is being offered free of cost for the first year as an introductory offer and will provide news stories in all major Indian languages across 50 categories.

Prasar Bharti CEO Gaurav Dwivedi said they will make an outreach to media organisations and share audio, video, photo and text-based information gathered by its network.

I&B Minister Anurag Thakur at the National Media Centre in New Delhi, Wednesday. *ANI*

Backed by independents, HLP, Saini wins trust vote in Haryana

VARINDER BHATIA
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 13

THE NAYAB Singh Saini-led BJP government in Haryana won the Confidence Motion in the Assembly Wednesday through a voice vote. Speaker Gian Chand Gupta also allowed a two-hour discussion on the Motion. While the treasury benches praised the nine-and-a-half years of Manohar Lal Khattar's tenure and urged support for Saini, the opposition castigated the BJP calling "change of CM face" as the "same polluted water in a new bottle".

Former CM Manohar Lal Khattar also resigned from his Karnal seat announcing he was vacating it for Saini.

In Haryana's 90-member House, the Saini led BJP government attained absolute majority citing a strength of 48 MLAs. The BJP has 41 MLAs and it got support of six out of the seven Independents and lone MLA of Haryana Lokhit Party, Gopal Kanda.

In his maiden address in Vidhan Sabha, Saini said, "I come from a humble family background, no one is in politics in my family. I am just a party worker of the BJP and today I have been given such a big opportunity. I must say that this can be only possible in a party like the BJP."

"Today I have come here for the first time. I thank PM Narendra Modi, party president J P Nadda, Amit Shah and all the Union Ministers, our Manohar Lal ji who have sent me to this position; and I would like to appeal to all the members of this house to support us. I would like to say that even the people of Haryana have confidence in us," he said. Comparing the functioning of BJP with other parties, Saini said, "Many times we have seen that in such situations there's always a thought that who is going to take the CM's place? Obviously, my son… but this is the BJP, where such an ordinary party worker like me has been brought here."

In 2019, JJP was factor in half the seats, cut into BJP, Cong votes

ANJISHNU DAS
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

FOLLOWING FAILED seat-sharing talks between the BJP and the Dushyant Chautala-led JJP for Haryana's 10 Lok Sabha seats, the BJP dissolved their alliance Tuesday and formed a new government with support from Independents and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini at the helm.

The reshuffle by the BJP appears to be more driven by the Assembly elections in the state later this year, rather than Lok Sabha polls, which the BJP had swept last time.

Over past two decades, the BJP and Congress have been the dominant parties in Haryana. In the Assembly, after two consecutive terms under the Congress's Bhupinder Singh Hooda, from 2005-14, the BJP has held power for last two terms, beginning with the Narendra Modi wave in 2014. In 2014 Khattar became the state's first BJP CM.

Months after the BJP won 7 of the 10 LS seats, reducing the Congress to just 1 and the INLD to 2, the BJP went on to win an outright majority in the 90-member Assembly, with 47 seats, up from just 4 in 2009. For the BJP, the concern is likely to be the 2019 Assembly polls. Its tally had gone down to 40 seats in the Assembly, 5 short of the majority mark.

The Congress had recovered to 31 seats in the Assembly, but the INLD had won just 1, hit by the formation of the JJP in 2018. The JJP had ended up as the kingmaker with 10 seats, with its support helping the BJP form the government.

The Congress will be hoping this time to capitalise on BJP-JJP split, eat into the BJP's non-Jat support base and play up the ongoing farmers' protest, having already promised to fulfil the demand for a legally guaranteed MSP.

In 2019 LS polls, the JJP that was months into its formation had not played a major role, finishing as the runner-up in just the Hisar seat, contested by party chief Dushyant, and getting only 4.9% of the overall vote share. The Congress was the runner-up in every other seat.

In the Assembly election that followed, the JJP had turned out to be the difference-maker. It had secured a significant 14.8% of the vote share compared to the BJP's 36.5% and the Congress's 28.1%.

However, apart from the 10 seats it won, the JJP was the runner-up in only 10 other seats. The JJP's impact was seen as more in cutting into the INLD's votes, reducing it to just 2.4% of the vote share. In 23 seats, the votes JJP got were more than the margin separating the winners and losers. Of these, 11 seats were won by the BJP and 12 by the Congress.

Now, by dropping the JJP, the BJP has taken a chance of losing the Jat voters. However, having recently got the Jayant Chaudhary-led RLD to its side, which has influence in Western UP and parts of Haryana and Rajasthan, it may hope to recoup some of it.

Also, the BJP government's recent crackdown on farmers at its border with Punjab indicates it is perhaps prepared to lose some of Jat vote, on account of both farmer anger as well as allegations made by women wrestlers belonging to the community against senior BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Plus, BJP has been courting a non-Jat base in the state. **FULL REPORT** www.indianexpress.com

NAVY GETS NEW WARSHIPS

The new warships, built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited for the Navy, were launched in Kolkata, Wednesday. INS Agray and INS Akshay were launched by Neeta Chaudhari, wife of Chief of Air Staff of IAF, Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari. *Partha Paul*

Financial implications of Cong Nari Nyay promises

UDIT MISRA

THE LATEST set of five promises by the Indian National Congress, aimed towards empowerment of women, appear to be a refreshed version of its 2019 election manifesto. In the run-up to the 2019 general election, the Congress had promised to start a Minimum Income Support Programme (MISP) or Nyuntam Aay Yojana (NYAY) if voted to power. This included a cash transfer of Rs. 72,000 a year to the poorest 20 per cent of all Indian families (roughly 5 crore households). At that time, too, the party had stated that "as far as possible, the money will be transferred to the account of a woman of the family". In 2019, economist Jean Dreze had pegged the total annual outgo on account of NYAY to be Rs 3,60,000 crore or around 2% of India's GDP.

The biggest, at least in terms of the financial implications, promise among the five announced on Wednesday is called "Mahalakshmi" and it involves transferring Rs 1 lakh every year to a woman from a poor family. However, there is no mention of the exact number of poor families it aims to target. As things stand, India's poverty estimates vary substantially based on different methodologies.

For instance, Niti Aayog's Multidimensional Poverty Index, pegs poverty ratio at around 11% while its CEO has reportedly claimed that poverty could be as low as 5% if one takes into account the latest data from consumption expenditure survey released last month. The World Bank pegs India's poverty ratio at 11.3% in 2022-23 based on its international poverty line of people living at US$2.15 (or Rs 48.9 in purchasing parity terms) per day.

So how much does the Mahalakshmi promise likely to cost the government if Congress were to implement it in the current financial year? Economist Santosh Mehrotra says that if, for the sake of simplicity one assumes a poverty ratio of 10%, then it implies the target beneficiaries will be 14 crore families (assuming a total population of 140 crore). If one woman from each poor family is targeted — that is, 2.8 crore women — then the total outgo would be Rs 2.8 lakh crore. That's 0.8% of India's GDP (Rs 328 lakh crore) in 2024-25 (according to the Union Budget presented in February). If the poverty ratio is 5%, as Niti Aayog claims, the outgo will be halved to 0.4% of GDP.

Another way to estimate the financial outgo is to target the poorest of the poor families — those who have the Antyodaya ration card — the total number of beneficiaries would be slightly less. At present 2.33 families under the Antyodyay Anna Yojana. If women from each of them get Rs 1 lakh, the total annual outgo would be Rs 2.33 lakh crore — or 0.7% of India's GDP.

The second promise — to reserve half of all government vacancies for women — will not not have any additional financial burden since these are already existing vacancies.

The third promise — to double the central government's contribution to the monthly salaries of Asha, Anganwadi and women involved in preparing the mid-day meal — will have some, albeit small, financial impact according to economist Dipa Sinha, who focuses on social welfare issues. That's because the salary levels are fairly low. As of March last year, there were 10.5 lakh Asha workers, 12.7 lakh Anganwadi workers and over 25 lakh mid-day meal cooks. Sinha says that these three groups get a monthly salary of around Rs 2,000, Rs 4,500 and Rs 1,000 respectively. For instance, in 2021-22, Centre spent Rs 8,908 crore on the salaries of all the Anganwadi workers — and they earn the highest salaries of the three. Doubling these amounts — say to a total of Rs 54,000 crore — is still a fairly insignificant percentage of India's GDP (Rs 328 lakh crore).

It is difficult to estimate the exact financial burden of the fourth promise — appointing legal counsellors for women's rights (Adhikar Maitri) in every panchayat. That's because there is no clarity about the remuneration.

Lastly, it is also difficult to estimate the cost of building working women's hostels in each district. Mehrotra points out that these hostels are not "free". In other words, their operating costs could arguably be borne by the working women themselves. As far as the cost of building is concerned, it depends on how big these hostels are.

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-Pushkar Singh Dhami,
Chief Minister, Uttarakhand

"I congratulate the Uttarakhand government on the remarkable progress achieved in the last few years. This has been made possible by sustained policy push and focus on key sectors such as tourism and renewable energy. Alongside, the state has made significant strides in infrastructure development, setting new benchmarks for sustainable growth. Uttarakhand's commitment to harnessing its natural resources and promoting tourism has not only bolstered its economy but also showcased its potential on the global stage. I applaud the state's dedication to inclusive development and look forward to its continued success in the years ahead."

-Narendra Modi,
Prime Minister

Uttarakhand shines as the ultimate wedding destination

Under the visionary guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Uttarakhand is poised to become the next premier destination for weddings worldwide

Uttarakhand, which lies amidst the magnificent Himalayas, is a northern state known for its spiritual importance, spectacular terrains, and rich cultural legacy. Also known as the land of gods – 'Devbhoomi', Uttarakhand has forever known as one of the most revered pilgrimage destinations for lakhs of devotees. The state has, however, seen a change in recent years, developing much more than a spiritual destination. In a recent development, Uttarakhand is on the path of emerging as the next best destination when it comes to the world of destination weddings; all thanks to the visionary guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The notion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make Uttarakhand the next best wedding destination reflects the views of numerous who acknowledge the state's endless prospects. The Prime Minister encouraged the youth to embark upon the campaign 'Wed in India' at the inauguration of the Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit in Dehradun back in December 2023. During his address, he urged wealthy families to pick Uttarakhand as the destination for their celebrations.

The distinctive natural magnificence and myriad cultural tapestry depict the charm of Uttarakhand as the perfect wedding destination. From the serene lake of Nainital to the snow-capped mounts of Auli, each part of the state exhibits a feel of charisma and allure. Partners looking for a truly memorable experience can host their marital ceremonies amid the serene lake in Tehri, the beautiful hills of Mussoorie, or the age-old temples of Haridwar.

Boosting spiritual tourism in Uttarakhand through Badrinath and Kedarnath

PM Narendra Modi along with Pushkar Singh Dhami, CM, Uttarakhand, visiting Badrinath Dham

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The picturesque northern state of Uttarakhand is well-known for its spiritual importance and stunning natural magnificence. Among the various destinations that attract devotees and visitors alike, Badrinath and Kedarnath stand out as embodiments of devotion and serenity. At the vanguard of restoring these consecrated places and utilizing their prospect for spiritual tourism is Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose relentless dedication and commitment have prompted transformative tasks in Uttarakhand.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi shares a deep-rooted affinity with Uttarakhand, especially Badrinath and Kedarnath, and this is apparent through his multiple visits and visionary endeavours desired to uplift these venerated pilgrimage sites. His spiritual reverence for Baba Kedar, exemplified through periodic visits to Kedarnath Dham, highlights his dedication to the spiritual and cultural legacy of the region. The aspirations of PM Modi are much more than only reverence; he foresees a new individuality for Uttarakhand by promoting Badrinath and Kedarnath Dham to international importance.

The most important aspect of this vision of PM Narendra Modi is the complete reconstruction of Kedarnath Dham, an undertaking close to his heart since the beginning of his tenure as the Prime Minister. The wrecking floods of 2013 initiated a revitalised emphasis on revamping Kedarnath, with PM Modi spearheading measures to assure that the reconstruction showcases brilliance and divinity befitting its essence. From building the statue of Adi Guru Shankaracharya to observing the progress firsthand, PM Modi's hands-on strategy highlights his dedication to maintaining the sanctity of Kedarnath.

Furthermore, strategic endeavours by PM Modi spread beyond Kedarnath to enclose the holistic growth of the spiritual infrastructure of Uttarakhand. Projects such as the Badrinath Dham Master Plan modelled after the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, seek to remake Badrinath into a smart spiritual hilltown, portraying the vision of PM Modi for incorporating tradition with modernity. The Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor and the Rishikesh Karnprayag Rail Project additionally highlight his dedication to improving connectivity and accessibility to these holy places.

The result of these endeavours by Prime Minister Modi is discernible, with Uttarakhand seeing a revival in spiritual tourism and pilgrimage footfall. The All Weather Road Project, also known as the Chardham Road Project, seeks to link the four Dhams of Uttarakhand, enabling seamless journeys for devotees and visitors alike. Likewise, the Rishikesh Karnprayag Rail Project, with its enterprising timeline and ingenious technique, vows to improve accessibility to Kedarnath and adjacent areas.

> The reconstruction measures, associated with PM Modi's focus on maintaining its spiritual significance, have reformed Kedarnath to its previous glory, drawing pilgrims from across the world

The importance of Kedarnath and Badrinath surpasses spiritual borders, echoing with believers and nature lovers globally. Situated amid the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas, Kedarnath carries a unique place as one of the 12 Jyotirlingas and an essential visit during the esteemed Chardham Yatra. The reconstruction measures, associated with PM Modi's focus on maintaining its spiritual significance, have reformed Kedarnath to its one-time glory, drawing pilgrims from across the world.

The recent inauguration of pivotal infrastructure projects by Prime Minister Modi emphasises the continuous renewal measures in Kedarnath. From unveiling the statue of Adi Guru Shankaracharya to inaugurating essential projects like the Saraswati retaining wall and Teerth Purohit houses, the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi signifies a revived dedication to promoting the spiritual legacy of Uttarakhand.

PM Modi's visit strengthens tourism and socio-economic growth in Uttarakhand

The visit of PM Narendra Modi to Pithoragarh district in October 2023 has memorialised an important landmark in the history of Uttarakhand, along with highlighting the cultural and spiritual richness of the state. The PM's journey included visits to religious sites like Parvati Kund and Adi Kailash Parvat, depicting the deep-rooted spiritual inheritance of the land and emphasizing its possibility for expansion and tourism.

PM Modi initiated his spiritual journey at Parvati Kund, a venerated pilgrimage place ensconced amid the scenic landscapes of Uttarakhand. Attired in traditional local dress, the Prime Minister engaged himself in the spiritual aura, offering devotions with utmost reverence. His participation in the traditions, including playing the power drum and conch shell, demonstrated his respect for the local customs and rituals, resounding with the beliefs of the local people.

PM Narendra Modi on his Pithoragarh visit along with CM Pushkar Singh Dhami

The visit of the Prime Minister to Parvati Kund was not just a symbolic gesture but also a testament to the dedication to maintaining and encouraging India's cultural legacy. By performing 'aarti' at the Shiva-Parvati temple and meditating before the Adi Kailash peak, PM Modi observed the sacredness of the land and sought blessings for the prosperity and well-being of the country.

Moreover, PM Modi's exchange with the residents, both at Parvati Kund and in the border village of Gunji, echoed his compassion and consideration for their welfare. Engaging with the locals, he listened to their grievances, shared their pleasures, and reaffirmed his government's commitment to their upliftment. This personal touch endeared him to the individuals as well as facilitated a feeling of belonging and solidarity among them.

PM Narendra Modi meditating at Parvati Kund, district Pithoragarh, during his visit to Uttarakhand

In addition to the spiritual essence, the visit of PM Modi also had substantial importance for the socio-economic growth of Uttarakhand. The inauguration and laying of the foundation of development projects worth Rs 4,200 crore in Pithoragarh highlighted the government's dedication to infrastructure growth and employment generation in the region. These endeavours are aimed at boosting development, improving connectivity, and enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Uttarakhand.

Moreover, the historic visit of Prime Minister Modi to Adi Kailash Parvat carries huge importance for the tourism sector of Uttarakhand. Being the first Indian Prime Minister to visit this sacred site, PM Modi has attracted awareness to the area's untapped prospect as a tourist destination. His exploration of the local art, craft, and products, as well as his arrangement with the Indo-Tibetan trade center in Gunji village, has demonstrated the cultural multiplicity and commercial possibilities of Uttarakhand.

Scouring Uttarakhand's untapped tourism potential: Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2030

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Uttarakhand is famous among tourists for its abundance of natural wonders. Even today, the state holds an untapped potential ready to be utilised. With the introduction of the Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2030, the state sketches a transformative approach towards recognition at a global level as a myriad tourism hotspot while prioritising sustainable development and inclusive growth.

The main principle of the Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2030 lies in empowering all stakeholders within the tourism sector, assuring that each contributes to and benefits from Uttarakhand's journey towards evolution. By means of a suitable framework, the policy seeks to facilitate goals and interests, promoting holistic expansion.

Apart from its traditional essence of a spiritual and wellness destination, Uttarakhand strives to present its multifaceted allure. From heritage and nature tourism to wilderness adventures and wellness retreats, the state pledges memorable experiences for every visitor. Further, the focus on all-weather tourism, including winter and Alpine ventures, seeks to draw tourists all year long.

Foremost to the Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2030 is the making of authentic and genuine experiences, leveraging Uttarakhand's cultural and natural wealth. Tourism clusters and circuits will be designed to present new destinations, catering to various interests and likes.

The Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2030 also prioritises sustainability with an emphasis on conserving the state's environmental and cultural legacy. Measures to preserve natural resources, wilderness, and cultural assets are vital, assuring Uttarakhand stays unsoiled and inviting for years.

In line with the digital era, Uttarakhand seeks to fulfill growing visitor anticipations through technology integration. Online platforms will be operated for advertising, bookings, and data dissemination, improving comfort and trust for visitors.

Private sector involvement is promoted, with the government encouraging ease of doing trade for hospitality and tourism undertakings. This combined strategy is anticipated to propel innovation and development.

The Uttarakhand Tourism Policy 2030 also emphasises high-value tourism to minimise adverse effects on the environment and civilisation while spreading benefits to local neighborhoods. The Hub & Spoke model strives for balanced regional growth, improving infrastructure and conveniences to enhance the overall visitor experience.

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami interacting with officials at an MoU event to promote tourism in Uttarakhand

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami on his visit to Corbett National Park

With enterprising targets to contribute USD 10 billion yearly to the economy and draw private investment, Uttarakhand seeks to build a sustainable tourism ecosystem. Job prospects and foreign traveller visits are anticipated to grow, firming the state's position as an exclusive destination.

The idea is transparent – establish tourist-friendly infrastructure, develop new destinations, and offer world-class experiences. With a dedication to innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity, Uttarakhand arises as a shining light of reliable tourism, tempting tourists worldwide.

PM Modi's 'Vibrant Village Programme' bolsters Uttarakhand's rural economy

PM Modi's enterprising 'Vibrant Village Programme' has arisen as a silver lining for the isolated border villages, marking a transformative period of comprehensive growth and economic upliftment

Spanning across 19 border regions, including Uttarakhand, the programme strives to revive 3,000 villages over a 10-year-long course. It bears an important goal of preventing migration by furnishing fundamental conveniences and promoting socio-economic sustainability. In the infancy stage of the program, 662 villages with a total population of 1,42,000 are being supported by means of an investment of Rs 4,800 crore.

Focus on infrastructure and connectivity growth is one of the key elements of the Vibrant Village Programme. The allotment of Rs 2500 crore for building roadways and improving connectivity will give a boost to economic activities in various villages across the country where the geographical landscape constantly poses difficulties. It will foster access to markets, and enhance the overall quality of life for locals.

Along with bolstering the nation's financial stability, the programme also supports the importance of inclusive growth as a cornerstone of India's advancement by prioritising the development of border villages.

PM Modi and CM Dhami with local people during their visit to district Pithoragarh

With the launch of the Vibrant Village Programme, the border villages in Uttarakhand and as well as other states will benefit greatly, eventually steering in a fresh phase of endless possibilities for the rural economy while reflecting the spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

Homestays in Uttarakhand: Bridging tradition with modern travel trends

With the advent of the 'work from anywhere' culture, homestays in Uttarakhand provide an ideal setting for the millennials, as well as an idyllic break to those in their golden years

The Government of Uttarakhand is poised to provide the necessary support to proliferate homestays in all districts of the state with a focus on providing alternative sources of employment to the villagers and preventing migration from the original place of dwelling. At present, there are more than 5,000 homestays registered with Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board. The department provides necessary support in terms of marketing and training to the homestay owners. The Government also provides financial support to Homestay owners through the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grih-Awas (Homestay) Yojana, through which local residents get financial support in rebuilding/renovating rooms to upgrade them for use by tourists.

Meenakshi Sadan Homestay based at Mussoorie under Uttarakhand Government scheme

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami at one of the homestays

Homestays in Uttarakhand have also been recognised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. In the year 2022, Sarmauli Village in Pithoragarh district was awarded the Best Rural Homestay by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. Several initiatives such as the Goat Villages, Sendul Village (Tehri Garhwal), and homestays in the Kumaon region have also won accolades. The Government has realised that with increasing awareness about hygiene and, the diverse food habits of travellers, it is essential that the homestays of Uttarakhand constantly upgrade themselves to provide the required services to the tourists. Hence, in addition to developing homestay infrastructure, the Government is also providing training to the local youth in the management and upkeep of these Homestays through professional agencies.

Text input: Sumit Pant, director, Tourism

Boosting tourism in lesser-known Uttarakhand destinations

The combined initiative by UTDB and IRCTC seeks to highlight the lesser-known treasures of the state

The Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) and Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) have come to a remarkable understanding to further enhance tourism in the picturesque state of Uttarakhand. This endeavour seeks to highlight the lesser-known treasures of the state, like Manaskhand, by launching special tourist trains from different regions of the country.

This special tourist train is intended to begin operations in April 2024 and will accommodate up to 500 tourists per journey in Second AC coaches, providing an easy-going travel experience. The tourists will benefit from the numerous extensive excursion packages which will have everything from onboard conveniences to lodging, transportation, and sightseeing, and will be meticulously handled by IRCTC. The endeavour by UTDB and IRCTC seeks to exhibit the vast cuisine of the state during travels, along with generating occupation prospects for residents by giving them an opportunity to work as guides.

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JDS to contest from Hassan, Mandya, Kolar: Kumaraswamy

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WITH BJP contesting in 25 of the 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka, its coalition partner JD(S) will contest three constituencies in the Old Mysore region, former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy confirmed during an election rally in Karnataka's Hassan.

JD(S) candidates will contest from Hassan, Mandya and Kolar seats, Kumaraswamy said while predicting, "We will win two or three seats. In the Centre, they have decided to give us this (Hassan), Mandya and Kolar." He also confirmed the buzz of a JD(S) candidate being fielded on a BJP ticket and said that Dr C N Manjunath, son-in-law of JD(S) supremo and former PM H D Deve Gowda, will contest from Bengaluru Rural.

Manjunath is expected to be pitted against Congress's D K Suresh, brother of Karnataka Deputy CM D K Shivakumar. Though BJP could have given them one or two more seats, he said he did not "have the strength to manage elections. Since 2017, I have been running this party alone with guidance from Deve Gowda."

Kumaraswamy, who was campaigning for his nephew Prajwal Revanna, the coalition candidate in Hassan, urged BJP workers to back Revanna amid reports that a section of Hassan BJP leaders are unhappy about Revanna's candidature. He assured all BJP workers he would be campaigning for BJP candidates across the state. Revanna, who is contesting for the second time, was the only JD(S) candidate to win in 2019. On his brother-in-law Manjunath's candidacy, he said "We did not want to make him a candidate. Neither did he wish to contest", and claimed it was due to media campaigns Manjunath, who retired as director of the Jayadeva Institute Cardiovascular Sciences and Research this February, emerged as a candidate. Manjunath is scheduled to meet BJP Parliamentary Board member and ex-CM B S Yediyurappa and expected to join BJP soon. "JD(S) cannot be finished off by anyone. In Chitradurga, Bijapur and Raichur seats we have two and half lakh voters. In Kalaburagi, we have 1.9 lakh ... So I request BJP workers (to back the candidate)," he said.

Boundary issue with India does not represent entirety of bilateral ties: China

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CHINA ON Wednesday said the Sino-India boundary issue does not represent the entirety of the bilateral ties and called for enhancing mutual trust between the two countries to "avoid misunderstanding and misjudgement".

India has been maintaining that its ties with China cannot be normal unless there is peace in the border areas.

Bilateral ties nosedived significantly following the fierce clash in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in more than four decades.

Responding to questions on External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's remarks this week that the amassing of troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) has "not served either of us well", Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said, the boundary issue should be placed appropriately in the bilateral ties.

"China has stressed multiple times that the boundary question does not represent the entirety of China-India relations, and it should be placed appropriately in the bilateral relations and managed properly", Wang said.

While responding to a query from a Chinese diplomat at the *Express Adda* Monday, Jaishankar said, I think it is in our common interest that we should not have that many forces on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

"It is in our common interest that we should observe the agreements that we have signed. This tension that we have seen for the last four years has not served either of us well," Jaishankar said.

Wang said "Both China and India believe an early settlement of the situation on the China-India border serves the common interests of both countries". "We hope that the two sides will follow the common understandings between the leaders of the two countries and the spirit of relevant agreements, maintain communication through diplomatic and military channels, and find a solution to relevant border issues that can be accepted by both sides at an early date", he said.

China hopes India will work in the same direction as China and approach the bilateral relations from a strategic height and long-term perspective, he said.

"We should enhance mutual trust and avoid misunderstanding and misjudgement. We should step up dialogue and cooperation and avoid setting up obstacles. In this way, we will bring the bilateral relations to a sound and steady track of development", he said.

When pointed out that Jaishankar's comments referred to the resolution of the present standoff in eastern Ladakh where the two countries deployed thousands of troops, while China referred to the overall boundary issue, Wang said, "The two things in nature are the same." He reiterated China's hope that India can work with China in the same direction, follow the common understandings reached by leaders of the two countries as well as the spirit of relevant agreements, maintain communication via diplomatic and military channels and find a mutually acceptable solution for relevant border issues as soon as possible.

The Indian and Chinese troops are locked in a standoff in certain friction points in eastern Ladakh even as the two sides completed disengagement from several areas following extensive diplomatic and military talks. The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong Tso (lake) area. The eastern Ladakh standoff has resulted in a freeze of bilateral ties on all fronts except trade. Both sides have held 21 rounds of corps commanders-level talks.

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'Politics of hope can't just be about technocratic things. It has to address the deepest spiritual sources that move people'

At A recent Adda, Michael Sandel, one of the world's foremost political philosophers, spoke on the state of democracy, the rise of authoritarian leaders, and why it's a mistake for progressive parties to allow patriotism and national identity to become a monopoly of the right

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On the success of authoritarian populist figures

The success of right-wing authoritarian populist figures and parties is usually a symptom of the failure of progressive politics. I certainly think that's true in the United States with the success of (Donald) Trump.

And so I think it should be an occasion not to look down on those people who are voting for Trump and similar candidates, but an occasion to ask if he is as disagreeable as we think he is. What does that say about us? Why is it that we have failed to offer a compelling alternative and does it have something to do with the tendency of elites to look down? And the cultural sources and the religious sources of populist appeal — that too is worth taking seriously because technocratic politics that assumes it's only about the economy, misses the deepest sources, not only of the politics of grievance, but also of any politics of hope. A politics of hope can't just be about technocratic things. It has to address the deepest cultural and spiritual sources that move people, that give rise to people's anger and frustrations and resentments, but also to their hopes and aspirations. And for the most part, mainstream liberal elite technocratic politics over the last four or five decades has had a tin ear to that dimension of politics and aspiration.

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On the backlash against elites

We see the backlash against elites in many democratic societies and it takes different forms. But it's worth asking why. Why the appeal of more nationalistic politics, sometimes various forms of religious fundamentalism in various countries and societies connected to the populist backlash. And I think it's because for four to five decades governing elites embraced a hubristic conception of the economy and of politics…The free flow of capital and goods and people across borders is the wave of the future and anyone who challenges it or criticises it must be parochial or backward or intolerant. And that hubristic picture essentially said, 'leave it to us to govern as technocrats'.

On nationalism and secularism

Well, let's take nationalism and secularism to go right to the heart of it. I was speaking earlier about the technocratic, seemingly value-neutral picture that mainstream governing elites offered of the global economy that they were promoting.

And this is connected to, it's not the same as, but it's connected to, the question of secularism as a governing philosophy. Now this goes back in the case of India to the Independence movement and to Nehru. And also in the '40s and '50s, there was a kind of faith in countries around the world that the way to a tolerant society, the way to avoid communal conflict and violence, was to insist on governing principles that were entirely secular, even to the point in some countries as this liberal secular picture unfolded, it was a version of liberalism that insisted that citizens leave their moral and spiritual convictions outside when they enter the public square. I think it was a mistake. First, it's not possible to decide fundamental questions of justice and law and rights and freedom and the common good without reference to substantive conceptions of the good, of the good life, of civic virtue, of how to live.

But neither is it desirable to try to conduct politics in a way that is truly neutral with respect to contested moral and spiritual questions or questions of the good life. It's not desirable because what it creates is a hollowed out public space that can't persist for long. People want public life to be about big things, about larger questions of meaning and purpose and belonging and identity. And if a purely secular technocratic political outlook creates an empty public space, sooner or later that public space will be filled possibly by narrow, insistent, intolerant moralisms, which typically take two forms— religious fundamentalism or hypernationalism.

On patriotism and national identity

It's a mistake for progressive parties and politicians to allow patriotism and national identity and belonging to become a monopoly of the right. There is no reason it needs to be a monopoly of the right because there are competing conceptions of what it means to express national pride and a sense of belonging. And progressive politics has long required sources of

HOW DO YOU ENSURE A FREE PRESS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS THE BIGGEST ADVERTISER AND ALSO USES ITS ACCESS TO THE MEDIA AS A WAY OF PUTTING PRESSURE ON IT?

PRIYADARSHINI NARENDRA
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THE NEED to cater to ratings, the market, and eyeballs — those imperatives to chase ratings or to win advertising from government or its agencies is damaging to the free press. If the media is funded in a way that is too beholden to powerful advertisers, whether those powerful advertisers be the national government or state governments or corporations or those who care about the ratings, then we're likely to have a degradation in the quality, fearlessness, courage, and the quality of coverage, which suggests that we may need to consider alternative media funded in ways that may be from not-for-profit, civil society, alongside the profit-driven ones. But to see whether we can experiment with new forms of funding to support coverage that is necessary in a free society for democracy to flourish, needs to be looked at.

BACK IN 2010 YOU'D SPOKEN ABOUT THE LOST ART OF DEMOCRATIC DEBATE. FOURTEEN YEARS ON, WHERE DO YOU THINK WE STAND? ALSO, INSTEAD OF DEMOCRATIC DEBATE, WE NOW TALK OF DELIBERATION, DISCUSSION, AND DISCOURSE. DO AMERICAN AND INDIAN CABLE TV CHANNELS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT SWITCH FROM DEBATE TO DISCOURSE?

SHERBIR PANAG
Partner, Panag & Babu

AS FOR THE art of democratic debate, we stand worse. The shift is because debate has been discredited because of its association with the shouting matches and the food fights — the partisan food fights that often appear on cable television or other forums. I would like to redeem the term debate from that shallow shouting match picture to make it more continuous with discourse. But I think that accounts less of debate and more of deliberation.

IT'S DEBATABLE WHETHER FREE MARKET ECONOMY HAS OR HAS NOT DONE JUSTICE TO EQUALITY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WELFARE STATE. DO YOU THINK A HASH OF THAT SAME FREE ECONOMY MODEL WILL BE ABLE TO DELIVER THE CLIMATE AGENDA?

SALONI GOEL
Director, Projects & ESG, Religare Enterprises

WILL THE MARKET faith deliver the climate agenda? Well, the short answer is no. No, because to figure out how to cooperate together, to make the transition to a green economy, economic incentives can play an important part. A carbon tax could play an important part. But fundamentally, we need to change norms. Shifting attitudes are not something that can be achieved by economic incentives or market mechanisms alone. This requires political deliberation, persuasion, and shifting the way we live with nature.

QUICK QUESTIONS

If we look at the history of humanity, are we moving towards the left or the right?
Neither, because what changes is the definition of what's left and what's right.

What is Michael Sandel's state of mind? Are you optimistic? Are you scared? Are you cautiously optimistic?
I would distinguish between optimism and hope. But I do have hope, and that hope arises every time I encounter young people.

Why should a party care for a minority?
First, because one day they too will be in the minority. Second, respecting the minority is a fundamental condition of the mutual respect on which a decent society depends.

The one mistake that Indian democracy must learn to avoid from American democracy.
Allowing money to dominate politics and political campaigns.

The one thing that Indian democracy should learn to emulate from American democracy.
Social equality.

The one thing that American democracy should learn to emulate from Indian democracy.
The spirited passion for politics.

Equality or liberty, if you have to choose one.
I can't because properly understood, they go together. Each depends on the other.

What is success for Michael Sandel?
Managing to contribute even modestly to promoting a better kind of public discourse across countries and cultures.

The one secret ingredient to American soft power.
The ability to stand on one's own two feet, to speak one's mind as a citizen, as an equal. I think that ideal, though we realise it imperfectly, is an important source of the regard that people have around the world for America.

The one magic bullet that can fix social media.
Ban targeted online advertising.

The one necessary condition for being a liberal in 2024.
The one important thing to being a good liberal is to listen carefully to rather than vilify those who disagree with you.

Henry Ford or Elon Musk, who is Michael Sandel's choice of capitalist?
There were a lot of problems with Henry Ford but the one thing that would lead me to go for him is that he recognised that the best way to develop the auto industry was to pay workers enough so that one day they could buy a Ford car that they were making. There was a deep insight in that.

Should intellectuals be on Twitter?
Why would they want to be?

WHAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

For the president of a top Ivy League university, if one of the donors calls and says, we need to pull out our donations, our endowments, unless you stop anti-Semitic protests by students on campus.
Well, first ask the donor whether they're right about the level of anti-Semitism that they worry about. Because if they are right, then the university is doing something wrong in the first place. If the donor pressure is pushing for something that's illegitimate, then the right thing to do is for the university president to stand up and say, 'I'm very sorry, but that's not something that we can do. That's at odds with our educational mission'... If it's a legitimate problem, then you say to the donor, you've got a point, we're working on it, here's how, perhaps you can help us. If it's not a legitimate demand, then you have to stand up to the donor.

An Indian software engineer has an offer for a job that will double his monthly salary. He has to leave his family and live without them. Should he take the offer and pay down the debt that he picked up to study and enter this merit race? Or should he read your book on what money can't buy and stay with the nourishment of the family?
Well, I hope those aren't the only two alternatives. I hope that he or she can read *What Money Can't Buy* and still feel the moral weight, the tug of family, even while trying to balance how to promote the family's good in the long term, maybe through a financial opportunity.

So, India-China relations are getting tough. An Indian tech entrepreneur gets an investment offer from a strategic Chinese company. What's the right thing to do?
I think it depends on the concrete practical arrangements that can be negotiated. I would say that if it meant ceeding control altogether at that extreme then maybe forgo it.

(From left) Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Education; Justice Anish Dayal with wife Charanpreet Arora, Board Member, Internews Europe and Former Business Head, Viacom18 Digital Ventures

Michael Sandel at Express Adda

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MEERA DEWAN
Filmmaker

On whether the Opposition can articulate an alternative governing vision

Can there be an Opposition party that reimagines an alternative vision of democracy that draws on India's democratic tradition. Which is itself a source of great national pride but (also one) that re-articulates the meaning of that democratic tradition in a way that speaks to the aspirations that (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi has articulated and expressed with national identity and pride?

There's not one single version of such a vision. And so I think what happens, how it unfolds really depends on the political imagination and will of those who would challenge the BJP and their vision of national renewal who can articulate a compelling conception of democracy that doesn't depend on a purely secular liberal technocratic neutral way of thinking about the nation and national pride and belonging and tradition.

solidarity. The left speaks of solidarity, the right monopolises the term patriotism, but the left makes a mistake to cede the language of patriotism and national pride to the right.

And so far, as left or progressive politics depend on making citizens alive to their mutual obligations in virtue of sharing a common life and a public project together, it has to speak the language of solidarity. Which is to say, in the setting of the nation state, the language of patriotism and belonging and national identity. It may be a different conception of nationalism or of patriotism than the right, but then that should be the debate.

On the tendency of democracies to tilt in favour of majorities

Democracy is not the same as majoritarianism. Democracy is not only about voting or about majorities. Democracy at its best describes a public culture of deliberation and ongoing argument and contestation. And so for democracy to flourish, it's necessary that there be sites and occasions for genuine citizen deliberation about these kinds of questions.

On free speech on university campuses

Well, what we've seen on university campuses is not a good thing because there has been a freezing up of openness to discussion on fraught questions including the Israel-Palestinian conflict. But not only that, I mean this problem was already arising even before the Hamas attack of October 7 with regard to other issues.

And I think we have to do the same kind of reimagining in the university that we've been discussing with regard to public discourse and the use of online platforms. There are tensions on campuses, and students do feel inhibited in voicing their views in public on sensitive questions within the classroom.

On reservations

I would say the importance of affirmative action or reservations in any particular country depends on the extent to which those inequalities have left their mark on the opportunities that still exist. And in so far as that's true, and it's true in a great many societies, I think it's important to take those inequalities, to try to address those inequalities in education and in other opportunities.

IN 2024, AROUND 70 COUNTRIES ARE HEADING FOR ELECTIONS. IN THE CASE OF MANY COUNTRIES, THERE IS NOTHING DEMOCRATIC ABOUT THEM. DO WE HOPE FOR DEMOCRACY OR DO WE NEED TO REDEFINE DEMOCRACY?

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IT IS striking how many countries are going into elections and how strong and pronounced is the tendency in many of these countries to embrace what are sometimes called strongmen, and they do tend to be men — figures who project authority that promises to vindicate the anger and frustrations of many. Any time we see a widespread politics of backlash and grievance, there's reason to worry. And we see this in many of the democratic countries now. Putin's upcoming re-election, counts as truly democratic or not. It bears a certain formal similarity in that people do cast ballots and the ballots are counted in some fashion. But if any serious Opposition is banned, jailed and its leaders are killed, then even though it's an election, it's hard to call that a democracy.

WITHIN THE PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK, IF A POPULIST GOVERNMENT WINS AN ELECTION OR A RE-ELECTION, HOW CAN THE LIBERALS AND THE INTELLECTUAL MIDDLE CLASS SAY THAT THIS IS A THREAT OR THE COUNTRY IS NOT DEMOCRATIC?

RAVINDRA S GARIA
Advocate

THEN I THINK we would say that the people have spoken and that the government that's been elected or re-elected has a democratic legitimacy and right to rule. Those who disagree with that government or with that candidate have to figure out how to persuade the public that their mission and agenda are better. Now, if a government wins an election or re-election and is in power for an extended period and begins to erode or change the basic constitutional framework in ways that undermine democracy, liberty, and respect for minority communities, then that's a different matter. Then that does constitute an erosion of democracy.

WHAT ROLE DO YOU SEE THE JUDICIARY PLAYING IN THE HOPE FOR A DECENT SOCIETY? WHERE DO YOU THINK IT HAS MOST LACKED, BE IT IN THE US OR IN INDIA AND WHERE DO YOU THINK IT HAS BEST EXCELLED?

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THE JUDICIARY at its best, especially in constitutional democracies, not only adjudicates disputes and conflicting interpretations of the law, it also serves as an institution of civic education, especially where big public questions are decided. This is one of the most important tests of the role the judiciary can play in a constitutional democracy. Safeguarding rights under the Constitution is crucial. Protecting those rights against majoritarian incursion and violation, is important. But the civic education explaining, offering justifications in opinions and in dissenting opinions can model the kind of public discourse we have been discussing. These days, I find myself admiring the Indian judiciary by contrast with some of the decisions the US Supreme Court has made of late.

LAZIO COACH SARRI RESIGNS

Rome: Maurizio Sarri has resigned from his role as Lazio coach and assistant coach Giovanni Martusciello has been nominated to lead the team, the Serie A club said on Wednesday. Sarri has been criticised of late as Lazio, who finished second last season, won only two of their last eight league games. **REUTERS**

BRIEFLY

Para World Cup: Narwal dominates with 2 silver medals

New Delhi: Star Indian para shooter Manish Narwal won a silver medal each in the men's 10m air pistol (SH1) individual and team events at the WSPS Para Shooting World Cup here on Wednesday. Narwal shot 236.7 to finish behind Chao Yang of China (240.3), who claimed the top step on the podium while Korea's Jeongdu Jo of Korea settled for the bronze (214.7) in individual section. The World Champion para shooter then joined forces with Rudransh Khandelwal and Sanjeev Giri to fetch the silver in the P1 men's team 10m air pistol (SH1) event. In the other events of the day, Indians failed to make it to the final eight of the R7 - men's 50m rifle 3 positions (SH1) category, with Rakesh Nidagundi being the best performer in the qualification round, finishing 14th. **PTI**

Wasn't satisfied to bat at one down: Babar

Karachi: Former Pakistan skipper Babar Azam's public expression of his unhappiness at being asked to bat at number three in T20 Internationals indicates that all is not well in the national team's dressing room. Babar made his feelings clear at a media interaction during the Pakistan Super League on Tuesday that he was not satisfied with the decision to bat at number three during the New Zealand T20Is in January. "It was the Pakistan team's demand at the time. I did that for Pakistan. If I was asked individually, I wasn't satisfied with the decision to bat at one down position. However, I did that for Pakistan," Babar said. **PTI**

IPL: Bairstow available for Punjab Kings

New Delhi: England batter Jonny Bairstow will be available for the entire duration of the Indian Premier League, beginning March 22, despite returning home only recently following a long Test tour of India. On the sidelines of the Dharamsala Test, the BCCI officials were in talks with their England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) counterparts over the availability of their players for the IPL. Test regulars like skipper Ben Stokes, Joe Root and Mark Wood had already made themselves unavailable for the lucrative T20 league as part of ECB's workload management following the five-Test series that ended in Dharamsala on Sunday. **PTI**

Hockey nationals: MP, Bengal log big wins

Pune: Defending champions Madhya Pradesh opened their campaign with a 8-0 win over Chhattisgarh, while Bengal showed no mercy in a 28-0 landslide victory over Gujarat at the Senior Women's National Championship here on Wednesday. Hritika Singh struck four times to help Madhya Pradesh ease past Chhattisgarh in Pool A. Hritika opened by converting a penalty corner in the 11th minute and added goals in the 17th, 22nd and 33rd minutes. Leading 4-0 at the halfway stage, MP pushed the scoreline via Preeti Dubey (24th), Aishwarya Chavan (46th), Anjali Gautam (48th) off a penalty corner and Sadhna Sengar (57th) to bag full points. **PTI**

YASHASVI JAISWAL INTERVIEW

'I don't take success and failure to my head'

The batting sensation reveals his mindset and the support he receives from Dravid and Rohit

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, MARCH 13

IN THE span of seven weeks, Yashasvi Jaiswal transformed from a bright young potential to the new torchbearer of India's batting. His immaculate body of work in the series against England—712 runs at 79.91 including a pair of double centuries compiled with a blend of youthful aggression and technical rectitude—not only fuelled India's comeback and the dismantling of Bazball, but also set his destiny rolling. But he remains firmly grounded and takes *The Indian Express* through his journey in the series:

Does the England series feel like a dream?

It's a great feeling, I'm happy but I want to be more focused, so that I can do well for my team. I'm not thinking about anything today. I want to take one match at a time. I don't know what will happen tomorrow, so I don't want to think too much.

Are you on a high after scoring 700-odd runs?

No, in cricket one has to grind on a daily basis. I don't take success and failure to my head. It's an uncertain game. I enjoy the success and learn from it why it was good. When I fail, I try to learn what I can do to improve it.

You seem to love batting. Someone had to literally take you out of even the nets...

Yes, *woh toh hai* (that is true). I love batting and feel I'm really lucky that I'm getting to do what I love the most. I'm really blessed that God has been kind enough to give me this opportunity and I want to make it count. I want to work hard, give my 100 percent. I have the confidence that I have worked enough for it. I can sleep well when I bat well in the nets. It's a process, be it batting, eating, or listening to people on how they became great. Be punctual, disciplined and consistent. If I have to play five Test matches, then I need to sleep well, eat well, and be on the ground on time. It's like a routine and I don't want to break that routine.

How did you prepare mentally for the series? Are you someone who watches and analyses the bowlers beforehand?

I didn't do much because I was already playing in South Africa. I was in a good zone. I got to learn a lot from South Africa and it was a good experience. I was trying to make sure that if I get set, I score big runs. It was the only thing crossing my mind.

You have an appetite for big runs...

When I walk to the crease, the only thing I keep telling myself is that I want to finish this game. Want to win this for my team. In Tests, one gets time to prepare and plan.

When you go on the offensive, you strike with a lot of power. How much of it is down to the power and range-hitting?

I have that range and thanks to T20 cricket and Zubin Bharucha sir, who has helped me to improve my game. It has been three or four years since I have been working with him. Thanks to Rajasthan Royals that they provide me a platform where I can go and practice for endless number of days. At the same time, I have been playing with the Indian team for the past nine months and there I speak to Rohit Sharma sir and Rahul Dravid sir a lot. That has helped me improve my game a lot. It helped me to understand the game situation, how I can be there for a long time, and make sure I play all my shots and enjoy the game.

Yashasvi Jaiswal scored 712 runs over five Tests against England in India. *PTI*

Rohit keeps saying in the media that 'let Jaiswal be, let him score'. How is he in the dressing room with you?

It's so good to have him there inside the dressing room. It has been great to play under him. There are a lot of moments which I don't want to disclose at the moment. Let it be with me. The way he backed players throughout this journey, the way he talks, the way he bats. Whatever happens, he will be there to stand by you. I think it's incredible to see that in your leader.

Did you read what Ben Duckett said about you?

I don't want to say anything about it. I just need to do whatever I can on the ground that says the best I can do.

When Shoaib Bashir and Joe Root were tossing up the ball full and outside off, you would square-drive and mistime it. Rohit then told you '*bhai udhar mat maar*' and showed the bat straight down the ground. In the same over (off Bashir), you hit three straight boundaries! Can you elaborate?

He came and told me that in that moment that shot is not on, it will be better to hit straight. So I was trying to hit straight. I must tell you nothing misses his eyes. He knows everything. That is the biggest quality. He is aware of things and what is going on. Alag level hai, it's so fun to be around him.

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> – ON HIS APPETITE FOR BIG RUNS

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> –ON ROHIT SHARMA'S CAPTAINCY

Any particular moment with Dravid, a tip or advice that stands out?

Dravid sir keeps supporting us. He will walk in and keep talking to us. He will be asking '*kya chal raha hai dimag mein* (what is going on in your mind)?' He makes sure I can speak to him and get the right information for the game. He gives us that confidence that we will do it. He will tell us to enjoy the game, and be aware of the situation.

Did it ever cross the team's mind that there are so many new players in the team playing a good English side?

No. Some have been playing IPL for quite a while. All have played Ranji Trophy games, many didn't have international match experience but had decent experience under their belt.

Ben Stokes high-fived you after the 200 at Rajkot...

I have played with him in Rajasthan Royals and know him a little, that's it.

You hit three successive sixes off James Anderson in Rajkot...

Those shots were in my mind. I knew I could hit him when I got set. It was in my mind that when I'm on top of my game, I will get him. Get him in the sense, not only him, but any bowler. If I'm going after someone, I will go hundred percent.

Jos Buttler expressed his happiness on your maturity. Did you stay in touch with him?

Thoda bahut (a bit). I will meet him when I join Rajasthan Royals. He is a good guy.

Shafali Verma scored 71 off 37 balls in the win for Delhi Capitals. *Sportzpics*

Shafali underlines Delhi Capitals' dominance

NAMIT KUMAR
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

SEVEN FOURS, five sixes, and an all-round confident performance. If there was anything to perfectly encapsulate Delhi Capitals' dominance over Gujarat Giants, it was Shafali Verma's belligerence with the bat, hitting a 37-ball 71 to take her team to a seven-wicket win, chasing down 126 with almost seven overs to spare in the final league match of the Women's Premier League (WPL) on Wednesday.

Skipper Meg Lanning may have once again become the leading run-scorer of the tournament, but after her early run-out and Alice Capsey's wicket caused a slight wobble, it was Shafali who took control with the bat to obliterate Gujarat's limp bowling attack.

The 20-year-old opener proved she is not simply an aggressor at the top, but also has the ability to pace her innings and see a run-chase through to the end. She rotated strike effectively, and walloped the balls in the V. Ash Gardner may be the most pedigreed bowler in the Gujarat side, but Shafali tore through her with three sixes and a four.

With the win, Delhi go straight to the final and remain firm favourites at home while Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bangalore face each other for a place in the title clash.

This was a match between a team that was all but confirmed to go straight to the final, and a team that was all but confirmed to finish last. And it showed.

Lanning's captaincy calls bore fruit, as she managed her bowlers smartly to keep the Giants batters guessing. The team's sharpness was evident on the field as they hardly gave anything away.

Gujarat Giants proved to be a disappointment that they have been in so many matches throughout both seasons of the league – uncoordinated, inexperienced, wasteful. The combination of top-level international players that they bet so big on simply has not worked.

Once Beth Mooney departed early to a Marizanne Kapp ripper, the team collapsed. The investment in Gardner and Phoebe Litchfield (who had a high-scoring outing during Australia's recent tour of India) didn't give adequate returns. Gardner scored 12, bringing her tournament total to 120. Litchfield hit 21 of her 108 runs this fortnight. Neither have been significant contributors in any of the eight matches.

There was a late flourish from Bharti Fulmali, but after her team had been reduced to 48/5 within the first half of their innings, her 36-ball 42 would be utterly in vain, only allowing her side to crawl to 126/9.

BRIEF SCORES: Gujarat Giants 126/9 in 20 overs (Bharti Fulmali 42; Minnu Mani 2/9) lost to **Delhi Capitals** 129/3 in 13.1 overs (Shafali Verma 71; Tanuja Kanwar 2/20) by seven wickets.

RANJI TROPHY

Karun fights bravely but Musheer puts Mumbai in total control of final

MIHIR VASAVDA
MUMBAI, MARCH 13

A LOUD, desperate cry from Musheer Khan did not move the umpire but it woke up a couple of young men, sitting next to the Sachin Tendulkar statue, on the uppermost row of the Vijay Merchant Pavilion, from their nap.

The gentle sun and mild sea breeze made the stand an ideal location for an afternoon siesta. Even the band in the MCA Pavilion, brought in to celebrate Mumbai's 42nd Ranji Trophy title, sat in silence. And there wasn't the risk of missing out on any action. For, there wasn't a lot. At least it felt like that.

After Mumbai challenged them with a mammoth target of 538 in the Ranji Trophy final, Vidarbha had two templates to choose from. One, by Musheer Khan who batted for more than seven hours for his century. And then there was the Shreyas Iyer – absent from the field on Wednesday – way, an aggressive approach from the get-go to get close to a ton inside two hours. Vidarbha chose the former.

To their credit, they took the match to Day 5, which would have been their first target. At the same time, the two-time winners still find themselves needing 290 runs to win and the onus to pull off the unlikeliest of heists is on their lower order. At stumps on Day 4, Vidarbha were 248/5 chasing 538.

Things might not have looked so ominous for Vidarbha had Mumbai not taken the most important wicket of Karun Nair with just half an hour left in the day. It was barely surprising that it was Musheer who provided the breakthrough.

The 19-year-old has played in just 5 innings for Mumbai this season but has had an oversized impact on their performances. The 433 runs at an average of more than 100 have put Mumbai closer than ever to ending their Ranji title drought. But it'll be doing him an injustice if Musheer's contribution is seen merely through stats.

Musheer toils

It's his ability to grind, as well as the energy he brings to the field, that's infectious. After batting for nearly 500 minutes across the second and third days, Musheer bowled 20 overs on Wednesday. At some level, Musheer knew the bowlers might have to toil as the pitch had very little to offer. And toil he did, but at no stage did he look tired or a lack of heart, even when Vidarbha were merely blocking the balls.

Musheer constantly tested the batsmen's defence and got the ball to turn just enough to keep the close-in fielders interested. After bowling like that the whole day, he was rewarded with the big wicket of Nair.

Vidarbha's Karun Nair scored 74 before losing his wicket on Wednesday. *Pradip Das*

Musheer pitched the ball full, around the middle and off, and got it to drift in. Nair stepped forward to defend but the ball turned away and kissed the outside edge.

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Wicket-keeper Hardik Tamore safely pouched the catch, after he had dropped Nair when he was at 4.

Nair stood like a statue, fully aware of the consequence of his rare error. When he finally started walking back to the dugout – after a failed review that he took against all hope – the motley Wankhede crowd got on its feet. It was for Musheer but they might as well be applauding Nair's slow-burn innings.

It was a kind of knock that's largely out of fashion these days. He took 43 balls to hit his first boundary, a drive through the covers off pacer Tushar Deshpande. The shot also took Vidarbha's score past 100 – in the 36th over. It took Vidarbha another 42 overs to reach 200 while Nair took 222 minutes for his 50.

Alongside captain Akshay Wadkar (56 not out), Nair dealt largely in singles and although there was an odd attempt to hit a reverse sweep, he never really managed to connect. Barring those shots, it was a largely chanceless innings. Until he finally fell to Musheer.

The wicket, he knows, is a potential game-changer. "I think we need to be realistic. It's a tough task," he said of the challenge that Vidarbha now face. "I can say something about the team, they have the character. (But) I would have loved to be batting overnight."

Nair knows that had he stayed on, there would have been slight anxiety when Mumbai would have come out on Thursday even though they'd have remained the favourites. Especially after making the Mumbai bowlers grind all day on Wednesday.

His wicket leaves the lower order exposed and with 290 runs still to get, Mumbai now have one hand on the trophy. Safe to say, when they return on Thursday, there will be few napping in the stands and the dhol wallahs won't be silent.

BRIEF SCORES: Mumbai 224 and 418 vs **Vidarbha** 105 and 248/5 (Karun Nair 74, Akshay Wadkar 56*; Musheer Khan 2/38, Tanush Kotian 2/56). Vidarbha need 290 more runs to win

CL: Barca win knockout match after 4 years, enter quarters

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MARCH 13

FOUR YEARS later, Barcelona is again celebrating a triumph in the knockout stage of the Champions League.

The five-time European champions returned to the quarterfinals with a 3-1 win over Napoli on Tuesday.

Fermin Lopez, Joao Cancelo and Robert Lewandowski scored for Barcelona as it advanced 4-2 on aggregate after a 1-1 draw in the first leg in Italy three weeks ago.

Amir Rrahmani scored for Napoli, which couldn't repeat its last-eight appearance from last season, when it won a knockout round for the first time.

Barcelona had been eliminated in the group stage the last two years and hadn't reached the quarterfinals since 2019-20, when it lost to Bayern Munich.

"It was an incredible night," Barcelona midfielder Sergi Roberto said.

"It had been four years since this club was where it deserves to be. We have to enjoy this moment." In the other Champions League match on Tuesday, Arsenal eliminated Porto in a penalty shootout after a 1-1 aggregate draw.

The Champions League could be Barcelona's last realistic chance for a title this season. It was eliminated in the Copa del Rey and trails Spanish league leader Real Madrid by seven points. Coach Xavi Hernández already announced he will leave at the end of the season.

"It was a great match, very complete," Xavi said.

"We have been criticised unfairly, and today we showed that this team is prepared to compete in Europe. We are among the best eight teams in Europe. We have to enjoy it." The victory also means extra income for Barcelona, which has been struggling financially recently.

The Catalan club is unbeaten in six meetings with Napoli in all competitions.

Arsenal beat Porto on penalties

Reuters Adds: David Raya proved the hero as Arsenal survived a penalty shootout to scrape past Porto and reach the quarter-finals of the Champions League for the first time in 14 years after a tense last-16 duel had ended 1-1 on aggregate on Tuesday.

Porto, who won the opening leg 1-0, proved stubborn opposition for the Premier League leaders and Arsenal fans must have feared another night of European heartache.

But Martin Odegaard, Kai Havertz, Bukayo Saka and Declan Rice all tucked away their spot kicks with clinical precision and Arsenal keeper Raya made two saves. He got the slightest of touches to send Wendell's effort against the post and then saved Galeno's penalty to send Arsenal through 4-2 in the shootout and spark wild celebrations.

Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski celebrates after scoring. *Reuters*

Lakshya sets sight on Antonsen

Indian shuttler hasn't beaten Danish metronome since 2022, and needs to maintain intensity for longer to break losing streak

SHIVANI NAIK
MARCH 13

ONE REASON why the allure of the All England endures in these parts of the world is that no Indian has won it for a long time. Since 2001.

It's one of four annual Super 1000s. But top Indians have just not nailed the big occasion, when others don't bother pretending that it's just another event, and are always looking to peak at it.

Saina Nehwal made the final in 2015, but Carolina Marin properly crushed her title hopes. Perhaps the most audacious charge was made by Lakshya Sen in 2022 - beating Sourabh Verma, Anders Antonsen, Lu Guang Zu and Lee Zii Jia, before Viktor Axelsen imposed his monster game.

But no matter what the prologue has been to this year, or what the projections in an Olympic year might be, Sen perennially threatens to cause a stir at the All E.

Amongst all the Indian men's singles players, he looked likely to go the deepest after his run at the French Open. On Wednesday, he wrapped up a straight-games win over young Dane leftie Magnus Johannesen, 21-14, 21-14 in an easy Round 1, and ended up the only Indian in Round 2 of men's singles. Priyanshu Rajawat gave Chico Wardoyo a scare, but had not much left in the tank in the third, losing 19-21, 21-11, 21-9. So it's down to Sen, who plays another Dane, a more compact, stubborn and quicker one, Antonsen, seeded 4, who lost his first match of 2024 only last week.

Sen, unseeded at Birmingham, has a predictably tough draw. And Antonsen is a repeat of last year's pre-quarters. Sen hasn't actually beaten the Dane, who's tamed his wild hitting ways with exceptional shuttle-control and shorn his temperament off any tempestuous outbursts, since the 2022 All England. That's three losses straight, denying Sen entry into the quarters at All England, Indonesia and China. The Indian is due to pull one back, and it could be on the back of the clinical win over Johannesen.

Sen wasn't pushed much in his opener. But he remained sharp, and did well not to dawdle and wind up in a decider. As is his wont, Sen played a disproportionately large number of returns from below the tape in the first game. His low defence is so outlandishly good that he can work the shuttle around without going overhead too often, and picks winners by just skipping about letting the wrist manoeuvre the shuttle, not exerting his shoulders. Against a better Dane, which Antonsen is, he will be summoned to play the shuttle much sooner, and push the pace of rallies by striking it early. Johannesen is far too inexperienced and stood no chance at the net. But Antonsen will push the shuttle back, aim for the lines, and make Sen work.

With his win over Magnus Johannesen , Lakshya Sen remains the only Indian in the men's single draw at All England. *File*

Tough cookie

There's a perceivable increase in pace and intensity in rallies when Sen hits the home stretch of a game. He suddenly piles on the menace in rallies, and opponents tend to find him difficult in 17-17 situations. His brain is granite in endgames, and the reason he's rated so highly is because no other Indian plays the clutch points better than him. Prannoy has sheer talent, stroke variety and skill. But Sen mentally disintegrates opponents, with ridiculous retrieves, and outrageous net kills.

Antonsen, though, has built himself the patience reserves and will pick a fair share of Sen's round-the-head smashes. The Indian can run out of patience if three successive ones get picked. He'll just need to be prepared to go for the fourth one against Antonsen.

He was constructing points nicely against Johannesen, but will need to be a chameleon on pace against the head band-wearing anti-McEnroe of shuttle, who has a lid on his temper, and no qualms about playing boring points. Sen will simply have to buy into the idea that the first few rounds against the likes of Antonsen, or even the later rounds against Kunlavut Vitidsarn, can be laborious.

He has the likes of Lee Zii Jia, Loh Kean Yew and Shi Yuqi to spice up his life ahead, if he can put his head down and disrupt Antonsen with pace eccentricity. But in the city of legendary guitarist Tony Iommi, Sen will need to alter the riffs on the strings and mix up the tempo.

Amongst his batch of 2018, Li Shifeng exited on Tuesday and Kodai Naraoka was packed off on Wednesday. Only Sen and Kunlavut remain. The Indian had his second- and third-game meltdown and a bout of cluelessness against Vitidsarn at the French, though one suspects he was in a hurry to cross the channel. But the Indian loves his All England stomp. He knows he's always belonged there. Antonsen starts favourite in Round 2, but Sen can dial 2022 again.

Rd 2, the best time for Sindhu to beat An Se Young

A DAY's extra rest and preparation. Good carry-over vibes from last week's French Open. And nothing to lose.

It's not exactly what aligning of stars reads like, but a second-round face-off against the unstoppable Korean An Se Young might well be the best-timed challenge for PV Sindhu. She's not likely to be particularly exerted from her first round quick progress ahead of Thursday's clash, and Se Young, 22, invariably gets difficult to dislodge deep into tournaments.

The Korean World No.1 is a difficult proposition for Sindhu, but viewed from the other end, Se Young will find herself up against a tough cookie in the Indian so early in the week while defending her title.

Sindhu has lost all six times they've played, and nicked just the one game, 21-18 off Se Young at the Asian Championship in April 2023. In fact, Se Young has won 11 off her 17 tournaments in the last year, making her extremely formidable. While a good, quick start might help, Sindhu might want to go in prepared for a tough three-game wringer, with the same fight she showed against Olympic champ Chen Yufei last week.

Se Young anticipates brilliantly at the net, and doesn't mind the back court-front court quick shuttle, so Sindhu's drops might get picked more often. But the deep power smashes and varying the pace whimsically can surprise the Korean who likes running away with a gush of points. Just as well, it's early in the tournament, and Sindhu will be prepared for the running. **SHIVANI NAIK**

In Smash, Kamal shocks World No 13, dispels doubts over form

ANIL DIAS
MUMBAI, MARCH 13

BEFORE THIS year's World Table Tennis (WTT) Singapore Smash event, India's 10-time national champion Sharath Kamal hadn't won a single game in the two seasons of the top-tier event. His best performance at a WTT event was reaching the Round of 16 at a Star Contender (second-tier) event back in 2021.

He smashed away all doubts and concerns over his fitness and form with a superlative performance on Wednesday, coming back from a game down to beat World No. 13 Darko Jorgic 3-1 (8-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-9) and enter the Round of 16 of the Smash.

"I've played him twice before this, and I've lost both times. So I went into the match thinking that at least let me start off with one set, because last time I lost 0-3," Sharath told the WTT media channel after his win. "From the second set onwards, slowly, I found my right momentum. There were a lot of shots which in the first set, I was a bit hesitant about. But, as the game went on, I went for my shots and continued to put them in difficult places," he said.

That Sharath could pull off a victory despite the Slovenian dominating the first game, shows why he has been the story of this tournament, having entered the main draw after going through the rigours of qualifying. Sharath, ranked World No. 88, began his campaign by beating Romania's Andre Istrate then Yuta Tanaka of Japan, and finally Slovenia's Deni Kozul to book his place in the main draw.

He then simply outplayed World No. 31 Nicolas Burgos 3-0 in the round of 64.

Race to the Olympics

There was not a lot left for the 41-year-old to prove when it came to world rankings and his focus would be more on events with the Indian team, like the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and other team championships.

It's different this time around though. India, against all odds, qualified for the Paris Olympics as a team after reaching the Round of 16 of the World Championships in Busan last month. That means that Sharath is close to achieving his lifelong dream of playing the team event at an Olympics. He has been India's best paddler for over two decades but over the latter part of the past decade, he has been yanked off his turf by the likes of G Sathiyan, Harmeet Desai, and even the young Manav Thakkar

Sharath Kamal's entry into the Rd of 16 is his best performance in a WTT event.

Only three players can make the team in Paris – with one being a reserve player — so, to confirm his spot in India's team or rather, avoid any hiccups, Sharath knew that he would have to improve his rankings by having a couple of great runs at WTT before the cutoff in June.

He will pocket more than $10,000 as a result of reaching the pre-quarters, Sharath will be even more thrilled with the 175 ranking points added to his tally that should take him close to the top-50 in world rankings. If he wins his next game, he could enter the top-35 in world rankings.

Standing between him and a place in the quarterfinal is World No. 22 Omar Assar of Egypt. The 32-year-old reigning African Games champion led his country to the quarterfinal of the World TT Championships last year and is a force to be reckoned with.

25-year-old coach

Sharath is rarely seen with a coach at an international WTT event and it was quite surprising to see him with a 25-year-old coach in Singapore — Anders Lind. The Danish 12-time national champion competes at the international level while also coaching. Lind is a close friend of Sharath and the warm bond between them was evident in the match against Jorgic.

Lind was quite animated on the bench, passing on instructions to Sharath, who celebrated whenever their strategy seemed to bear fruition. The only time Lind was nervous was when Sharath was up 10-6 in the fourth game and lost three points to make it 10-9 before winning the match with a little bit of luck. The ball ricocheted off the edge of his racket and somehow found its way onto the table. "We've been friends for a long time. And he also helped me in the qualification matches earlier. He was free today and he's pretty good," said Sharath about Lind.

"He's boasting about his records as a coach; that he's quite positive. He has won more matches than he has lost. And it proved again today."

Alcaraz, Sinner reach quarters at Indian Wells

Indian Wells: Second-ranked Carlos Alcaraz avenged a previous loss to Fabian Marozsan, winning 6-3 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals of the BNP Paribas Open as the top remaining seed in the men's draw.

A day after "lucky loser" Luca Nardi stunned No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the third round at Indian Wells, Alcaraz on Tuesday advanced easily over the Hungarian who ousted him from the Italian Open in May.

Marozsan was a qualifier and the No. 135 player in the world when he upset Alcaraz — then on the verge of taking the top spot in the rankings — 6-3 7-6(4) in the third round in Rome.

"Honestly, I was nervous before the match. I'm not going to lie," Alcaraz said. "Playing against someone that beat you. ... Today I knew what I had to do."

Australian Open champion Jannik Sinner beat Ben Shelton 7-6(4) 6-1 later Tuesday for his 18th consecutive victory. The third-ranked Italian has won 15 matches in a row to start 2024, claiming titles at Melbourne and Rotterdam. It was the 150th hard-court victory for the 22-year-old Sinner, who became first player born in the 2000s to reach that milestone.

Sinner had a set point, up 5-4 and 40-30 in the first, before Shelton was saved by a net cord. It then took Sinner another 15 minutes to close out the first set; in the second, he went up 3-0 and coasted to the victory. Sinner advanced to the quarterfinals to play Jiri Lehecka, a 6-2 6-4 winner over Stefanos Tsitsipas. **AP**

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'DIVEST US ASSETS OR FACE BAN'

US HOUSE FORCES CHINESE FIRM TO DIVEST TIKTOK

The US House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a bill on Wednesday that would give TikTok's Chinese owner ByteDance about six months to divest the US assets of the short-video app, or face a ban, in the greatest threat to the app. The bill passed with bipartisan support, but faces an uncertain path in the Senate where some favour a different approach to regulate foreign-owned apps posing security concerns. **REUTERS**

TOP OF THE WORLD

Rocket explodes after its launch. *Reuters*

JAPAN

First pvt space shot fails right after launch

Tokyo: Kairos, a solid-fuel rocket made by Space One, exploded just seconds into its inaugural launch Wednesday as it tried to be the first Japanese firm to put a satellite in orbit. The setback for Space One and the rocket industry in Japan comes as the government and investors ramp up support for the sector amid a national security buildup and skyrocketing demand for commercial satellites. Space One did not specify what triggered self-destruction after the first-stage engine ignited - or when the company would launch the next Kairos - only pledging an investigation into the explosion. **REUTERS**

UNITED KINGDOM

New Bill to quash wrongful postal scam convictions

London: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak paid tribute to hundreds of post office branch managers, including several of Indian heritage, as he confirmed that a new law to quash their wrongful convictions would be tabled in the Lower House Wednesday. Under the proposed new Bill, convictions will be automatically quashed if the postmasters were prosecuted by the Post Office or Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) or charged with offences carried out between 1996 and 2018. **PTI**

POLAND

Farmers to let in Ukrainian grain trucks in goodwill

Warsaw: Polish farmers protesting at the Dorohusk border crossing with Ukraine will let all trucks stuck there pass through as a gesture of goodwill, a protest leader told state news agency *PAP* on Wednesday. Farmers across the EU have been calling for changes to restrictions placed on them by the EU's Green Deal plan to tackle climate change, and for the re-imposition of customs duties on imports of agricultural products from Ukraine. "It's a gesture from us to the Ukrainian drivers, so that they can go back to their families," protest leader Wojciech Los told *PAP*. **REUTERS**

DENMARK

Conscription to include women, increases term

Copenhagen: Denmark wants to increase the number of young people doing military service by extending conscription to women and increasing the time of service from 4 months to 11 months for both genders, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said Wednesday. "We do not rearm because we want war. We are rearming because we want to avoid it," Frederiksen told a press conference. Denmark currently has up to 9,000 professional troops on top of the 4,700 conscripts undergoing basic training, as per official figures. **AP**

'WEAPONS EXIST IN ORDER TO USE THEM'

Putin warns West again: Russia ready for nuke war if sovereignty threatened

Says US understands sending troops to Ukraine or Russian territory will be treated as intervention

REUTERS
MOSCOW, MARCH 13

PRESIDENT VLADIMIR Putin warned the West on Wednesday Russia was technically ready for nuclear war and that if the U.S. sent troops to Ukraine, it would be considered a significant escalation of the conflict.

Putin, speaking just days before a March 15-17 election which is certain to give him another six years in power, said the nuclear war scenario was not "rushing" up and he saw no need for the use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine.

"From a military-technical point of view, we are, of course, ready," Putin, 71, told Rossiya-1 television and news agency RIA in response to a question whether the country was really ready for a nuclear war.

Putin said the US understood that if it deployed American troops on Russian territory - or to Ukraine - Russia would treat the move as an intervention.

"(In the US) there are enough specialists in the field of Russian-American relations and in the field of strategic restraint," said Putin, the ultimate decision maker in the world's biggest nuclear power.

"Therefore, I don't think that here everything is rushing to it (nuclear confrontation), but we are ready for this."

Putin's warning came alongside another offer for talks on Ukraine as part of a new post-Cold War demarcation of European security. The US says Putin is not ready for serious talks over Ukraine.

The war in Ukraine has triggered the deepest crisis in Russia's relations with the West since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

In a US election year, the West is grappling with how to support Kyiv against Russia, which now controls almost one-fifth of Ukrainian territory and is rearming much faster than the West and Ukraine.

Kyiv says it is defending itself in an imperial-style conquest designed to erase its national identity. Russia says the areas it controls in Ukraine are now Russia.

Vladimir Putin speaks in an interview in Moscow Wednesday; (left) The site of a Russian strike in Sumy, Wednesday. *AP, Reuters*

Putin reiterated the use of nuclear weapons was spelled out in the Kremlin's nuclear doctrine, which sets out the conditions under which it would use such a weapon: broadly a response to an attack using nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction, or the use of conventional weapons against Russia "when the very existence of the state is put under threat."

"Weapons exist in order to use them," Putin said. "We have our own principles."

Ukraine drones damage Russian oil refineries for 2nd straight day

Moscow: Ukraine struck Russian oil refineries in a second day of heavy drone attacks on Wednesday, causing a fire at Rosneft's biggest refinery in what President Vladimir Putin said was an attempt to disrupt his country's presidential election this week.

Russia and Ukraine have both used drones to strike critical infrastructure, military installations and troop concentrations in their more than two-year war, with Kyiv stepping up attacks on Russian refineries and energy facilities in recent months.

A day after seriously damaging Lukoil's NORSI refinery, Ukrainian drone attacks hit refineries in the Rostov and Ryazan regions, Russian officials said. In Ryazan 180 kms (110 miles) from Moscow, a drone attack caused a fire at Rosneft's refinery, Russia's seventh largest. **REUTERS**

1ST PRESIDENTIAL REMATCH IN 70 YEARS

Trump, Biden clinch nominations, kick off bruising rematch

REUTERS
MARCH 12

Joe Biden; Donald Trump

PRESIDENT JOE Biden and former President Donald Trump both clinched their parties' nomination on Tuesday, kicking off the first US presidential election rematch in nearly 70 years.

Biden needed 1,968 delegates to win the nomination, and he passed that number on Tuesday night as results began to come in from the primary contest in Georgia, Edison Research said.

Hours later, Trump clinched the 1,215 delegates required to secure the Republican presidential nomination as four states held contests, including Georgia, the battleground where Trump faces criminal charges for his efforts to overturn the state's 2020 results.

Biden issued a statement after he sealed the Democratic nomination, taking aim at what he called Trump's "campaign of resentment, revenge, and retribution that threatens the very idea of America."

The outcome of Tuesday's voting was essentially predetermined, after Trump's last remaining rival for nomination, former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, ended her presidential campaign after his big win last week on Super Tuesday.

Trump said there was no time to celebrate, and put focus on beating Biden, whom he called the "worst" president in history.

This year, voters have expressed little enthusiasm for a repeat of the bitter 2020 election, with *Reuters/Ipsos* public polls showing both Biden and Trump are unpopular with the majority of voters.

While Trump's myriad criminal charges could harm his standing among the suburban, voters, Biden has been dogged by the perception among a majority of voters that he is too old to serve a second four-year term.

RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

EXPLAINED

Four times in 248-yr history

THE LAST rematch came in 1956, when President Dwight Eisenhower again faced Adlai Stevenson, his Democratic opponent he had four years prior to secure an even larger landslide. William McKinley topped Democrat William Jennings Bryan in the election of 1896 and then in 1900. John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson faced off twice for the presidency — in 1824 and 1828. In the first-ever rematch in 1800, John Adams, the second US president lost to Thomas Jefferson, whom he had defeated in 1796.

Israeli House clears amended budget to fund war in Gaza

REUTERS
JERUSALEM, MARCH 13

ISRAELI LAWMAKERS gave their final approval on Wednesday to an amended 2024 state budget that adds tens of billions of shekels to fund Israel's war against the Palestinian group Hamas in Gaza, as the conflict runs into its sixth month.

The amended budget adds more spending on defence and compensation to households and businesses hurt by the war, which was sparked by Hamas' shock attack on Israel on Oct. 7.

Members of the Knesset, or parliament, voted 63-55 in favour of the spending package of 584 billion shekels ($160 billion), or 724 billion including debt repayment. "The amended war budget... has clear goals - to win the war, support the reservists, strengthen the home front and continue to grow the Israeli economy," Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich said after the vote. Israel last year approved a two-year budget for 2023 and 2024, but the Gaza war has shaken up government finances, requiring budget changes and additional spending.

Spending was boosted by 70 billion shekels from the original budget - with 55 billion shekels going to the military and 15 billion to finance civilian needs.

After an Israeli airstrike in Qatar-funded Hamad City in south Gaza's Khan Younis on Wednesday. *Reuters*

ISRAEL KILLS HAMAS MEMBER IN LEBANON

Beirut: An Israeli drone strike on a car outside the southern Lebanese city of Tyre on Wednesday killed a member of Hamas from the nearby Palestinian camp of Rashidieh, Israeli and Hamas officials said. A Hamas source, speaking to Reuters, identified the member as Hadi Mustafa but said he was not a senior figure. Hamas's Al Aqsa television said Mustafa was a leader of the group's armed wing. **REUTERS**

Texas man who lived 70 years inside iron lung dies at age 78

REUTERS
MARCH 13

A PARALYZED Texas man who lived 70 years inside an iron lung after he survived polio as a child has died, his family said.

Paul Alexander, 78, died on Monday, his brother Philip said in a post on Facebook. He gave no cause of death.

"It was an honor to be part of someone's life who was as admired as he was. He touched and inspired millions of people and that is no exaggeration," Philip Alexander wrote in a post on Tuesday.

Alexander was six years old when he was placed in full-body metal cylinder known as an iron lung in 1952 after contracting polio, a deadly disease that once paralyzed tens of thousands of children every year. An iron lung uses pressure to blow air into the lungs.

Alexander graduated law school, passed the bar and practiced law. He also traveled to every continent, his brother said.

"He commanded a room. What a flirt! He loved good food, wine, women, long conversations, learning, and laughing," his brother wrote.

Alexander had contracted COVID-19 and was hospitalized in February.

His illness left him weak and dehydrated, according to a spokesperson on TikTok, where Alexander had more than 300,000 followers.

Paul Alexander was six when he was placed in full-body metal cylinder known as an iron lung. *X/@NthngMtrs*

Nepal PM wins vote of confidence

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, MARCH 13

THE FIVE-PARTY coalition led by Pushpa Kamal Dahal won a vote of confidence at the House of Representatives, his third in the past 15 months.

A total of 157 Members voted in favour while 110 voted against the motion that PM Prachanda moved in the morning. The vote of confidence was necessitated following the change of constituents of the coalition — after he replaced the Nepali Congress with the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist.

Prachanda was called "dishonest" and a "betrayer" by the opposition members, to which he responded asking "how can a party that till yesterday called me statesman say all this against me today".

PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda

Chitra Bahadur K C questioned the 'hypocrisy' of the Prime Minister for his promise to eradicate corruption. "How can you do that by bringing someone involved in the cooperative scam as the Deputy PM," he asked, referring to Rabi Lamichhane, chief of the Rashtriya Swatantra Party. Swarnim Wagle of the RSP countered the NC leaders by asking "why did you propose him as the PM candidate?"

Prachanda promised clean and effective governance but recent media disclosure about two sons of former Vice President and Maoist leader Nanda Kishore Pun involved in a gold smuggling case with Chinese smugglers had tarnished his government.

As members from the opposition kept warning the Prime Minister that it is not going to be a stable government, he said "I dare you form an alliance of the NC and the UML," referring to the two largest parties in the House.

Shehbaz-led govt 'puppet' of Pakistan military, says senior Nawaz party leader

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LAHORE, MARCH 13

A CLOSE aide of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif has admitted that the PML-N party-led government at the Centre is a mere "puppet," indirectly indicating that the military establishment is running the government it had stitched.

Mian Javed Latif, a stalwart from Nawaz Sharif's PML-N and a former federal minister, told a private TV channel on Tuesday that his party failed to secure even a simple majority in the National Assembly in the February 8 elections.

"They (the military establishment) stitched a government by collecting seats of National Assembly from here and there. You may call it a government of PML-N or some other party but as a matter of fact, it is a puppet government and everyone knows who has the real power," Latif said.

"Whosoever is running this government, the PML-N will have to bear the brunt of their (establishment) policies at the end of the day," he added.

Mian Javed Latif at the interview. *X/@Mian_JavedLatif*

This is the first time that a senior leader of the ruling party openly admitted the government led by PML-N is a "puppet setup" installed by the military. The anchor, who too looked surprised at Latif's comments, asked him to confirm and yet again Latif repeated the same allegation.

The anchor then asked him if he was venting out his anger now because he had not been elected in the last month's elections, Latif said, he was speaking the truth. .

Almost 24 hours after his interview was broadcast, there has been no reaction from the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) or the establishment.

GLOBAL SIGNPOST FOR OTHER GOVTS GRAPPLING WITH HOW TO REGULATE FAST-DEVELOPING TECH.

European lawmakers give final approval to world's first AI law

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON, MARCH 13

EUROPEAN UNION lawmakers gave final approval to the bloc's artificial intelligence law Wednesday, putting the world-leading rules on track to take effect later this year.

The European Parliament voted overwhelmingly in favor of the Artificial Intelligence Act, five years after they were first proposed. The AI Act is expected to act as a global signpost for other governments grappling with how to regulate the fast-developing tech.

"The AI Act has nudged the future of AI in a human-centric direction, in a direction where humans are in control of the technology and where it helps us leverage new discoveries, economic growth, societal progress and unlock human potential," said Dragos Tudorache, a Romanian lawmaker who was a co-leader of the Parliament negotiations.

Big tech companies generally have supported the need to regulate AI while lobbying to ensure any rules work in their favour. OpenAI CEO Sam Altman caused a minor stir last year when he suggested the ChatGPT maker could pull out of Europe if it can't comply with the AI Act — before backtracking to say there were no plans to leave.

Like many EU regulations, the AI Act was initially intended to act as consumer safety legislation, taking a "risk-based approach" to products or services that use AI.

The vast majority of AI systems are expected to be low risk, such as content recommendation systems or spam filters. Companies can choose to follow voluntary requirements and codes of conduct.

High-risk uses of AI, such as in medical devices or critical infrastructure like water or electrical networks, face requirements like using high-quality data and providing clear information to users.

Some AI uses are banned because they're deemed to pose an unacceptable risk, like social scoring systems that govern how people behave, some types of predictive policing and emotion recognition systems in school and workplaces. Other banned uses include police scanning faces in public using AI-powered remote "biometric identification" systems, except for serious crimes like kidnapping or terrorism.

The law's early drafts focused on AI systems carrying out narrowly limited tasks, like scanning resumes and job applications. The astonishing rise of general purpose AI models, exemplified by OpenAI's ChatGPT, sent EU policymakers scrambling to keep up. They added provisions for so-called generative AI models, the technology underpinning AI chatbot systems that can produce unique and seemingly lifelike responses, images and more.

Developers of general purpose AI models — from European startups to OpenAI and Google — will have to provide a detailed summary of the text, pictures, video and other data on the internet that is used to train the systems as well as follow EU copyright law.

AI-generated deepfake pictures, video or audio of existing people, places or events must be labeled as artificially manipulated. There's extra scrutiny for the biggest and most powerful AI models that pose "systemic risks," which include OpenAI's GPT4 — its most advanced system — and Google's Gemini.

Brussels first suggested AI regulations in 2019, taking a familiar global role in ratcheting up scrutiny of emerging industries, while other governments scramble to keep up. The Act is expected to officially become law by May or June, after a few final formalities.

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BRIEFLY

CHHATTISGARH

Woman injured in crossfire with Maoists

Raipur: A 44-year-old woman from a village in south Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district suffered a bullet injury in a cross-fire between security forces and Maoists on Tuesday afternoon. The police said forensic analysis will clear if the bullet that hit the woman was fired by forces or Maoists. The encounter took place around 3 pm on Tuesday in Bodga forest at a distance of around 73 kilometers from Bijapur district headquarters. **ENS**

RAJASTHAN

Three of family killed after car, trolley collide

Jaipur: A 35-year-old man, his minor son and another member of their family died in a collision between a car and a trolley in Rajasthan's Sanchore district, police said on Wednesday. Police Sub-Inspector Ganga Prasad said the car rammed into the trolley from behind on National Highway 68 near the Karola crossing late Tuesday night.. The deceased were identified as Omprakash Vishnoi, his son Anil Vishnoi (12) and nephew Naresh Vishnoi (10), all residents of Dedwa village. **PTI**

UTTAR PRADESH

Transgender forced to lick slipper, 5 booked

Ballia : After a video went viral on social media in which a transgender person was being forced to lick slipper after spitting on it, police has registered an FIR against five persons of the same community, officials on Wednesday said. The video also showed tonsuring of the heads of two trangenders by the accused, they said. An FIR has been registered at Ubhaon police station against five transgenders on the complaint of one Puja, a resident of Bibipur, police said. **PTI**

NIA detains man from Ballari who suspect met 8 hours after Bengaluru cafe blast

JOHNSON TA
BENGALURU, MARCH 13

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA), probing the March 1 blast at The Rameshwaram Cafe in Bengaluru that left nine persons injured, Wednesday detained a person identified as Syed Shabbir from Ballari who is alleged to have interacted with the suspect in Ballari the same night, around eight hours after the blast.

Police sources said the association of the detained person with the main suspect is yet to be ascertained and the detention was on the basis of technical analysis.

The probe by the NIA and the Bengaluru police has narrowed down the identity of the suspect to an individual from the Shivamogga module of an Islamic State group, but efforts to nab the suspect and possible collaborators have remained a challenge on account of the group being adept in the usage of terror tradecraft.

Last week, between March 6 and 9, the NIA questioned four members of an ISIS Ballari module – they are in prison after their arrest in December 2023 – for possible clues on who the suspect in the blast case could have met in Ballari.

The CCTV trail of the suspect captured from buses and bus stops in Bengaluru and Ballari showed him arriving in Ballari, located around 300 km from Bengaluru, at 8.58 pm on March 1, eight hours after the blast at the cafe at 12.56 pm.

The suspect is believed to have met an acquaintance in Ballari before travelling further in the direction of Kalaburagi in a bus. The person detained has been identified as a resident of BUDA bazaar in Ballari.

Last week, Minaj alias Md. Sulaiman, 26, Anas Iqbal Shaikh, 23, Shayan Rahman @Hussain, 26, and Syed Sameer, 19, from the Ballari ISIS module were taken into custody for three days to carry out investigations.

Two missing suspects from the Shivamogga module, Abdul Taha Matheen and Mussavir Hussain Shazib, have emerged as the main suspects in the cafe blast case.

CCTV footage of the suspect at the cafe on March 1

The microscope is on Shazib on account of his close resemblance to the suspect seen in the CCTV footage and on account of Taha being identified as a bald man. He was part of a radical-minded youth group that emerged in the Thirthahalli region of Shivamogga between 2013 and 2016.

"Taha and Shazib were believed to be operating from a location outside India until now," police sources said.

The IED used in the cafe blast has been found to be very similar to the detonation system and materials used in the November 19, 2022 Mangaluru cooker bomb blast case.

Evidence from the Mangaluru case, the Shivamogga bomb testing episode from early 2022 which led to arrests in September 2022, a provocative graffiti incident in Mangaluru in December 2020, and a larger south India ISIS conspiracy case – Al Hind conspiracy from January 2020 – indicate knowledge of terror tradecraft.

Mohammed Shariq, 24, of the Shivamogga module, who was arrested on November 19, 2022 after a bomb he was carrying for planting in Mangaluru accidentally detonated on his lap in an autorickshaw in Mangaluru, moved around with an Aadhaar card of a railway employee from Hubbali.

Shariq also used the fake identity of a person called Arun Kumar Gawli to stay at a boarding house in Coimbatore in August-September 2022 before he was caught following the accidental explosion in Mangaluru. He told investigators he mistakenly set the timer on the IED for nine minutes instead of 90 minutes, resulting in the accidental blast.

The NIA told an anti-terrorism court last year that the suspects from the Shivamogga IS module case were using encrypted communication technology to communicate with handlers for the larger IS-linked operatives network for south India.

"As per the data extracted from the electronic gadgets, the accused persons were using many encrypted communication platforms such as Wire, WickrMe, Element, Status, Session, Signal, Protected Text(PT), Telegram, Telegram-X, Graph, etc., and they used the said encrypted communication platforms with an intention to mask their identity," the NIA said.

One of the arrested suspects communicated with a handler identified as 'Colonel' on the Session communication platform which facilitates disappearance of chats. The suspect however saved copies of his chats with "Colonel" on a laptop which the NIA managed to extract.

UP CONSTABLE RECRUITMENT PAPER LEAK

STF: 1,000 aspirants flocked Gurgaon resort before exam to get question paper

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, MARCH 13

NEARLY 1,000 candidates, who were set to appear in the Uttar Pradesh Police constable recruitment examination on February 18, were taken by members of a racket to a resort in Gurgaon's Manesar two days before to share the leaked question paper with them, the state police's Special Task Force (STF) on Wednesday claimed.

Yet another accused in the case, Mahendra Sharma, was arrested with the question paper and an answer key from his hometown in Haryana's Jind district on Tuesday afternoon, the STF said in a press statement.

On March 5, six suspects — identified as Deepu, Bittu, Praveen, Rohit, Naveen, and Sahil — were arrested in the paper leak case. They are all residents of Meerut. After announcing the cancellation of the examination, the state government removed Renuka Mishra, chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh Police Recruitment & Promotion Board (UPPRPB), which conducted the examination.

The STF said, "Those arrested earlier revealed the purported involvement of Mahendra Sharma in the paper leak. A team was formed to nab Sharma who was arrested from the shop where he works. During questioning, Sharma said that on February 15, Vikram Pahal, a Delhi Police constable, took him to a resort in Gurgaon's Manesar where the question paper was to be brought. Vikram promised to pay him a couple of lakh rupees in exchange for his help. At least 300 candidates had already arrived at the resort and 700 more aspirants were brought in 10-12 buses by one Gaurav Chaudhary and his associates. The resort owner was also present there."

"The next day, Vikram and his associates brought the question paper for the second shift of the examination. Monu Sharma of Haryana's Jhajjar and Vikram Dahiya of Sonepat district were also accompanying Vikram. There was discussion on bringing in the maximum number of candidates to the Gurgaon resort for sharing the paper," the STF added in its statement.

An officer, who is part of the probe, said the paper was procured by Abhishek Shukla of Prayagraj and Ravi, a Noida resident, whom Vikram was in touch with and are now absconding.

"Shukla and Ravi handed over the paper to Vikram Pahal. In 2015, Ravi, who has an MBBS degree, was also involved in the leaking of the Haryana PMT exam. The aspirants were supposed to pay Rs 5-7 lakh each to the gang members in lieu of the question paper. The accused kept their original marksheets and other documents as security, and if the paper shared with them came in the exam, they were to pay the money to get their documents back," said the officer.

TOP COURT TO HEAR SUIT ON MARCH 21

Centre-Kerala talks on borrowing limit make no headway

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

WITH THE Centre and Kerala government failing to reach a consensus on the state's demand to raise the borrowing limit after Kerala rejected Centre's offer for sanction to borrow Rs 5,000 crore more as a special case, the Supreme Court Wednesday decided to hear the state government's suit on the issue on March 21.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and K V Viswanathan fixed the date after the Centre sought to explain "why any more additional borrowing to Kerala in FY 2023-24 is neither prudent nor in the interest of the state government".

"Rs 5,000 crore will not take us anywhere, we need at least Rs 10,000 crore. They are saying this on the assumption that the suit is liable to be dismissed," Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the ruling LDF government, said.

The SC Tuesday had asked the Centre to consider allowing the state government a "one-time package" in the present financial year to help it tide over funds shortage while the central government could simultaneously impose more stringent conditions for the next financial year.

On Wednesday, Additional Solicitor General N Venkataraman pointed out that in the financial year 2023-24, Kerala had already received consent for borrowing a total of Rs 52,583 crore. He said "based on the projected Gross State Domestic Product for Kerala for 2024-25, the net borrowing ceiling of the state for the year would come to Rs 33,597 crore."

He said after deductions, Kerala will be left with the borrowing space of only Rs 6,664 crore to meet its requirements for first 9 months of 2024-25 if its demand for sanction to borrow Rs 15,000 crore more this fiscal is granted.

"Going by the expenditure trend of Kerala, it will be extremely difficult for the state to manage its finances… it would not be able to manage in Rs 6,664 crore for the first 9 months... This will trigger serious hardships for the people of Kerala," he said.

CJI honours SC cook's daughter set to pursue masters in law in US

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

THERE WAS a surprise waiting for Pragya Samal on Wednesday as she walked up to the Supreme Court where she has been working as a researcher at the Centre for Research and Planning (CRP).

Daughter of Promila Samal, a home maker, and Ajay Kumar Samal, a Supreme Court attendant and a cook at the official residence of one of the judges, Pragya has received admission offers for LLM programmes from six western universities and also secured scholarships from at least two of them.

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud and all other judges of the court were waiting in the judges' lounge to congratulate the 26-year-old who has got admission offers from Columbia Law School, Chicago Law School, New York University, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, University of California Berkeley School of Law and the University of Michigan Law School. Besides, she has secured scholarships from Berkeley and Michigan law schools.

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud felicitates Pragya Samal after she got a scholarship to study masters in law in two US universities, in New Delhi on Wednesday. *PTI*

"I was just told to come with my parents. I was told that the CJI wants to meet. When I went there, it was a surprise to me. All the judges were there in the corridor. It was not just the CJI, all the judges were there," she told *The Indian Express*. "I met them around 9.50 am, just before the court hours. The CJI felicitated my parents, gave me three books, of which one was signed by all judges. It was my privilege and I felt really honoured. Everybody congratulated me. Asked me which law school I will choose," she said.

Samal said getting to meet the CJI "was a huge thing for me".

"Being a law student, I have always read his judgments. Not many law students get the chance to work for him, right? For the legal field, especially under him. It's big," she said.

After graduating in law from AMITY University in 2021, Samal worked as a judicial clerk with an SC judge, since retired, and joined CPR in February 2023.

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Ansari gets life term in gun licence forgery case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, MARCH 13

GANGSTER-TURNED-POLITICIAN MUKHTAR Ansari was on Wednesday sentenced to life imprisonment in a case related to the use of forged documents for obtaining an arms licence in 1990.

This is the eighth case in which the former five-time MLA has been convicted and sentenced by a court in UP in the past two years. The Varanasi MP/MLA court on Wednesday handed Ansari life imprisonment under Sections 467 (forgery of valuable security, will, etc) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy) of IPC and seven years under Sections 420 (cheating) and 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating) of IPC. Ansari, who was pronounced guilty by Special Judge (MP/MLA court) Awanish Gautam on Tuesday, was also sentenced to six months imprisonment under Section 30 of the Arms Act. All the sentences will run concurrently. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 2 lakh on him. **—WITH PTI**

Mukhtar Ansari is currently in Banda jail. *File*

Missing Kolkata businessman's body found in sack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, MARCH 13

THE BODY of a businessman who had gone missing on Monday was found underneath a water tank on the outskirts of the city, a police officer said on Wednesday. The body of Bhavo Lakhani (44), who lived in Bhowanipore area, was found in a jute sack beneath the water tank at the residence of his business partner, Anirban Gupta, on Tuesday, the officer said. Gupta and his accomplice, Suman Das, were arrested in connection with the murder, the officer added.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, accompanied by Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal, on Wednesday met the family members of Lakhani. After interacting with Lakhani's wife and two sons, Banerjee termed the crime as a "planned murder" and said the police would take stringent action against the accused persons.

"I cut short my (Siliguri) visit and came here after learning about the murder. The man who was killed was a simple person who ran a pharmaceutical business. His business partner called him to his residence and mercilessly killed him," said Banerjee.

She also said, "The family registered a missing complaint on Monday evening. The police made continuous efforts to solve the case and arrested culprits. I have no words for the bereaved family. It was a planned murder and those who have committed this are bigger criminals than the usual definition of a criminal." Banerjee said considering its gravity, the homicide section of the Kolkata Police has taken over the case from the Nimta police.

Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Goyal said inquiries indicated the accused had borrowed a significant amount of money from the deceased but failed to repay it over an extended period.

Lakhani purportedly visited Gupta's residence on Monday to discuss "recovery of the money," but his phone became unreachable shortly afterwards, the officer said. In response to a query, Goyal said it was still unclear whether more than two persons were present at the scene when the murder occurred.

The body of Bhavo Lakhani, who lived in the Bhowanipore area (Mamata Banerjee's constituency), was found in a jute sack beneath a water tank at Gupta's residence in Nimta, North 24 Parganas district. According to the police, the body was found during a raid at Gupta's house, which was prompted by suspicions from neighbours who noticed "sudden" construction activities around the tank on the terrace.

Following interrogation, both Das and Gupta admitted to striking Lakhani on the head with a cricket stump during a heated argument and concealing the body in a jute sack, police said.

Army Major, soldiers beaten up at dhaba in Punjab, two arrested

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 13

AN ARMY Major and his team of 16 jawans were allegedly brutally attacked by the owner and workers of a dhaba on the Manali-Ropar road in Punjab on Monday, leading to grievous injuries to the Major and some jawans. The police filed an FIR at the Kiratpur Sahib police station and arrested two of the accused.

As per the FIR registered in the early hours of Tuesday, the incident took place on Monday when Major Sachin Singh Kuntal and his troops from Ladakh Scouts were returning from Palchan near Manali in Himachal Pradesh after winning a snow marathon held in Lahaul the previous day.

The team of soldiers, headed for Chandimandir, stopped at the Alpine dhaba near Bharatgarh in the Ropar district for dinner at around 9.15 pm, said the police. According to the FIR, there was an altercation between the soldiers and the dhaba owner over the mode of payment of the bill, as he did not accept payment through UPI and insisted on cash payment to avoid taxation.

As the altercation continued and even after the soldiers paid the bill online, the owner insisted on payment by cash and upon refusal by the Major, a group of around 30-35 people pounced on the officer and his jawans and beat them up with lathis, sticks and iron rods, said the police.

The Major suffered injuries to his arms and head, and was left unconscious, after which the attackers fled from the scene.

The Kiratpur Sahib SHO said: "The dhaba owner is on the run along with several others. We are identifying other accused through CCTV footage," he said.

Renting vehicle in Goa? Signing a road safety undertaking must

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
PANAJI, MARCH 13

TOURISTS WHO want to rent vehicles in Goa will now have to sign a police-mandated undertaking pledging adherence to road safety and traffic norms.

The decision comes in the aftermath of recent fatalities involving rented vehicles in the coastal state. Last month, a motorcyclist from North Goa's Aldona was killed after a rented car, allegedly driven by a tourist from Odisha, collided with his bike on Old Mandovi bridge. The victim fell into the Mandovi river and his body was fished out two days later following a massive search operation.

After the incident, the government mandated the installation of speed governors for all rental vehicles. The Director of Transport had also issued a directive for the inspection of transport vehicles, particularly 'rent-a-car' vehicles, to ensure that the speed governors had been installed and are functional.

SP (Traffic) Rahul Gupta said a "worrisome trend" was observed while analysing data on road accidents in the state.

"It has been observed that rent-a-bike and rent-a-cab vehicles are twice as likely to be involved in accidents compared to other registered vehicles. This risk is primarily attributed to the negligence of users, especially tourists and their lack of familiarity with roads, diversions and the topography of Goa," he said.

DAY AFTER 10 PEOPLE AWARDED LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR 2018 MURDER OF CATTLE TRADER IN HAPUR

'The wound can't be healed but there's some satisfaction... he has got justice'

DHEERAJ MISHRA
HAPUR, MARCH 13

"WE REALISED yesterday that the law is still alive."

This is the only sliver of relief, says Mohammad Saleem, 38, as he answers the phone at his home in Saddiqpura village of Uttar Pradesh's Hapur district on Wednesday, a day after a local court sentenced 10 people for life for killing his brother Qasim, a cattle trader, on suspicion of cow slaughter six years ago.

Ever since the verdict came, the phone has been ringing incessantly. And every time he speaks, Saleem relives the pain of losing his brother. "*Iss bheed ne mere sar ka saaya cheen liya*… (That mob snatched the only support I had)... "*Bahut tadpa tadpa ke maara* (they tortured him to death)," he says.

But amid all the grief, Saleem says, the verdict has brought a sense of relief to the family.

"It took a very long battle, but we got justice. The whole family is feeling better now… The mob did whatever they wanted, but later the police harassed us. They wanted to end the case, but the Supreme Court supported us," says Saleem.

On June 18, 2018, Qasim, 45, was beaten to death and another person, Samaydeen, 62, was seriously injured by a mob, with a video clip that surfaced later showing Qasim lying in a field, his clothes torn and bruises across his body. Days after the incident, a photograph was circulated on social media showing Qasim being dragged by some men, with three policemen in the frame. The three policemen were later sent to police lines, and the state police issued an apology.

Mohammad Saleem, brother of Mohammed Qasim (right), in Hapur district of Uttar Pradesh. *Gajendra Yadav*

Months later, after Samaydeen, the prime witness in the case, approached the apex court, the Supreme Court asked the Inspector General of Police, Meerut range, to supervise the probe. The 10 who have been convicted have been named as Maangeram, Karanpal, Rinku Rana, Hari Om, Lalit, Rakesh, Manish, Yudhishtir, Sonu Rana and Kanu. Each of them has also been fined Rs 58,000.

In Tuesday's order, Additional District and Sessions Judge/Special Judge POCSO Act, Hapur, Shweta Dixit said Qasim's killing was "perpetrated by a mob which became rowdy and violent… This behaviour of the crowd is a warning and danger to the entire society."

The judge relied on the SC's 2018 ruling in Tehseen S. Poonawalla vs Union of India, in which the apex court said lynching and mob violence were "creeping threats that may gradually take the shape of a Typhon-like monster" as seen amid a "rising wave of incidents of recurring patterns by frenzied mobs… instigated by intolerance and misinformed by fake news and false stories."

But Saleem, a fruit seller who has been supporting Qasim's wife and six children, says the battle was never for revenge. "That is why we demanded life imprisonment (for the accused), if it was revenge we would have asked for the death penalty," he says.

Draped in a ghunghat (veil), Qasim's wife, Naseema, 40, recalls how Qasim had left home early that day to sell his goat. "He said he will come back soon, but the mob did not let him return. Their hate destroyed an entire family. *Umeed hai ki ye faisla samaaj me nazeer banega* (Hope the court verdict will become an example in society)," she says.

"This wound cannot be healed, but there is some satisfaction, up there in the heavens he has got justice," Naseema says, adding that despite her financial condition, she will not press the administration for any monetary help.

For Qasim's daughter Nisha, 18, things will take a long, long time to get better. "I want to study, but now I am very scared to move ahead. I can't forget what happened. I have to tell everyone the same incident. Grief is not leaving me any soon," she says.

She says she misses her father a lot. "Whenever a festival comes… the other children go out with their fathers, I stay at home. *Gham se dil bahut bhar gaya hai, ab koi aawaz hi nahi nikalti hai* (My heart is filled with sorrow, it doesn't say anything)."

Opposed to CAA earlier, now BJP allies, Tripura tribal parties in spot

DEBRAJ DEB
AGARTALA, MARCH 13

THE CENTRE'S notification of rules of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), weeks ahead of the Lok Sabha polls, has left the two tribal organisations which are part of the BJP-led ruling coalition in Tripura, which shares over 80% of its border with Bangladesh, in a spot.

While protests have erupted in parts of the state, the two parties — the Indigenous Peoples Front of Tripura (IPFT) and Tipra Motha, which joined the BJP coalition only days ago — hitherto vehemently opposed to the law, have chosen silence on the issue.

On the other hand, the BJP has already started reaching out to people, telling them that the CAA is "a strong step against infiltrators and anti-India elements", and exuding confidence that it would not have an impact on the party's electoral chances in the state.

On Tuesday, members of the Twipra Students Federation (TSF) burnt copies of the CAA in Agartala, terming the Act "draconian, against the values of the country and against the interest of Muslims and Christians".

"We do not want its implementation in the state. We live in a democratic country. We appeal to the Centre to exempt Tripura from the law. If they don't agree, we shall hold democratic movements," TSF leader Manish Debbarma said.

The state has seen protests against the law. *PTI File*

BJP state president Rajib Bhattacharjee said as citizens of India, everyone must be proud of the CAA. "There is speculation surrounding the law but it will only strengthen the country's internal security and is against those who want to divide the country. Safety and security of Indians is one of the biggest concerns and everyone needs to feel secure in the country," he said.

Asked if the CAA would impact the party's chances in Tripura, Bhattacharjee said, "I do not think it will."

While it was in the Opposition, the Tipra Motha was opposed to the CAA and was a part of many protests against the BJP government's move to bring in the law. The main plank of the outfit, led by erstwhile royal Pradyot Kishore Debbarma, is statehood for Tripura tribals, which rose out of the resentment against migration from Bangladesh over the years, leaving the tribals a minority in a state where once they were the dominant group. The CAA, in that sense, goes contrary to that sentiment, by easing the way to citizenship of migrants from Bangladesh.

In fact, the Tipra Motha's original demand for a "Greater Tipraland" included areas in Assam, Mizoram and Bangladesh where Tripuri tribals are concentrated. However, Pradyot has been diluting the same, and the March 2 agreement that the Tipra signed with the Centre and the BJP-led state government made no mention of Greater Tipraland. Subsequent to the signing of the agreement, the Tipra joined the NDA coalition, and the BJP government in the state.

Asked about the CAA, IPFT spokesperson Swapan Debbarma said he would not comment on the issue before "reading the notification", while Pradyot, who is in Delhi, asserted over the phone that he continued to oppose the law. However, he too added: "Till the entire law is made public, we will not know what protection has been given to the tribals of the Northeast. We want the 125th Amendment to be passed to ensure people are safe as we share a long boundary with Bangladesh," he said.

State Congress president Ashish Kumar Saha said the BJP was using the CAA "as a political instrument to divert attention from the burning issue of electoral bonds". He also slammed Tipra Motha, asking it to make its stand on the issue clear. **FULL REPORT**
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CAA linked to NRC, will not allow detention camps in state: Mamata

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JALPAIGURI, MARCH 13

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday asserted that the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is linked with the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and that is the reason why she is opposing the new legislation.

The TMC supremo said she doesn't want detention camps in West Bengal, like those in Assam.

"The CAA is related to NRC, that is why we are opposing it. We don't want detention camps like those in Assam," she told reporters here. Banerjee also claimed that the CAA is a "political gimmick" ahead of Lok Sabha polls.

With the CAA rules being issued, the central government will now start granting Indian nationality to persecuted non-Muslim migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan, who came to India till December 31, 2014. These include Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and Christians.

Addressing an administrative meeting in Jalpaiguri earlier in the day, Banerjee underscored that the citizenship-granting process proposed by the central government is different from that of other nations.

The TMC supremo criticised the exclusion of Muslims from the ambit of the CAA, asserting that it aims at creating division among the country's populace. "The CAA is aimed at dividing the people of the country," she said.

CM Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata on Wednesday. *Express*

Expressing concerns over the lack of clarity in the CAA application process and its potential ramifications on people's rights, Banerjee affirmed her administration's commitment to safeguarding the citizens of West Bengal.

"We are not landlords, but vigilant custodians. No one will be ousted from West Bengal. All refugees will find permanent settlement here," she said.

Banerjee also rebuked the BJP, alleging that it espouses a "distorted interpretation of Hinduism".

During the administrative meeting, Banerjee extended the 'Cha Sundari' scheme, providing land titles and allocating funds for housing construction for tea garden workers. Additionally, she unveiled various development projects for north Bengal districts.

The CM said the common refrain of the saffron party that the TMC government had usurped money under the 100 days' work scheme is "false".

"The Centre does not the give the money which is due to us. Had they given, we could have done more," she said.

"They (BJP leaders) say that our government has usurped money under various central schemes, like the 100-day job programme, which is false because the money goes directly to the beneficiaries. However, we are paying the money to the beneficiaries from our own pocket. We have to stand on our own feet," she added.

'I break all ties with him': TMC chief on brother

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, MARCH 13

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday hit out at her brother Babun Banerjee during a press conference and said that she was disowning him, hours after he objected to footballer-turned-politician Prasun Banerjee being re-nominated by the Trinamool Congress from the Howrah Lok Sabha seat.

"I do not consider him to be part of my family. I break all relations with him. From today, I disown him," an angry Mamata said in Siliguri when asked about Babun's remarks to the media on Wednesday morning. Babun is the youngest of Mamata Banerjee's five brothers.

Earlier, Babun said that he "cannot accept" Prasun Banerjee being re-nominated. "I have been with the party for a long time. I cannot accept this. Prasun Banerjee should not be a party candidate. He is the wrong choice for Howrah seat. Many capable people were overlooked...People of Howrah will also not accept him," Babun said.

PORTRAITS OF KALAM, AMBEDKAR DEFACED

Phagwara: Portraits of B R Ambedkar and former President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam painted on a school wall were found defaced on Wednesday, police said.

Phagwara DSP Jaspreet Singh said CCTV footage has been retrieved and a probe is on. **PTI**

HC refuses to interfere with tribunal order on Congress tax recovery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday "refused to interfere" with a March 8 order of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) dismissing the Congress plea seeking a stay on the recovery of an outstanding tax demand of over Rs 100 crore for the 2018-19 assessment year.

A division bench of Justices Yashwant Varma and Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav, however, noted that during the pendency of the ITAT proceedings, the Income Tax department had obtained bank drafts of Rs 65,88,81,874 from various bank branches where the party maintains its accounts.

The HC order noted that the department's counsel informed the bench that the bank drafts "have been encashed", which roughly translates to 48% of the outstanding demand.

"This changed circumstance is an aspect which, in our considered opinion, would merit consideration by the ITAT... While we find no ground to interfere with the order impugned, we dispose of the writ petition... according liberty to the petitioner to approach ITAT by way of a fresh stay application, bringing to its attention the change in circumstances noticed above. An application, if so moved, may be considered by the ITAT with due expedition," the bench ruled.

After perusing ITAT's order, the bench ruled, "We fail to find any fundamental infirmity in the prima facie conclusions that have come to be rendered by the ITAT." It, however, clarified that the HC's order should not be construed as affirming the ITAT's view.

The HC further said although the first demand notice was issued to the party on July 6, 2021, "no concrete steps appear to have been taken by the petitioner to either consider securitising the outstanding demand or to seek appropriate interim protection..."

While the party filed its appeal before the ITAT in May 2023, the stay application was filed only on February 14 this year, it "appears to have fallen into a deep slumber and stood reawakened only in January 2023 when a notice of demand came to be raised", the bench noted.

The bench also took note of the adjournments sought by the party before the ITAT, adding that the party appeal appears to have been called on numerous dates before "coercive steps" were initiated on February 13.

"An assessee in default can neither be permitted nor expected to adopt such a casual or lackadaisical approach while faced with a tax demand which had remained outstanding right from 2021... ," the bench underscored.

The HC noted that the Congress had moved an application for a stay of recovery of demand before the Assessing Officer (AO), who had disposed it of on October 28, 2021, and directed the party to deposit 20% of the outstanding tax liability and the failure to deposit the same would amount to the party being treated as an "assessee in default". The bench noted this order does not seem to have been either "questioned or assailed" by the party and it had "failed to comply with the directions" of the AO.

As per the ITAT order, the assessment of the Congress for 2018-19 was completed at an income of Rs 1,99,15,26,560 "against nil income" declared in its return, resulting in a demand of Rs 105,17,29,635.

Racially abused, assaulted during match in Kerala: Ivory Coast footballer

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MARCH 13

A FOOTBALLER from Ivory Coast has alleged that he was subjected to a mob attack and racial slurs at a football ground in Kerala's Malappuram district.

Dairrassouba Hassane Junior, in his complaint to the local police, said he was stoned to the ground and assaulted by a group of audience who racially abused him.

Hassane Junior was hired by the football club Jawahar Mavoor to play sevens football, a variation of the game with seven players on each side. However, the alleged attack happened on March 10 when the player from the West African country went to play a five-a-side match near Areekode.

In his complaint to the Malappuram district police chief, Hassane said, "Our team got a corner kick when my team was leading by a goal. I went near the corner flag for taking the kick, and the natives and the audience called me a monkey. One among the audience threw a stone at me and it hit my head. When I turned back, two more stones were hurled at me and they started screaming at me. Those people who threw stones at me were saying f**k African monkey, black cat."

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अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा ई–निविदा पृथक–पृथक दो भागों में निम्न सामग्रियों हेतु केस्को ई–निविदा वेबसाईट https://etender.up.nic.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जिसकी खुलने एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि नीचे दिये गये तालिका में निर्धारित है। निर्धारित तिथि को अवकाश घोषित होने पर निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस में नियत समय पर खोली जायेंगी। ई–निविदा धनराशि का भुगतान ऑनलाईन एन0ई0एफ0टी0/आर0टी0जी0एस0 (खाता सं0 7723508014आई.एफ.एस.सी. कोड–IDIB000K587) के माध्यम से किया जायेगा। ई–निविदाप्रपत्र निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर दिये गये समय से दो घण्टे पूर्व तक वेबसाईट से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रपत्रों के साथ यू0टी0आर0 की स्कैण्ड प्रति अपलोड करना अनिवार्य है। ई–निविदा के प्रथम भाग में धरोहर धनराशि का भुगतान ऑनलाईन एन0ई0एफ0टी0/आर0टी0जी0एस0 (खाता सं0 7723508014आई.एफ.एस.सी. कोड–IDIB000K587) के द्वारा स्वीकार किया जायेगा एवं निविदा प्रपत्र के प्रथम भाग मे निर्धारित पी0क्यू0 आर0 एवं तकनीकी अभिलेख होंगे तथा निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरें एवम् व्यवसायिक शर्तें होगी, बिना धरोहर धनराशि के तथा सशर्त निविदायें खोली/स्वीकार नहीं की जायेंगी। 1. निविदा सं0–125/BP/23-24,पात्र फर्मे–मूल निर्माता, विवरण–10 एम0वी0ए0 पॉवर परिवर्तकों की आपूर्ति हेतु, धरोहर धनराशि–(रू0) 545418/–, निविदा धनराशि रू0 में (जी0एस0टी0 के साथ) 5900/–, ई–निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि–18.03.2024, ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि–19.03.2024
2. निविदा सं0–126/BP/23-24,पात्र फर्मे–मूल निर्माता, विवरण– विभिन्न साईजों के स्टील ट्यूबलर पोल की आपूर्ति हेतु, धरोहर धनराशि–(रू0) 289234/–, निविदा धनराशि रू0 में (जी0एस0टी0 के साथ) 5900/–, ई–निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि–18.03.2024, ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि–19.03.2024
3. निविदा सं0–127/BP/23-24,पात्र फर्मे–मूल निर्माता/अधिकृत विक्रेता, विवरण– विभिन्न प्रकार की ए0बी0 केबिल एसेसरीज की आपूर्ति हेतु, धरोहर धनराशि–(रू0) 25000/–, निविदा धनराशि रू0 में (जी0एस0टी0 के साथ) 3540/–, ई–निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि–19.03.2024, ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि–20.03.2024
4. निविदा सं0–128/BP/23-24,पात्र फर्मे–मूल निर्माता, विवरण– विभिन्न साईजों के 11 के0वी0 एवं 33 के0वी0 एक्स0एल0पी0ई0 केबिल की आपूर्ति हेतु, धरोहर धनराशि–(रू0) 579732/–, निविदा धनराशि रू0 में (जी0एस0टी0 के साथ) 5900/–, ई–निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि–19.03.2024, ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि–20.03.2024 5. निविदा सं0–129/BP/23-24,पात्र फर्मे–मूल निर्माता, विवरण– विभिन्न साईजों के ए0बी0 केबिल की आपूर्ति हेतु, धरोहर धनराशि–(रू0) 203800/–, निविदा धनराशि रू0 में (जी0एस0टी0 के साथ) 5900/–, ई–निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि–19.03.2024, ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि–20.03.2024 6. निविदा सं0–130/BP/23-24,पात्र फर्मे–मूल निर्माता/अधिकृत विक्रेता, विवरण– 33 के0वी0 लाईन आईसोलेटर एवं बस आईसोलटर की आपूर्ति हेतु, धरोहर धनराशि–(रू0) 15810/–, निविदा धनराशि रू0 में (जी0एस0टी0 के साथ) 3540/–, ई–निविदा अपलोड करने की अन्तिम तिथि–19.03.2024, ई–निविदा खोलने की तिथि–20.03.2024

उपरोक्त ई–निविदा की पूर्ण प्रक्रिया केस्को की ई–टेन्डरिंग वेबसाइट https://etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से की जायेगी। तकनीकी योग्यता पूरा न करने वाले निविदादाता के निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। सामग्री क्रय की मात्रा घट बढ़ सकती है। अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास बिना कोई कारण बताये किसी एक अथवा समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकृत/अस्वीकृत करने का पूर्ण अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा। 1. सूक्ष्म एवं लघु एवं स्टार्टअप्स इकाईयों को निविदा सेट निःशुल्क उपलब्ध कराया जायेगा। 2. सूक्ष्म एवं लघु एवं स्टार्टअप्स इकाईयों को ई0एम0डी0 से छूट अनुमन्य है। 3. सूक्ष्म एवं लघु एवं स्टार्टअप्स से सम्बन्धित प्रपत्र को अपलोड करना अनिवार्य है।

(मदन लाल) अधिशाषी अभियन्ता (भण्डार क्रय)
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For the convenience of the passengers, Northern Railway will run the following additional Holi Festival Special Trains during the upcoming Holi festival season. The details are as under: -

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Days of Run	Period	Accommodation	Stoppages
01053	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	12:15	Banaras	16:05	Wednesday	20.03.24 & 27.03.24	1st AC, 2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC (Economy), Sleeper & General	Kalyan Jn., Igatpuri, Nasik Road, Bhusaval Jn., Khandwa Jn., Itarsi Jn., Pipariya, Jabalpur, Katni, Maihar, Satna, Manikpur Jn. & Prayagraj Chheoki stations.
01054	Banaras	20:30	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	23:55	Thursday	14.03.24 to 28.03.24		
01123	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	12:15	Gorakhpur Jn.	18:55	Friday	15.03.24 to 29.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Thane, Kalyan Jn., Igatpuri, Nashik Road, Bhusaval Jn., Khandwa Jn., Itarsi Jn., Bhopal, Bina, VGL Jhansi Jn., Orai, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn. & Basti stations
01124	Gorakhpur Jn.	21:15	Lokmanya Tilak (T.)	07:25	Saturday	16.03.24 to 30.03.24		
01103	Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T.)	22:35	Gorakhpur Jn.	09:30	Thursday	14.03.24 to 28.03.24	1st AC, 2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC (Economy), Sleeper & General	Dadar, Thane, Kalyan Jn., Igatpuri, Nashik Road, Bhusaval Jn., Khandwa Jn., Itarsi Jn., Bhopal, Bina, VGL Jhansi Jn., Orai, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda Jn. & Basti stations
01104	Gorakhpur Jn.	15:30	Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T.)	00:40	Saturday	16.03.24 to 30.03.24		
05115	Chhapra	17:45	Anand Vihar (T.)	11:50	Wednesday	20.03.24 & 27.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Siwan, Deoria, Gorakhpur, Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda, Burhwal, Sitapur Jn., Bareilly Jn. & Moradabad stations
05116	Anand Vihar (T.)	14:45	Chhapra	09:30	Thursday	21.03.24 & 28.03.24		
05023	Gorakhpur Jn.	21:15	Anand Vihar (T.)	13:15	Sunday	24.03.24 & 31.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda, Burhwal, Sitapur Jn., Bareilly, Moradabad & Ghaziabad stations
05024	Anand Vihar (T.)	15:15	Gorakhpur Jn.	07:30	Monday	25.03.24 & 01.04.24		
05097	Tanakpur Jn.	18:25	Daurai Jn.	13:40	Fri, Mon, Wed	22.03.24 to 29.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Khatima, Pilibhit, Bhojipura, Izzatnagar, Bareilly City, Bareilly Jn., Chandausi, Moradabad Jn., Ghaziabad, Delhi Jn., Delhi Cantt, Gurgaon, Rewari, Narnaul, Nim Ka Thana, Shri Madhopur, Ringas Jn., Phulera Jn., Kishangarh & Ajmer stations.
05098	Daurai Jn.	16:05	Tanakpur Jn.	09:35	Sat, Tue, Thu	23.03.24 to 30.03.24		
05047	Banaras	19:20	Anand Vihar (T.)	09:30	Tuesday	26.03.2024	3 Tier AC, AC Chair Car	Bhadohi, Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh Jn., Amethi, Rae Bareli Jn., Lucknow, Bareilly(Nr) & Moradabad stations
05048	Anand Vihar (T.)	18:15	Banaras	08:10	Wednesday	27.03.2024		
05053	Gorakhpur Jn.	09:30	Bandra Terminus	16:00	Friday	22.03.24 & 29.03.24	2nd Sitting	Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda Jn., Badshah Nagar, Aishbag, Kanpur Central, Tundla, Agra Fort, Bayana Gangapur City, Kota Jn., Bhawani Mandi, Shamgarh, Nagda Jn., Ratlam Jn., Vadodara Jn., Surat, Valsad, Vapi Palghar & Borivali stations
05054	Bandra Terminus	21:45	Gorakhpur Jn.	06:25	Saturday	23.03.24 & 30.03.24		
05005	Gorakhpur Jn.	14:40	Amritsar	09:30	Wednesday	20.03.24 & 27.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda Jn., Burhwal, Sitapur Jn., Bareilly, Moradabad, Saharanpur Jn., Yamunanagar Jagadhri, Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar City & Beas stations
05006	Amritsar	12:45	Gorakhpur Jn.	08:50	Thursday	21.03.24 & 28.03.24		
05049	Chhapra	09:55	Amritsar	09:30	Friday	22.03.24 & 29.03.24	3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Siwan, Thawe, Tamkuhi Road, Padrauna, Kaptanganj, Gorakhpur Jn., Khalilabad, Basti, Gonda Jn., Burhwal, Sitapur Jn., Bareilly, Moradabad, Saharanpur Jn., Yamunanagar Jagadhri, Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana Jn., Jalandhar City & Beas stations
05050	Amritsar	12:45	Chhapra	14:00	Saturday	23.03.24 & 30.03.24		
05012	Gomti Nagar	14:00	Chhapra	00:05	Thu, Sat, Mon, Wed	21.03.24 to 27.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Barabanki Jn., Burhwal, Colonelganj, Gonda Jn., Mankapur Jn., Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur Jn., Pipraich, Kaptanganj Jn., Ramkola, Padrauna, Tamkuhi Road, Thawe, Dighwadobowli, Mashrakh Jn. & Chhapra Kacheri stations
05011	Chhapra	05:45	Gomti Nagar	16:00	Fri, Sun, Tue, Thu	22.03.24 to 28.03.24		
05045	Lalkuan	13:10	Rajkot	18:10	Sunday	24.03.24 & 31.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Kichha, Baheri, Bhoji Pura, Izzatnagar, Bareilly City, Bareilly Jn. (Ner), Badaun, Soron Shukar, Kasganj, Hathras City, Mathura Cant, Mathura Jn., Bharatpur, Dausa, Jaipur Jn., Phulera, Nawa City, Kuchaman City, Makrana Jn, Degana Jn., Merta Road Jn., Gotan, Jodhpur Jn., Luni, Samdhari Jn., Mokalsar, Jalor, Modran, Marwar, Bhinmal, Raniwara, Dhanera, Bhildi Jn., Patan, Mahesana Jn., Surendranagar & Wankaner Jn. stations
05046	Rajkot	22:30	Lalkuan	04:05	Monday	25.03.24 & 01.04.24		
05193	Chhapra	15:20	Panvel	20:30	Thursday	21.03.24 to 28.03.24	3 Tier AC (Economy), Sleeper & General	Ballia, Ghazipur City, Varanasi, Banaras, Prayagraj Jn., Satna, Katni, Jabalpur, Itarsi Jn., Bhusaval Jn., Nasik Road, Igatpuri & Kalyan Jn. stations
05194	Panvel	21:40	Chhapra	08:50	Friday	22.03.24 to 29.03.24		
09523	Okha	10:00	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	10:10	Tuesday	19.03.2024	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC (Economy), Sleeper & General	Dwarka, Khambhaliya, Jamnagar, Hapa, Rajkot Jn., Surendranagar, Viramgam Jn., Mahesana Jn., Unjha, Siddhpur, Palanpur Jn., Abu Road, Falna, Marwar Jn., Beawar, Ajmer, Kishangarh, Jaipur, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Dausa, Bandikui, Alwar & Rewari stations
09524	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	13:20	Okha	13:50	Wednesday	20.03.2024		
09525	Hapa	00:40	Naharlagun	16:00	Wednesday	20.03.2024	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Rajkot, Wankaner Jn., Surendranagar, Ahmedabad, Nadiad, Anand, Chhayapuri, Godhra, Ratlam, Nagda, Ujjain, Maksi, Shajapur, BiyavraRajgarh, Ruthiyai Jn., Guna, Shivpuri, Gwalior, Etawah, Govindpuri, Prayagraj Jn., Gyanpur Road, Banaras, Varanasi, Ghazipur City, Ballia, Chhapra, Hajipur, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni Jn., BeguSarai, Khagaria Jn., Naugachia, Katihar, Barsoi, Kishanganj, New Jalpaiguri, New Coochbehar, Kokrajhar, New Bongaigaon, Barpeta Road, Rangiya, Udalguri, New Misamari, Rangapara North & Harmuti stations
09526	Naharlagun	10:00	Hapa	00:30	Saturday	23.03.2024		
09183	Mumbai Central	22:50	Banaras	10:30	Wednesday	20.03.2024	1st AC, 2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC (Economy)	Borivali, Palghar, Vapi, Valsad, Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Bharatpur, Achhnera Jn., Agra Fort, Tundla, Shikohabad, Mainpuri, Bhongaon, Farrukhabad, Kannauj, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Rae Bareli Jn., Amethi, Pratapgarh, Janghai Jn. & Bhadohi stations
09184	Banaras	14:30	Mumbai Central	04:20	Friday	22.03.2024		
09111	Vadodara	19:00	Gorakhpur Jn.	23:30	Monday	18.03.2024	1st AC, 2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Godhra, Ratlam Jn., Kota, Sawaimadhopur, Gangapur city, Bharatpur, Agra Fort, Tundla Jn., Shikohabad Jn., Mainpuri Jn., Farrukhabad Jn., Kanpur, Lucknow, Barabanki, Gonda & Basti stations
09112	Gorakhpur Jn.	05:00	Vadodara	08:35	Wednesday	20.03.2024		
09195	Vadodara	19:00	Mau	20:45	Saturday	23.03.24 & 30.03.24	1st AC, 2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Godhra Jn., Dahod, Ratlam, Kota, Bayana Jn., Agra Fort, Tundla, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Sultanpur & Varanasi stations
09196	Mau	23:00	Vadodara	00:45	Sunday	24.03.24 & 31.03.24		
09061	Valsad	02:15	Barauni	18:00	Tuesday	19.03.2024	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Surat, Vadodara, Ratlam, Kota, Sawaimadhopur, Gangapur city, Bharatpur, Mathura, Kasganj, Farrukhabad, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Jaunpur city, Varanasi, Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra & Hajipur stations
09062	Barauni	12:15	Valsad	03:45	Thursday	21.03.2024		
09417	Ahmedabad Jn.	09:10	Danapur	20:30	Monday	18.03.2024	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	NadiadJn., Chhayapuri, RatlamJn., Kota Jn., Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Hindaun City, Bharatpur Jn., Mathura Jn., Kasganj, Farrukhabad, Kanpur central, Lucknow, Sultanpur, Jaunpur City, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn. & Buxar, Ara station.
09418	Danapur	23:50	Ahmedabad Jn.	11:10	Wednesday	20.03.2024		
04145	Subedarganj	21:30	Anand Vihar (T.)	08:00	As per dates	20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 & 31.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC (Economy), Sleeper & General	Fatehpur, Kanpur Central, Etawah, Tundla Aligarh stations
04146	Anand Vihar (T.)	09:30	Subedarganj	19:00	As per dates	21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30.03.24 & 01.04.24		
03435	Malda Town	09:30	Anand Vihar (T.)	14:10	Monday	25.03.24 to 01.04.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	New Farakka, Barharwa Jn., Sahibganj Jn., Pirpainti, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur, Sultanganj, Jamalpur Jn., Abhaipur, Kiul Jn, Mokameh, Bakhtiyarpur, Patna Jn, Ara, Buxar, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Pryagraj & Govindpuri stations
03436	Anand Vihar (T.)	19:00	Malda Town	23:30	Tuesday	26.03.24 to 02.04.24		
08475	Puri	04:50	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:40	Friday	22.03.24 & 29.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General	Khurda Road, Bhubaneswar, Naraj Marthapur, Dhenkanal, Angul, Rairakhol, Sambalpur City, Jharsuguda Road, Bilaspur, New Katni Jn, Birangana Laxmibai Jhansi, Gwalior, Agra Cant & Mathura Jn. stations
08476	Hazrat Nizamuddin	23:35	Puri	06:55	Saturday	23.03.24 & 30.03.24		
08571	Visakhapatnam	08:20	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:40	Saturday	23.03.24 to 30.03.24	2 Tier Ac, 3 Tier AC (Economy), & General	Vizianagaram, Bobbili, Parvatipuram, Rayagada, Kesinga, Titlagarh, Kantabanji, Khariar Road, Mahasamund, Raipur, Anuppur, New Katni Jn, Lalitpur Jn, Birangana Laxmibai Jhansi, Gwalior, Agra Cant & Mathura Jn stations
08572	Hazrat Nizamuddin	23:35	Visakhapatnam	13:30	Sunday	24.03.24 & 31.03.24		

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Top court agrees to hear plea against law dropping CJI from committee to select CEC, ECs

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THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday agreed to take up on Friday an application seeking directions to the Centre to fill the two existing vacancies of Election Commissioners in the Election Commission of India (ECI) only as per the recommendation of a panel that would also include the Chief Justice of India.

The matter was mentioned before a bench presided by Justice Sanjiv Khanna.

In March 2023, a five-judge Constitution Bench of the court had ruled that the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs) shall be appointed on the advice of a committee comprising the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India.

Following this, Parliament brought the Chief Election Commission and other Election Commissions (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, leaving out the CJI from the panel.

The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Madhya Pradesh Congress leader Jaya Thakur filed petitions against the Act in the Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court had refused to stay the new law while hearing these pleas earlier.

With Arun Goel resigning as the Election Commissioner on March 10, 2024, the parties once again urged the court to take up their pleas. The other Election Commissioner Anup Kumar Pandey, too, had remitted office on February 14, 2024, after the completion of his term.

The plea said: "This has meant that currently there are two posts of Election Commissioners lying vacant and the Election Commission is functioning at less than the envisioned capacity of three official posts."

"These vacancies have come at a crucial time for democracy when the General Elections are due to be announced any day of March. Now, the Executive has the ability to appoint two Election Commissioners, which can give an unfair advantage to the Executive. The role of the Election Commission is critical in ensuring free and fair elections and therefore, the appointments must also be seen to be fair and free from any bias or latches to the government of that time," it added.

The petitions have also sought a stay of the relevant provisions of the new Act regarding the appointment of the CEC and the ECs.

CRPF forms board for promotion, financial issues of cadre officers

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

TO RESOLVE issues of stagnation in promotion and financial upgradation of cadre officers, a board, comprising 11 officers, has been formed with the approval of CRPF DG Anish Dayal Singh, said an order issued by a DIG rank officer on March 7.

"A board of officers is hereby constituted to examine the issue of stagnation in promotion and financial upgradation of cadre officers in CRPF and to suggest way and means to resolve the issues of stagnation in promotion and delay in extending financial upgradation as awarded by the government," the order said, adding that the officers have been asked to submit its proceedings in 3 months.

The board of officers have been also asked to work out the modalities and suggest required action on some of these aspects: how to ensure timely promotions in each rank of officers, whether existing recruitment rules require any change and if so, the details of suggested changes with proper justification, and action to be taken to increase the authorisation of officers in the force.

The board has also been asked to find out steps to reduce litigations, which also become impediments in timely promotions and how to extend the benefits of Non-Functional Financial Up-gradation (NFFU) and Non-Functional Selection Grade (NFSG) to officers in time.

In its final draft report submitted to the MHA in January, the task force, formed to look into the reasons behind the suicides and fratricides in the CAPFs, had mentioned lack of job satisfaction/comparison with counterparts of other sectors/dissatisfaction on account of promotional avenues in their report. The task force, which examined 642 suicide cases and 51 fratricidal deaths over 5 years, said "welfare measures should be implemented in the right earnest and efforts should be made to ensure that personnel are benefited with such welfare measures."

Last month, during a meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the MHA at Daman, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had emphasised that welfare of CAPFs personnel and their kin is top priority of the Central government. "During the meeting, various steps taken for welfare of CAPFs personnel were also discussed including Bharat Ke Veer, Ayushman CAPFs, Prime Minister Scholarship Scheme and enhancement of ex-gratia to the next of the kin of those who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation. It was apprised to the Committee that Centre is making concerted efforts to make the life of CAPFs personnel comfortable," the MHA spokesperson said.

Kerala Cong MP questions Pak role in Pulwama attack on CRPF, BJP calls it insult

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MARCH 13

ANTO ANTONY, three-time MP and the Congress candidate from Kerala's Pathanamthitta Lok Sabha constituency, Wednesday questioned Pakistan's role in the 2019 Pulwama attack and alleged the 40 CRPF soldiers killed were "sacrificed" for election victory.

The BJP called his remarks an insult to soldiers.

The remarks of Antony — who is pitted against BJP's Anil Antony, the son of Congress veteran Anil Antony — came as both the ruling LDF and the main opposition UDF are protesting against the BJP-led Centre for notifying the CAA rules.

"This time (it is) CAA. Last time, just before the elections, it was Pulwama (attack)... What was Pakistan's role in it? The lives of our jawans, who were in extremely adverse weather, were sacrificed. That is how they won the election. A blast that happened within Indian territory. They (jawans) were purposely sent, a blast happened and they were killed. This is what the (former J&K) Governor Satya Pal Malik said," Anto told reporters in Pathanamthitta.

BJP's Kerala unit president K Surendran said, "He (Anto) has insulted the brave soldiers of the country. People of Pathanamthitta will give a fitting reply to him through the ballot.'

Knocking at woman's door at odd hours unbecoming of officer: HC

Declines to quash penalty on CISF officer for misconduct

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, MARCH 13

DECLINING TO quash the penalty imposed on a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel for misconduct, the Bombay High Court on March 11 observed that knocking on the doors of a woman at odd hours asking for a lemon was "unbecoming" of an officer of the force.

The 33-year-old constable had approached the high court against a penalty imposed on him by reduction in his pay for three years from 2021. An order passed by the Deputy Inspector General, Western Zone, CISF, in 2021 and a revisional order passed in 2022 passed by the Inspector General, CISF, had directed that the constable will also not earn increment of pay for three years.

The charge against him was that on the intervening night of April 19 and April 20, 2021, he had knocked on the door of a neighbour around midnight in the residential quarters of CISF personnel. The neighbour said that she was alone at home with her six-year-old daughter as her husband was on election duty in West Bengal.

In his petition, the constable claimed that the punishment was disproportionate to the nature of the allegations. He had said that there was no malafide and that he had knocked on the door of the complainant as he had an upset stomach and needed a lemon.

A division bench of Justice Nitin Jamdar and MM Sathaye said that the statement of the constable in the inquiry showed that he had admitted to having consumed alcohol before the incident.

"In these facts of the case, the action of petitioner of knocking on neighbor's door knowing that the man in the house is absent, the same being occupied by a lady with her six-year-old daughter and that too for a frivolous reason of getting a lemon for so called medical emergency of stomach upset, is preposterous to say the least," the bench said. It said that the intention of the constable was not found to be genuine.

One of the arguments of the constable was also that at the time of the incident, he was not on duty, therefore, misconduct under rules governing the force, will not apply on him. The court said that the rules show that personnel of the force are required to maintain integrity and do nothing that is unbecoming of a government servant "at all times".

Mining mafia allegations: Venugopal files complaint against BJP's Surendran

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ALAPPUZHA (KERALA), MARCH 13

AICC GENERAL secretary K C Venugopal, contesting the polls from the Alappuzha Lok Sabha seat, has filed a defamation complaint against his rival BJP candidate, Sobha Surendran, for accusing him of amassing wealth through collusion with the mining mafia.

Surendran made these allegations against the Congress leader during a recent television appearance.

Venugopal's office confirmed to PTI that the Rajya Sabha MP from Rajasthan personally lodged the complaint at the Alappuzha South Police station.

Surendran, in response, has welcomed Venugopal's legal actions and asserted that she made the allegations based on evidence she possesses. Speaking to reporters, she reiterated her accusations against the Congress leader.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
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Tender call Notice
E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-45/2023-24 Memo No-763 Dt. 11-03-2024

The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for building works as detailed in the table below:

1	Nature of Work	:	Building Works
2	No of Work	:	10Nos
3	Tender Cost	:	Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4	Class of Contractor	:	B& A Class
5	Available of Bid document in the Website	:	From 10.00 AM of Dt.18.03.2024 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.30.03.2024 up to 5.00 PM
6	Date of opening of Bid	:	Dt 02.04.2024 at11.30 AM
7	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in. Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.		

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Khordha

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File No-B-IV-H (H&D)-16/2024 Lr. No.- 11224 Bhubaneswar, the 7th Mar., 2024
Invitation for Bids
Bid Identification No. C.E. (B) - 77/2023-24

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2	Nature of work	:	Building work
3	No. of work	:	10 Nos.
4	Cost of Bid Document	:	Rs. 10,000/- (each)
5	Class of Contractor	:	'A' / Special Class
6	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From dt. 20.03.2024 to 17.00 Hours of dt.04.04.2024.
7	Date of Opening of Bid	:	Dt.08.04.2024 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.		

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Chief Engineer, Buildings I/C,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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E-mail-acesicsalapada@gmail.com
Bid identification No- ACESIC-06/2023-24
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1	Nature of the works	:	Renovation & Structural Work
2	No of works	:	3 (Three)
3	Value of works (Excluding GST)	:	Rs. 751.31 to 443.33 Lakh
4	Bid Document Cost	:	Rs 10,000.00(on-line)
5	Period of completion	:	11 (Eleven) Calendar Months
6	Class of contractors	:	"A" Class & "Special" Class
7	Procurement Officer	:	Additional Chief Engineer, Salapada Irrigation Circle, Salapada, Keonjhar - 758020
8	Availability of tender for On-line bidding	:	From 11.00hrs of 16.03.2024 to 04.04.2024 up to 15.00hrs
9	Last date and time of seeking tender clarification	:	21.03.2024 up to 15.00hrs
10	Pre Bid Meeting	:	On Dated 27.03.2024 at 11.30Hrs in the O/o the Additional Chief Engineer, Salapada Irrigation Circle, Salapada, Keonjhar - 758020
11	Date and time of opening of Technical Bid	:	05.04.2024 at 11.00hrs

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

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Salapada Irrigation Circle,
Salapada, Keonjhar - 758020

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No. 414 Date. 7/3/2024
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2	Nature of work	:	Building & Bridge Works
3	No. of works	:	05 (Five) nos. of works
4	Estimated Cost. (Approximately)	:	Rs. 434.41 Lakh, Rs. 183.69 Lakhs, Rs. 261.30 Lakhs, Rs. 727.46 Lakhs, Rs. 837.33 Lakhs,
5	Bid Cost (Online)	:	Rs. 10,000/- (each)
6	EMD/ Bid Security Amount (Online)	:	One Percentage of the Estimated Cost.
7	Class of Contractor	:	"B, A and Special" Class as per Financial Eligibility.
8	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	11.00 Hrs of Dt. 16.03.2024 to 17.00 Hrs of Dt. 02.04.2024.
9	Date of opening of Bid	:	11.00 Hrs of Dt. 03.04.2024.
10	The Bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersorissa.gov.in. Any Addendum/ Corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.		

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Chief Engineer,
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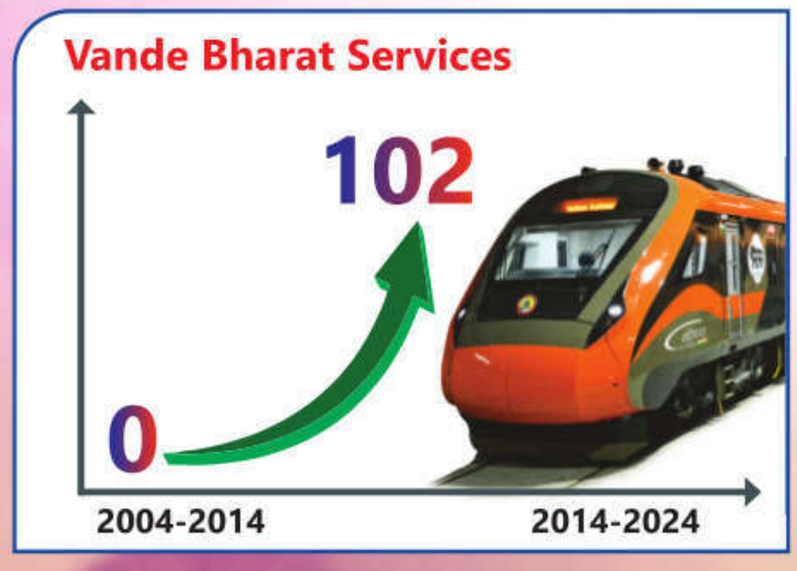

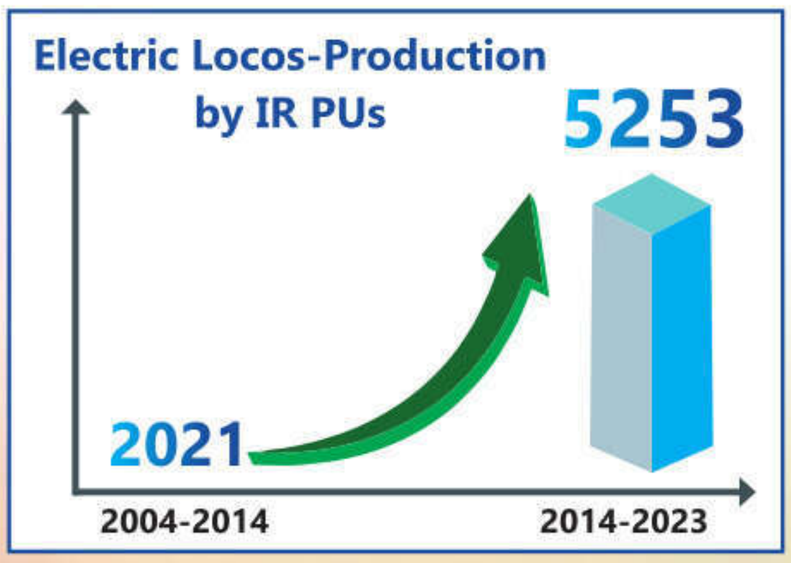

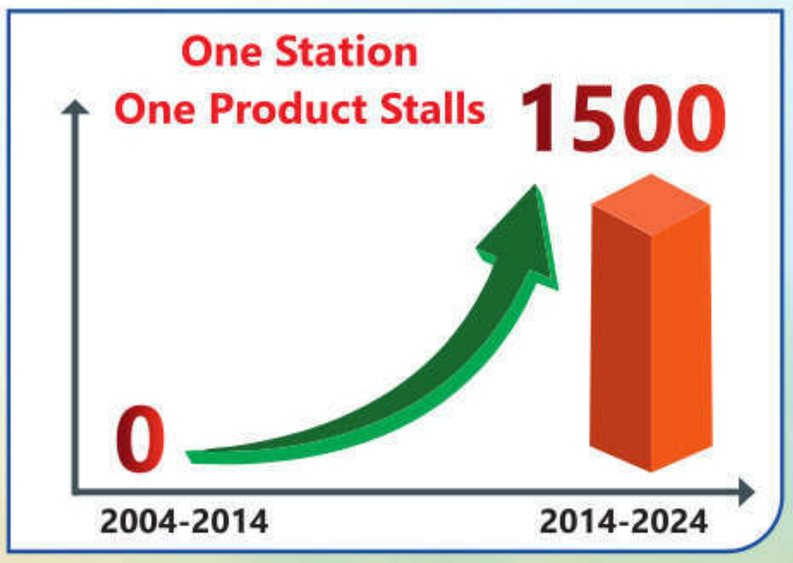

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The froth in small stocks, and why regulators are worried

HITESH VYAS & GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, MARCH 13

STOCKS OF small companies are showing signs of becoming bubbles, and regulators have sounded a warning. Over the last five trading sessions, the Smallcap index has fallen by 10% and the Midcap index by 5.9%. In comparison, the benchmark Sensex at BSE has lost only 1.2%.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has said there is evidence of price manipulation in the initial public offerings (IPOs) and trading in the shares of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). And the apex body of mutual funds (MFs), the Association of Mutual Funds of India (AMFI), last month asked fund managers to act proactively to protect the interests of investors.

Is there a bubble building in small caps and SME stocks?

Some categories of stocks do appear to be moving ahead of their fundamentals.

In the one-year period between March 1, 2023 and February 29, 2024, while the benchmark Sensex rose 22%, the BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices rose nearly three times that — by 63% and 65% respectively. Over the same period, the BSE SME IPO index shot up 141%.

While the SME IPO index rally is alarming, and the jump in the small and mid cap indices is of concern as well — especially when compared with the Sensex, which comprises bluechip companies.

A sharp rally in stocks, if not backed by corresponding growth in earnings, makes it overvalued — and any correction in the market leads to a sharper decline in those stocks. Thus, while the Sensex has been relatively stable over the last five trading sessions, the Smallcap and Midcap indices have fallen much more.

Are SME stocks being manipulated on the exchanges?

There are some signs, but the regulator is not able to take action immediately, SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said on Monday.

SIGNS OF A BUBBLE

	Mar 1, '23-Feb 29, '24	Mar 1-Mar 13, '24
Sensex	22%	−1.33%
BSE Largecap	29%	−2.1%
BSE Midcap	63%	−5.3%
BSE Smallcap	65%	−10.7%
BSE SME IPO	141%	−15.9%

Source: BSE

"In terms of actual price manipulation (in the SME segment) both at the IPO level and the trading level, we are working to evidence that, and we do see the signs. ...We are able to see certain patterns. However, as per the regulations, the way we need to construct the entire case, we do need to take some time to do that in a robust manner," she said at an AMFI event.

Buch said SEBI has received feedback from the market on price manipulation in the listing of SMEs. Market participants have also advised the regulator on ways to identify such cases and to deal with them. While the picture is not clear yet, market sources indicate rigging in the IPO process, and manipulation in prices after listing.

"The reality is that these (SMEs) are relatively small entities, the market is small, the free float is small, it is relatively easy to manipulate both at the IPO level and the trading level," Buch said.

Has there been a lot of market activity in the SME sector recently?

SMEs have been flocking to the exchanges to list their shares. In 2023, there were 182 SME IPOs, which cumulatively raised more than Rs 4,600 crore, an increase of 150% over the Rs 1,800 crore raised through SME IPOs in 2022. In 2024, the first two months alone saw 30 SME IPOs that collectively raised more than Rs 1,000 crore.

The small and mid cap segments have seen a surge in inflows from investors, which has raised the prices of these stocks 100-200% higher over last year. Small and mid caps are companies with a market capitalisation of less than Rs 5,000 crore, and more than Rs 5,000 crore but less than Rs 20,000 crore respectively.

Over the past six months, the Nifty Smallcap 100 index has surged by 33%, and the Nifty Midcap 100 has risen by more than 24%. This is much higher than the 14% growth seen in the benchmark Nifty 50 in the same period.

Between August 2023 and January 2024, small cap funds saw net inflows of Rs 22,252.14 crore, and mid cap funds received Rs 13,042.1 crore, according to AMFI data. Over the same period, large cap funds saw net inflows of only Rs 1,577.04 crore.

These huge inflows contributed to the surge in small cap and mid cap stocks, with retail investors also jumping on to the bandwagon.

Why is all of this a concern?

Analysts have expressed concern over the high valuations of small and mid cap companies, which pose risks for investors who tend to follow the herd and invest in high-priced stocks without adequate research. Regulators are worried that when a correction comes, investors who invested at high valuations are bound to lose heavily — and want the money flow to small cap stocks to be moderated.

On February 27, AMFI wrote to its members: "In the context of froth building up in the small and mid cap segments of the market and the continuing flows in the small and mid cap schemes of mutual funds, trustees, in consultation with the Unitholder Protection Committee of the AMCs, shall ensure that a policy is put in place to protect the interest of all investors."

Buch said SEBI could not allow bubbles to build up. "Some people call it a bubble, some may call it froth. It may not be appropriate to allow that bubble to keep building because if it keeps building, then when it bursts... By definition bubbles burst, and when they burst, they impact investors adversely, which is not a good thing," she said.

EXPLAINED AI

THE 'FIRST AUTONOMOUS' AI SOFTWARE ENGINEER: MEET DEVIN

BIJIN JOSE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

US-BASED applied AI lab, Cognition, has introduced what it claims is the world's first AI software engineer. The makers say that the AI agent, named Devin, has successfully passed practical engineering interviews held by leading AI companies. It has also completed real jobs posted on Upwork, an US-based freelancing platform, according to Cognition.

"Devin is a tireless, skilled teammate, equally ready to build alongside you or independently complete tasks for you to review. With Devin, engineers can focus on more interesting problems, and engineering teams can strive for more ambitious goals," read the company's official blog post on Devin.

What can Devin do?

The AI agent comes with advanced capabilities in software development, including coding, debugging, problem-solving, etc. Devin uses machine learning algorithms to constantly learn and improve its performance and adapt according to new challenges. It can build and deploy apps end-to-end and can also train and fine-tune its own AI models.

Devin can plan and execute complex engineering tasks that would require thousands of decisions. This is possible owing to Cognition's advances in long-term reasoning and planning. According to the company, Devin can recall relevant context at each step, self-learn over time, and even fix mistakes.

Besides, the makers have also endowed the AI software engineer with the ability to proactively collaborate with the user. It reports progress in real-time, is capable of accepting feedback, and works along with the user through design choices as needed.

What about its performance?

On the SWE-Bench benchmark (a benchmark for evaluating large language models on real-world software issues found on GitHub), Devin correctly resolved 13.86 per cent of the issues without any assistance compared with the 1.96 per cent unassisted and 4.80 per cent assisted of the previous state-of-the-art model.

In terms of performance, Devin AI is capable of augmenting efficiency and speed within software development processes by automating repetitive tasks, instantly generating code, expediting project timelines, and cutting down development expenses substantially.

One of the most notable facets of Devin AI is that it is immune to human errors or inconsistencies. The AI agent is capable of guaranteeing precision and uniformity in coding practices which can lead to the development of superior-quality software products.

It needs to be noted that the company has not disclosed anything about the AI model that is powering Devin AI, nor has it revealed detailed technical specifications. Some of the other popular AI-powered tools that help with coding are OpenAI Codex, GitHub Copilot, Polycoder, CodeT5, Tabnine, etc.

What challenges, opportunities does it bring?

While the company has elaborated on the capabilities of Devin, some experts feel that the AI software engineer may struggle with complex requirements or instances that rely on human intuition and creativity. Besides, AI tools such as Devin seem to fan concerns about job losses.

However, others believe that Devin can be an ally for thousands of software engineers, offering new avenues of collaboration between human ingenuity and AI.

What is Cognition?

Cognition, the firm behind Devin, is headed by Scott Wu. Cognition calls itself an applied AI lab that is focussed on reasoning. The company claims that it is building AI teammates with capabilities that surpass existing AI tools. "Building Devin is just the first step—our hardest challenges still lie ahead," reads the website.

The agent will soon be available to be hired for engineering works,but for now, companies need to join a waitlist.

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FBR and energy security

The beginning of 'core loading' at the Kalpakkam Fast Breeder Reactor marks a critical milestone in India's three-stage nuclear power programme. How does FBR work to convert 'fertile' material to fissile material?

ANIL SASI
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

THE VITAL second stage of India's three-stage nuclear programme got a boost with the commencement of 'core loading' at the country's first indigenous Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, earlier this month.

Core loading refers to the process of placing nuclear fuel assemblies inside the core of a nuclear reactor. The initiation of the process was witnessed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 4.

The completion of core loading will effectively mark the first approach to 'criticality' — the initiation of a self-sustaining nuclear fission reaction that will eventually lead to the generation of power by the 500 megawatt electric (MWe) FBR.

India's FBR programme

Efforts to build an FBR were initiated two decades ago, and successive governments have nurtured the project as a step towards India developing comprehensive capabilities that span the entire nuclear fuel cycle, by which electricity is produced from uranium in nuclear power reactors.

In 2003, when Atal Bihari Vajpayee was Prime Minister, the Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd or BHAVINI was incorporated to build and operate India's most advanced nuclear reactor, the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR).

The project was expected to be completed by September 2010, but was delayed due to technological challenges. The last set of approvals had revised the completion target to October 2022.

Once commissioned, India will be the second country after Russia to have a commercial operating FBR. China has a small programme on fast breeders; programmes in countries such as Japan, France, and the United States were shut down amid safety concerns.

From 'fertile' to 'fissile'

The Department of Atomic Energy's (DAE's) three-stage power programme envisages a pathway to utilising India's abundant thorium reserves — found in coastal and inland placer sands on the beaches of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Gujarat, and in the inland riverine sands of Jharkhand and West Bengal — to generate electricity.

A placer deposit is a natural concentration of heavier minerals created by the action of gravity on moving particles. These concentrations are typically found along streams, rivers, beaches, and stretches of residual gravel where they wash up. Besides thorium (from monazite ore), gold, platinum, titanium, uranium, and rare earth elements are commercially mined from placer deposits.

India owes the vision of the three-phase programme of nuclear power to ensure energy security to Dr Homi J Bhabha, the father of India's nuclear programme, and Dr Vikram Sarabhai, who recognised the need for developing FBRs, as these reactors generate more nuclear fuel than they consume due to the gainful conversion of fertile isotopes into fissile material.

The three stages involve the conversion of 'fertile' material (which is not fissionable by thermal neutrons but can be converted into fissile material) into fissile material.

For example, U238, the dominant isotope of uranium, is a fertile material that cannot by itself make the reactor achieve criticality, and has to be converted to fissile plutonium (Pu239) in a nuclear reactor. The spent fuel from thermal reactors contains Pu239, which is most efficiently burnt in a fast reactor.

Thorium-bearing monazite too, is a fertile material that has to be converted to fissile material U233.

India has adopted a "closed fuel cycle" approach, which involves the reprocessing of spent fuel to separate the useful Pu239 and U233 isotopes from U238 and Th232. To multiply the fissile inventory and to gradually work towards establishing a higher power base, it is key to ultimately use thorium in the third stage of the programme.

The FBR is an important milestone for getting to the third stage, paving the way for the eventual full utilisation of the country's thorium.

Three stages and FBR

The first stage — the setting up of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) and associated fuel cycle facilities — is in progress. PHWRs are reactors that use natural uranium as fuel and heavy water (deuterium oxide) as coolant and moderator.

Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd operates 22 commercial reactors with an installed capacity of 6,780 MWe. The programme has been supplemented by construction of imported Light Water Reactors (LWRs) — the first of two units built with Russian collaboration is already generating power.

The second stage involves the setting up of FBRs backed by reprocessing plants and plutonium fabrication plants, primarily to multiply the inventory of fissile material. Multiplication of fissile inventory is also needed to establish a higher power base for using thorium in the third stage of the programme.

The third stage will be based on the Th-U233 cycle. For producing U233, obtained by irradiation of thorium in PHWRs and FBRs, an Advanced Heavy Water Reactor (AHWR) is proposed.

The combination of power reactors from all the three stages is expected to ensure long-term energy security for the country. But the commercial utilisation of thorium on a significant scale can begin only when abundant supplies of either U233 or Pu239 are available. The progress on the FBR has made the passage to the third phase visible.

Way forward hereafter

As core loading commences, the FBR will initially use Uranium-Plutonium Mixed Oxide (MOX) fuel, officials said. The U238 'blanket' around the fuel core will undergo nuclear transmutation to produce more fuel — thus the name 'Breeder'. Nuclear transmutation involves the conversion of a chemical element or isotope into another chemical element, with the numbers of protons or neutrons in the nucleus of the atom undergoing a change.

The use of Th232, which is not a fissile material, as a blanket is also envisaged in this stage. Through transmutation, thorium will create fissile U233, which will be used as fuel in the third stage.

The DAE maintains that despite the use of this advanced technology, both the capital cost and per-unit electricity cost are "comparable" to other nuclear and conventional power plants.

While the first of the three stages is already underway with the PHWR programme, the India-US civil nuclear deal has opened the doors for India to buy uranium for its domestic reactors, thus increasing the pace of its nuclear programme.

The DAE aims to increase the share of nuclear power in the energy mix by 2032 by producing 22,400 MWe from its nuclear power plants. It has approved the construction of 10 new PHWRs in 'fleet mode', in which a plant is expected to be built in five years from the first pouring of concrete.

NUCLEAR FUELS & REACTORS

NUCLEAR FUELS are classified as 'fissile' (U233, U235, Pu239) or 'fertile' (U238, Th232). Fissile isotopes can be directly used as nuclear fuel; fertile isotopes need to be converted into fissile before they can be used. U235 is the only fissile isotope that occurs in nature.

IN INDIA, resources of exploitable uranium (natural uranium is mostly U238, with only 0.7% U235) are limited, while thorium (Th232) is abundantly available.

BOTH fissile and fertile isotopes are precious commodities that must be used judiciously for optimum utilisation. Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors, which burn U235, also convert fertile U238 to Pu239. This plutonium is used in Fast Breeder Reactors as fuel to generate electricity.

FAST REACTORS produce more fuel than they consume. They also aid in the conversion of fertile Th232 into fissile U233, which can be used to fuel subsequent reactors.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Kalpakkam on March 4. *PTI*

INDIA'S THREE-STAGE PROGRAMME

STAGE 1: PHWRs use natural uranium-based fuels to generate electricity, while producing fissile Pu239, which can be extracted by reprocessing the spent fuel.

STAGE 2: FBRs of the kind at Kalpakkam, using Pu-based fuels, can enhance nuclear power capacity, and convert fertile thorium into fissile uranium (U233). Reprocessing of the spent fuel is vital for efficient utilisation of plutonium inventory.

STAGE 3: U233 produced in the second stage can be used for the third stage of the power programme, which consists of advanced thermal and fast breeder reactors, for long-term energy security. In addition, fissile isotopes can be produced by Accelerator-driven Subcritical Reactor (ADS) systems.

Source: BARC, DAE

Pi Day: Understanding the world's most famous mathematical constant

ARJUN SENGUPTA
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

MARCH 14, OR 3/14 as per the American convention, is celebrated as Pi Day worldwide as an ode to the most well-known approximation (3.14) of the mathematical constant Pi.

The tradition was started by physicist Larry Shaw of the Exploratorium museum in San Francisco in 1988, and has since seen global popularity.

On the day, mathematicians try to raise awareness on their subject among lay persons, through lectures, museum exhibitions and pie-eating competitions.

In 2019, UNESCO's 40th General Conference designated Pi Day as the International Day of Mathematics.

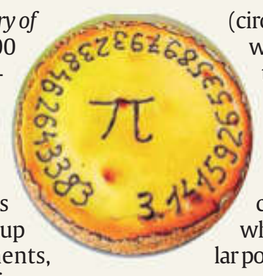
What is Pi?

Pi, often represented by the Greek letter pi, is the most famous of all mathematical constants. It represents the ratio of a circle's circumference (boundary) to its diameter (a straight line between two points on the circle's boundary, passing through its centre). Regardless of the circle's size, this ratio always remains constant.

Pi is an irrational number — it is a decimal with no end and no repeating pattern — which is most often approximated to 3.14, or the fraction 22/7.

How is Pi calculated?

The importance of Pi has been recognised for at least 4,000 years. Academic Petr Beckman in his classic *A History of Pi* (1970) wrote that "by 2,000 BC, men had grasped the significance of the constant that is today denoted by pi, and that they had found a rough approximation of its value."



EXPLAINED MATH

Both ancient Babylonians and ancient Egyptians came up with their own measurements, probably by drawing a circle of some diameter, and then measuring its circumference using a rope of said diameter in length. Babylonians settled at 25/8 (3.125) as the value of Pi, while ancient Egyptians settled at (16/9)2 (approximately 3.16).

It was Greek polymath Archimedes (circa 287-212 BCE) who came up with the method to calculate Pi that remained in use till the 17th century. He realised that the perimeter of a regular polygon of 'n' sides inscribed in a circle is smaller than the circumference of the circle, whereas the perimeter of a similar polygon circumscribed about the circle is greater than its circumference. This can be used to calculate the limits within which the value of Pi must lie.

Now, as one keeps adding more and more sides to this polygon, it gets closer and closer to the shape of a circle. Having reached 96-sided polygons, Archimedes proved that 223/71 < Pi < 22/7 (in decimal notation, this is 3.14084 < p < 3.142858).

Following Archimedes, this method was used by mathematicians constantly increasing the number of sides of the polygon to calculate Pi to ever greater decimal places.

The problem with this method, however, is that it is extremely labour intensive. For instance, it took Dutch mathematician Ludolph van Ceulen (1540-1610) a staggering three decades to calculate Pi to 35 decimal points.

It would be Isaac Newton (1643-1727) who significantly simplified the process of calculating Pi. In 1666, he calculated Pi up to 16 decimal places using calculus, which he discovered along with mathematician Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646-1713). What had taken mathematicians years to calculate now could be done in a matter of days.

But why does all this matter?

Circles are everywhere in the world. So are three-dimensional shapes like cylinders, spheres, and cones, all of which carry the proportion of Pi. Knowing Pi's value, thus, has some crucial practical benefits in the fields of architecture, design, and engineering. From constructing water storage tanks to fashioning hi-tech equipment for satellites, the value of Pi is indispensable in all sorts of areas.

Moreover, Pi seems to be woven into descriptions of the deepest workings of the universe — from calculating the vastness of space or understanding the spiral of DNA.

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E-Procurement Tender Notice No- JHS/DYCMM/2024/06 Date . 07.03.2024

E-Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India ,The Dy Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, Jhansi are invite the following E procurement tender :-

S.N.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.
1	51235854	LED UV Lamp as per annexure-1 attached.	04 Nos.
2	51235876	Set of Electrical spares required for repair of Lock bolt machines as per Technical specifications & Scope of Supply (Annexure-A)	01 Set
3	51235885	Bogies and Trucks.Spigot of Spring Plank, ID OD - 62ID - 40. As per Drawing No: NLBTOHS/04.	1400 Nos.

Tender Opening Date : 08.04.2024, 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 venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS Website along with class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA under IT act 2000. **3.** Rules entered into financial rate page and duly singed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter had if attached by vender shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. **435/24 (AN)**

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Government of Jharkhand
Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs
3rd Floor, JSFC Bhawan Kadru, Ranchi

Letter No- 402 Date- 12-03-2024

Tender Ref No: ***Kha.up.Ni-01-(JSFSS)-01/23 -2082***

Dated – 8/12/2023

Notice

With reference to Tender notice no.-2082 Dated-18/12/2023 (PR No.- 313760 Dated- 19-12-2023) under Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs, Jharkhand Regarding, "Selection of bidder for supply of common rice (parboiled) as per FSSAI norms under JSFSS for June 2023 to August 2023 of financial year 2023-24 by e-tender through reverse e-auction on NeML platform".

Amidst the government's decision vide notification no.-3515 dated 13-12-2023 and the RFP clause no. 18, the published tender is declared cancelled.

Sd/-
Director
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PR 322547 Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs(23-24)D

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Notice No: 3963/LX-47/2024/TECH/TC Date: 12/03/2024

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Tender Reference No. RCD/SERAIKELLA/18 Date :- 11.03.2024

1.	Name of the work	Construction of basic infrastructure of international level for industrial area at Adityapur region (Adityapur Industrial Area Large Sector Road) (Total Length 5.918 Km.) for the year 2023-24
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3.	Time of Completion	12 (Twelve) Months
4.	Last Date /Time for receipt of bids	27.04.2024 (12.00 Noon)
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	30.03.2024 (10.30 AM)
6.	Date and Place of Pre-bid Meeting	05.04.2024 (11:30 A.M.) Office of the Chief Engineer (C), Road Construction Department, Jharkhand, First Floor, Engineers Hostel No.-02, Dhurwa, Ranchi
7.	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	Ganesh Ram Hembrom O/o Executive Engineer , Road Construction Department , Road Division , Seraikella-Kharsawan
8.	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	8809347906
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No. F (JACE/Proj/Aj/AEN)bhl/2023-24/7109-7740 **Dated: 11/03/2024**

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR WORKS NIT No. 12/2023-2024

On line Bid for **"Work of Retrofitting of Cluster Water Supply Project Package-IV of Chambal-Bhilwara Water Supply Project Phase-II of Sahada, Raipur & Suwana Tehsils of District Bhilwara Under JJM With Operation and Maintenance for Ten (10) Years after Defect Liability Period of One (1) Year"** is invited from interested bidders up to 15.04.2024. Other particulars of the Bid may be seen on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state.

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Tender for Internal and External Electrical Work of New IUCCA-2 Building at IUCCA,Pune

The Estate Manager, on behalf of the Director, IUCAA, Pune, invites bids from reputed bidders for **"Internal and External Electrical Work of New IUCAA-2, Building at IUCAA, at S. No. 25/1/1/1/1/2, Aundh, IUCAA Campus, Pune."** The tender shall be available on CPP Portal & IUCAA Web Site from 14/03/2024.

Interested parties may view and download the tender document from the Government Central Procurement Portal http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. It is also available on IUCAA's website at https://www.iucaa.in/tenders. Bids will be accepted on the CPP Portal only.

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Date: 13/03/2024 **Executive Director, SRFDCL**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Namely:** Mohan **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown **Age:** about 45 years, **Height**: 5'7", **Complexion** : Fair, **Built** : Thin, **Face** : Oval, **Identification** : Black mole on face, **Wearing** : Black colour jacket, Red colour shirt and sky blue colour pant has been found dead at Park, behind Hanuman Mandir, Near Railway Line, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 07.03.2024. In this regard a case vide DD No. 15A dated 07.03.2024 has been lodged at Police Station Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:-

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

Subham

General public is hereby informed that this man namely **Subham**, S/o Hari Parsad, R/o WZ RZD1/A149, Gali no. 5, Mahavir Enclave, Delhi, is missing from his house. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 54A, dated 22.01.2024,** has been lodged at **P.S. Palam Village, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the missing man is as under:

Gender: Male, **Age**: 21 years, **Height**: 5'10", **Complexion**: Sallow, **Face**: Long, **Built**: Thin, **Wearing**: White shirt, black jacket, grey pant, black shoes.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform to the following:

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Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
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P.S. Palam Village, Delhi
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Namely** : Unknown, **S/o** Unknown **R/o** Unknown **Age** : about 25-30 years, **Height** : 5'7", **Complexion** : Wheatish, **Face** : Oval, **Built** : Thin, **Injury** : Head Injury, **Wearing** : Red & Black colour check T-shirt and Sky Blue colour jeans, has been found dead at between Electric Pole KM 09/24 - 09/22 down line, near Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi on 08.03.2024. In this regard a case vide DD No. 27A dated 08.03.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Delhi Cantt Railway Station, Delhi.

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TENDER NOTICE

Dy.CE/CSP/NR/KSF acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-tender against Tender no. **CSP-KSF_08_2023-24,** closing dated **03.04.2024: 15:00 hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing dated and time only, Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractor are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **Only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit car, Credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. Other details about tender are available on website; **www.ireps.gov.in.**

SN	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Cost of tender document (in Rs.)	Date of opening	Tender value (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	CSP-KSF_08_2023-24	Execution of various activities for production of Special type of 60kg PSC Sleepers including Wider base sleepers of Level crossing, Guard Rail, Sharp Curve, Scattered and Non Standard T/out sleeper & feeding of aggregates & Cement, preparation of stress benches including cleaning of moulds and benches, HTS wire strands, fixing SGCI Inserts in moulds, fixing of wedges & braking rod and dowel cap, putting casted benches with the help of pulling hoist and putting the same in the steam chamber etc. casting cubes cutting, grinding of insets to suit the dimensional requirement, including, testing and leading to loading point and loading to into BFR's and trucks etc. as per details given in schedule in tender, at CSPNR-Khalispur"	As per schedule	0.00	03.04.2024 at 15:00 hrs.	1,60,56,533.40	2,30,300.00	12 months

Note: The complete information along with tender document of above E-Procurement Tender is available in website on **https://www.ireps.gov.in.**
No. CSP-KSF/08/2023-24 Dated 12.03.2024 **786/2024**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 13/2023-24 **Date:** 07.03.2024

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the president of india, Senior Divisional Material Manager, North Central Railway, Jhansi, invites the E-procurement tender for following item,

S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1	92245275	Light Weight wheel Towing Trolley Set.	02 Set	05.04.2024

Note: The complete information of above E-Procurement is available on IREPS website i.e. **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** Please visit this website regularly for any changes/corrigendum in the tender. No separate corrigendum will be published in news paper. **421/24 (A)**

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Phone No. 03227-280176 / 280317; Fax No. 03227-280744 / 280222

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Bids are invited under Two-Part bidding system for the following e-Tenders through MSTC Portal: -

1. **DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, TESTING & TRAINING OF 410KW (AC CAPACITY)/460KWp (DC CAPACITY) GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT WITHOUT BATTERY BANK (GRID INTERACTIVE) AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/SALBONI PRESS/MMD/39/23-24/ET/66 [GROUND SOLAR PLANT 460KWp DC]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 025/SAL/MMD-MAINT/2023-24; [ESTIMATED COST – ₹ 291.00 LAKH]**

Last date of tender submission – 16.04.2024 by 11:00 Hrs. For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit website **www.mstcecommerce.com**. Tender details are also available at our website **www.brbnmpl.co.in**. Further extension or amendment/s, if any, shall be uploaded on the above websites.

Senior General Manager

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग क्षेत्र उदयपुर

दूरभाष 0294-2481538 ई-मेलः **ace.uda.phed@rajasthan.gov.in**
कमांक-अ.मु.अ./उदय/अंके. /2023-24/17184-17193 दिनांक :- 07-03-2024

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 120-126 /2023-24

जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग क्षेत्र उदयपुर के अधीन विभिन्न ग्रामों में "जल जीवन मिशन" के तहत पेयजल योजनाओ के कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन बिडस् इच्छुक पात्र बिडर्स ई-निविदा संख्या 120-126 /2023-24 दिनांक 11.03.2024 प्रातः 10.00 बजे से दिनांक 01.04.2024 सांय 6.00 बजे तक आंमत्रित की जाती है। बिड से संबंधित समस्त जानकारी प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** व **http://sppp.raj.nic.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।

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NIT No. 120/23-24 UBN No. PHE2324WLOB15107	NIT No. 120/23-24 UBN No. PHE2324WLOB15108
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NIT No. 120/23-24 UBN No. PHE2324WLOB15113	

(मोहन लाल सैनी)
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DIPR/C/2816/2024

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. N0	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	04230049A	AIR COMPRESSOR OIL "SERVO PRESS -100 RR"	9731 LTR	04-04-24
02	19240645	BRAKE LINING COMPLETE (BRAKE PAD)	1774 SET	08-04-24
03	02245015	4.5 KW UNDERSLUNG TYPE CONSTANT VOLTAGE	20 NOS	08-04-24
04	04230036	SERVO LUBE-100/ SERVO SYSTEM-68 AXLE SUSPENSION BEARING OIL	84095 LTR	08-04-24
05	14240857A	DISSOLVED ACETYLENE GAS	70137 CUM	08-04-24
06	14230845	SOAP TOILET CAKE (WEIGHT 100 GMS.)	467377 NOS	08-04-24
07	19243681	MODIFIED SUN VISOR ASSEMBLY	2355 NOS	08-04-24
08	08245077	SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF SMPS BASED 48V 50A BATTERY CHARGER	43 NOS	10-04-24
09	18240199	T 524 F: RESERVATION/CANCELLATION REQUISITION FORM	25000 THSND	10-04-24
10	08245081	48 FIBER SINGLE MODE (MONO MODE) ARMOURED OPTICAL FIBER CABLE	69 KM	15-04-24
11	19240554	SET OF OPERATING DEVICE ARRANGEMENT	1000 SET	15-04-24
12	19240560	SET OF HURTH COUPLING STAR (1) GEAR BOX	14 SET	15-04-24
13	02242175	ANTI VIBRATION MOUNTING PAD	3676 NOS	22-04-24
14	07230087C	SINGLE PIECE FRP LOUVRE SHUTTER	13898 NOS	22-04-24
15	18245028	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF ATVM KIOSK	237 NOS	22-04-24
16	19240566	SET OF HURTH COUPLING SLEEVE (I) GEAR BOX SIDE	13 SET	29-04-24
17	07230191A	BRAKE CALIPER UNIT (2.17) FOR EOG COACHES	144 NOS	07-05-24
18	07230453A	OVERHAULING KIT FOR BRAKE CYLINDERS TO KBI	1381 SET	20-05-24
19	77245025	MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY OF SPECIAL CAST LINER	12000 NOS	06-06-24
20	07230316	DISTRIBUTOR VALVE KE1IPKSL	38 NOS	12-06-24

NOTE -1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.
Tender Notice NO. 101/2023-2024 Dated : 13.03.2024 810/2024

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अलीगढ़ स्मार्ट सिटी लिमिटेड

कार्यालय पता-पंचम तल, कल्याण सिंह हैबिटैट सेन्टर,
लाल डिग्गी, अलीगढ़-202001
Email: aligarhsmartcityltd@gmail.com

Notice Inviting Tender

NIT No.5600/NIT/ASCL/2023-24 Date: 12- March 2024

Aligarh Smart City Limited (ASCL) invites online bids through e-procurement portal https://etender.up.nic.in from eligible bidders for the work given below;

S. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Estimated Cost (Rs.)
1	Construction. of Food Plaza Near Jawahar Park, Aligarh on EPC mode	7,00,000/-	Rs. 10000 + 18% GST Rs. 11800 (Rs. Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred only)	One Crore Rupees Only

1. Detailed NIT & Bid Documents shall be downloaded from the website **https//etender.up.nic.in**
2. Date & Time of Downloading bid Document: 16.03.2023, 5:00 pm
3. Date of Pre-Bid Meeting: At 04:00 pm on 20.03.2024 at Aligarh Smart City Ltd. Office. 5th Floor, Kalyan Singh Habitat Centre, Lal Diggi Aligarh.
4. The last date of bid submission: 22.03.2024, 05:00 pm
5. Date of Technical Bid Opening: 23.03.2024, 11:00 am.
6. ASCL reserves right to reject any or all Tenders and/ or cancel/ annul/ keep in abeyance the Tendering Process.
7. Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published at the website **https//:etender.up.nic.in** only.

Chief Operating Officer

झारखण्ड सरकार
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग

ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट सूचना

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्याः–Mango/O&M/13/2023-24(1st Call) dt. 12.03.2023

1	कार्य का नामः– Three Years Operation and Maintenance of Mango water supply scheme consisting of main features such as WTP of capacity 48.0 MLD, back wash recovery system, Intake works at Swarnrekha River, Raw water rising mains 700mm dia D.I K-9-3.90 Kms. From Swarnrekha River to W.T.P, Clear Water Rising Mains D.I K -9 250mm to 500mm -20.65 kms & Distribution main 100mm to 800mm dia D.I K-7 pipe 246.844 km., 4 nos. of New ESR and 1 No. existing old ESR, and 6 Nos. different capacity of New UGR for the year 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26 excluding Electricity Charges, But including Labour Cess 1% & 18% GST.	
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	1049.64000 लाख
3	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	रू0 10,000/-
4	अग्रधन की राशि	10.50 लाख
5	कार्य समाप्ति का समय	36 माह
6	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	22.03.2024 / 4.00बजे अपराह्न तक
7	प्री–बीड मिटींग की तिथि, एवं स्थान	26.03.2024 / 11.30 बजे पूर्वाहन, अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखंड, राँची।
8	निविदा प्राप्ति(ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	03.04.2024 / 5.00अपराह्न तक
9	सरकार के सचिव, सूचना प्रौधोगिकी एवं ई–गवर्नेस, झारखंड मंत्रालय के ज्ञापांक 120 दिनांक 03.10.2023 के आलोक में विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि Online जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	03.04.2024 / 5.00बजे अपराह्न तक
10	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	04.04.2024 / 5.00बजे अपराह्न तक
11	तकनीकी बीड खोलने का स्थान	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, आदित्यपुर।
12	निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम / पदनाम	ई0 सुमित कुमार, कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल आदित्यपुर।
13	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का टेलीफोन नं0	0657–2372314, 7541824824
14	ई–प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेल्प लाईन नं0	0651–2480345

नोटः–विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाईट – http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। प्राक्कलित राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, आदित्यपुर

PR 322504 Drinking Water and Sanitation(23-24)#D

उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग

हरिद्वार
पिन कोड– 249404

पत्रांक– 121 / e-tender / आई0टी0सेल0 / 2023–24
हरिद्वारः दिनाँकः 13.03.2024

अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना

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सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरिद्वार।

Harourt Butler Technical University, Kanpur

NOTICE

No. 1965/Admin/OTTSC/CoE Rect./2024 Date :- 13/03/2024

Applications are invited from the Indian Citizens for the following Administrative Post:-

Name of Post	No. of Post	Pay Scale	Qualification
Controller of Examinations	One	Rs. 37,400/- 67,000/- AGP- 10,000/-	Controller of Examinations shall be appointed by the State Government either on deputation as per UGC norms or from the teachers of University, not below the rank of the Professor.

Interested candidate can send the application form in prescribed format with all the relevant documents to the Office of Registrar, HBTU, Nawabganj, Kanpur-208002 (UP) on or before **15 April, 2024** up to 05:00 PM by Speed/Registered Post. The application form with other details are available on the University website. For more details visit our website **(http://www.hbtu.ac.in). Registrar**

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 30 Yrs., **Height:** 5'5", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Jeans and Blue Colour Jacket, **Place of Recovery:** Found Dead in Yamuna Khadar under Flyover Geeta Colony, Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 66A, Dated 07.03.2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: Geeta Colony, Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Geeta Colony, Delhi
Ph.: 8750871801, 9910964127

DP/2890/SHD/2024

Govt. of Jharkhand
ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT
Road Divison , Seraikella-Kharsawan

e-Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No. RCD/SERAIKELLA/25

Date :- 11.03.2024

1.	Name of the work	Construction of basic infrastructure of international level for industrial area at Adityapur region (Adityapur Industrial Area phase-III) (Total Length 4.724 Km.) for the year 2023-24
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	**Rs. 29,36,76,566.43 (Rupees Twenty Nine Crore Thirty Six lakh Seventy Six thousand Five hundred Sixty Six and Paise Forty Three only)**
3.	Time of Completion	12 (Twelve) Months
4.	Last Date /Time for receipt of bids	27.04.2024 (12.00 Noon)
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	30.03.2024 (10.30 AM)
6.	Date and Place of Pre-bid Meeting	05.04.2024 (11:30 A.M.) Office of the Chief Engineer (C), Road Construction Department, Jharkhand, First Floor, Engineers Hostel No.-02, Dhurwa, Ranchi
7.	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	Ganesh Ram Hembrom O/o Executive Engineer , Road Construction Department , Road Division , Seraikella-Kharsawan
8.	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	8809347906
9.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
Estimated Amount may increase or decrease

PR 322409 Road(23-24)D

Executive Engineer
RCD , Road Division Seraikella-harsawan

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE
(Through e-Tender)

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 33245059, Date: 11.03.2024

On behalf of President of India e- Tenders are invited by the Sr.DMM/DSD/NWR, Jodhpur. **(1) Name of item:** Supply, Installation and commissioning of WASHER EXTRACTOR Minimum 60 Kg as per attached specification. **(2) Approximate Cost of items:** ₹ 3269225.62 /- (₹ Thirty Two Lakh Sixty Nine thousand Two Hundred Twenty Five Rupees & Sixty Two Paise Only) **(3) Earnest Money to be deposited:** ₹ 65380.00/- (Rs. Sixty Five Thousand Three hundred Eighty only.) **(4) Last date and time for Submission of e-tender and Opening of e-tender:** 02.04.2024 14:25 Hrs. **(5) Website from e-tender forms can be obtained:** www.ireps.gov.in **(6) Address of the NIT issuing Office:** Office of the Sr.DMM/DSD, NWR, Jodhpur- 342001 (Rajasthan). **Note: (1)** Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be summarily rejected. **(2)** Cost of tender document & EMD online through e-transfers i.e. through payment gateway facility on the IREPS website. 341-DP/24

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Public Notice

Integrated Draft Development Plan-2041 AD for Palwal-Prithla has been notified under section 5 of the Punjab schedule road and Controlled areas restrictions of unregulated development act, 1963, subsection (5) of section 203c of the Haryana Municipal act, 1973 (24 of 1973) and sub-section (5) of section 346 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation act, 1994 (16 of 1994) vide Haryana Government notification no.-CCP(NCR)/IDDP-2041/Palwal-Prithla/2024/348 dated 05.03.2024.

Notice is hereby given that Integrated Draft Development Plan shall be taken into consideration by the government on or after expiry of a period 30 days from the date of publication of this notification in the official gadget together with objection and suggestions, if any, which may be receive by the Director, Town & Country Planning department, Haryana (for the area falling outside Municipal Council Palwal limit) and Director, Urban Local Bodies department, Haryana (for the area falling within Municipal Council Palwal limit) from any person in writing, with respect to the Integrated Draft Development Plan, before the expiry of the period so specified. The plan has also been displayed on the prominent places of the city like as Mini secretariat, Railway Station, Bus Stand, Saral Kandar, District Town Planner Office, Sec.-12, Palwal.

In view of above, objections and suggestions in respect of Integrated Draft Development Plan-2041 AD for Palwal-Prithla are invited from the general public through this public notice. The objections/suggestions may be submitted in writing to the following offices:-

4. Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana Town & Country Planning Department, E-Mail: fctcp@hry.nic.in
5. Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana.
   Address:- Plot No. 3, Sec-18A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh 160018
   Phone: +91 172 2548475, +91 172 2549851
   E-Mail:tcpharyana7@gmail.com
6. Director, General Urban Local Bodies, Haryana
   Sector-4, Panchkula, Email-dulbhry@hry.nic.in
4. Senior Town Planner, Faridabad.
   HSVP Complex, Sec-12, Faridabad stp5.faridabad.tcp@gmail.com.
5. District Town Planner, Palwal
   HSVP Complex, Sec-12, Palwal, dtp4.palwal.tcp@gmail.com.

District Town Planner,
Palwal

25836

Government of Maharashtra
Swachh Maharashtra Mission (U)
Urban Development Department
4th Floor, Apeejay House, Dinshaw Vacha Rd, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400020

Adv. No.: SMM/Adv/327/2024 **Date : 13.03.2024**

Tender Notice

Mission Directorate, Swachh Maharashtra Mission invites online tenders from reputed and experienced firms to participate in bidding for the below-mentioned RFPs.

Name of RFPs	RFP No.	Estimated Project Cost	Bid Security	Cost of Document	Period of Completion
Procurement of Vehicle Mounted Mechanical Road Sweeper Under Solid Waste Management for ULBs in the Maharashtra State.	SMM/MRS/ 326/2024-13.03.2024	INR 68.20 Cr.	INR 34,00,000/-	INR 10,000/- (Inclusive of GST)	Six (6) Months

The complete bidding process will be online (e-tendering). Tender documents can be downloaded from the website http://mahatenders.gov.in from **13.03.2024 17.00 hrs.** Bids can be submitted online in the e-tendering portal www.mahatenders.gov.in on or before **15.00 hrs on 04.04.2024** and will be publicly opened on **05.04.2024**. All the notifications regarding this tender notice hereafter will be published online on the website http://mahatenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Mission Directorate,
Maharashtra Urban Development Mission,
Swachh Maharashtra Mission

DGIPR/2023-24/9859

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd, 284, Imperial Building, S.N. Road, Firozabad 283203

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr Vinod Kumar (Borrower), Charn Singh (Co-Borrower) LBAGR00004798847, LBAGR00005063631	Plot Bearing Nagar Nigam No. 50, Mohalla Rathore Nagar Mauza Aashfabad Tuti Puliya Dr Janved Wali Gali Firozabad, UP Area-1045 Sq. Ft., Property Type-Residential House	Rs. 30,04,830/- as on February 29, 2024	Rs. 9,41, 000/- / Rs 94,100/-	April 03, 2024 from 12:00 Noon 01:00 PM	April 10, 2024 from-11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com)** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **April 09, 2024** before **05:00 P.M** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at : **ICICI Bank Ltd, 284, Imperial Building, S.N. Road, Firozabad 283203** on or before **April 09, 2024** before **05:00 P.M** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **April 09, 2024** before **05:00 P.M** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at : **ICICI Bank Ltd, 284, Imperial Building, S.N. Road, Firozabad 283203** on or before **April 09, 2024** before **05:00 P.M.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Firozabad.**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** On **9372730494/8584874809**

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3. Hecta Proptech Pvt Ltd** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: March 14, 2024
Place: Firozabad

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT, HARYANA
Vanijya Bhawan, Plot no. I-3, Sector 5
Panchkula – 134151, Haryana

Development, Implementation and Maintenance of Haryana Tax Administration System – HTAS 2.0

Excise and Taxation Department, Haryana, has embarked on a mission for upgrading the existing system for tax administration, so as to bring about qualitative improvements in the interaction of the Government with the trade and industry. The envisaged solution should be capable of meeting all the current needs of tax administration and also be suitably flexible to accommodate future requirements of the department.

In accordance with the evolving priorities of Haryana Excise and Taxation department, the bidder shall be required to:

- Takeover and maintain the current deployed system from the existing vendor till new solution is implemented.
- Parallelly develop and deploy new system as per requirements in the RFP.
- Operate and maintain the new system post its go-live during the defined contact period.

Sealed proposals are invited from eligible bidders as per the following deadlines:

Pre-bid meeting	12 noon on 27-Mar-2024
Last Date for submission of bid proposals	3.00 PM on 02-May-2024
Opening of Pre-Qualification & Technical Proposals	3:30 PM on 02-May-2024
Venue	3rd Floor, Vanijya Bhawan, Plot no.I-3, Sector 5, Panchkula.

A non-refundable Tender fee of INR 25,000 (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) in addition to the prescribed etendering portal service fee is to be submitted through online mode at NIC Portal https://etenders.hry.nic.in for participating in the bidding process. Scanned copy of Online Payment Receipt should be uploaded while submitting the bid.

NOTE: Bidders are advised to pay this fee at least 2 days before the tender closing date/time on NIC etendering portal https://etenders.hry.nic.in to avoid last minute hassle.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) document provides eligibility criteria, scope of work, responsibilities of bidder and such other detailed technical and other requirements related to this project. Interested bidders may obtain a copy of the RFP document from the website of the department at **https://www.haryanatax.gov.in**, or from NIC Portal **https://etenders.hry.nic.in**. Any changes/ revisions to the bid schedule and/or RFP will be published only in these websites.

25877 **Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Haryana**

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR RE-ALLOTMENT OF ONE ZONE OF RETAIL LIQUOR VENDS OF DISTRICT SONEPAT IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2023-2024.

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for re-allotment of one zone of retail liquor vends of Country Liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2/L-14A) of district Sonepat in the State of Haryana, as mentioned below, are hereby invited for the remaining period of excise policy year 2023-24.

Sr. No	Name of District	Zone code
1.	Sonepat	ZSNP44

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for this zone and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 15th March, 2024 (9.00 AM)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 15th March, 2024 (04.00 PM)
Evaluation of e-tenders	15th March, 2024 (5.00 PM)

3. The reserve price of this zone for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.17 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy 2023-24.

The reserve price and quota of this zone shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.

4. The e-tenders for this zone can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of this zone shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 13th May, 2023, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 13th May, 2023 is also available on the official website of department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.

5. The excise arrangement of this zone containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) and DETC (ST) of the district concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

6. The re-allotment of this zone shall be done at the risk and cost of original allottee. The original allottee shall be liable to make up any deficiency incurred by the state as a result of the re-allotment of this zone.

7. The allotment and grant of licence shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2023-24. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETC (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2023-24 is available on official website of the department.

7. The allotment shall be subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC), Haryana. He may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment.

25871 Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	SE/Computer Centre	74	1

For details of Works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/1601/Tender/2024

रजिस्टर्ड नं०-ए०डी०-4
लाइसेन्स सं०-डब्ल्यू०पी०-41
(लाइसेन्ड टू पोस्ट बिदाउटप्रीपेमेन्ट)

सरकारी गज़ट, उत्तर प्रदेश

प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा प्रकाशित

खण्ड 78, प्रयागराज, शनिवार, 02 मार्च, 2024 ई० (फाल्गुन 12, 1945 शक संवत्) खंसंख्या 09

IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT, UTTAR PRADESH
FORM-19
[Sub-rule (1) of rule 27]
[UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT]
NOTIFICATION
February 08, 2024

No. 718- Whereas Preliminary notification no 90/आठ–वि०भू०अ०अ०/ मुरादाबाद, dated September 18, 2023 was issued under sub-section (1) of section II of the right to fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, in respect of 1-3872 hectares of land in village Asmoli, Ekrotiya, Madala Fathepur, Mawai Dol, Shahpur Sirpura, Hazirpur Urf Hedarpur, Satupura, Nandpur Vita and Dulahapurband Urf Darapur, Pargana Sambhal, Tehsil Sambha, District Sambha is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal project (Stage-II) though Canal Construction (name of requiring body and laity published on dated September 30, 2023. The Deputy Collector Sambhal was appointed is Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resentment of this project affected families.

After considering the report of the Collector submitted in pursuance to provision under sub-section (2) of the section 15 of the Act, the Governor is pleased to declare under section 19(1) of the Act that he is satisfied that the area of the land mentioned in the given schedule "A" is needed for public purpose and the land to the extent of 1.3872 hectares in village Asmoli, Ekrotiya, Madala Fathepur, Mawai Dol, Shahpur Sirpura, Hazirpur Urf Hedarpur, Satupura, Nandpur Vita and Dulahapurband Urf Darapur, Pargana Sambhal, Tehsil Sambha, District Sambha as given in schedule "B" has been identified as the Rehabilitation and Resettlement area for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the displaced families.

The Government is further pleased under sub-section (2) of section 19 of the Act, to direct the Collector of……to publish a summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme with publication of the declaration to this effect, The summary of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement scheme is attached here with.

SCHEDULE-A
(LAND UNDER PROPOSED ACQUISTTION)

DISTRICT	TEHSIL	PARGANA	VILLAGE	PLOT NO.	AREA TO BE ACQUIRED (IN HECT)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Asmoli	657	0.0150
				658	0.0010
				711	0.1450
				712	0.0680
				875	0.0305
				862	0.0560
				863	0.0440
				864	0.0048
				Total-	0.3643
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Ekrotiya	366	0.0335
				Total-	0.0335
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Madala Fathepur	594	0.0640
				1068	0.2560
				1256	0.0200
				Total-	0.3400
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Mawai Dol	348	0.0060
				352	0.0175
				336	0.0110
				716	0.0990
				676	0.0522
				Total-	0.1857
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Shahpur Sirpura	426	0.0100
				Total-	0.0100
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Hazirpur Urf Hedarpur	246	0.1476
				Total-	0.1476
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Satupura	93	0.1557
				94	0.0666
				Total-	0.2223
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Nandpur Vita	505	0.0494
				Total-	0.0494
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Dulahapurband Urf Darapur	380 मि0	0.0344
				Total-	0.0344
				G.Total	1.3872

SCHEDULE-B
(LAND IDENTIFIED AS SETTLEMENT AREA FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES)

NOTE: A Plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition.

DISTRICT	TEHSIL	PARGANA	VILLAGE	PLOT NO.	AREA EARMARKED FOR REHABILITATION (IN HECT)
1	2	3	4	5	6
---------- No. of Displaced Families 'Zero'----------					

UPID-205446 Date 12/03/2024
www.upgov.nic.in

By order
Collector Sambhal

FUSIONX ASIA PACIFIC PRIVATE LIMITED
410 YUSUF BUILDING, VEER NARIMANN ROAD, FORT, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA- 400001
Notice under sub-section (2) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003

The person above-named, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 (the applicant) has made an application under sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for grant of Category V licence for inter State trading in electricity across India before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi. The necessary details in respect of the applicant are given hereunder:

i)Authorized Share Capital is INR 2,25,00,000/-, Issued Share Capital is INR 2,25,00,000/-, Subscribed Share Capital is INR 2,25,00,000/- and Paid-up Share Capital is INR 2,25,00,000/-

ii)Shareholding pattern (indicate the details of the shareholders holding 5% or more shares):
Name of the shareholder: Kaushal Narendra Mehta
Citizenship: United States of America
Residential Status: Non-Resident
No. of shares: 22,27,500
% of share of the total paid up capital: 99%

iii)The Applicant has a net worth of INR 2.13 Crore and the applicant also fulfils the technical qualification under regulation 3(2) of Trading License Regulations.

iv)FusionX Asia Pacific Private Limited is backed up with a team of experts in the field of power systems, power transmission, regulatory affairs, commerce and accounting. As per the requirement of the regulatory framework FusionX Asia Pacific Private Limited has a well-organized and experienced management team with requisite expertise to focus on its power trading business. The team members are experts in the fields of power generation, market monitoring, taxation etc.

v)Volume of elctricity intended to be traded during the first year after grant of licence: 500 MUS

vi)Geographical areas within which the applicant will undertake trading in electricity: Across India

vii)Net worth was 0.66 Lakhs on 31.03.2023 and 2.13 Crores on 20.02.2024

viii)Current ratio and liquidity ratio is 1.65 as on 31.03.2023 and 1.80 on 20.02.2024

ix)The applicant is authorized to undertake trading in electricity under the Memorandum of Association. The relevant clause is extracted below:
#1. To generate, accumulate, trading, distribute, purchase, sell and supply renewable energy, electric power or any other energy from conventional/non-conventional energy by Bio- Mass, Hydro, Thermal, Gas, Air, Diesel1. To generate, accumulate, trading, distribute, purchase, sell and supply renewable energy, electric power or any other energy from conventional/non-conventional energy by Bio- Mass, Hydro, Thermal, Gas, Air, Diesel oil, or through renewable energy sources.

x)No case is pending where the applicant or any of his associates, or partner, or promoters, or Directors has been declared Insolvent and has not been discharged.

xi)No case pending in which the Applicant or any of his Associates or partners or promoters or Directors has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude, fraud or any economic offence during the previous three years preceding the year of making the application and also in the year of making the applicant and the date of release of the above person from imprisonment, if any, consequent to such conviction.

xii)The Applicant or any of his Associates, or partners, or promoters, or Directors was never refused licence.

xiii)The applicant has never been granted a licence for transmission of electricity

xiv)No order cancelling the licence of the Applicant, or any of his Associates, or partners, or promoters, or Directors has been passed by the Commission.

xv)The applicant or any of his Associates, or partners, or promoters, or Directors was never found guilty in any proceedings for contravention non-compliance of any of the provisions of the Act or the rules or the regulations made thereunder or an order made by the Appropriate Commission, during the year of making the application or five years immediately preceding that year.

The application made and other documents filed before the Commission are available for inspection by Vinay Vyas- CEO, Tower-D, 8th Floor, One Skymark, Sec 98, Noida -201303, Uttar Pradesh, India. (Mob: 8800598120).The application made and other documents filed before the Commission have been posted on; https://www.fusionxenergy.com/ Objections or suggestions, if any, on the application made before the Commission may be sent to the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36, Janpath, New Delhi- 110001 within 30 days of publication of this notice, with a copy to the applicant.No objections or suggestions shall be considered by the Commission if received after expiry of 30 days of publication of this notice.

Date:- 14-03-2024
Place:-Noida

Vinay Vyas-CEO
FusionX Asia Pacific Pvt. Ltd

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

SR. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA REWARI	NO 537//6-A DATED 04.03.2024	TENDER INVITED VIDE THIS OFFICE NIT NO. 537/6-A DATED 04.03.2024. BOQ OF TENDER LISTED AT SR. NO. 1: - ITEM AT SR. NO. 2, 16 AMP MCCB MAY PLEASE BE READ AS 16 AMP MCB2 - ITEM AT SR. NO. 3, MAKE OF FLOOD LIGHT MAY PLEASE BE READ HAVELLS, PHILLIPS OR CG INSTEAD OF HAVELLS, HELLONICS, PHILLIPS, SURYA. - ITEM AT SR. NO. 7, MAKE OF SAFETY SHOES MAY PLEASE BE READ AS TIGER, BATA/POWER OR LIBERTY. FOR OTHER CLARIFICATION OF PRE-BID MEETING PLEASE VISIT THE SITE. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED.	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01274298963 xenmech@yahoo.com

25856/HRY **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in**

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Possession Notice [Under Rule 8 (1) of security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

As per the powers conferred under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and under Section 13(12) of the Securities Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 read together with Rule 8, the Authorized Punjab National Bank. The undersigned as an officer issued demand notice as mentioned in the table below, asking the borrowers/guarantors to pay the amount specified in the respective notices against their names in the table within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said intimation in writing. was asked to The following borrowers/guarantors have not paid the amount specified in the respective notices issued under section 13(2) within the stipulated time, the aforesaid borrowers/guarantors and the general public are hereby informed that the undersigned has made payment against the property concerned have taken symbolic possession of the properties (guaranteed assets) mentioned in the following table in compliance with the powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned. In particular the aforesaid borrowers / guarantors and the general public are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in the following table and any transaction with the said properties shall be effected on the amount mentioned in the relevant column of the table and thereon. The interest will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank.

S. No	Branch Name	Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Claim Amount on Date	Date of Demand / Date of Possession	Description of Immovable Property
1.	**Barari (12000)**	**M/s Laxmi Enterprises,** Prop:-Mr. Sameer Kumar Mitra Rarhi Tola, Barari City,Bhgalpur, Dist-Bhagalpur Bihar-812001	**Rs.14,30,004.06/-** (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Thirty Thousand and Four and Paisa Six Only) and Interset thereon as on 01.12.2023	**13 (2) - 14.12.2023 13 (4) - 12.03.2024**	EM Residential Land and Building In the name of Mrs. Laxmi Mitra W/o Nawal Kumar Mitra,Property is situated under- Mouza- Barari, Rarhi Tola Lane, Thana- Barari, Anchal- Jagdishpur, District-Bhagalpur having khata No- 166, khesra No.- 1362, Ward No.-01/29 with total land area is 1431 sq Ft. bearing Registered Sale Deed No.- 750 Dated- 20.01.2001. **Boundary- North-** Gali, **South-** Niz Bikreta, **East-** Rita Das, **West-** Aaj kharidar Kumkum Sinha

Date- 12.03.2024
Place- Bhagalpur

Authorised Officer
Punjab National Bank

REGIONAL FOOD RESEARCH & ANALYSIS CENTRE
An Autonomous Organization of Department of Horticulture & Food Processing
Udyan Bhawan Campus, 2 Sapru Marg, Lucknow-226001 (U.P)

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DATE - 16th & 17th MARCH, 2024 TIME: 10.00 AM TO 5.30 PM
(Inclusive of Lunch, Tea, PPT Soft Copy of Study material)
FEES: Rs. 5,500/-
VENUE: YWCA, 1 Ashoka Road, Gate No.1, Near Bangla Sahib, Gurudwara, Delhi
M.: 8178836164, 9811047670, 9599713406
E-CERTIFICATE WILL BE AWARDED, Website: www.rfracgov.in

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India has opened the NOS Portal for inviting online applications for study in Masters and Ph.D courses abroad under National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for low income students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category for the selection year 2024-25.

The portal will remain open for inviting the applications from **15-2-2024 to 31-3-2024.**

The link of the portal is
www.nosmsje.gov.in

The detailed guidelines for filling the form are available on the portal. Before filling the form, the candidates are advised to check their eligibility as per the Scheme Guidelines.

Scan QR code for more details

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PERSONAL

I am Sushma Yadav W/o Chander Pal, DoB 15/03/1983, resident of Air Force Station Arjangarh (Delhi). I have changed my name from Sushma Yadav to Sushma video affidavit dated 11 Mar 24 for all future purposes.

0050238854-1

It is for general information that I,Shazad Ali,S/o Kallan Fauji,R/o H.No.821,G/F,Gali No.-8,Old Mustafabad,Delhi-110094,declare that name of mine has been Wrongly written as Shezad Ali in 10th-class records of my minor son namely Sahil Abbas aged 16 years. The actual name of mine is Shahzad Ali respectively,which may be amended accordingly.

0040719720-9

It is for general information that I,Ruby Shaheen,D/o Farooq Ahmed,W/o Mohd Ashraf Siddiqui,R/o-1448, Chhatta-Nawab Saheb,Farash Khana,Delhi G.P.O,North Delhi,Delhi-110006,declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly-written as Ruby Shahin and Farooq Ahmad in my 12th-Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine and my father are Ruby Shaheen and Farooq Ahmed. 0040719698-11

It is for general information that I,ARACHITA BHANDARI,W/O BHUP NARAYAN BHANDARI,R/O-404 FIRST-FLOOR, SUNLIGHT-COLONY-L. ASHRAM, JANGPURA,SOUTH DELHI-110014,declare that name of mine and my husband has been wrongly-written as ARCHITA and BHUP NARAIN in my minor daughter namely ABIGHYA BHANDARI aged-14-years in her school-record.The actual name of mine and my husband are ARACHITA BHANDARI and BHUP NARAYAN BHANDARI respectively,which may be amended accordingly.

0040719695-6

I,hitherto known as Rashi,D/O Rajesh Kumar R/O WZ-44,Titarpur Tagore Garden,West Delhi,Delhi-110027,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rashi Thakur.

0040719698-10

I,hitherto known as RAJIV KUMAR,S/O KAILASH CHAND,R/O-B-1/66,Phase-2, Ashok-Vihar,North-West Delhi,DELHI-110052,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME and shall hereafter be known as RAJIV KUMAR GOEL. 0040719701-3

I,Vinod Sharma S/o Om Parkash Sharma R/o-598, Third-Floor,Parmanand Colony West, Delhi-110009,have changed my name to Vinod Kumar Sharma

0040719698-1

I,Vikas Rathee,S/o Om Prakash Rathee,R/o F 21, Near Hanuman Mandir, Ashok Vihar Phase-2, Gurugram(Haryana)-122001,have changed my name to Vikas Rathi. 0040719720-5

I,TAMANNA KINGER,W/O VISHAL SEHJI R/O HOUSE NO-661,BLOCK-C,SUSHANT LOK PHASE-1,NEAR-VYAPAR KENDRA MARKET,GURGAON,HARYANA-122009 Have Changed My Name To TAMANNA SEHJI,permanently.

0040719700-1

I,Sumeet Khera,S/o Subhash Khera,R/o-WZ-22B, Gali No.2,New Sahib Pura,MBS Nagar,Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Sumit Khera. 0040719720-3

I,Tariq Sohail S/o Ahmad Ali Khan R/o 1387, Sector-29, Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Tariq Sohail Khan for all future purposes.

0040719677-1

I,Suman,W/O-Khushwant Singh,R/O-R-558,J.J Colony,Raghubir Nagar, Tagore Garden,West Delhi-110027,Have Changed my name to Daljeet Kaur after marriage. 0040719726-1

I,Simran D/o Nirmal Jit Singh R/o 3A, Arun Vihar, Sector-28 Noida(U.P) have changed my name to Simran Sandhu for all future purposes 0040719678-1

I,Shailesh Purshottamlal Sehgal,S/o Purshotam Lal Sehgal,R/o I-87, Kirti Nagar Delhi-15 have Changed my name to Shailesh Sehgal, Permanently. 0040719698-6

I,Satpal S/o Hansraj Soni R/o A-635, Sector-2, Avantika, Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Satpal Soni.

0040719701-1

I,SUSHMA AGARWAL,W/O ANAND PRAKASH AGARWALA,R/O-202, CHOCOLATE PALM GREENS,SECTOR-MU, GREATER-NOIDA, GAUTAMBUDHA-NAGAR U.P-201310,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SUSHMA AGARWALA, Permanently. 0040719695-2

I,SHRAWANE SANTOSH MANIK,father of,Shrawane Pankaj Santosh,Presently residing at,At Post Girad,Tal.Bhadgaon, Distt.Jalgaon,Maharashtra-424201,have changed my name,from SHRAWANE SANTOSH MANIK to SANTOSH MANIK SHRAVANE, vide-Affidavit,Dated-12.03.2024.

0040719695-7

I, Anshul D/o Jitender Singh R/o Village Palla Greater Noida U.P. have changed my name to Yashi for all future purposes.

0070893982-1

I,SHRAWANE SANGITABAI SANTOSH,mother of,Shrawane Pankaj Santosh,Presently,residing at,Post-Girad, Tal.Bhadgaon,Distt.Jalgaon,Maharashtra-424201,have changed my name from SHRAWANE SANGITABAI SANTOSH to SANGITABAI SANTOSH SHRAWANE, vide-Affidavit, Dated-12.03.2024.

0040719695-8

I,SHAMMI GUPTA,W/O ASHWANI GUPTA,R/O-174,SECOND FLOOR,SHAKTI KHAND-2, INDIRAPURAM,GHAZIABAD,UTTAR PRADESH-201014, changed my name to PAYAL GUPTA.Permanently.

0040719695-4

I,SANJAY RAI S/O NAGENDRA RAI R/o- PLOT NO-59,C-5 GYAN KHAND -1 INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD, U.P-201014 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SANJAY KUMAR RAI. 0040719695-3

I,Rakesh Kumar, S/o Rajendra Prasad,R/o H.No.750/5, Ward No.6,Patel-Nagar, Gurugram, (Haryana)-122001,have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar Parihar. 0040719720-7

I,Rajendra Singh Bansal S/o Kewal Singh Bansal R/o,F-60A, Third-Floor, Vishnu Garden, Tilak-Nagar,New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Rajinder Singh.

0040719700-8

I,RANI DEVI,W/O Shri Ramji Lal,R/o H.No.167,B-5,Block Nand-Nagri,Delhi-110093,Declare that my name of my has been mentioned as RANI in my Bank account instead of RANI DEVI.That RANI and RANI DEVI,both names treat as same one person.

0040719701-4

I,Priya Gogna W/o Pradeep Kumar Sati R/o-G-189 First-Floor Vikaspuri,Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Priya. 0040719698-4

I,Prem Kumar S/o Shri Parmod Kumar,R/o D-7/150,Sector-6,Rohini, Sector-7,Delhi-110085,have changed my minor son's name from Aniket aged 16 years to Aniket Kumar for all purposes. 0040719715-2

I,Monika Bhatt W/o Upender Prasad R/o WP-188B Pitampura North,West Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Monika Upender Dhoundiyal

0040719698-2

I,Pradeep Kumar Tiwari,S/o Kripa Nand Tiwari,R/o,H.No.-21.Gali No.-4,Shastri-Park, Krishna-Nagar,Delhi,have changed my name to Pradeep Kumar,for all purposes.

0040719698-8

I,POOJA D/O TARA CHAND GUPTA,W/O AMIT KHANDELWAL,H.NO-279,POCKET-1, PASCHIM PURI,PASCHIM-VIHAR,DELHI-110063,have changed my name to ARCHNA GUPTA,for all,future purpose.

0040719715-1

I,Naincy D/o-Satish Sharma R/o-L.I.G Flat No.283, Second-Floor,Opp.G.T.K.Bus Depot, DDA Flats,Sanjay Enclave, Delhi-110033 have changed my-name to Naincy Sharma permanently. 0040719698-7

I,Mohammad Yusuf S/o Abdul Aziz R/o Z-41, DDA-Flats,New Ranjeet Nagar Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Mohd Yusuf. 0040719700-5

I,MANISH,S/O PREM,R/O A-516,STREET NO.5, MEET NAGAR, GOKUL PUR,DELHI- 110094,have changed my name to MANISH SARASWAT,S/O PREM SARASWAT,for all,future purposes. 0040719701-2

I,Kiran Kumari W/o Rajeev Puri R/o Flat No-F1/1103, Gurgaon 21, Vitika India Next Sector-83, Gurgaon (Haryana)- 122004, have changed my name to Kiran Puri.

0040719720-8

I,KHUSHI D/O DINESH CHANDRA YADAV,R/O R-15,ANDREWS GANJ EXTENSION, NEW DELHI-110049,changed my name to KHUSHI YADAV,for all,future purpose.

0040719698-5

I,Jyoti Goyal,W/o Deepak Kumar Goyal R/o-D-3/23, Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051,have changed my name to Jyoti K Goyal.

0040719720-2

I,Jyoti D/o Ram Kumar,R/o H.No 134, Sector-4, Rohtak Haryana-124001,have changed my name to Jyoti Sehrawat.

0040719695-1

I,Jeena T Benny,W/O-Sujin Babu /,R/O-H.No.844,Gali No.26,Block-B,Sant Nagar,Burari,Delhi-110084,inform that Jeena Thengumparambil Benny and Jeena T Benny both names are of one and the same person.

0040719726-2

I,HARSHIT S/O SACHIN TYAGI R/O HNO.858/1, NR.PARVATIYA ANCHAL,SANT-NAGAR,KAMALPUR MAJRA,BURARI,DELHI-110084.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARSHIT TYAGI.

0040719700-2

I,Geeta,D/o Rajender Singh, W/o Rajender Gahlot,R/o H.No.73,Kakrola Village,South West Delhi-110078, have changed my name to Geeta Gahl. 0040719720-6

I Ravi Prakash S/o Late Sh. Om Prakash Sharma R/o WZ-94, Nimri Village, Shastri Nagar, Ashok Vihar, North West Delhi, Delhi-110052 is also known as Ravi Prakash Sharma. Both names are of one and the same person.

0040719582-1

I,HARISH CHANDRA S/o SH.URBA DATT,R/o-43,DDA-LIG-Flats,Ashirwad-Apartment,Mayur-Vihar,Phase-3,DelhI-110096,inform that my name HARISH CHANDRA is mentioned in my Educational Certificates and in my Aadhaar card /Pan Card etc.my name is mentioned as HARISH CHANDRA GUNWANT S/o SH.URBA DATT GUNWANT,that HARISH CHANDRA & HARISH CHANDRA GUNWANT are one and same person both names are of a single person.I will be known as both name i.e.HARISH CHANDRA & HARISH CHANDRA GUNWANT in future.

0040719615-1

I,Binay Kumar Mishra,S/o Gokula Nand Mishra,R/o Vill-Kamla Gopalpur,Rasulpur Bijaigopal Milki,Patna,Kamla-Gopalpur, Bihar,800111,have Changed my name,from Vinay Kumar Mishra to Binay Kumar Mishra,for all,future Purposes.

0040719720-4

I,Arun kumar vaish,s/o Mahesh chand vaish R/o,House.no.364 block -30(old),Trilok-puri Delhi-91,Have changed the Name of my minor son Krishna aged-13-year and he shall hereafter be knows as Krishna vaish.

0040719695-5

I,MODH KASIM S/O BASIR AHMAD R/O A-5/30,SECTOR-15,ROHINI,DELHI-110089.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHD QASIM FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040719700-4

I,Arshad S/o Mohammed Aslam,R/o-Z-2/432, S/F, Welcome, Seelampur, Delhi-110053,have changed my name to Mohammad Arshad.

0040719720-1

I,Anju Kapur W/o Sh. Rajesh Kapoor R/o KP-79,Maurya Enclave,Pitampura, Delhi have change my name to Anju Kapoor permanently.

0040719698-3

I,Ajay Kumar and Ajay Aggarwal S/o,Late Prem Kumar Aggarwal R/o,E-75, Preet-Vihar, Delhi-110092, have changed my-name to Ajay Kumar Aggarwal.

0040719700-7

I,ARUNDHATI W/O VINEET KUMAR SHARMA R/O C-124,THIRD-FLOOR,LAJPAT-NAGAR-2,LAJPAT-NAGAR,DELHI-110024.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ARUNDHATI SAINI SHARMA.

0040719700-3

I,ARCHNA ALIAS ARCHANA D/O SUBHASH GAUTAM W/O SHATRUGHAN R/o-BP-36,SECOND-FLOOR,BLOCK-BP POCKET-3 MLU, BINDAPUR,UTTAM NAGAR,PO-D.K MOHAN,GARDEN, DELHI-110059,have changed my name to ARCHANA. 0040719695-10

I, hitherto known as SUNIL KUMAR alias SUNIL MAKHIJA S/o Shri RAM LAL, employed as Personal Secretary in the Central Bureau of Investigation Head Quarters, Plot No. 5-B, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Government of India) residing at 11/29-A, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi 110018, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SUNIL MAKHIJA. 0040719687-1

I, Vishal Garg S/o Pawan Kumar R/o HNo-13, Upper Ground Floor, Road No17, East Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026 have changed my MINOR son name from Kushaal Garg to Kushal Garg permanently

0040719686-1

I, Surinder Kumar Goyal S/o Chandgi Ram Goel R/o A-38 Third Floor, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018 have changed my name from Surinder Kumar Goyal to Surinder Kumar Goel

0040719686-4

I, Shaily Tayal W/o Rohit Tayal R/o Flat No.-1802, Tower-16, Lotus Boulevard, Sector-100, Noida, UP-201303 have changed my name from SHAILY TAYAL to SHAILY GARG for all future purposes and communication.

0070893980-1

I, SURESH KAUSHIK S/o MADAN LAL, R/o D-14/245-246, NEAR AYODHYA CHOWK, SECTOR-3, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, DECLARE THAT SURESH KAUSHIK & SURESH KUMAR KAUSHIK, IS ONE AND THE SAME PERSON.

0070893994-1

I, SAKSHI KANSAL D/o RAMESH KUMAR W/o MANISH AGGARWAL R/o - 64, 2nd FLOOR, SHANTI VIHAR, KARKARDOOMA, DELHI-110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SIYA AGGARWAL FOR ALL PURPOSES IN FUTURE.

0070893997-1

I, S B Garg S/o B L Garg R/o. GH-14/907, Paschim Vihar, West Delhi-110087 am using my name SHYAM GARG for all future communications.

0070893979-1

I, Rupam Sarin Alias Rupa w/o Jaspal Singh r/o 47, C-Block, Guru Amardass Aveneu, Ajnala Road, Amritsar, Punjab-143008 have changed my name to RUPAM SINGH.

0040719673-1

I, Noor Nahar Bibi, W/O Late Abul Hossain Mondal resident of Vill- Nagarpur, P.O.- Punra, P.S.- Baduria, Dist- North 24 Parganas, W.B. Pin-743427, my son's Army No- JC381067P, Sub Abdus Anis Mondal, do here by declare that my earlier name was Nurnahar in my son's service record book, but now my name has become Noor Nahar Bibi, let it be known.

0040719582-3

I,ANUPAMA,wife of,Sandeep Kishore Satpathy Presently,residing at,A-1103, Sangli Apartme,Copernicus Marg, New Delhi-110001,have changed my name,from ANUPAMA to ANUPAMA SATPATHY, vide-Affidavit,Dated-12.03.2024.

0040719695-9

I, Nitin Aggarwal, R/o 2421-23, Tilak Street, Paharganj, Delhi-110055, have changed my minor daughter's name from Radya to Radya Aggarwal, for all purposes. 0040719601-1

I, Nishant Sudeshkumar Jain S/o A-505, Indian Oil Apartments, C-58/23, Sector-62, Noida, UP-201301 have changed my name to NISHANT JAIN for all future purposes. 0070893974-1

I, Neha Gupta W/o Nishant Jain R/o A-505, Indian Oil Apartments, C-58/23, Sector-62, Noida, UP-201301 have changed my name to NEHA GUPTA JAIN for all future purposes. 0070893978-1

I, NARENDER BHATIA, S/O KRISHAN LAL BHATIA, R/O 165/2, GOPAL PARK, Krishna Nagar, EAST DELHI, DELHI-110051. Have changed my name to NARINDER KUMAR BHATIA for all future purposes.

0070893907-1

I, Lalit Kumar S/o Ram Dhairy Singh R/o 36/312, Trilok Puri, Delhi-110091 inform that my father name wrongly written in my documents as Ramdhairya. But correct name is Ram Dhairy Singh. Ramdhairya and Ram Dhairy Singh both are same person. 0040719590-1

I, Jatin Mitruka S/O Ramavtar Mitruka, R/o FF51B, 3rd Floor, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi, Delhi-110092, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Jatin Agrawal. 0070893906-1

I, Ishana Singh, D/O Mandip Singh, R/O Tower 9-007, Heritage City, MG road, Sector 25, Gurugram, Haryana, 122002 have changed my first name i.e given name to Ishana and surname to Singh. My name is 'Ishana Singh' for all future purposes and both are same person. 0070893925-1

I, Har Simran Singh Gulati S/o Rajinder Pal Singh Gulati R/o C-11/7-A, First Floor, Model Town-III, Near Azadpur Metro Station, Delhi-110009 have changed my name from Har Simran Singh Gulati to Harsimran Singh Gulati

0040719686-2

I, Garima Shukla W/o Manoj Kumar Sharma residing at Oyster Cottage, Near Bullakh Resort, Near Mussoorie Road, Kyarkulli Road, Mussoorie, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248179, have changed the name of my minor daughter Ivanshika Sharma aged 10 years and she shall hereafter be known as Vaibhavi G Sharma.

0070893944-1

I, GEETA W/O MUKESH KUMAR TODARIA R/o G-174, SECTOR-56, Noida, UP-201301 have changed my Name to GEETA for All future purposes. I STATE That GEETA TODARIA and the GEETA are the same person.

0070893998-1

I, Deepti Goyal D/o Surinder Kumar Goel R/o A-38 Third Floor, Vikas Puri, Delhi-110018 have changed my name from Deepti Goyal to Deepti

0040719686-3

I, Deepak Kumar Gupta S/o Puran Mal Gupta R/o B-67, Top Floor, Rishi Nagar, Rani Bagh, Delhi-110034 have changed my name from Deepak Kumar Gupta to Deepak Gupta

0040719686-5

I, Deeksha Mathur D/o Pratap Mathur R/o B2/710, Tower-14, Silver City-2, Sector-Pi-2, Greater Noida U.P. have changed my Son's name from Haardik Mathur to Haardik Anand Mathur for all future purposes.

0070893984-1

I Sonia Madaan D/o Pardeep Kumar and W/o Shiv Arora R/o 10, Devi murti Colony, Behind Bus Stand, Panipat, Haryana-132103, have changed my name to Sonia Arora for all purposes

0070893940-1

I Pardeep Madaan S/o Madan Lal R/o 170/3, Mahajan Gali, Insar Bazar, Panipat, Haryana-132103, have changed my name to Pardeep Kumar for all purposes

0070893937-1

I Imran Ahmed S/o Sh. Aftab Ahmed R/o B-113, 1st Floor, Block-B, Sector-44, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Arish to Arish Imran for all purposes.

0040719582-2

I Bilkis Begam W/o Mohd Yusuf R/o Z-42 DDA-Flats New Ranjeet Nagar Delhi-110008,have changed my name to Bilkes Begum.

0040719700-6

I Ashok Kumar S/o Satya Prakash Goyal R/o 34, G- Block, Ganganagar, Sriganganagar, Rajasthan-335001, have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Goyal

0070893935-1

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0040718751-6

LOST & FOUND

I Pawan Shukla S/o S P Shukla owner of Flat No. 904, Tower E5, Supertech Ecovillage 1, Greater Noida West U.P. have lost my documents includes Allotment letter of the property as mentioned above. Anyone found please contact Pawan Shukla Contact 9811663731 0070893981-1

I,Shafiq Ahmed Burney,S/o Late Rashid Ahmad,R/o-E-301,Taj Enclave,Geeta Colony,Delhi-110031,have lost two-share certificates(Nos.171,6574-6603),that be 31-shares in total in the name of Shafiq Ahmed Burney,issued by Taj-Sartaj Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd,Geeta Colony,Delhi-110031.Finder please contact at the above address.Mob:-9811790879.

0040719701-8

Lost Original Allotment, Possession,Demand Letter, Possession Slip, Lease Of Prop.No.A-4/81 Pachim Vihar, New Delhi, Founder May Inform;Yashoda Sanger,W/O Ajay Sanger. 0040719701-10

Lost my Original Allotment Letter of my Apartment No.STA394 at The Arbour, Sector-63, Gurugram, Haryana. Finder may Contact-Anrax Infra Pvt Ltd, L-3, Kh No.184/23, Mahavir Enclave, Phase-1, Delhi. 0040719639-1

Lost & Found

I, Harnam Singh S/o sh Behari Lal Banga R/o H-23 Shivaji Park Punjabi Bagh N.Delhi, have lost my Property Documents and Related Documents From 9/35 West Punjabi Bagh Approx 1 Feb 2024 of Property No 5/35 & 2/42 West Punjabi Bagh Delhi, D-158 & D-158A Mayapuri Industrial Area ph-II, I-5 & 6 Arya Samaj Road Uttam Nagar Delhi And 952-953 Ward No 6 Partap Mohalla Rohtak Haryana, police has been informed regarding this matter, during search if anybody is found suspicious complaints will be lodged against him/her public is informed and advised to refrain from any dealing against these lost documents and if done risk /damage/loss will be totally theirs.
Contact - Harnam Singh 8470094075

LOST AND FOUND

We, (1) Vikas Jain Son of Late A. L. Jain and (2) Anju Jain Wife of Vikas Jain both R/o Flat No.P-904 Plot No.18 Sec-4 Ajnara Landmark Vaishali Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010 our original document of Property Flat No.M-401 Plot No.18 Sec-4 Ajnara Landmark Vaishali Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh-201010 previous Property Paper Chain, Builder buyer Sale Agreement Paper executed in between Ajnara India Limited and Shiv Shankar Sharma Son of Narayan Swami and Lalita Sharma wife of Shiv Shankar Sharma and after transfer Possession Letter and Allotment Letter issued by Ajnara India Limited to Suman Bhatnagar has been Lost in Bhogal Market New Delhi Area, If Found contact us +91-9811944411.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to notice of all concerned that my client Sh. MAHINDER SINGH, S/o Late Arjun Singh, R/o 38, Hakikat Nagar Delhi, has applied for mutation/free hold his property in L.N.D.O., Nirman Bhawan. If any objector bearing Property No. 38, Hakikat Nagar Delhi, Contact Neeraj Bhakshee Dy. Director L.N.D.O. Nirman Bhawan.

Sd/-
Sameeksha Goel
(Advocate),
Enrollment No. D/3222/2020,
Samay Law Associates, Shop No. 4, Ground Floor, BIK-B, PKT-5, SEC-7, Rohini

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that Sh. Kishore Kumar Khanna S/o Late D.N. Khanna is absolute owner Property bearing No. D-250, area measuring 125.28 sq.yards situated in the layout plan of Railway Board. Employees Co-operative House Building Society Ltd. known as Anand Vihar, Delhi vide Relinquishment Deed bearing Document No. 9293 in Book No. I, Vol. 6351 on Pages 29-31 dated 31.05.2012 and Mutation Letter dated 28.01.2008 and agreed to Sell Entire Third Floor (with roof rights) of above property to (1) Sh. Parth Aggarwal S/o Sh. Gopi Ram Aggarwal (2) Smt. Savita Aggarwal w/o Sh. Gopi Ram Aggarwal (3) Ms. Spriha Aggarwal D/o Sh. Gopi Ram Aggarwal all residents of 29, Priya Enclave, Delhi. But Relinquishment Deed bearing Document No. 9293 in Book No. 1, Vol. 6351 on Pages 29-31 dated 31.05.2012 was misplaced and in this regard a missing complaint was lodged on 3.03.2024 with PS- Crime Branch, Delhi bearing LR No. 1508298/2024 and have represented that the said property is free from all kinds of encumbrances (registered or unregistered) including but not limited to prior sale, gift. mortgage, lien, claims, disputes, charge etc..Any Govt. institution/Bank/NBFC/Other person(s)have any claim, right, interest against into or upon the said property or any part of the said property thereof by virtue of sale, inheritance, agreement, contract, mortgage, lien, charge, or otherwise however or whatsoever nature is hereby required to notify the same in writting alongwith the supporting documentary evidence to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which my client shall conclude the sale and any claim and/or objection if any shall be considered as waived and abandoned and shall not be binded upon Sh. Kishore Kumar Khanna.

Sd/-
Manoj Gupta (Advocate)
Chamber No. 651,Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that my client Mohammad Javed who is the owner of Industrial Plot No. 88 area measuring 210 Sq. Yds. within the colony of Arya Nagar Industrial Estate Situated in Village Dhanoty Khurd Pargana Loni District. Ghaziabad. U.P. by virtue of Sale Deed dated 05.11.2018 executed by Mr. Krishan Kumar Gopalka (Doc. No. 24781), who was the owner through Sale Deed dated 16.10.2018 executed by Uttar Pradesh Financial Corporation (Doc. No. 23117). Any person(s), institution(s) having any claim and/or objection in respect of the said property shall communicate the same to the undersigned at our address within 7 days from the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, failing which all the claim, of such person(s)/institution(s) shall not be binding upon the said property or purchaser.

Mohd K. Hussain (Advocate)
4E/9, 2nd Fl, Jhandewalan Extn., N. D. - 55
Mob. 8810391672, P. No. 011-35668622

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it Known that my client KAMLA DEVI W/o BABBAN SINGH R/o B-1/B-20 First Floor Khasra No-40/14, Dass Garden Baprola Vihar, Bapraula, West Delhi -110043, Have disowned and severed all relation with his son BIR BAHADUR SIKANDER and his Wife SHARDHA CHOUHAN debarred them from her movable and immovable properties/assets due to their mis-behaviour. Any body dealing with them in civil and criminal matter shall be doing at his/her/their Own risk, Cost and responsibility.

KAMAL SINGH (Advocate)
Enrl.No.D/748/2014

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that share certificate no. 122, Folio no. A02104 Distinctive nos. from of 74436 to 74935 (500 nos. shares) of Godfrey Philips India Ltd. Regd. Office at Macropole Bldg. GF, Dr. Balaaheb Ambedkar Road, Lalbaug, Mumbai-400099 has been lost by me. Any person who has any claim in respect of above share certificate should lodge such claim with the Company or its registrar and transfer agents M/s Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd., 247 Park, C-101 L.B. Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai-400083 within 15 day of publication of this notice after which no claim will be entertained and the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificate.

Sanjiv Kumar Agarwal

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that My clients namely Sh. P.K. Beriwal S/o Sh. Shiv Kumar and his wife Smt. Mona Beriwal both R/o B-5, Kailash Apartments, Plot No.2, Sector-4, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078 have severed all their relations with their daughter namely Smt. Sona Beriwal W/o Sh. Tushar Narang R/o G-200, Street No.13, Vishwas Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 and disowned her with their free will and consent, as she is not according to the temperaments of my clients and is not obedient to them. Both of my above said clients have also disowned and debarred their daughter and her husband from all their moveable and immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with Smt. Sona Beriwal and his husband namely Sh. Tushar Narang will do the same at his/her/their own risks and my above said clients shall not be liable and responsible for any of their acts, deeds and dealing done by Smt. Sona Beriwal and her husband.

Anil Kumar (Advocate)
Enrl. No.: D/757/93
Chamber No. Y-71-72,
Civil Side, Tis Hazari Courts,
Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all concerned that my Clients Ronak Singh S/o Late Nonihal Singh and Geeta Rani W/o Ronak Singh Both R/o E-250, 2nd floor, Tagore Garden, New Delhi-110027, has disowned his/her son Gurphej Singh and his wife Simran Kaur from all her moveable and immoveable properties. Henceforth my client shall not be responsible for any of the acts and deeds of her above-named son and daughter- in-law and anyone dealing with them in any manner shall doing so at his/her own responsibility.

Sd/- (VINOD KUMAR DUBEY)
ADVOCATE
CH. NO. 737, DWARKA COURTS COMPLEX, NEW DELHI-110075

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public at large is hereby informed and notified that our Client intends to acquire all rights, title and interest in –

(1) Built-up Property bearing No. C-43-44, East Krishna Nagar, Delhi–110051 having a land area of 340 sq. yds.

(2) Built-up Property bearing No. C2, East Krishna Nagar, Delhi–110051 having a land area of 225 sq. yds.

Any person having or claiming any right, title, interest, benefit, demand, claim, objection, lien, charge, encumbrance etc. whatsoever and howsoever in respect of the aforestated property(ies) or any part thereof, or any other claim of whatsoever nature over the above mentioned property(ies) or any part thereof, he / she / they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his / her / their objections / claims / details of dispute/s within Seven (7) days from the date of this publication, failing which all such claims, rights, title, benefits and/or interest, if any, shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned with specific notice, and our Client will proceed further to complete the acquisition of the above mentioned property(ies) or any part thereof as if there are no third party claims / objections / disputes in respect of the above mentioned property(ies) or any part thereof and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

sd/-
Sanjeev Sachdeva- Enrl.D-2110/1999
Ankit Monga- Enrl. D3526/2018
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Dated: 13.03.2024

LOST AND FOUND

Notice Is Hereby Given That I Pramod Kumar Director Of Vikrant Iron Pvt Ltd Have Lost The Original Paper Documents Bearing Details: **1. (seller Utilex Exports Pvt Ltd Second Floor GTB Hospital Mumbai Sold To Madhya Pradesh Glychem Industries Pvt Ltd Vide Doc No 6932 Bahi No 1 Jild No 68 Page No 27 Dated 24/7/2006) 2. (seller Hukam Singh S/o Rajaram Resident Of Moh. Saidpur Teh. Bhagwapur Roorkie Buyer Utilex Exports Pvt Ltd Documents No 265913 Serial No 1022 Jild No 2911 Ke Page No 407 To 412 Date 11/2/2005)** The Ncr For The Above Lost Documents Have Been Duly Registered With Delhi Police. The Property Address Is Khasra 203m Raipur. Industrial Area Bhagwanpur Roorkee Haridwar Uttarakhand 247661 If Any Person Finds The Documents He/she May Please Contact The Undersigned Name Of Person: Tarun Kumar Chauhan (m # 8860080986) Address: House NO-17, near Old Shiv Mandir, Karheda, Mohan Nagar, District: Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

Date: 14.03.2024,
Place: Ghaziabad

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I (Name of the Allottee) Pankaj Sapra S/o Madan Lal Sapra R/o C-7 / 26, Lawrence Road, Keshav Puram, , Delhi-35, has applied for conversion of the aforesaid Flat No. C-7 / 26, situated in Lawrence Road, Keshav Puram, Delhi-35 from lease hold to free hold in DDA. The original documents i.e Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip & NOC Water & Electricity in issued by DDA having File No. 26 (229) 71 of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station Crime Branch Delhi. Any person (S) Claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy.Director (LAB) H or Director (h)-1, D Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I SH. RANVIR SHARMA S/O LATE. SH. G.R. SHARMA, R/O-GH-5&7/912, 3RD. FLOOR, LIG FLAT, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, Purchaser of FLAT.NO- 912, 3RD. FLOOR, POCKET-GH-5&7/G-17, LIG FLAT, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold vide application no-DDAHCA48344, date-10/09/2021 in DDA. The original documents ie. NOC OF WATER & ELECTRICITY CONNECTION of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in PS Crime branch Delhi. Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Mobile No.-9811928278 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Deputy Director(LAB) Housing LIG, D-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Vinod Garg and Mrs. Nirmal Garg has acquired Plot No. 11, Block-J, measuring 133.50 sq. yrds., in Edenburg City Phase-II (Old Name Okhla Enclave Durga Builders), in Village Ismailpur, Agwanpur Sehatpur, Tehsil & Distt. Faridabad vide GPA dt. 18.12.2020 in favour of Mr. Vinod Garg and ATS dt. 18.12.2020 in favour Mr. Vinod Garg and Mrs. Nirmal Garg. Now Mr. Vinod Garg and Mrs. Nirmal Garg are the undisputed owners of above said property. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri (Advocate)
H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

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Office of the Superintending Engineer PWD Circle Karauli

No. 3892 **Date: 12/03/2024**

NOTICE INVITING BID No. 05/2023-24

NIB No.- PWD2324A5091, PWD2324A5085, PWD2324A5082,

Bids for Six Packages of road works in Karauli Distt. are invited from interested bidders from dated 15.03.2024 Time 9.30AM to 04.04.2024 upto 06.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state; and **pwd.rajasthan.gov.in** department website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 1295.01 lacs.
UBN- PWD2324WSOB22240, PWD2324WSOB22230, PWD2324WSOB22244
PWD2324WSOB22215, PWD2324WSOB22229, PWD2324 WSOB22217

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
PWD Circle Karauli

DIPR/C/3016/2024

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
**CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.psp

NORTHERN RAILWAY

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAILWAY BOARD)

E-TENDER NO.2024RSI8742TC

Executive Director, Railway Stores(S), Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India invites e-tender for procurement of 8,14,603 Nos. Grease Seals to RDSO's Specification No. WD-50-MISC-2007 of October 2007.

2.0 The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website http://ireps.gov.in for details of the tender and submission of their e-bids.

3.0 No manual offers will be accepted against e-tender.

4.0 Tender will be closed at 15.00 hours on 16.04.2024.

5.0 Any corrigendum to this tender will be published on the website http://ireps.gov.in only and not in print media.

Director, Railway Stores (W),
Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, New Delhi
for and on behalf of the President of India.

803/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division 8th Main, 2nd block Jayanagar, Kanakanapalya, Bangalore-560011
Ph: 080-26570088

Tender Notification NO.EE/CKP/E-PROC/25/2023-24 Dated:13-03-2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

(TWO COVER)

(Through GoK KPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer (Chickpete Division), BBMP, Bangalore invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways / MES/ National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the construction of work detailed in the table below.

S.N.	Name of the work
1	Repair and Renovation of City Cattle Pound, Usmaankhan Road (Animal Husbandry) Call-2. **Estimate Cost** : Rs.100.00 Lakhs. **EMD** : Rs.200000

Calendar of events: 1)Pre bid meeting will be held on 16-03-2024 at 15.00. 2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is 28-03-2024 up to 16.00. 3) Date of Technical bid opening of Tenders is on 30-03-2024 by 11.30 4) Date of Financial bid Opening of Tenders is on after Technical bid approved.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA

E-Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No.- RCD/DUMKA/447 Date 13.03.2024

1	Name of Work -	Widening and Strengthening/Reconstruction of Ranibhal (MDR-197)-Baliram-Sharghati Road Via Rangalia-Raneshwar Road (with Link Road Chirudih to Karikador Road) (Total Length-14.515 Km) under Road Division Dumka for the year 2023-24
2	Estimated cost(In Rs)	Rs 48,64,72,710.00
3	Time of completion	Twelve Months
4	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	21.03.2024 at 10.30 AM
5	Last date/Time for receipt of bids	24.04.2024 Up to 12.00 Noon
6	Date of opening of Tender	26.04.2024 at 12.30 PM
7	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Office of The Executive Engineer Road Construction Department Road Division, Dumka.
8	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	8252424164
9	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	0651-2401010

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhand tenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer,
Road Construction Department,
Road Division, Dumka

PR 322459 Road(23-24)#D

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT ROAD DIVISION, DUMKA

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Executive Engineer,
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PR 322459 Road(23-24)#D

Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd.

(CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001704)
Regd. Office: 2nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-02
(E-mail:cetjusnl@gmail.com)

e-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. –725/PR/ JUSNL/ 2023-24

E-tender in two parts i.e. Technical (Part-I) and Financial (Part – II) is invited from reputed, capable, experienced and financially sound firm for the following works : -

Name of work	Left over work of Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of LILO of 220 kV D/C TTPS – Govindpur Transmission Line (23.598 Km.) at 220/132/33 kV GSS, Jainamore GSS on turnkey basis.
Estimated cost (Rs.)	Rs. 14,14,28,038.00 (including GST)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 28,28,600.00 On line mode
Completion Period	06 (Six) Months
e-Tender fee	Rs. 10,000.00 + 18% GST On line mode.
Start Date & Time of Download the Tender Documents	18.03.2024 at 11:00 AM
Start Date and time of upload of BID	18.03.2024 at 11:00 AM
End date and time of upload of BID	08.04.2024 upto 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for technical part	09.04.2024 at 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for price part	Will be communicated
Procurement Officer and address for communication	General Manager, C&M (NWBP), 2nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi – 834002

1. e-Tender document and BOQ including terms & conditions, tender specification can be downloaded from website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned **(8987421011)** during office hours.
2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only.
3. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snag.

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

Sd/-
General Manager, C&M (NWBP)
JUSNL,Ranchi

PR 322551 Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd(23-24)#D

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि0
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, चित्रकूट

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा निम्नलिखित विवरणानुसार दो भागों में दिनांक 27.03.2024 को समय 18:00 बजे तक प्रतिष्ठित एवं योग्य ठेकेदारों/निविदादाताओं से निम्न कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है एवं दिनांक - 28.03.2023 को समय - 13:00 बजे खोला जायेगा। विस्तृत जानकारी उ0प्र0 शासन की आधिकारिक ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in एवं दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि0, आगरा के पोर्टल https://www.dvvnl.org पर उपलब्ध है:- **1. ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या - 56/SE/EDCCKT/2023-24 :** कार्य - विद्युत वितरण खण्ड - राजापुर के अधीन बिजनेस प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत 33/11 केवी विद्युत उपकेन्द्रों पर पूर्व में प्रस्तावित 05 एम0वी0ए0 पावर परिवर्तक को 33 केवी पहाडी फीडर से अधिभारित होने के कारण 33 केवी सरधुवा फीडर से जोडने हेतु लाइन तथा बसबार का निर्माण कार्य। **2 ई - निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या - 57 / SE/EDCCKT/2023-24 :** कार्य - विद्युत वितरण खण्ड - कर्वी चित्रकूट / राजापुर के अधीन बिजनेस प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत 100 केवीए से 250 केवीए के वितरण परिवर्तकों की क्षमतावृद्धि एवं 100 केवीए के अतिरिक्त वितरण परिवर्तकों को स्थापित करने का कार्य। **3. ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या - 58 / SE / EDCCKT/ 2023-24 :** कार्य-विद्युत वितरण खण्ड - राजापुर के अधीन बिजनेस प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत 11 केवी मीडियम पावर परिवर्तकों हेतु कुल 20 नग प्लिथं निर्माण एवं बैरिकेटिंग / फैन्सिंग करने का कार्य। **4. ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या - 59 / SE / EDCCKT/ 2023-24:** कार्य - विद्युत वितरण खण्ड- कर्वी चित्रकूट के अधीन बिजनेस प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड - कर्वी प्रथम के अधीन अण्डर ग्राउण्ड केबिलिंग के विभिन्न वितरण पैनलों के बाक्स को बन्द करने हेतु दरवाजे के लगाने का कार्य। **5. ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या - 60/ SE /EDCCKT/2023-24:** कार्य - विद्युत वितरण खण्ड - कर्वी चित्रकूट के अधीन बिजनेस प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत 33/11 केवी विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों में 33 केवी कन्ट्रोल पैनलों के लगाने एवं रि-वायरिंग करने का कार्य। **6. ई-निविदा विशिष्टीकरण संख्या - 61 / SE/EDCCKT/ 2023-24 :** कार्य - विद्युत वितरण खण्ड- कर्वी चित्रकूट के अधीन बिजनेस प्लान वर्ष 2024-25 के अन्तर्गत विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड - कर्वी प्रथम के अधीन लम्बी सर्विस केबल को हटाकर एल0टी0 लाइन का निर्माण एवं 33/11 केवी विद्युत उपकेन्द्र - न्यू कलेक्ट्रेट के अधीन पुराने जर्जर कन्डक्टर के स्थान पर ए0बी0 केबल डालने का कार्य।

पत्र संख्याः- 1819/वि.वि.मं.चि./2023-24 अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
निविदा प्रकाशन, दिनांकः- 11.03.2024 विद्युत वितरण मण्डल,चित्रकूट

"सुनहरा भविष्य बनायें, राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाएं"

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64 - खम्बा, 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र, सिकन्दरा आगरा-282007 (उ0प्र0)

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (ई-निविदा)

अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा दो भागों में प्रतिष्ठित एवं योग्य कार्यदायी संस्थाओ / आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से निम्न कार्य हेतु निविदा शुल्क/धरोहर धनराशि एवं ई - निविदा दिनांक 22.04.2024 को अपराह्न 4:00 बजे तक ऑनलाईन पोर्टल पर प्राप्त की जायेगी एवं ई-निविदा दिनांक 23.04.2024 को अपराह्न 3 : 00 बजे से खोली जायेगी। **(1) नि0वि0सं0 157/ECC(D)Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र मक्खनपुर जनपद फिरोजाबाद के कन्ट्रोल रूम भवन की मरम्मत से सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य। **(2) नि0वि0सं0 158/ ECC (D)Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र आसफाबाद जनपद फिरोजाबाद के कन्ट्रोल रूम भवन के विस्तारीकरण एवं मरम्मत से सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य। **(3) नि0वि0सं0 159/ECC(D)Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र घिरोर जनपद मैनपुरी में विद्युत उपखण्ड कार्यालय एवं उपकेन्द्र हेतु भराव सहित पहुंच मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य । **(4) नि0वि0सं0 160 /ECC(D) Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र, किशनी जनपद मैनपुरी पर पहुंच मार्ग का निर्माण कार्य। **(5) नि0वि0सं0 161/ECC (D)Ag/2023-24:-** विद्युत भण्डर केन्द्र मथुरा के कार्यालय के जर्जर एवं क्षतिग्रस्त भवन की मरम्मत एवं एक अतिरिक्त कमरा बनवाने तथा रोड़ से भण्डार केन्द्र के अन्दर तक अपूर्ण सी0सी0 रोड़ के निर्माण व अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य । **(6) नि0वि0सं0 162/ECC(D)Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र, कोसीकलां जनपद मथुरा पर स्थित अधिशासी अभियन्ता कार्यालय विद्युत वितरण खण्ड - द्वितीय के कार्यालय के छत की मरम्मत एवं अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्यो। **(7) नि0वि0सं0 163 / ECC(D) Ag/2023-24 :-** उपखण्ड कार्यालय मसानी जनपद मथुरा के रूफट्रीटमेन्ट / मरम्मत से सम्बन्धित कार्य। **(8) नि0वि0सं0 164 / ECC (D) Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र, बड़ा बांगर जनपद मथुरा की बाउन्ड्रीवाल का निर्माण कार्य। **(9) नि0वि0सं0 165 / ECC (D) Ag/2023-24-** 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र, साईट बी रिफाइनरी जनपद मथुरा की बाउन्ड्रीवाल का निर्माण कार्य । **(10) नि0वि0सं0 166/ ECC (D)Ag/2023-24-** 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र मांट जनपद मथुरा के क्षतिग्रस्त बाउण्ड्रीवाल का निर्माण कार्य एवं पुरानी बाउण्ड्रीवाल की मरम्मत सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य। **(11) नि0वि0सं0 167/ ECC(D)Ag/2023-24:-** विद्युत भण्डार केन्द्र (वितरण), औरंगाबाद जनपद मथुरा पर स्थित बाउण्ड्रीवाल की मरम्मत, रंगाई-पुताई एवं दीवार पर कंसर्टीना कॉयल सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य । **(12) नि0वि0सं0 168/ECC(D)Ag/2023-24 :-** विद्युत वितरण मण्डल - प्रथम एवं विद्युत वितरण खण्ड - प्रथम (द्वितीय तल भवन) जनपद मथुरा के प्रवेश द्वार (छज्जा) की मरम्मत, छत की मरम्मत, वाथरूम की मरम्मत का कार्य एवं रंगाई-पुताई से सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य। **(13) नि0वि0सं0 169 / ECC (D) Ag/2023-24:-** सुकवां- दुकवां कॉलोनी झाँसी पर वि0वि0ख0 - प्र0 के कार्यालय भवन की छत मरम्मत एवं अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य। **(14) नि0वि0सं0 170/ ECC (D)Ag/2023-24:-** माताटीला हाइडिल कॉलोनी, झाँसी पर विभिन्न कार्यालयों / आवासों की छत मरम्मत एवं अनुरक्षण से सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य । **(15) नि0वि0सं0 171/ECC (D) Ag/2023-24 :-** 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र जालौन जिला जालौन पर बाउण्ड्रीवाल, फेंन्सिग वाल का निर्माण कार्य **(16) नि0वि0सं0 172 / ECC (D)Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र कुठोंद जिला जालौन पर बाउण्ड्रीवाल एवं फेन्सिंगवाल का निर्माण कार्य। **(17) नि0वि0सं0 173/ECC(D)Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र कोंच-नाका जिला जालौन पर बाउण्ड्रीवाल एवं फेन्सिंगवाल का निर्माण कार्य **(18) नि0वि0सं0 174/ECC (D)Ag/2023-24:-** विद्युत भण्डार केन्द्र ललितपुर जिला ललितपुर पर खुला शेड, बाउण्ड्रीवाल, स्टैकिंग प्लेटफार्म, दो नग शौचालय, गार्ड रूम का निर्माण एवं अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य। **(19) नि0वि0सं0 175/ ECC(D)Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपकेन्द्र बिरधा जिला ललितपुर पर बाउण्ड्रीवाल का निर्माण, सड़क एवं अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य । **(20) नि0वि0सं0 176 / ECC (D)Ag/2023-24:-** जनपद फिरोजाबाद में 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र बझेरा बुजुर्ग, अरॉव, सैमरा, गुरूकुल पर कन्ट्रोल रूम भवन की मरम्मत एवं अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य, माधवगंज पर टॉयलेट का निर्माण कार्य एवं अरॉव पर बॉउण्ड्रीवॉल की मरम्मत का कार्य। **(21) नि0वि0सं0 177/ECC(D) Ag/2023-24:-** जनपद फिरोजाबाद में 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र मुस्तफाबाद, जसराना (ग्रामीण) बनवारी पर विस्तारीकरण का कार्य एवं यू0पी0एस0आई0डी0सी0, नारकी, कोटला पर कन्ट्रोल रूम भवन की मरम्मत व अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य ।**(22) नि0वि0सं0 178 / ECC (D)Ag/2023-24 :-** जनपद फिरोजाबाद मे कार्यालय लेबर कॉलोनी की छत बदलने एवं टॉयलेट, मरम्मत का कार्य व 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र हजरतपुर पर छत की मरम्मत व अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य ।**(23) नि0वि0सं0 179/ ECC(D)Ag/2023-24 :-** जनपद फिरोजाबाद में 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र रैपुरा, भीकनपुर बझेरा एवं जटपुरा पर मरम्मत व अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य।**(24) नि0वि0सं0 180/ ECC(D) Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र बाईपास जिला ललितपुर पर कन्ट्रोल रूम भवन की मरम्मत एवं सुरक्षा दीवार, महरौनी एवं मडावरा, विरधा, पाली पर कन्ट्रोल रूम भवन की मरम्मत एवं 33 / 11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र सोजना जिला ललितपुर में बॉउण्ड्रीवॉल फैन्सिग का निर्माण कार्य । **(25) नि0वि0सं0 181 / ECC (D)Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र बबीना जिला उरई में नियंत्रण कक्ष की मरम्मत, सुरक्षा दीवार का निर्माण कार्य । **(26) नि0वि0सं0 182/ECC(D) Ag/2023-24:-** 33/11 के0वी0 पहलगुवॉ जिला-झांसी पर मीट्टी भराई का कार्य, तालवेहट जिला ललितपुर पर सुरक्षा दीवार का निर्माण एवं सुरक्षा दीवार का निर्माण कार्य। **(27) नि0वि0सं0 183/ECC (D) Ag/2023-24:-** जनपद मैनपुरी में 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र शाहजहाँपुर, नगला जुला व ताल दरवाजा पर कन्ट्रोल रूम भवन की मरम्मत तथा अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य, दन्नाहार पर मुख्य दरवाजे की मरम्मत का कार्य, घिरोर व शैदपुर भगोली पर बॉउण्ड्रीवॉल का निर्माण / मरम्मत सम्बन्धित कार्य । **(28) नि0वि0सं0 184/ ECC(D) Ag/2023-24:-** जनपद मैनपुरी में 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र अण्डनी व करहल पर कन्ट्रोल रूम भवन की मरम्मत तथा अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य एवं असरोही पर बॉउण्ड्रीवॉल का निर्माण/मरम्मत सम्बन्धित कार्य।**(29) नि0वि0सं0 185 / ECC(D)Ag/2023-24:-** जनपद मैनपुरी में 33/11 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र बरनाहल तखरऊ, कुचेला व कुर्रा पर कन्ट्रोल रूम भवन की मरम्मत तथा अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य एवं बरनाहल व कुर्रा पर बॉउण्ड्रीवॉल का निर्माण / मरम्मत सम्बन्धित कार्य। (कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये www.dvvnl.org एवं https://etender.up.nic.in पर देखें ।**हैल्प लाईन 1800-180-3032**

पत्र संख्याः- 1721 / वि0जा0मं0(वि0)/आ0/टी-2 (किशोर कुमार)
दिनांकः- 11.03.2024 अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (जानपद)

"सुनहरा भविष्य बनायें, राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचाएं"

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

Asst. Sub. Insp. Rajendra Singh

INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE (ITBP)
14 March 2024

ITBP salutes its braveheart Asst. Sub. Insp. Rajendra Singh of 53rd Battalion, who made supreme sacrifice in the line of duty on this day in Chhattisgarh in 2022.

Resident of : Vill.- Koti Gusaiyo Ki, PO- Amni, Distt.- Tehri Garhwal, (UKD)

14th March, 1992

HC(GD) P Ibotombi Singh

HC(GD) Manimacha Singh

LNK(Armr) Haokholet Kuki

CT(GD) L Mani Singh

CT(GD) Th. Kanta Singh

CT(GD) Chingjahao Kuki

"Sashastra Seema Bal" fondly remembers the selfless and valiant act of the bravehearts HC(GD) P. Ibotombi Singh, HC(GD) Manimacha Singh, LNK(Armr) Haokholet Kuki, CT(GD) L Mani Singh, CT(GD) Th. Kanta Singh and CT(GD) Chingjahao Kuki who made the supreme sacrifice for the Nation.

On this day, they attained martyrdom in an extremist attack, when they were deployed at Group Centre, SSB, Imphal.

They will always be remembered for their courage, valour and supreme sacrifice for the Nation.

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Letter No:363 Date: 12/03/2024

Time Extension Notice-II

Due to unavoidable reasons Tender No.27/EE(G)/CPH/2023-24 for "Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Ventilation system at Chibro Power House"is being extended as below:
Last date for downloading of tender: 15-03-2024 (Up to 13:00 Hrs.)
Last dated for submission of tender: 15-03-2024 (Up to 17:00 Hrs.)
Date of opening of tender: 16-03-2024 (At 11:00 Hrs.)
Other terms & condition will remain same. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website "www.ujvnl.com"

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
e-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender for the under noted work:

Name of work with its location
Part-A: Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE modification work in connection with Construction of LHS in place of existing Level Crossing-19 at Km 22/06-07 between NO-KEX station on DSA-SMQL-SRE section.
Part-B: Design, supply, erection, testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE modification work in connection with Construction of RUB in Lieu of level crossing no. 1C at Km. 10/27-29 on APNL-BPNL section under Sr.DEN-III.

Approx. Cost of work	Rs.27,01,102.51/-
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 54,000/-
E-Tender Bid Online Submission period	26.03.2024 (00.00 Hrs.) to 09.04.2024 (15.00 Hrs.)
E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	09.04.2024 (15.00 hrs)
Fund Allocation	Part-A: 26304203 Part-B: 29304103
Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

E-Tender No.: 54-TRD-NDLS-2023-24 Dated : 12.03.2024 796/2024
Serving Customers With A Smile

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Musahid Hussain** S/o Shahid Hussain R/o Chakkar ke milak mukrabpur, PS Civil Line, Distt. Muradabad, UP has committed (or is suspected to have committed the offence in Case FIR No. 447/2014 U/S 379/34 IPC, PS Kashmiri Gate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Musahid Hussain** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Musahid Hussain** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Musahid Hussain** of FIR No. 447/2014 U/S 379/34 IPC, PS Kashmiri Gate, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.05.2024.

By Order
Sh. Chatinder Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate (Central)
DP/2916/N/2024 Room No. 32, Ground Floor Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता
लोक स्वास्थ यांत्रिकी खण्ड कांकेर,
जिला उत्तर बस्तर कांकेर छ.ग.

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत पंजीकृत सक्षम ठेकेदारों से निम्नांकित कार्य हेतु प्रपत्र ''ए'' में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।
कार्य का नामः- कांकेर जिले के निम्नांकित ग्रामों में जल जीवन मिशन अंतर्गत सिंगल विलेज से जल प्रदाय योजना निर्माण कार्य।

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निविदा की सामान्य शर्ते एवं विस्तृत विवरण तथा अन्य जानकारी वेबसाईट https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in परदर्शित है। उपरोक्त सम्पूर्ण निविदाओं की निविदा तिथि 07.03.2024 है तथा उक्त निविदाओं को दिनांक **08.03.2024 से 24.03.2024** तक भरी जा सकती है।

हस्ता/-
कार्यपालन अभियंता
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DEPARTMENT OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ITANAGAR
File No. LMD-12016/12/2024 **Dated Itanagar, the 11/03/2024**
NOTICE

The Department of Land Management, Government of Arunachal Pradesh refers to the Short Tender Notice published regarding the invitation for sealed quotations from amongst the Empanelled Agencies for the implementation of the DILRMP project in Arunachal Pradesh.

Amendment Details:
It is hereby notified to all concerned that there has been a change in the schedule for the opening of the tender documents. In partial modification to the previously announced date of 18th March 2024 at 1030 hrs, the tender documents will now be opened on **16th March 2024 itself at 1500 hrs .** The venue for the opening of the tenders remains unchanged, taking place in the New office Building of the Director of Land Management, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

Revised Schedule:
- Last Date for Submission of Bids: 16th March 2024 till 1400 hrs.
- Opening of Tender Documents: 16th March 2024 at 15.00 hrs.

All other terms and conditions mentioned in the original tender notice remain unchanged. Interested firms are advised to take note of this amendment for their submissions.
For any queries, please contact the Director of Land Management at dlmarn012@gmail.com.

(A.K.Singh)
IAS Secretary (Land Management) Government of Arunachal Pradesh
DIPR/ARN/10743-45

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG-E-2024-36 **Approx. Cost:** ₹ 2777012.17

Description of Work: Proposal for provision of portal hut at 45 stations under Sr. DEN/East section as per attached list.

Earnest Money: ₹ 55600.00, **Date of Closing Tender:** 03.04.2024 at 15:00 hrs., **Date of completion / period from issue acceptance letter:** 09 Months.

Note:- (1) Tender on line can be submitted up to **15:00 hrs.** on **03.04.2024. (2)** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 405/24 (A)

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U.P. RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender Notice- GEM/2024/B/4706208 dt. 01.03-2024 अधी0अभी0 (मु0) कार्य:- Arrangement of security guard for plant area and as and where required at Jawaharpur thermal power plant work for the Contract of 2x660 MW, JTPS, Malawan, Etah. Last Date and time for submission of e-bid (Technical & financial) at GeM Portal website https://gem.gov.in **22.03.2024 at 17:00 Hrs** Estimated cost: **Rs. 35,75,7864.25** including GST and Earnest Money **Rs. 7,73,400.00.** Total Quality of Work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the GeM Portal undersigned reserves the right to cancel the GeM-beds 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 (HQ)
पत्रांक : 30 / अधी0अभि0(मु0) / ज0ता0परि0 / दिनांक 12.03.2024
"Save Electricity Enhance National Productivity"

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 **Akash S/o Kasim** R/o Rafiqabad pali ka makan, Dasna, Ghaziabad, U.P. have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence **FIR No. 129/19 U/s 380/411 IPC.,** has been registered at **P.S. Vivek Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Akash** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Akash** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Akash of FIR No. 129/19 U/s 380/411 IPC., registered at P.S. Vivek Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **27.05.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Preeti Parewa, CMM,
Karkardooma Court, Shahdara, Delhi
DP/2803/SHD/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20

E-Procurement Tender Notice No- JHS/DYCMM/2024/04 Date: 06.03.2024

E- PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, The Dy. Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, Jhansi are invite the following E procurement tender

Tender No.	Description	Qty.
51245088	Combi cooler for Air Compressor, Make- Kirloskar Pneumatic company Ltd., Model No- KES 75 consists of combi cooler Qty. 01 Nos, Fan cowl 01 Nos., Fan 01 No.; Fan motor 01 No., Screw hex. std 06 Nos. and washer spring steel 06 Nos. ID 8.2x2.0 thk, Part No- 270.03.710.50 for KES 75.. Material should be purchase from Authorized dealer of KPCL or OEM firm only. Authorization dealership certificate of KPCL must have to submit by the supplier at the time of supply. one year warranty of supplied item after successful installation & commissioning date. open tender.	01 Nos.

Tender Opening Date: 04.04.2024, 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 venders are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA under IT act 2000. **3.** Rules entered into financial rate page and duly singed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form / letter had if attached by vender shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. 422/24 (P)

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CORRIGENDUM NO. 01 AGAINST TENDER NOTICE NO. CON/2024/FEB/03

Corrigendum -01 for **Tender Notice No.** CON/2024/FEB/03, dtd. 26-02-2024 against **Tender No.:** CE/CON/N-K/MIS/2024/02 has been issued, for details please visit in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

CE/CON/5, Maligaon
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
Construction Organization
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COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AT RANGIYA DIVISION

E-Tender Notice No.: RNY-EL-T-34-2023-24, Dated: 08-03-2024; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; **Tender No.:** RNY-EL-T-34-2023-24. **Name of Work:** At Rangiya Division - Comprehensive Maintenance Contract of 500KVA DG sets (Make-Cummins/Greaves) fitted in Power car along with Operation and Maintenance of Power Cars for DONYI POLO EXP. for a period of 02 years. **Advertised Value:** ₹ 2,13,81,113.73; **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,56,900/-; Date & time of **closing** of tender at **13:00** hrs. on **01-04-2024.** For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Sr. DEE, Rangiya
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

पत्र सं. WB-74-W-O/Works/NIT/X, दिनांक : 07.03.2024, मण्डल रेल प्रबन्धक, इंजीनियरिंग उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए एवं उनकी ओर से ई-निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमों के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रों में निविदा निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है। **(1) ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 2023-24 :** 159, **कार्य का नाम व स्थान :** Construction of additional new Bridges in recently commissioned doubling line, Protection works for high embankment with pitching. & Construction of curtain & drop wall at various bridges, repair to pitching, construction of drains between UP and DN lines at high embankements, provision for disposal of surface flow between tracks including construction of collecting chambers etc in connection with residual miscellenous work of doubling of FLGVMR section over Jodhpur Division. **अनुमानित लागत:** ₹ 4,96,79,833.77/-, **बयाने की राशि:** ₹ 3,98,400.00/- निविदा सूचना संख्या 159 of 2023-24 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 28.03.2024 को 15.00 बजे तक है। वेबसाइट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई-निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है- www.ireps.gov.in 338-DP/24

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ELECTRIFICATION AND ILLUMINATION WORKS

E-Tender Notice No. Dy.CEE/CON/RE/MLG/01/2023-24 Dated: 04-03-2024. Open tender through e-Tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed contractor/(s)firm(s) for the following works: **Tender No.: ELC-CON-RE-01-23-24-D-K. Name of work:** Electrification and illumination of Molvom & Pherima station building, PP shed, platform lighting, FOB lighting, staff qtrs, passenger circulating area, approach road and modification and clearing of LT/HT overhead infringements of the section in between Sukhovi - Pherima Railway stations including provision of lighting of hollow pier wells of Bridge No" 86, 88, 150, 154 in connection with Dimapur - Kohima new BG line project. **Tender Value:** ₹6,61,74,230.51. **Earnest Money:** ₹4,80,900/-. **Date & Time of submission of tender: 15:00** hrs. of **27-03-2024 & opening at 15.30** hrs. of **27-03-2024.** The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Dy.CEE/Con/RE/Maligaon
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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MINERAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
DIRECTORATE OF GEOLOGY AND MINING, MADHYA PRADESH
29- A Khanij Bhawan, Arera Hills Bhopal
Phone and fax 0755-2551795, Email: geology.dgm@mp.gov.in

No-3000/Auction-01/Geology / F. No.- 05 / 2023-24 **March 11, 2024**

Notice Inviting Tender

"Invitation of bids for grant of Exploration Licence for Diamond and Copper, Lead, Zinc and associated minerals (Basemetal) and Platinum Group Elements (PGE) and associated minerals"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10BA of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 notified there under, as amended from time to time, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has identified 2 (two) mineral blocks [Diamond and Copper, Lead, Zinc and associated minerals (Basemetal) and Platinum Group Elements (PGE) and associated minerals] for electronic auction, and hereby invites bids for the purpose of grant of Exploration Licence.

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility conditions, date and time, terms, and conditions etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the e-auction (https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp). portal of MSTC Limited

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above e-auction portal. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Interested and eligible bidders can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the Tender fee from the above e-auction portal. Any revision, clarifications, addendum, corrigendum, time extensions, etc. to the tender document will be hosted on the above e-auction portal only and no separate notifications shall be issued in the press.

Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summaries are available free of cost on the e-auction portal of MSTC Limited website (https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp) and Directorate of geology.

List of Mineral Blocks for Auction

Sr. No.	Name of the Block	District	Mineral	Price of Tender Document without GST *(in Rs.)*
1.	Mohana Block	Shivpuri and Gwalior	Diamond and Copper, Lead, Zinc and associated minerals (Basemetal)	1,00,000
2.	Padhar Block	Betul	Platinum Group Elements (PGE) and associated minerals	1,00,000
Note: Both the blocks are being auctioned under "First Attempt"				

The block specific Tender documents are available for purchase on the e-auction portal of MSTC Limited (**https://www.mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp**). Last date for purchase of Tender Document, on the e-auction platform is **Thursday, 18 April, 2024,** and the last date for submission of the bid is **Friday, 26 April, 2024, on or before 17:00 hours** (IST).

Sd/-
DIRECTOR
(Administration and Mining)
G-26030-23

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि0
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत जानपद मण्डल (वितरण)
64 - खम्बा, 220 के0वी0 उपकेन्द्र, सिकन्दरा आगरा-282007 (उ0प्र0)

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (ई-निविदा)

अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा दो भागों में प्रतिष्ठित एवं योग्य कार्यदायी संस्थाओ / आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से निम्न कार्य हेतु निविदा शुल्क/धरोहर धनराशि एवं ई-निविदा दिनांक 26.04.2024 को अपराह्न 4:00 बजे तक ऑनलाईन पोर्टल पर प्राप्त की जायेगी एवं ई-निविदा दिनांक 27.04.2024 को अपराह्न 3: 00 बजे से खोली जायेगी। **(1) नि0वि0सं0 208/ECC(D)

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIeT No. F.23(34)-Agri (FM)/SSP/2024-25/1778, dtd 07-03-2024

On behalf of Govt of Tripura, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare invites an e-Tender in two-bid system (Technical & Financial) from the bonafied manufactures or their authorized dealers upto 16:00 Hrs of 27-03-2024 for **"Supply of 10,000 MT SSP Fertilizer (16% P2O5 powdered) during 2024-25".**

- Estimated Tender Value :- Rs. 13,20,00,000/-
- EMD :- Rs. 44,18,000/-
- Tender Fee :- Rs. 5,000/-
- Bid submission end date & time :- 27-03-2024 upto 16:00 Hrs.

For details visit website **www.tripuratenders.gov.in.**

Sd/-
(Saradindu Das)
Director of Agriculture
Tripura

ICA/C/5190/24

INVITATION OF APPLICATION FOR ALLOTMENT OF CAMERO SI REGIMENTAL SHOPS AT SUBROTO PARK

1. Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Central Accounts Office, Subroto Park, New Delhi-10 invites applications from War Widows/ Widows of Defence personnel killed while on duty, Disabled soldiers/EX Servicemen and spouses/Widows of Ex servicemen etc for allotment of SI Regimental Shop at Subroto Park Complex, New Delhi. Details of shops are appended below:

(a) Vegetable Shop at Ganga Complex
(b) Atta / Cotton Chakki Shop at Peter Complex
(c) AFCAO Cafeteria

2. The applicable terms and conditions are mentioned in application form.
3. The application form is available from 14 Mar 24 at Service Institute, AFCAO, Subroto Park, New Delhi-10 between 0800 hrs to 1400 hrs on every day except Saturday, Sunday and holidays (Tele No. 01125687194/7359). The application form for tendering may be collected on payment of Rs. 500/- per application. The last date of deposit / receipt of completed application is 28 Mar 24 by 0900 hrs along with EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only). The EMD should be in the form of Demand Draft drawn in **favour of OIC SI Fund, Payable at New Delhi**. Shop will be allotted on auction basis.

PATNA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U93090BR2019SGC041042
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Advt. No. PMRCL/Estb-04/2021-A72 Date: 13.03.2024

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1. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up for following posts :-

ON DEPUTATION / CONTRACT BASIS

1. **GM (Administration & HR)**
2. **GM (Works)**
3. **GM (Depot)**
4. **DGM (Contracts / Procurement)**
5. **DGM (Legal)**
6. **DGM (Safety)**
7. **Procurement Officer**
8. **Assistant Public Relation Officer**
9. **Assistant Engineer (Civil)**
10. **Assistant Engineer (S&T)**
11. **Accounts Assistant**

2. The applicants should apply through online link available at : **https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban** OR **https://pmrconline.in**
3. Details of eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions for the posts are available on website : **https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban** OR **https://pmrconline.in**
   - Start date for submission of Application : **05:00 PM on 14.03.2024**
   - Last date for submission of Application : **05:00 PM on 04.04.2024**

Note : Corrigendum or addendum to this advertisement, if any, shall be published on the website of **https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban and https://pmrconline.in**

Sd/- GM (Admin & HR)
Patna Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Viniyamak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110 017
Website: www.derc.gov.in, Telefax: +91-11-41080417

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORUM AND THE OMBUDSMAN FOR REDRESSAL OF GRIEVANCES OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS) REGULATIONS, 2024

1) In exercise of powers conferred by Section 181 (2) (r) and Section 42(5) & (6) of the Electricity Act, 2003, DERC has prepared draft DERC (Guidelines for establishment of the Forum and the Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of Electricity Consumers) Regulations, 2024.
2) The said draft Regulations are available on the website of the Commission **https://derc.gov.in/**
3) The stakeholders are requested to forward their comments / suggestions on the said draft Regulation to the Commission, latest by 05:00 PM on 15/04/2024. The comments/suggestions may be forwarded to Secretary, DERC either by post or through e-mail to **secyderc@nic.in**

Dated: 12/03/2024 **Rajesh Dangi, Secretary**

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

LOWER CAUVERY BASIN CIRCLE, THANJAVUR.
E- TENDER NOTICE
FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM – ITEM RATE CONTRACT
(Two cover system)
e- Tender Notice No.5/2023-2024/D3/dated :13.03.2024

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, e-tenders are invited from the registered, experienced in irrigation projects and eligible contractors by the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate work value (including GST 18%) (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD Amount Rs. in lakhs	Period of completion (including rainy season)	Tender Submission through online closing date and time (as per server system clock)	Opening of Tenders through online date and time(as per server system clock)	Executive Engineer Address
1.	Rehabilitation of Irrigation Infrastructure in G.A. Canal from L.S. 92.200 Km. to 97.301 Km. and G.A.Canal Head reach in Pattukkottai, Peravurani, Thanjavur and Budalur Taluks of Thanjavur District. 05/WRD/ERM/G.A.Canal /2023-24	7112.00	143.00	24 months	19.04.2024 upto 11.00 Am	22.04.2024 at 12.05 Pm	Executive Engineer, WRD, Grand Anicut Canal Division, Thanjavur
2.	Rehabilitation of Irrigation Infrastructure in G.A. Canal from L.S. 97.301 Km. to 107.198 Km. in Peravurani Taluk of Thanjavur District 06/WRD/ERM/G.A.Canal /2023-24	8910.00	179.00	24 months	19.04.2024 upto 11.00 Am	22.04.2024 at 01.05 Pm	Executive Engineer, WRD, Grand Anicut Canal Division, Thanjavur
3.	Rehabilitation of Irrigation Infrastructure in G.A. Canal from L.S. 107.198 Km. to 113.900 Km. in Aranthangi Taluk of Pudukkottai District. 07/WRD/ERM/G.A.Canal/ 2023-24	7768.00	156.00	24 months	19.04.2024 upto 11.00 Am	22.04.2024 at 02.05 Pm	Executive Engineer, WRD, Grand Anicut Canal Division, Thanjavur
4.	Rehabilitation of Irrigation Infrastructure in G.A. Canal from L.S. 113.900 Km. to 123.900 Km. in Aranthangi Taluk of Pudukkottai District. 09/WRD/ERM/G.A.Canal/ 2023-24	7866.00	158.00	24 months	19.04.2024 upto 11.00 Am	22.04.2024 at 03.05 Pm	Executive Engineer, WRD, Grand Anicut Canal Division, Thanjavur
5.	Rehabilitation of Irrigation Infrastructure in G.A. Canal from L.S. 123.900 Km. to 135.100 Km. in Aranthangi Taluk of Pudukkottai District. 10/WRD/ERM/G.A.Canal/ 2023-24	4891.00	98.00	24 months	19.04.2024 upto 11.00 Am	22.04.2024 at 04.05 Pm	Executive Engineer, WRD, Grand Anicut Canal Division, Thanjavur
6.	Rehabilitation of Irrigation Infrastructure in G.A. Canal from L.S. 135.100 Km. to 148.650 Km. in Avudaiyarkovil and Manalmelkudi Taluks of Pudukkottai District. 11/WRD/ERM/G.A.Canal/ 2023-24	4732.00	95.00	24 months	19.04.2024 upto 11.00 Am	22.04.2024 at 05.05 Pm	Executive Engineer, WRD, Grand Anicut Canal Division, Thanjavur

Tender documents will be available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. from **21.03.2024** and it can be downloaded free of cost as mentioned above. Other details can also be available from the above and in the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur. A pre bid meeting will be held on **04.04.2024 at 11.00 am** in the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur.

Any Corrections / Corrigendum / Extension, if any will be issued in the above web site only.

DIPR / 1593 / TENDER / 2024

Superintending Engineer, WRD.,
Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur.

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU KRISHI VISHWA VIDVALAYA JABALPUR - 482 004 (M.P.)

E-Tender

Tender No.: IPRO/DAC/RKVY/2023-24/35 **Dated: 13/03/2024**

E -tender invited for the Engaging / Hiring a Consultant and Services for getting NABL Accreditation of Crop Quality and Food Product Testing Laboratory at Department of Food Science and Technology, JNKVV, Jabalpur respectively from manufacturers / authorized dealers / distributors / importers, etc. For details, visit **www.jnkvv.org** and **https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.**

Sd/-
Dean
College of Agriculture, Jabalpur

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Advt. No. PMRCL/Estb-04/2021-A70 Date: 13.03.2024

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1. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up for following posts on Deputation basis :-
   1. **Director (Electrical & Systems)**
   2. **Director (Project)**
   3. **Chief Finance Officer-cum-Director Finance**
2. The applicants should apply through online link available at : **https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban** OR **https://pmrconline.in**
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ON DEPUTATION / CONTRACT BASIS :

1. **Administrative Assistant**
2. **Office Assistant**

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

DIRECTORATE FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED

5, LADY WILLINGDON COLLEGE CAMPUS, KAMARAJAR SALAI, CHENNAI - 600 005.

Roc.No.1075/A&A/RIGHTS/2024 **TENDER NOTICE** **Dated : 13.03.2024**

Bids are invited from potential bidders to Hiring of Human resource agency for recruitment of Staffs through the e-procurement portal. The complete details are available on the department website-**www.scd.tn.gov.in** as well as on the tender website-**tntenders.gov.in.**

Bids are to be uploaded through the e-procurement portal at **http://tntenders.gov.in**

Project Director – TN RIGHTS / Director for Welfare the Differently Abled, Chennai-600 005 reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

DIPR/ 1592 /TENDER/2024

Project Director – RIGHTS /
Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय
मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल

क्रमांक- विशा/स्टोर/2024-25(92), दिनांक 11/03/2024

निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र
(Corrigendum)

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्रमांक **SB/Store/2024- 25 (69), Bhopal, Dated 26-02-2024** द्वारा **Binocular & 03 Other Items** के कय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा के माध्यम से क्रय किये जाने वाले उपकरणों के तकनीकी मापदण्डों (Specification) एवं समय-सारणी में **"आंशिक संशोधन"** के संबंध में **"शुद्धि पत्र"** (Corrigendum/Addendum) जारी किया गया है जो website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app पर तथा विभाग की वेबसाईट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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Office of the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Workshop Circle-1,

67-A. CAntt, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
Email: seworkshopidupkn-up@nic.in

Notice Inviting Re-Tender
(Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

The Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Workshop Circle-1, Irrigation & Water Resource Department Kanpur, Uttar Parades (Purchaser) now invites e-Bid from eligible Bidders for the following works:-

Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Bid Security
1	2	3	4
34/SE/IWCFK/ 2023-24	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Training, Maintenance, Electrification and Automation with SCADA System at Rohin Barrage, Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh.	140.44 Lacs	1,41,500.00 (Rupees One Lac Forty One Thousand Five Hundred only)

1) Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bid Document at the office of the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Workshop Circle-1, Kanpur-208004.
2) The Bid Security shall be in the form of an unconditional Bank Guarantee or FDR drawn/pledged in favour of "Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Workshop Circle-1, Kanpur"
3) The Detailed Tender Documents along-with Technical Specifications shall be available on e-Tender Website https://etender.up.nic.infor its download. In case bid document are downloaded, such bidders are required to submit the cost of the bid document along-with documentation such as bid security etc. as indicated prior to bid opening, failing which the bids shall not be opened and treated as non-responsive.
4) Each Bid must be accompanied by Bid security as specified in Column No-4 above.

A.	Bid Reference	34/SE/IWCFK/2023-24
B.	Date & time for Availability of the bid document on website	19-03-2024 From 11:00 Hours onwards
C.	Date and time of Pre bid meeting	03-04-2024 From11:30 Hours
D.	Last Date for e-Bid submission with supporting documents in PDF/XLS format	29-04-2024 Upto 15:00 Hours
E.	Period up to which Hard copy of supporting documents (if required) will be deposited in the office concerned	29-04-2024 Upto 17:00 Hours
F.	Online opening date & time of Part ''A'' i.e. Technical Bid.	30-04-2024 at12:30 Hours
G.	Online opening date & time of Part "B" i.e. Financial Bid	Date and place to be decided after technical bid Evaluation and will be communicated on line to successful bidders in technical bid.
H.	Place of Pre bid meeting	Office of the Chief Engineer, Equipment & Material Management, Irrigation & Water Resource Department, Ganga Sinchai Bhawan, Telibagh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
I.	Place of opening of e-Bids	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Workshop Circle-1, 67-A, Cantt, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
J.	Estimate Cost	140.44 Lacs
K.	Bid document fee (through e-tender portal by internet banking only)	Rs. 28,100.00 (Rupees Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred only) and G.S.T. @18% Amount Rs. 5,058.00 (Rupees Five Thousand Fifty-Eight only)
L.	Bid Security (EMD)	1,41,500.00 (Rupees One Lac Forty One Thousand Five Hundred only)
M.	Period of Completion (from the date of issue of acceptance letter)	12 Months (Supply and Installation) + 02 Years Warranty + 02 Years Operation & Maintenance and Comprehensive Warranty

5) Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders / Bidder's representatives who choose to attend on the specified date and time of Bid opening.
6) In the event of the date specified for Bid receipt and opening being declared as a closed holiday for Purchaser's office, the due date for submission of Bids and opening of Bids will be the following Working Day at the same appointed hours.

Superintending Engineer,
Irrigation Workshop Circle-1,
Irrigation & Water Resource Department,
Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow

UPID-205439 Date 12/03/2024
www.upgov.nic.in

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), Chakradharpur acting For & On behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Open Tender. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sl. No. Tender Notice No. & Name of work** are as follows: **(1) CKP-WEST-23-24-44.** TSR(P) for 29.092 TKM between Bondamunda Jn-Panposh under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN(West)/CKP, (2nd Call). **Tender Value :** ₹ 3,88,04,198.94. **EMD :** ₹ 3,44,000/-. **(2) CKP-WEST-23-24-45.** Construction of pump house and pipe line in connection with double stage pumping arrangement with pipe line arrangement at Panposh (2nd Call). **Tender Value :** ₹ 1,33,53,436.57. **EMD :** ₹ 2,16,800/-. **(3) CKP-WEST-23-24-46.** Balance work for Rehabilitation of laterite stone slab bridges (10 Nos.) by RCC boxes between Bondamunda-Jharsuguda station under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Jharsuguda. **Tender Value :** ₹ 11,94,05,281.23. **EMD :** ₹ 7,47,000/-. **(4) CKP-WEST-23-24-48.** Through Ballast Renewal for 43.478 TKM under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/West/CKP. **Tender Value :** ₹ 2,53,47,533.89. **EMD :** ₹ 2,76,700/-. **Cost of Tender form :** ₹ 0 for all. **Date of opening :** 08.04.2024 for all. The tender can be viewed at Website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/ bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be registered under on IREPS Portal. Only registered tenderer/ bidder can participate on e-tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. **Note :** e-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. (Authority-Rly. Bd.'s letter No. 2020/CE-I/CT/3E/GCC/Policy dtd. 16.07.2020). **(PR-1230)**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE

E-OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. : S&T/ SEE /E-OT/23-24/37, Date : 12.03.2024

The DRM (Sig. & Telecom) / SEE for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tenders for the following works. The last date of online E-tendering is **08.04.2024** up to **12:00** hrs. All information and tender documents related to E-tender is available on Website: **www.ireps.gov.in.**

E-Tender No. : S&T/SEE/E-OT/23-24/37, Sl.No. : 1. Name of work : Sonpur Div. : Interlocking with upgradation of 1 no. Level crossing gate with provision of Motor operated Lifting Barrier and Sliding Boom. **Approx. Cost (In Rs.):** 63,76,630.98 **Earnest Money (In Rs.):** 1,27,600.00 **Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.) (Non-refundable):** 0.00 **Completion period :** 06 (Six) Months from date of issue of LOA. The above tender notice is available on website: **www.ireps.gov.in. Uploading date 12.03.2024** RIGHT OF RAILWAY TO DEAL WITH TENDER: Railway administration reserves the right to postpone / modify or to cancel any one or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Divisional Railway Manager/Sig. & Telecom
East Central Railway/Sonpur

PR/02533/SEE/S&T/T/23-24/40

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE

e-TENDER NOTICE NO. DRM-BRC 139 OF 2023-24

Sealed Tenders for and on behalf of the President of India are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (W A/C), Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-390 004 for the following works. **Sr. No.1 : Tender No. DRM BRC 139 of 2023-24. Name of Work:** Vadodara - Geratpur Section :- Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 611 and 634 in BRC-GER Section. **Approximate Cost of the work (in ₹):** 1,73,66,937.77 **Bid Security to be deposited (in ₹):** 2,36,800.00, **Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender:** Tender is to be submitted on **01-04-2024** before 15:00 Hrs. and is to be opened on same date at 15:30 Hrs. **Website particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased:** Website @ **www.ireps.gov.in** Divisional Railway Manager (W A/C), Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara-4.

BRC-347

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Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya Jabalpur 482004 (M.P.)

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender invited for redesigning of University Website and Implementation of Integrated University Management System (IUMS/ERP). Details available on https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app and www.jnkvv.org

IPRO/Reg/2024/34 **Registrar**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

T.Notice No. GSU/Elect/PRYJ/E-Tender Notice/2024/36 Date 07.03.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/GSU/N.C. Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E- Tender, the details of the tenders are as under:

T.No. : GSU-EL-WC-45-2024

Description of work : 25kV OHE modification work due to construction of RUBs in lieu of Level Crossing No. 410, 413, 416 & 419 in MKP-NYN section of Prayagraj Division.

Advertised value	Rs. 5740464.24	**Bid Security**	Rs. 114800.00
Completion Period	09 Months	**Bidding system**	Single Packet

Tender Closing date & Time : 01.04.2024 & 14:00 Hrs., **Tender opening date & Time :** 01.04.2024 & 15:00 Hrs. **Note : 1.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on Website www.ireps.gov.in 21days prior to the date of opening of the tender. **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 Digital Signature Certificate. **3.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **427/24 (AN)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @CPRONCR

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MICAD DIVISION JHAJJAR	DNIT FOR REHABILITATION OF WATER COURSE AT OUTLET RD-119380 L DULHERA DISTY.	11.03.2024 18.03.2024	87.99 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9306392480 xenjhajjarcad1@gmail.com

25852/HRY **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in**

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

CIN No. U40108JH2013SGC001702
Singhbhum Area,Jamshedpur,1st floor Co-Op.Bank Building Bistupur, Jsr.
e-mail - sesa.jsr13@yahoo.in, Ph.no. 0657-2320495 (O)

1st EXTENSION OF e-TENDER NOTICE

Due to some unavoidable circumstances online bid submission & opening for **NIT No. 401/PR /JBVNL/2023-24** for empanelment for all kinds of electrical works in different head of JBVNL under Electric Supply Area, Jamshedpur for FY 2024-25 and 2025-26 is hereby extended in following manner :-

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE OF DATES FOR ABOVE NIT's

Last date and time for uploading of e-Tender	04.04.2024 upto 05.00 P.M
Last date and time for online submission of BOQ and Earnest Money	04.04.2024 upto 05.00 P.M
Date and time for opening of tender Part-I (Technical and Commercial)	05.04.2024 at 05.00 P.M
Tendering Officer and address for communication	Electric Supply Area, Jamshedpur

- Clause:-40 - Volume of experience of erection work (Labour & Transportation) shall be considered till March'2024.
- Other terms & conditions will remain same.

स्वहित एवं राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकयतों को टॉल फ्री नं० 1800 345 6570 पर दर्जकरायें।

PR No. 317741

Sd/-
General Manager (Tech)
Jamshedpur

PR 322484 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(23-24).D

The Director General of Police

Maharashtra State Police Headquarter,
Shahid Bhagat singh Marg, Colaba, Mumbai - 400001.

TENDER PUBLICATION NOTICE

Maharashtra Police, invites proposal from reputed and experienced companies to participate in the competitive bidding process of following e-Tenders :

Sr. No.	Item Description	Tender ID	Deadline
1	2	3	4
01	Design, Development, Implementation & Maintenance of CCTV based Surveillance System for thane City	2024_DGPMU_1032256_2	02.05.2024

2. Tender submission will be made online. For detailed Tender documents, interested bidders may kindly visit https://mahatenders.gov.in

Dated : 11.03.2024
Place : Mumbai

Sd/-
(Shrikant Patil)
Sr. Desk Officer
For Director General of Police

DGIPR/2023-24/9848

PNIeT No.: 43/NIeT/EE-KLP/PWD (DWS)/2023-24

Date: 11/03/2024

The Executive Engineer, DWS Division, Kalyanpur, Khowai District, Tripura on behalf of the 'Governor of Tripura', invites online percentage rate e-tender in two bid system from the eligible Central & State public sector undertaking / enterprise and eligible Contractors/Firms/Private Ltd. Firm /Agencies of Appropriate Class registered with PWD/ TTAADC/ MES/ CPWD/ Railway/ Gov't Organization of other State & Central for the following work:

Sl No	DNIeT No.	Estimate Cost	Earnest Money	Time for completion	Cost of Bid Fee
1	55/CE/PWD(DWS)/2023-24	Rs. 15,79,87,142.00	Rs. 31,59,743.00	150 days	Rs. 10,000.00
2	56/CE/PWD(DWS)/2023-24	Rs. 8,98,42,401.00	Rs. 17,96,848.00	150 days	Rs. 10,000.00

- Last date and time for document downloading and bidding: 01/04/2024 up to 15:00 hrs
- Time and date of opening of bid: 01/04/2024 at 16:00 hrs
- Document downloading and biding at application: https://tripuratenders.gov.in
- Class of bidder: Appropriate Class

All details are available in the https://tripuratenders.gov.in & https://eprocure.gov.in

Sd/-
(ER. SANJOY DEBNATH)
Executive Engineer
DWS Division, Kalyanpur
Khowai Tripura

ICA/C/5187/24

PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (PCMC)

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Operator for managing water meter reading, on spot billing, user charge collection and improving coverage of water connections

e-TENDER NOTICE No. 1 / 2023-24

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation invites online RFP for **"Selection of Operator for managing water meter reading, on spot billing, user charge collection and improving coverage of water connections within the limits of Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation",** The detailed e-tender document for the above is available at https://mahatenders.gov.in The duration of work is 36 months for implementation phase and Operations to enhance its water billing system and integrating it with SCADA, GIS database of consumers / property connections for the citizens in the city & use of AI & ML for Data Analytics for strategic informed decision

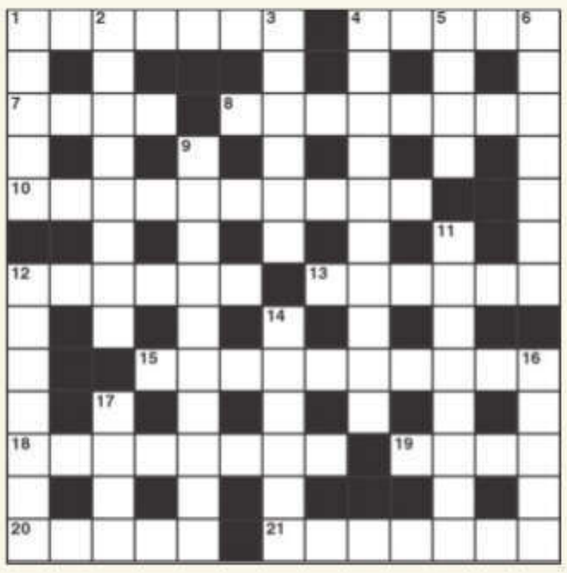
In that context, PCMC invites interested entities having experience as envisaged in the RFP document, to submit their proposal. Interested entities can download the RFP document from the website https://mahatenders.gov.in Interested entities shall make **online payment of Rs. 37,430/-** towards the cost of RFP document and bid security/ earnest money deposit of **Rs. 20,50,615/-** at the time of submission of its proposal through the e- Tendering System.

The last date of submission of bid will be dt.04/04/2024

(Sd/-) **Shekhar Singh,**
Commissioner
Pimpri Chinchwad Muncipal Corporation

Adv. No. 649

CROSSWORD 5312



ACROSS

1 Husband shows reticence (7)
4 Leaves on even terms (5)
7 Pretentious songs? (4)
8 Keepers put dogs around a hill (8)
10 The more they cut down, the more they gain (10)
12 Arouse revolutionary tribes (6)
13 I'm out of aspirin ordered for the injury (6)
15 They face the wall (10)
18 A diet put out for fitness (8)
19 One in prison. He killed his brother (4)
20 To be hesitant is not entirely modest (5)
21 Politician for whom no tears are shed (7)

DOWN

1 Come up to stretch between bends (5)
2 Drunken purser is disposed to stagger (8)
3 Right sort of stock (6)
4 A child of four (10)
5 Trickster admitting his image? (4)
6 Meeting that has no standing? (7)
9 He is known by his acts (10)
11 Tie up an order for speedy production (4,4)
12 Naval jail and a potential inmate (7)
14 Remarks players ignore as the team comes in (6)
16 I leave the older Spaniard (5)
17 Restrain a supporter (4)

Solutions Crossword 5311 Across: 1 Enlargement, 9 Neutron, 10 Nines, 11 Open, 12 Cup of tea, 14 Spells, 16 Simple, 18 Marriage, 19 Acme, 22 Night, 23 Egotist, 24 Address book
Down: 2 No use, 3 Airs, 4 Genius, 5 Mongolia, 6 Nonstop, 7 Endorsement, 8 Escape death, 13 Cloister, 15 Enraged, 17 Agrees, 20 Cairo, 21 Comb

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
There is a very close relationship between your emotions and your physical well-being, one which you would do well to explore at the moment. If you can understand the pressures that undermine your health, you'll be better fitted to take preventative measures.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
The Moon is currently a pleasurable planet, although there does seem to be something holding you back. Why are you afraid to let go? Are you restrained by the pressure of social taboos and expectations? If so, try to find whatever way you can to explain what you want.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Sometimes people at home really have to shout to grab your attention, but when you get moving there is no one as efficient, skilled and organised as you. The only question at the moment is will you be prepared to give way to unreasonable demands?

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It's a day for short trips and useful meetings. Those of you who have arranged interviews and other meetings for today can afford to congratulate yourselves on your deep foresight. It's also an ideal moment for counting your cash, piling up profits for the future.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You're in a strong position today, and I don't think anyone will get the better of you. But I am afraid that you have no option but to deal with financial trivia. If you ignore essential details now, you may find that your costs increase quite unnecessarily over the coming months.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
The Moon lines up with Mercury and Venus, but in different ways. I'm telling you this just to let you know that at least three planets are working in your favour and therefore that your deeper interests are being protected. You'll combine enthusiasm with practical skill, so there's no excuse for failure.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Only rarely are you afforded the chance to expand your horizons. Yet, when the opportunity does come, you need to know how to respond. Personal matters may now work out for the best if you are able to build on skills and past experience.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You must be prepared to consider long-term plans and not become bogged down by short-term pressures. However, you should not allow yourself to be bulldozed into rash decisions. Partners need to learn that you are your own person, not an extension of their egos.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
It looks as if somebody is going to pile on the pressure at work. In addition, you must still complete certain tasks at home. It is a simple matter to reconcile such conflicting demands, just as long as you decide what is truly important and what you can leave up to other people.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
A rather disturbing or distressing phase should now lie well and truly in the past. Your planets are thankfully helping you to heal old wounds and create the personal conditions necessary for a happy future. And a happy future, incidentally, will be a busy one.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
I am sure that other people have made you hot under the collar, probably because they don't seem capable of making up their minds or following through the implications of their decisions. But, as far as family relationships are concerned, you may be a little perplexed.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
Your desire to move on, move away or generally regain a measure of freedom is praiseworthy, but no less muddled for that. I think that you still have some way to go before the pros and cons are clear. And, for that reason, you can afford to postpone a decision.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

__is the interruption of a___by the pressure of particular or individual interests. - Alain Badiou (4,.,5)

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SOLUTION: TRIED/TIRED, TAROT, DOUBLE, RAVISH
Answer: **Evil** is the interruption of a **truth** by the pressure of particular or individual interests. - Alain Badiou

SUDOKU 5501

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;
5s = Very Hard;
6s = Genius

					7			9
		1		8			4	
	9				6	1		
	2	5						1
	6		3		2		9	
4						5	7	
		6	4				5	
	8			3		4		
3			7					

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5500

5	1	6	4	9	2	7	3	8
2	7	8	5	1	3	9	4	6
9	3	4	7	6	8	5	1	2
8	9	7	6	4	1	2	5	3
4	5	3	8	2	7	1	6	9
1	6	2	3	5	9	8	7	4
6	2	5	1	8	4	3	9	7
3	4	9	2	7	5	6	8	1
7	8	1	9	3	6	4	2	5

CORPORATE BRIEFS

WOMEN's DAY– WAPCOS

"International Women's Day – 2024" was celebrated with full zeal and enthusiasm at WAPCOS Corporate Office, Gurugram. RK Agrawal, CMD, WAPCOS & NPCC along with senior women employees called on Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary (DoWR, RD&GR) & Ms. Richa Misra, JS&FA (DoWR, RD&GR) to greet on the occasion. Senior women officers of the Company also delivered a talk on Women Empowerment during the event.

PRism AWARD— PRSD

At the backdrop of International Women's Day. Public Relations Society, Delhi honoured women leaders & achievers in public relations and communications at PRism Awards, 2024. An initiative of PRSD, PRism Awards celebrated & acknowledged 45 women in PR & Communications; leaders across government, corporate, PSU's, media, & academia.

MOU— REC

REC has signed a MoU recently in Jaipur with the Govt. of Rajasthan, to finance projects across power & non-power infrastructure sectors with an investment of up to Rs 20,000 cr per annum for a period of six yrs, extending up to 2030. The MoU was signed in the presence of several dignitaries including Bhajan Lal Sharma, CM of Rajasthan; Smt. Diya Kumari, Dy CM, Govt. of Rajasthan.

WOMEN's DAY — ICG

The Medical Directorate in conjunction with CGWWA organized a Women Wellness & Cancer Screening Camp at CGOM Noida. The Camp was inaugurated by Mrs Dipa Pal, President Tatrakshika and the inaugural address was delivered by Surg Cmde Diviya Gautam, VSM, PDMS. Awareness Lectures on Cervical & Breast Cancers were delivered by Oncologists from AIIMS New Delhi & BLK Max Hospital.

INAUGURATION — NDMC

Lt Governor, Delhi - Vinai Kumar Saxena inaugurated the NDMC Flower Festival at Central Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi in the presence of NDMC Chairman - Amit Yadav, VC -Satish Upadhyay, Council Member - Kuljeet Singh Chahal. After inaugurating the two days NDMC Flower Festival, Saxena appreciated the efforts of NDMC towards transforming the capital city into the 'City of Flowers & City of Joy'.

WOMEN's DAY— UNION BANK

Union Bank of India Zonal Office Delhi organised series of events for their women employees & customers. As part of the celebration Pinkathon was organized at Jawahar Lal Nehru stadium where more than 500 women employees participated. Health check up program was organized on 6 & 8th March'2024 at different locations, wherein a large number of women employees taken benefit of health check up and also one Health talk - Webinar was organized for women related health issues.

FOUNDATION DAY — IREDA

IREDA celebrated its 38th Foundation Day, marking a significant milestone in its journey towards fostering renewable energy development in India. The occasion was graced by Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, along with Dr. BK Mohanty, Dir. (Fin.), & AK Sahani, Chief Vigilance Officer, who addressed the employees highlighting the company's achievements, challenges, & future endeavours.

LOAN ASSISTANCE— BANK OF INDIA

BOI Coimbatore Zone extended its loan assistance to more than 6500 women entrepreneurs & women self-help groups under various schemes in order to commemorate International women's day at the Barathiyar University on Thursday. BOI GM M Sharma, NBG (South), Chennai, Bharatiyar University VC Council Chairperson Lovelina Little were present.

MOU— POWERRGRID

POWERGRID has signed an MoU with Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd. at a function held in Jaipur. It was signed in presence of RK Singh, Union Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy, GoI, Bhajanlal Sharma, Chief Minister, Rajasthan, & in august presence of Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal & Mines & Smt. Diya Kumari, Deputy CM, Rajasthan. The MoU was signed by Nathmal Didel, IAS, MD, RVPNL & DN Rozekar, ED (BDD&JV) POWERGRID in the gracious presence of Alok, Addl. Chief Secy. (Power) Govt. of Rajasthan & RK Tyagi, CMD, POWERGRID & other senior officials of Rajasthan Govt., POWERGRID, RVPNL other CPSUs.

WOMEN's DAY—RVNL

The International Women's Day 2024 was celebrated with full vigour and zeal by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL). It witnessed enthusiastic participation by all the women employees of the organization and wives of senior officers. A renowned gynecologist took a session on the buzz word 'cervical cancer', the important role of HPV vaccines and also answered queries of employees. The Program enabled wholesome interaction among the attendees and provided a platform to deliberate upon the importance of women's participation in key areas and gender parity. Mrs. Meenu Gaur, President Women Welfare Organisation, RVNL spoke at the occasion in presence of Mrs. Vandana Raj, Mrs. Abha Kumar and other members.

WOMEN's DAY — RITES

RITES celebrated Women's Day by hosting an interactive session at their corporate office, Shikhar, in Gurugram for its employees. Renowned administrator Ms. Usha Rangnani, Deputy Commissioner of Police, IGI Airport, Delhi Police, led the session as the guest speaker. Celebrating #NaariShakti: Deputy Commissioner of Police, IGI Airport, Delhi Police, Ms.Usha Rangnani in an interaction with RITES employees. Narrating her experience, Ms. Rangnani highlighted the challenges faced by women officers & spoke about the perseverance, the need to combat societal judgment, time management & work-life balance. The session concluded with an exchange of gratitude & a commitment to fostering diversity & inclusion at the workplace.

NATIONAL SAFETY WEEK—POWERGRID NR-I

53rd National Safety Week was celebrated from 04 March 2024 to 10 March 2024 at Regional Headquarters, Faridabad & under its all establishments with great enthusiasm. During this Safety Week emphasis was laid on safety of human resources to create awareness among employees about safety in all spheres of life. This year, the theme of National Safety Day 2024 is "Focus on Safety Leadership for ESG Excellence''. The key objective of organizing the said Safety Week is to raise awareness about workplace safety & promoting safety culture within the organization. AK Mishra, ED, POWERGRID, NR-I Region administered the Safety Pledge to all the employees & Ravindra Nath Gupta, CGM (Asset Management), NR-I read out the appeal issued by the CMD, POWERGRID on the occasion of Safety Day.

CONCOR Modi, PM of India inaugurated the Gati Shakti Multi- Modal Cargo Terminal, Jajpur-Keonjhar Road, Odisha owned by Container Corporation of India Ltd. on 5th March, 2024 through Video Conferencing. The PM also simultaneously flagged off the 1st Container Train, which started from the terminal (code: GGCJ, popularly called as MMLP, Jajpur) to ICD, Dadri, UP. The inaugural train carried Sponge Iron of M/s VISA Steel ably supported by the CONCOR Business Associate, M/s Rapid Multimodal Logistics Ltd. MMLP Jajpur is yet another addition to the list of many CONCOR terminals spread across the country. It has been set up on a land area of 63.27 Acres at Jodabar in the district of Jajpur of Odisha state. It has direct rail connectivity of 1.3 Km from Jajpur-Keonjhar Road Railway station of Khurda Road division of the East Coast Railway.

NHB India's eight key primary residential markets witnessed appreciating property prices during the period Oct-Dec 2023. Ahmedabad (4.7%), Bengaluru (7.1%), Chennai (3.8%), Delhi (2.8%), Hyderabad (6.3%), Kolkata (7.2%), Mumbai (3.0%) & Pune (4.8%) recorded increase in the index on an annual basis as per the Housing Price Index published by National Housing Bank. The 50 city HPI based on valuation prices of properties collected from Banks and Housing finance companies (HPI @ Assessment Prices) recorded an annual increase (Y-o-Y) of 4.7% during the 3rd quarter of the fiscal 2024 as compared with 7.1% a year ago.

GAIL & its wholly owned subsidiary GAIL Gas Ltd., have announced a substantial reduction in the prices of Compressed Natural Gas across several key locations in India where they operate.The price reduction aims to make CNG more accessible and affordable for consumers, thereby encouraging the widespread adoption of cleaner fuel options & promoting sustainable transportation practices. The price of CNG at GAIL & GAIL Gas CNG outlets has been decreased by Rs. 2.50 per kg.

BANK OF BARODA announces the bob Earth Green Term Deposit Scheme, aimed at raising deposits for environment-friendly projects. With interest rates up to 7.15% p.a., depositors can participate in India's green economy transition. Debadatta Chand, MD & CEO, emphasizes the bank's commitment to sustainability. Innovative tenures reflect climate goals, like 1.5 years for limiting global temperature rise. Funds will finance projects such as Renewable Energy and Climate Change Adaptation. Existing and new customers can open Green Deposits nationwide.

VIETNAM AIRLINES, the flag carrier of Vietnam is thrilled to announce the introduction of the cutting-edge Airbus A350 from New Delhi to Vietnam. Strategically bolstering its presence in one of the world's fastest-growing international markets, this marks the official launch of the Airbus A350 by Vietnam Airlines for travel buffs in India to experience unparalleled comfort and state-of-the-art technology. A paragon of aviation innovation, the wide body aircraft A350 promises an unparalleled journey characterized by comfort and tranquility at 36,000 feet. Renowned for its safety standards and optimized cabin altitude ensuring the highest air quality, the A350 marks a significant leap forward in redefining air travel for Indian patrons. To further enhance the traveling experience, passengers onboard will be treated to a specially curated Indian food menu, enhancing the gastronomic voyage as they savor sumptuous delights amidst the clouds.

THDCIL PM Modi laid the foundation stone for THDCIL & UPNEDA's joint venture company TUSCO Ltd.'s monumental 600 MW Lalitpur Solar Power Project located in UP on 04 March 2024. This momentous occasion underscores THDC's contribution to the nation's unwavering commitment to harnessing Renewable Energy & signifies a crucial step towards a greener & more sustainable future. This historic occasion was graced by the Governor of Telangana Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, CM of Telangana A. Revanth Reddy & Union Minister of Culture, Tourism & Development of North Eastern Region, G Kishan Reddy & other senior dignitaries of GoI. Union Minister for Power & New & Renewable Energy, RK Singh also joined the PM's programme in Adilabad, Telangana from the POWERGRID substation in Maharani Bagh, New Delhi.

SECL Chhattisgarh based Coal India subsidiary South Eastern Coalfield Ltd.'s Gevra mine is set to become the largest coal mine in Asia. The mine has been granted environmental clearance to expand production capacity to 70 million tons per annum from the current 52.5 million tons. The development has been made possible with the rigorous efforts of the Ministry of Coal by coordinating with the M/o Environment, Forest, & Climate Change in achieving the environment clearance of 70 million tons in record time, keeping in mind the role of Gevra as one of the megaprojects of SECL, in meeting the energy needs of the nation. 'Under the guidance of M/o Coal, a historic milestone has been achieved by Coal India team. We have a vision for Gevra to become the largest coal mine in the world with state-of-art mining operations & this is a significant milestone towards that journey." said Prem Sagar Misha, CMD, SECL speaking on the occasion. SECL management thanked the Ministry for their support in securing the EC for the Gevra mine and said that this is a historic day for us that SECL & the state of Chhattisgarh will soon be home to the largest coal mine in Asia.

GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹65,950	₹82.85	$82.96	₹75,300

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of March 12

SENSEX: 72,761.89 ▼ 906.07 (1.23%) **NIFTY:** 21,997.70 ▼ 338.00 (1.51%) **NIKKEI:** 38,695.97 ▼ 101.54 **HANG SENG:** 17,082.11 ▼ 11.39 **FTSE:** 7,741.08 ▼ 6.73 **DAX:** 17,945.88 ▼ 19.23

International market data till 1900 IST

SENSEX DOWN BY 906 POINTS, NIFTY BY 338

Markets decline amid bubble warnings in small, mid-caps

HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, MARCH 13

THE DOMESTIC stock market witnessed a significant fall on Wednesday, with Sensex declining below the 73,000 level and the Nifty sliding 338 points on heavy sell-off amid concerns over the higher valuation of small and mid-cap stocks.

The BSE's Sensex tanked 906 points, or 1.23 per cent, to close at 72,761.89. It ended below the 73,000 mark for the first time since February 29. The NSE's Nifty 50 plunged 338 points, or 1.51 per cent, to finish at 21,997.7.

In the past two days, the domestic market declined despite the global market performing better. The overall BSE market capitalisation, or the total value of all listed shares, fell by Rs 13.5 lakh crore to Rs 372.16 lakh crore.

The fall in the market on Wednesday came even as the domestic consumer priced-based inflation (CPI) for February remained unchanged at 5.09 per cent, compared to 5.1 per cent in January. "In contrast to the global uptrend, unfavourable risk-reward balance of mid and small-cap stocks, fuelled by prolonged premium valuations, has aggravated the downfall," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Earlier this week, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said the regulator cannot allow bubbles to build up in small and mid-cap funds. The regulator has also asked mutual fund houses to conduct stress tests on small and mid-cap funds and disclose the results by March 15.

In the past two days, the domestic market declined despite the global market performing better. *File*

Recently, AMFI had written to mutual fund trustees to take measures to protect the interest of investors of small and mid-cap schemes, which have seen heavy inflows in the recent past. A few mutual funds have announced to limit the inflows into their small and mid-cap funds on worries of excessive valuation in these segments. "The announcement by various fund houses to cap inflows into small and mid-cap funds must have sent a negative message. Investors such as ultra HNIs must have taken a call to reduce their position from these schemes," said Shrikant Chouhan, Head Equity Research, Kotak Securities.

While the BSE SmallCap declined 5.11 per cent, the BSE MidCap tanked 4.2 per cent on Wednesday.

According to Chouhan, the fall in the market was also due to profit booking during the financial year closing. After the Sensex broke the crucial level of 73,300 and Nifty the 22,200 mark, investors started selling heavily, he said.

"Nifty witnessed massive sell-off as investors/traders rushed to take whatever profits were left on table to offset the losses on their recent trades. Nifty made a long-range bear candle on March 13. 21,750-21,860 band will now be crucial to be protected in case the uptrend in the Nifty has to continue. On rises, 22,400-22,460 could now be tough to breach in the near term," said Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities. On Wednesday, oil prices climbed amid expectations of robust global demand, particularly from the United States, one of the world's largest consumers.

"Despite somewhat persistent US inflation, there was no significant alteration in expectations that the Federal Reserve might initiate rate cuts soon," Kotak Securities' Chouhan said. CPI inflation in the US rose by 3.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis in February 2024, higher than an estimated 3.1 per cent increase.

Among sectors, all the major sectoral indices traded in the red but reality, metal, media and energy indices, shed over 5 per cent. Within the BSE firms, ITC, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Bajaj Finance and HDFC Bank were the top gainers.

On Wednesday, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) offloaded Rs 4,595.06 crore worth of equities whereas domestic institutional investors (DIIs) purchased Rs 9,093.72 crore of local shares, according to the BSE's provisional data.

Little froth but not out of control: Kotak

Mumbai: Uday Kotak, founder and director of Kotak Mahindra Bank on Wednesday said there may be froth in the market but it is not out of control. There are enough checks and balances in place, he said.

"I believe at this stage we are nowhere near that risk and there are enough checks and balances in our system today to compare ourselves in serious bubble territory There may be early froth…I would say that it is still froth, a little bubbly, but not out of control," Kotak said while addressing the 5th SEBI-NISM Research conference. **ENS**

'Need to be cautious... there's little bit of froth in low-floating stock counters'

NILESH SHAH, Managing Director, Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company, says there is a need to be cautious in the market so that people do not end up getting swayed by the low floating stocks, prices and valuations in uncharted territory.

"This is the reason why the regulator and the mutual fund industry are trying to caution people that if they are coming to small caps, they should not come with last one year's return expectation, that's not going to happen," Shah says in in an interview to HITESH VYAS and GEORGE MATHEW. "Our valuations are undoubtedly above average but our profit-to-GDP ratio is also more than above average. It is not that there is a big bubble but the road definitely is downward sloping," Shah says. *Edited excerpts:*

THE EXPRESS INTERVIEW

WITH NILESH SHAH
MD, KOTAK MAHINDRA ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY

What is your opinion on the current valuation of the entire market? Is it fairly valued or excessively valued?

The market is not cheap like it was let us say during the subprime crisis in 2008, or even in mid-2022. It is a fairly valued market. The large-cap, mid-cap and small-cap are trading slightly above their long-term historical averages, which is also justified as profits are also above average. We have been growing profits in teens for the last five years. Besides, we are also benefiting from other people's self-goal.

As a global investor, one can't put money in Russia because of Ukraine. By investing in China, investors have two baggage – one, in the last 30 years they haven't made any money, and second, tomorrow they can go to Taiwan. In South Africa, it is difficult to visit without worrying about safety. Brazil has good fundamentals but they have a communist government whose agenda is not clear to the market and so, people are waiting and watching. In Korea, one is cautious because it might get upgraded to a developed market. As an emerging market investor, if you were to allocate your money, your only options are Mexico, Indonesia and India.

Our fundamental growth story is looking very good. Now, are there excesses in the market? Undoubtedly, yes. Normally, the valuation of large-cap is the highest, mid-cap little lower, small-cap lowest and micro-cap even lowest. Currently, we are seeing a reverse trend in terms of valuations. Is there a little bit of froth? It is there in low floating stock counters. When floating stocks are limited, you can pull the prices higher, valuation goes higher and that's where we believe investors are not going to make money.

Where is the market headed now? What are the possible risks?

There are always risks to the market because it is constantly discounting news flow. So, what has it discounted? First, on the global side, the US Fed will cut rates. Now, just for assumption if they raise rates, there would be a correction. The market has discounted the Modi government (after the 2024 Lok Sabha election). If that doesn't happen, then there will be a reaction in the market. There is an assumption of about Rs 1,125 to Rs 1,150 Nifty EPS (Earning per Share) for FY25. Let's say it comes out to be Rs 1,300, market will shoot from here; and if it is Rs 1,000, then markets may correct.

So, the market has discounted certain assumptions. Anything happening better than what the market has discounted, it will give a push. Anything happening worse than what the market has discounted, it would result in a correction. Do we have the ability to analyse or predict those things? The answer is no. So, one should try to invest for the long-term, buy good companies with good managers who can grow earnings over a long period, and just stay with them.

Last month, we saw equity fund inflows of around Rs 22,000 crore, which pushed the indices to new peaks. Are these inflows pushing the market up or is it because our economy is doing well?

Have we reached peak valuation? The answer is no. We are at a substantial discount to what was the peak valuation in the 1990s, 2000s, 2007 or 2018. Undoubtedly, today there is a Triveni Sangam (confluence) of three things – money flow is coming, domestic investors are investing and global investors are also putting in money. Sentiments are positive about India and even the worst critics of India are grudgingly accepting that the country has done good things.

This is the first time when even fundamentals are keeping pace with the prices. Companies are generating 15-20 per cent compounded profit growth. Profit growth to GDP ratio is now 4.9 per cent. The banking sector's NPAs are almost fully provided for. So, there is Goldilocks - flows are good, sentiments are good, fundamentals are good, valuations are above average, and so is the profit.

Kotak Gilt Fund has completed 25 years. How has it performed?

To celebrate 25 years of India's first gilt fund is indeed a matter of pride for Kotak Gilt Fund. We commit to make that an integral of every Indian's portfolio.

During the last 25 years, the fixed income market in India has seen various challenges such as the Asian currency crisis, global financial crisis, taper tantrum, Covid -19 etc. Various events have led to volatility in rates such as 10 year Indian g-sec at 11 per cent down to 4.8 per cent and then 9 per cent and back to 7 per cent today.

Amidst all this volatility, the fund has generated more than 9 per cent return in the regular plan since inception. The challenges have been used as an opportunity and hence the superior returns were generated which could have made an investment of Rs 11 lakh to Rs 1 crore in 25 years.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

As US cracks down on Russian oil shippers, India expects no real supply, sanction risk

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MARCH 13

INDIA IS not too concerned about the intensifying scrutiny of tankers and shipping firms involved in Russian oil trade by the United States (US), which has led to a number of vessels being placed under sanctions by Washington over the past few months.

As per highly placed sources in the government, Indian refiners are not at risk—of sanctions or a major supply disruption—as shipping is arranged by the suppliers of Russian oil, and India has enough alternative source markets for crude in case some of the volumes coming from Russia get impacted due to shipping disruptions. In the latest action against oil tankers over alleged violation of the G7 price cap of $60 per barrel for seaborne Russian crude, the US on February 23 sanctioned Russia's state-owned shipping major Sovcomflot along with 14 tankers associated with it. This was in addition to similar actions against other shippers and tankers involved in hauling Russian oil over the past few months. Given that India is a top buyer of Russian crude, most of the 14 tankers sanctioned recently had transported oil to Indian refiners over the past year, ship tracking data shows.

According to a senior official, the government does not want Indian refiners to take crude oil deliveries on sanctioned tankers. As long as that is clear and complied with, there is no cause of concern for the government or Indian refiners, said the official, who did not wish to be identified. Another official, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that the situation is more of a risk for Russia than India, as Moscow depends heavily on income from energy exports and would want to prevent a significant hit to its oil export volumes.

"There is no real supply risk for us. We can buy oil from a number of suppliers...The risk is essentially for Russia because they have to sell their oil and there are not too many buyers," said the second official, adding that the expectation in the government and India's oil industry is that Russian oil exporters would work towards ensuring smooth sailing for Russian oil cargoes. Over the past couple of years, Russian oil exporters have managed to amass a large fleet of tankers, the so-called shadow fleet, to transport Russian oil without depending on Western shipping. Russian oil is bought by Indian refiners on a delivered basis, which means that chartering of tankers and the associated procedures are the responsibility of the oil supplier. Indian buyers pay the all-inclusive landed price of crude and have no involvement in the shipping of the oil, which keeps them insulated from possible price cap-related complications. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Auditing regulator plans innovation lab, Sandbox

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, MARCH 13

NATIONAL FINANCIAl Reporting Authority (NFRA) Chairperson Ajay Bhushan Pandey on Wednesday said it has plans to set up an Innovation Lab or Sandbox for audit innovations to "support cutting edge auditing techniques".

Pandey said NFRA intends to engage with Audit Committees and Independent Directors at time of inspections to gather perspective as part of larger efforts to improve audit quality as well as corporate governance.

The investor community expects auditors to exercise professional scepticism and follow path of 'Trust but Verify' and emphasised the need for Indian audit firms to start 'risk-based' pricing for their audits, he said at a Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) summit.

Pandey highlighted the five lines of defence of financial reporting and sound corporate governance -- management, audit committee and independent directors, auditors, investors and regulators – and maintained that "all five lines of defence needs to be vigilant and work together to build trust".

Tata fab to roll out first chip by 2026-end; PM Modi says 'historic'

SOUMYA RENDRA BARIK
DHOLERA, MARCH 13

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Wednesday laid the foundation stone of three semiconductor plants, including what is going to be the country's first commercial fabrication plant. The Prime Minister called the occasion "historic" and added that India was "creating history and taking a big step towards a resilient future."

The fabrication plant is being set up by Tata Electronics in partnership with its Taiwanese partner Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (PSMC) at an estimated cost of Rs 91,000 crore in Gujarat's Dholera. Information Technology (IT) Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the plant will produce the first batch of chips by December 2026.

The other projects include a chip packaging plant being set up by the Tatas in Assam and one by the Murugappa Group's CG Power in partnership with Japan's Renesas in Gujarat's Sanand city.

These projects — which represent a cumulative value of Rs 1.26 lakh crore— were cleared by the Union Cabinet last month as part of India's Rs 76,000 crore capital expenditure incentive scheme for the semiconductor ecosystem.

IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran . *PTI*

Earlier, a packaging plant of United States-based Micron Technology worth $2.75 billion in Sanand was approved by the Cabinet and construction of the facility is currently underway.

The approvals are a major fillip to India's semiconductor ambitions. As geopolitical tensions shape the global narrative, the Indian government has identified electronics manufacturing as a key economic growth driver, with chip manufacturing at the heart of these plans

(The reporter was in Dholera, Gujarat at the invite of the IT Ministry) FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

CM Stalin dares PM to spell out projects he has brought to TN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
POLLACHI, MARCH 13

CHIEF MINISTER M K Stalin on Wednesday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to list out the special projects that the union government has given to Tamil Nadu and were scuttled by the state government.

Stalin's comments came as a response to Modi's charge during his visit to Tamil Nadu last month that the state government stalled several central government schemes.Modi should also specify the central projects that were stalled by the DMK government in Tamil Nadu, Stalin said.

In his address during a government event, Stalin alleged that while the prime minister has advertised in newspapers and television channels about 'Modi's Guarantee', he has actually done nothing for the people. The chief minister also questioned what happened to Modi's 'old guarantees' of depositing Rs 15 lakh in every citizen's bank account and creating two crore jobs a year.

The government function marked the distribution of welfare assistance to beneficiaries, laying of the foundation stone for new projects and inauguration of new schemes.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : WRD/KWA-CE(SR)/TR/3288/2024_5_1_1/1
Jal Jeevan Mission - Chirakkadavu and Kanjirappally - Phase 2-- Construction of 50000L Sump cum Booster Pump House and providing Water supply facilities at Koovapally in Kanjirappally Pt and Chirakkadavu - Package 2-Construction of 5.25 LL OHSR at Ponkunnam and 2 LLOHSR at GH Kanjirappally- General Civil Work, **EMD :** Rs. 2,00,000/, **Tender fee :** Rs. 11025+(1985), **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 02-04-2024 03:00:pm, **Phone :** 0481 2562745, **Website :** www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

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Date: 13.03.2024 **Deputy General Manager (M&C)**

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP - 1060)
RFP No. SBI/GITC/ISD/2023-24/ISO/39 Dated: 14.03.2024
Bids are invited by State Bank of India from the eligible bidders for Engaging competent Twenty-Five (25) resources for Infrastructure Security Managed Services to work in Bank's environment for a period of one year, extendable on same terms and conditions for State bank of India (SBI). For details, please visit 'Procurement News' at **https://bank.sbi** and **https://etender.sbi/SBI/**
Last Date and time for Submission of Pre-Qualification Documents: 21.03.2024 up to 17:00 Hrs
Commencement of download of RFP: From 22.03.2024 at 18:00 hrs
Last date and time for submission of bids: 22.04.2024 up to 15:00 hrs
Place: Navi Mumbai **Deputy General Manager (Cyber Security)**
Date: 14.03.2024 **Information Security Department**

Dr. SPM International Institute of Information Technology - Naya Raipur (IIIT-NR)
Sector-24, Nava Raipur, Atal Nagar - 493661 (Chhattisgarh)
OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY
Dr. S.P. Mukherjee IIIT-Naya Raipur invites separates bids from eligible and interested bidders for supply and installation of the following:-
1. Workstation and other equipment for AI Experiential Lab.
2. Workstation and other equipment for Edge Computing Lab.
3. NVIDIA Jetson and RaspberryPI for AI&DL Lab.
4. Red Hat Linux workstation.
5. Repair/Replacement of damaged parts of rooftop solar panels.
6. Supply of plumbing and civil items.
For last date and other details please visit the website of IIIT-Naya Raipur **https://www.iiitnr.ac.in/tenders**
Registrar

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:CEE/T&P/SEE-2/EE-T7/AEE-T7/KCO-172/2023-24/14792-812 Date:13.03.2024
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)
Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following work against following Enquiry Number.

Enquiry No./Name of the Work
KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_INDENT836
Enhancement of **1X10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer-3** to **1X20MVA, 110/11 kV Power Transformer** at 110/11kV Hutti Sub-station in Lingasugur Taluk and Raichur District on **Total Turnkey** basis including supply of all matching materials/equipments and erection (including Dismantling and civil works) of all materials/equipments, testing and commissioning.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **14.03.2024 @ 15.00hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **15.04.2024 @ 15.00hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.
All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.
Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy).,
Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL,
3rd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560009.

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