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UNITED KINGDOM

William, Harry salute Diana's legacy at event

London: Prince William and Prince Harry both took part in an awards ceremony in honor of their late mother Princess Diana — but the estranged brothers were many miles apart at the time. William gave a speech at the Diana Legacy Award, which recognizes young people around the world who are working to improve their communities. California-based Harry addressed the event Thursday by video link, after his brother had left the ceremony at London's Science Museum. William said many of the recipients "have overcome adversity and prejudice, but they are driven by courage, compassion and commitment — qualities shared by my mother." AP

NEPAL
Former V-P's son arrested in gold smuggling case

Kathmandu: Dipesh Pun, General secretary of the Maoist Centre affiliated youth organisation, and son of former Vice President Nanda Kishore Pun has been arrested in connection with a gold smuggling case. Police said he was arrested by a special task force. Dipesh Pun's arrest follows reports by an investigation commission that he played crucial role in smuggling of 61 kg gold through Tribhuvan International Airport. Opposition had criticized the government alleging that the accused was enjoying political patronage as NK Pun has been one of the closest allies of Prime minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal. ENS

SRI LANKA

15 fishermen from India held for 'poaching'

Colombo: The Sri Lanka Navy on Friday detained at least 15 Indian fishermen off the coast of Karainagar in the northern Jaffna Peninsula for allegedly fishing in the island nation's waters, an official statement said, in the latest such incident this year. The fishermen and their trawler were escorted by the navy to the Kankesanturai port and handed over to the fishing directorate for further action. In recent weeks, Sri Lankan fishermen have protested against the authorities to protect their rights from the alleged poaching by their Indian counterparts in the Sri Lankan waters. PTI

CHINA

7 miners trapped in coal mine confirmed dead

Beijing: All the seven miners who were trapped since Monday in an underground warehouse of a coal mine in north China's Shanxi Province were confirmed dead, local authorities said Friday. The coal pile in the warehouse collapsed at midnight Monday when miners were repairing a coal feeder, burying 7 people, said Gao Naichun, head of the mine. The last body was retrieved on Friday morning, marking the end of the rescue mission. PTI



Voters register ahead of casting ballots at a polling station in Vidnoye, Moscow. Reuters

Putin eyes fifth term as Russia goes to polls amid crackdown on dissent

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Vladimir Putin. File

Russia: RUSSIA BEGAN three days of voting Friday in a presidential election that is all but certain to extend President Vladimir Putin's rule by six more years after he stifled dissent. At least half a dozen cases of vandalism at polling stations were reported, including a firebombing and several people pouring dyed liquid into ballot boxes.

The election takes place against the backdrop of a ruthless crackdown that has crippled independent media and prominent rights groups and given Putin full control of the political system.

Two anti-war politicians were banned from the ballot after attracting support, depriving the voters of any choice on the "main issue of Russia's political agenda."

Voters are casting their ballots Friday through Sunday at polling stations across the vast country's 11 time zones, in annexed regions

China's lunar probe fails to reach orbit after rocket falters

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BEIJING, MARCH 15

A PAIR of Chinese satellites failed to reach a planned orbit on their way to the moon after experiencing abnormalities, a rare setback for Beijing's high-profile space programme.

The satellites, known as DRO-A and DRO-B, were launched on Wednesday evening from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in the Sichuan Province, the launch centre said in a press release on Thursday. They were carried by A Yuanzheng-1S (Expedition-1S) upper-stage aircraft, attached to a Long March-2C carrier rocket, it said.

The first and second stages of the rocket operated normally, while the upper stage encountered an abnormality during flight, causing the satellites to fail to enter the preset orbit accurately, it said.

The relevant disposal work is

currently underway, state-run Xinhua news agency reported, citing the launch centre.

The plan was for the two satellites to head towards the moon and enter a distant retrograde orbit (DRO).

From there, they would fly in formation and work with DRO-L, a third satellite that was successfully placed into low-Earth orbit by a Jielong 3 rocket last month — to test laser-based navigation technologies between the Earth and the moon, known as cislunar space, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

The DRO orbit is at a high altitude, tens of thousands of kilometres above the lunar surface. It is highly stable, allowing spacecraft to remain on track for a long time without using fuel, and is an advantageous waypoint for research and exploration, according to Chinese scientists.

Long March rockets have been integral to China's space ambitions, including moon missions.

Russia forces citizenship in occupied Ukraine areas

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KYIV, MARCH 15

Ukraine: HE AND his parents were among the last in their village to take a Russian passport, but the pressure was becoming unbearable.

The soldiers broke two of his ribs, but his face was not bruised for his unsmiling passport photo.

Russia has successfully imposed its passports on nearly the entire population of occupied Ukraine by making it impossible to survive without them, coercing lakhs into citizenship. A Russian passport is needed to prove property ownership and keep access to health care and retirement income.

A new Russian law stipulates that anyone in the occupied territories who does not

Russia tortures Ukraine POWs, U.N. commission says

Geneva: A UN commission of inquiry on Ukraine said on Friday that it had gathered more evidence that Russia has systematically tortured Ukrainian prisoners of war, documenting rape threats and the use of electric shocks on genitals.

REUTERS

have a Russian passport by July 1 is subject to imprisonment as a "foreign citizen."

The AP investigation found that the Russian government has seized at least 1,785 homes and businesses in the Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia regions alone.

Sunak rules out holding elections in early May



UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak

Syria violence escalates as civil war enters 14th yr

Al-Nayrab: For years, Syria's civil war has been a largely frozen conflict, the country effectively carved up into areas controlled by the Damascus government of President Bashar Assad, various opposition groups and Syrian Kurdish forces.

But as the conflict entered its 14th year on Friday, observers say violence has been on the rise again while the world's attention is mostly focused on other crises.

The U.N.-backed body

known as the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria said this week that since October, the country has seen the worst wave of violence since 2012.

The war began as protests against Assad's government in March 2011, which were met by a brutal crackdown. The revolt quickly spiraled into a full-blown civil war, which was further complicated by the intervention of foreign forces.

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Syrian rebels during clashes with Syrian Army. AP File



House cats cause as much havoc on native wildlife as feral cats as they breed as fast and eat just as much. NYT

JUDICIAL DOCUMENTS REVEAL TOP MILITARY OFFICERS' STATEMENTS

BOLSONARO HAD PLAN TO REVERSE 2022 POLLS: OFFICIALS

TOP BRAZILIAN military leaders declared to police that former President Jair Bolsonaro presented to them a plan to reverse the results of the 2022 election he lost, but they refused and warned him that they would arrest him if he tried it, according to judicial documents released on Friday. The testimonies of Bolsonaro's former Army and Air Force commanders before the police, were released by the Supreme Court.

AP

PROPOSAL CITED END OF WAR IN 2ND PHASE

Aid ship reaches Gaza coast; Israel rejects Hamas ceasefire offer

Maritime aid may help to ease hunger but far from sufficient

REUTERS

GAZA, CAIRO, DUBAI, MARCH 15

THE FIRST ship carrying food aid reached the coast of the Gaza Strip on Friday, where hopes for a ceasefire to rescue the population from starvation suffered a new blow after Israel rejected the latest truce proposal from Hamas.

The Open Arms vessel, carrying 200 tonnes of food, could be seen in the distance off the beach of the coastal strip, where it had been towed from Cyprus.

If the new sea route is successful, it may help to ease the hunger crisis affecting Gaza. However, aid agencies have repeatedly said that plans to bring in aid by sea and through air drops will not be enough to satisfy the territory's vast needs.

Hamas proposed its latest counter-offer for a weeks-long ceasefire, but this was rejected by Israel, which said it was based on "unrealistic demands". The Hamas proposal, reviewed by Reuters, envisages release of Israeli hostages in return for hundreds of Palestinians held in Israeli jails.

It also calls for talks during a second phase that would eventually lead to the end of the war. Israel has persistently said it will discuss only temporary pauses.

21 killed at aid queue

In one of the worst reported incidents yet, Gaza health authorities reported at least 21 people had been killed and 150 wounded on Thursday night, blaming Israeli forces for opening fire into a crowd queuing up for food.



Palestinians flee north Gaza due to the increased Israeli offensive, at central Gaza on Friday. Reuters

Adding to cracks in ties, Biden backs Senator's call for fresh Israel polls

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WASHINGTON, MARCH 15

PRESIDENT JOE Biden expressed support Friday for Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer after the senator called for new elections in Israel, the latest sign that the US relationship with its closest Middle East ally is careening toward fracture over the war in Gaza.

Schumer, a Jewish Democrat from New York, sent tremors through both countries this week when he said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has "lost his way" and warned that "Israel cannot survive if it becomes a pariah" as Palestinian casualties continue to grow.

"He made a good speech,"

Biden said in the Oval Office during a meeting with Ireland's prime minister. "I think he expressed serious concerns shared not only by him but by many Americans."

The Democratic president's backing for Schumer could further frustrate Netanyahu, whose political party has already sharply criticized the US senator.

"One would expect Sen. Schumer to respect Israel's elected government and not undermine it," Netanyahu's party Likud said in a statement. "This is always true, and even more so in wartime."

Biden's comments reflect the evolution of his views on the war. He also accused Netanyahu of "hurting Israel more than helping Israel" with his leadership of the war.

Pak govt uses Pegasus to legally tap phones, top official tells court

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ISLAMABAD, MARCH 15

PAKISTAN TELECOMMUNICATION authority has installed a system for legal phone interception and the system was at the disposal of the government and its agencies, the chairman of the country's top telecom body told a court here.

Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Chairman, Major-General Hafeezur Rehman made the statements at the Islamabad High Court Thursday, the Dawn newspaper reported. Rehman said the Pegasus spyware developed by an Israeli surveillance firm, the NSO Group, can "hack a phone within a minute".

Responding to a question by Justice Babar Sattar, Rehman said that the top telecom body had installed a system, at the disposal of the federal government.

On being asked if phone tapping was being done illegally, authorities replied that legal interception does not pertain to cellular services, as it is the domain of the

PTI PROTEST OUTSIDE IMF AGAINST AID TO PAK: INFORMATION MINISTER

Islamabad: Pak Information Minister Atta Tarar on Friday accused jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party of orchestrating a protest in front of the IMF building in Washington to "sabotage" the plan to assist the cash-strapped country. He said that the PTI was trying to prevent the visit of the IMF mission to Pakistan to review the ongoing \$3 billion loan before releasing its third tranche of \$1.1 billion. PTI

PTA and the government.

Justice Sattar pointed out that in the case of legal interception, telecom operators share the individuals' locations with law enforcement agencies, while under an agreement with consumers, the operators are obliged to keep their personal information confidential.

WHILE PROGRAMS TO HUNT, BAIT, KILL FERAL CATS ARE IN PLACE, DOMESTIC CAT NUMBERS ARE UP BY 250%

Pets or Pests? How Australia tackles its feral, domestic cat populations

JULIA BERGIN
SYDNEY, MARCH 15

NO AMOUNT of gentle coaxing, regimented training, rehabilitation or punishment could ever prompt cats to ignore their killer instincts. Like their feral counterparts, even the most domesticated felines threaten any potential prey they find.

In Australia, where feral cat populations are managed with substantial amounts of federal money, time and resources, the management of domestic animals — specifically, pet cats — is plagued by poor communication with cat owners, poor funding from govern-



House cats cause as much havoc on native wildlife as feral cats as they breed as fast and eat just as much. NYT

ments and poor data collection.

In Australia's desert center, the Alice Springs Town Council has a dedicated team for managing domestic cats. The council levies hefty penalties for wandering house cats, employs cat traps and a web of trail cameras and promotes the use of "catteriams," or caged enclosures.

Further afield, in remote Indigenous communities, cat populations have boomed. Even as dedicated ranger programs are in place to hunt, bait, kill — and in some places eat — feral cats, annual growth rates for domestic cats are up as much as 250 percent.

That's because in Indigenous communities, feral cat hunters often double as domestic cat own-

ers, taking feral kittens as pets.

Dr Brooke Kennedy, a Kamilaroi woman who is leading research on cat ownership in remote Northern Territory Indigenous communities, said that the distinction between cats to kill and cats to keep was rooted in a cultural belief that every female animal should "experience birth" before it died. That's why there were no qualms in the community about killing a mother cat, but kittens were spared.

Like some of Australia's states and cities, various local councils have toyed with mandating desexing programs and caps on the number of animals per household. But in reality, rollout of "two-pet policies" has been haphazard, with pet owners and becoming part of cross-sector conversations. NYT

Shopowner held on espionage charges in Rajasthan

Jaipur: A man who used to run a shop selling Army uniforms in Rajasthan's Sriganganagar district has been arrested on espionage charges, officials have said.

Anand Raj Singh (22) was arrested on Thursday for allegedly

collecting information of strategic importance for the Army and sharing it with three female handlers of Pakistani intelligence agencies through social media, ADGP (Intelligence) Sanjay Agarwal said. He said the accused

used to run a uniform store outside the Suratgarh Army Cantonment in Sriganganagar.

Agarwal said Singh shut his shop sometime ago and was working in a factory in Behror area. Even during this period, he

was in touch with the female handlers of Pakistani intelligence agencies, the officer added. Singh used to secure confidential information of the Army from his sources and share it with the Pakistani agents, he said. PTI

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SBI duty-bound to give bond numbers: SC

of India," the CJL said, referring to the February 15 ruling that struck down the electoral bonds scheme as unconstitutional. He sought to know if someone was appearing on behalf of the SBI.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for petitioner NGO Association for Democratic Reforms, said the SBI, in its application seeking more time, which was dismissed on March 11, had said it had the poll bond numbers et cetera and that the data were in two different silos.

The ECI said it had not retained a copy of the data and would upload it on its website once the court returned what had been deposited with its Registry.

While considering the ECI plea, CJL Chandrachud noted that the SBI had not furnished the bond numbers to the ECI though the court had directed that all details be given.

"In our judgement, we had directed disclosure specifically of all details of the bond including the purchaser, the amount and the date of purchase. They have not disclosed the bond number... That has to be disclosed by the State Bank of India. Because if you see our judgement, all details have to be furnished by the State Bank

as is. Pointing out that the bank was not a party to the proceedings and therefore no one was appearing on its behalf, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta urged the bench to issue notice to the SBI.

Mehta clarified he was not appearing for the bank but for the government. "SBI is not a party. They were here because they had moved an application," he said, adding that the bank "may have something to say".

The CJL said, "They should be here when the matter is going on."

Expressing displeasure over the bond numbers not being disclosed, he said, "Really speaking... we can take exception to what they have disclosed because they were duty-bound..."

The bench then referred to its operative directions.

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for one of the petitioners, said, "This is an inclusive order... should include all details."

The bench then proceeded to issue notice to SBI and said, "The judgement of the Constitution Bench required the SBI to furnish to the ECI all details of the electoral bonds purchased and, as the case may be, redeemed by political parties including the date of purchase, name of purchaser and the date of purchase/redemption."

"It has been submitted that the SBI has not disclosed the unique alphanumeric number of the electoral bonds. Solicitor General submits that since he is not appearing for the SBI, notice maybe issued to SBI. We direct the

Registry to issue notice to SBI, returnable on Monday," it said.

Allowing the ECI request for return of the data submitted earlier, the bench said it was under the impression that the poll body had a copy of the data. It directed its Registry to return the data.

"The Registrar (Judicial) of this court shall ensure that the data which has been filed by ECI in pursuance of the interim orders of the court is scanned and digitised. This may be completed by 5 pm tomorrow. Once this exercise is completed, the original shall be returned to ECI counsel Amit Sharma who shall then upload it on the ECI website," it said.

The bench directed that a digital copy of the data too be furnished to the ECI counsel.

Responding to the March 11 direction by the bench asking it to furnish the details of the bonds to the ECI, the SBI had on Tuesday informed the Supreme Court that it had furnished details of the purchase and redemption of the bonds to the ECI.

business on an urgent basis. The Indian Express had earlier reported that the Enforcement Directorate had begun a money laundering probe against Future Gaming in early 2019. By July that year, it had attached assets worth over Rs 250 crore belonging to the company. On April 2, 2022, the ED attached movable assets worth Rs 409.92 crore in the case.

On April 7, five days after the attachment of these assets, Future Gaming bought Rs 100 crore in electoral bonds.

Reddy, the Joint Drug Controller (JDC) with the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (COSCO), was caught allegedly accepting Rs 4 lakh in cash.

According to the CJL, Reddy had three files of Biocon Biologics Ltd pending with him for clearance and bribes had been allegedly negotiated for clearing all of them. Biocon had denied all allegations.

However, all of Shaw's purchases came in April 2023.

When contacted, Shaw told The Indian Express: "I have no comments to offer. I have always talked about supporting elections and I have done my bit at a personal level. My company does not support political funding."

A major infrastructure firm, Patel Engineering, purchased electoral bonds worth Rs 6 crore.

In April 2022, CBI booked Patel Engineering for irregularities in a hydel project in Jammu and Kashmir. The case was registered following allegations made by former Governor of the erstwhile state Satyapal Malik in a press statement.

Beginning December that year, Patel Engineering began buying electoral bonds. In July 2020, promoters of Bhopal-based Som Distilleries were arrested by GST authorities for alleged tax evasion of Rs 8 crore. In October 2023, the company and its sister concern Som Distilleries Breweries Ltd bought electoral bonds worth Rs 50 crore in 2019, was raided by Income Tax Department on January 22, 2020.

Hyderabad-based Nagarjuna Construction Company Limited purchased Rs 60 crore in electoral bonds in 2019 and 2022. On November 15, 2022, the Income Tax department conducted searches on NCC for suspected tax evasion. Similarly, United Phosphorus India Limited, which bought bonds worth Rs 50 crore in 2019, was raided by Income Tax Department on January 22, 2020.

All the firms mentioned above were contacted over email. Barring Shaw and DLF, none were available for comment.

BSY booked in POCSO case

Yeddyurappa said, "Around one or one and a half months ago, they came to my house seeking help... After listening to her, I called the city police commissioner over the phone in an effort to address her problem. Later, they spoke against me and I then suspected there was some health problem with her. I sent them to the city police commissioner's office. I even gave her some money as they were in trouble. I came to know that an FIR has been registered and I will look into it. But this is what I have faced for helping someone."

A case was registered under the POCSO Act and section 354(a) (unwelcome and explicit sexual behaviour) of the Indian Penal Code.

On Friday, the case was handed over to the Karnataka Police's Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwaran said the girl would be given security if required. "Yesterday night (Thursday), around 10 pm, the woman approached Sadashivanagar police and filed a complaint. Police have registered a case and are investigating the matter. I do not want to speak about it now. It is a sensitive case as the allegations are against a former chief minister," he said, adding that there would be no political vendetta in the case.

UNDER AMITABH KANT PANEL SCHEME

In 15 days, only 250 flats registered in Noida as part of special drive

DHEERAJ MISHRA
NOIDA, MARCH 15

WHEN THE Uttar Pradesh government issued the order to implement the Amitabh Kant committee report on legacy stalled projects in December 2023, the announcement was expected to accelerate the pace of registration of flats in several parts of NCR. However, in the last 15 days, only around 250 flats have been registered with the Noida Authority.

In the last fortnight, the authority has organised camps on three days in collaboration with the sub-registrar office – one at Express Zenith society in sector-77 and a two-day camp at Indira Gandhi Kala Kendra to felicitate the buyers. We have not set any target for the registration, it will be done on the basis of payment by the builders," said the CEO.

Under the scheme, the registration of flats could begin after the builder pays 25% of the outstanding amount (land dues) within 60 days. The scheme also provides for a two-year zero period relief, taking into account Covid period, to the builders, among other benefits. Under the zero-period waiver clause, interest and penal interest will not be levied on the builder for two years, and the installments will be shifted beyond it.

A total of 57 builders – this does not include projects in NCLT/courts – were roped in under the plan by the Noida authority. Of these, developers of 35 projects have given the consent for the scheme. However, only 14 builders have paid the required 25% of the dues so far.



The first camp in this regard was held on March 1. Express

and get all the documents ready for the registration. We have directed the builders to inform the residents after depositing the money, so that they can start the process of registration of flats. We will keep holding a special camp at Indira Gandhi Kala Kendra to felicitate the buyers. We have not set any target for the registration, it will be done on the basis of payment by the builders," said the CEO.

In the last fortnight, the authority has organised camps on three days in collaboration with the sub-registrar office – one at Express Zenith society in sector-77 and a two-day camp at Indira Gandhi Kala Kendra in Noida sector-6 – but during this period, flats of only about 115 buyers could be registered. Sources said that even if the registrations done by buyers by visiting the Sub-Registrar office are added, the total number under the Kant package will not exceed 250.

In the recent two-days camp organised by the Authority in Noida, only 25 and 28 sub-lease deeds (Registry) were executed

"It is also a time-taking process for buyers to purchase

Nominations for JNU students' union polls open, final candidates' list out today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

THE NOMINATIONS for the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) students' union elections were filed on Friday, with the final list of candidates slated to be released on Saturday.

According to the JNU Students' Union (JNUSU) election committee, it received 45 nominations for the post of president, vice-president (43), general secretary (44), joint secretary (38) and councillors (258) as of Friday night.

The Left-backed students' organisations have shortlisted four candidates – Umesh Kumar Yadav from Students' Federation of India (SFI), Ananya Pradeep and Swati Singh from Democratic Students' Federation (DSF), and Dhananjay from All India Students' Association (AISA) – for the post of president, as per student representatives of these parties.

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) will field around 12 candidates, including Umesh Chandra Ajmira, Arjun Anand, Govind Dangi, Deepika Sharma, Manjul Pawar, Medha Singh, Unnati Panjikar, A S Stalin, Kanishk Gaur, Abhishek Singh, Akash Kumar Ravani, and Kavya Pal. Among these, the final four will be selected to become JNUSU office-bearers, said ABVP in a statement.

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In Capital, second gangster wedding in a week as Yogesh Tunda ties the knot

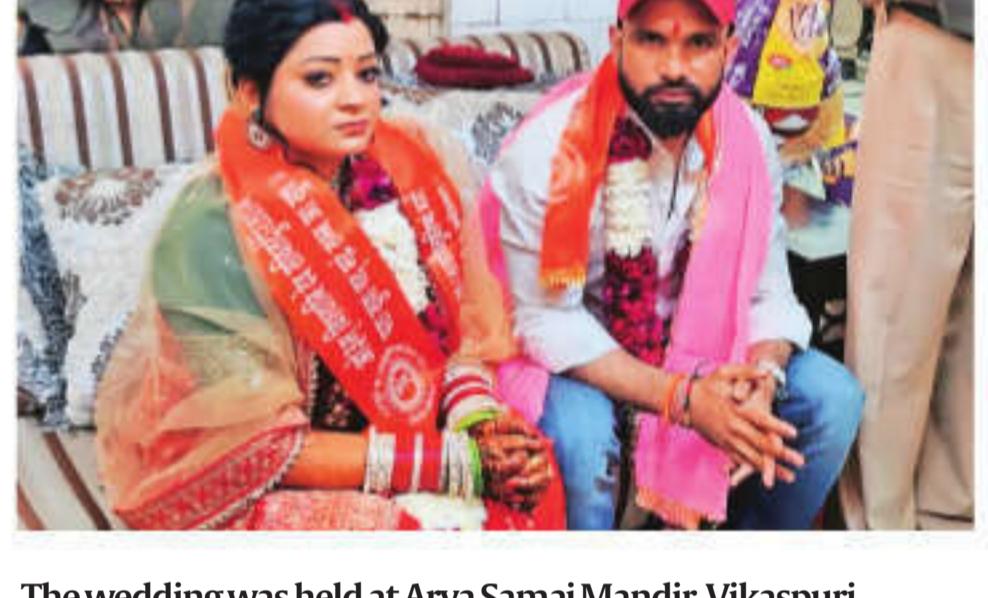
HIMANSHU HARSH
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

FOR THE second time this week, the Capital witnessed the wedding of a gangster amid heavy police security as Yogesh Tunda tied the knot with his long-time partner at the Arya Samaj Mandir in Vikaspuri on Friday.

The event came two days after the wedding of two notorious gangsters – Kala Jathedi aka Sandeep Jhanjhariya and Anuradha Choudhary aka Madam Minz – in Dwarka on Tuesday.

However, this is where the similarity ended.

While the venue of the Jathedi-Minz wedding, a marriage lawn, was adorned with flowers and orange fabric, with women singing traditional wedding songs, Tunda's marital union was a hush-hush affair with only 16 people invited under the guard of the Special Cell, 3rd Battalion, Crime Branch and Delhi Police.



The wedding was held at Arya Samaj Mandir, Vikaspuri.

Besides, unlike Jathedi, Tunda's partner has no history of crime.

Tunda, a member of the Gogi Gang, who currently resides in Tihar jail, was granted a six-hour custody parole (from 12pm to 6pm) for his wedding by the Delhi High Court. He gained infamy in May 2023 when he allegedly murdered another inmate from a rival gang, Tillu

Tajpuria, as revenge for killing his gang's head Jitender Mann alias Gogi.

"Yogesh reached the venue amid tight security around 12.15pm where his wife-to-be, Neetu, was waiting along with her family," said one of Tunda's legal representatives, Abhishek Tyagi.

According to Tunda's counsel Virendra Maul, Yogesh and

Neetu have been in a relationship for the last nine years. "Basically, it's a love marriage... The two knew each other before Yogesh's jail days. Neetu even came to meet him in jail several times," Maul said.

The guest list of 16 people was limited to the bride and groom's parents, siblings and close relatives. "No 17th person was allowed inside the temple, with the only exception being the security personnel..." said Tyagi. The wedding was earlier supposed to take place in another venue in Tis Hazari but was changed due to security concerns, said one of Tunda's lawyers Manish Godara.

However, not everyone at the venue was happy with the wedding. A family, which had come to the temple for their son's last rites, said they were not allowed to enter the premises until the wedding concluded. "We had booked the venue from 4pm, but we aren't allowed to go in," said the sister of the deceased man.

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH
Advertisement No.2/2024

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REGISTRAR

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH
Advt. No. 01/2024

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the following posts, so as to reach in the Office of the Assistant Registrar (Estt.-II) (Non-Teaching), Panjab University, Chandigarh by **15.04.2024** :-

Sr.No.	POST	PAY SCALE
1.	Director Physical Education & Sports - 01	Academic Level 14 with Entry Pay of Rs.1,44,200/-
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4.	Programmer - 02	CPC: Level-10 with initial start of Rs.56,100/-

Details of advertisement and application form for above said posts alongwith "Detailed Instructions" for candidates is available on the University website: www.jobs.puchd.ac.in. **REGISTRAR**

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Last date of submission of application by the applicant is

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Fake websites offering Indian Coast Guard jobs under police scanner

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, MARCH 15

THE NOIDA Police has booked several unidentified persons based on a complaint filed by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) that fake websites for recruitment to the maritime security agency were created, inviting applications from across the country.

According to the agency, they suspect that a major cyber fraud was being planned with the help of these fake websites.

"It is informed that the ICG received an email from the Indian Computer Emergency Response

Team (CERT-In) on December 27, 2023, regarding a suspicious and fake website. The website was running a fake recruitment campaign for the assistant commandant (serviceman) in the ICG's name. However, no such recruitment is being undertaken by the ICG. The same was confirmed by the C-DAC Pune," read the complaint filed by Commandant T Ngamlien, Joint Director (Recruitment).

Action will be taken against the fake websites, and a report regarding the same will be intimated to the Directorate at the earliest, the complainant added.

"ICG... is involved in securing

our sea borders. Its headquarters is located in Delhi, and the ICG Directorate of Recruitment in Noida Sector 62, ICG recruits its manpower (officers enrolled personnel) by conducting computer-based examinations in coordination with C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing) in Pune. For various recruitment drives, ICG has been maintaining an official website in the domain of C-DAC since 2020," read the complaint.

An FIR under Indian Penal Code Section 420 (cheating), and Section 66D of the Information Technology (Amendment) Act has been registered.

CAG's advice to firms: Follow highest ethical standards to prevent collapse

New Delhi: Observing that faltering of business professionals causes domino effects, leading to the failure of entities such as Silicon Valley Bank, Comptroller and Auditor General G C Murmu said on Friday that if the highest professional and ethical standards were truly followed, companies like Satyam and ILFS would not have collapsed.

Addressing the SRCC Business Conclave at Shri Ram College of Commerce, Murmu said India is the 'bright spot' in the world economy today, and it will continue to attract more investment during the "Amrit Kaal". ENS

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MINISTRY OF COAL
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st February, 2024

S.O. 415(E).—Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Coal number S.O. 2166 (E), dated the 11th May, 2023 issued under sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957 (20 of 1957) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), and published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, section 3, sub-section (ii), dated the 11th May, 2023, the Central Government gave notice of its intention to prospect for coal in 146.18 hectares (approximately) or 361.0646 acres (approximately) of the lands in the locality specified in the Schedule annexed to that notification;

And whereas, the Central Government is satisfied that coal is obtainable in a part of the said lands prescribed in the Schedule appended to this notification;

Now, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 7 of the said Act, the Central Government hereby gives notice of its intention to acquire the lands measuring 146.62 hectares (approximately) or 362.1514 acres (approximately) and all rights in or over the said lands described in the Schedule appended hereto.

Note 1: The plan bearing number ECL/SPM/GM/SUR/I-24/LAND/196, dated 9th November, 2023 of the area covered by this notification may be inspected in the office of the Collector, District Deoghar (Jharkhand) or in the office of the Coal Controller, Coal Controller's Organisation, Ministry of Coal, Scope Minar, 5th Floor, Core-II, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110 092 or in the office of the Director Technical (Project and Planning), Eastern Coalfields Limited, Sanctoria, P.O. Disherghar, District-Pashchim Burdwan- 71333, West Bengal.

Note 2. Attention is hereby invited to the provisions of section 8 of the said Act which provides as follows :-

8. Objection to acquisition - (1) Any person interested in any land in respect of which a notification under section 7 has been issued may, within thirty days of the issue of the notification, object to the acquisition of the whole or any part of the land or any rights in or over such land.

Explanation. - It shall not be an objection within the meaning of this section for any person to say that he himself desires to undertake mining operations in the land for the production of coal and that such operations should not be undertaken by the Central Government or any other person.

(2) Every objection under sub-section (1) shall be made to the competent authority in writing, and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard either in person or by a legal practitioner, and shall, after hearing all such objections and after making such further inquiry, if any, as he thinks necessary, either make a report in respect of the land which has been notified under sub-section (1) of section 7 or rights of or over such land, or make different reports in respect of different parcels of such land or of rights in or over such land, to the Central Government, containing his recommendations on the objections, together with the record of the proceedings held by him, for the decision of that Government.

(3) For purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to be interested in the land who would be entitled to claim an interest in compensation if the land or any rights in or over such land were acquired under this Act.

Note 3 : The Coal Controller, Coal Controller's Organisation, Core-II, 5th Floor, Scope Minar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110 092 has been appointed by the Central Government as the competent authority under section 3 of the said Act vide notification number S.O. 2520, dated the 27th May, 1983 published the Gazette of India, Part II, section 3, sub-section (ii), dated the 11th June, 1983.

SCHEDULE
Chitra East Open cast Project
Saharjori Coalfields under S P Mines Area, ECL
District - Deoghar, State - Jharkhand

[Plan bearing number ECL/SPM/GM/SUR/I-24/LAND/196, dated the 9th November, 2023]

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S K Y W A T C H
FORECAST: March 16
Partly cloudy sky
becoming mainly clear
towards afternoon

MAX: 30 1.1°C above normal | MIN: 12 2.9°C below normal

BRIEFLY

Court grants Manish Sisodia early hearing

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Friday allowed an early hearing on the bail plea of Delhi's former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia in relation to the liquor excise policy case after the Supreme Court dismissed his curative petition. Sisodia's petition will now be heard by Rouse Avenue Court on March 18. Earlier in February, in the Enforcement Directorate's money-laundering case related to the excise policy, the court of Special Judge MK Nagpal deferred a hearing on the regular bail application filed by Sisodia. ENS

Delhi HC rules in favour of Dolma momos

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has recently cancelled the trademark registration titled 'Dolma Aunty Momos' of a Uttar Pradesh resident, in a plea by Dolma Tshering — the proprietor of the popular flagship shop in Delhi which sells momos, against the use of the trademark by the individual. The order was passed by a single-judge bench of Justice Anish Dayal. ENS

Apple products worth several lakhs 'stolen'

Gurgaon: Apple products worth Rs 47 lakh were allegedly stolen and swapped with duplicates from a facility in Gurgaon on Thursday. According to police, the security manager at a delivery company based out of Bilaspur filed a complaint that a shipment comprising 62 watches and 17 Airpods that were not delivered to customers had been stolen and swapped. ENS

DIDN'T MISS ED SUMMONS INTENTIONALLY: KEJRIWAL

His plea rejected, CM has to appear in court today in excise policy case

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

A DELHI court on Friday refused to stay magisterial court proceedings against Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on an Enforcement Directorate (ED) complaint for skipping summons in a money laundering case linked to the now-scraped Delhi excise policy.

Last Wednesday, the ED moved the Rouse Avenue Court with its second complaint against the AAP convener for allegedly not complying with its eight summons, so far, in the case. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Divya Malhotra then summoned Kejriwal to appear before it on March 16.

The CM then moved the Delhi court, challenging the summons, and requesting an exemption from physical appearance on Saturday. He also filed two revision pleas — represented by advocates Ramesh Gupta and Rajiv Mohan — against as many summons issued by the ACMM

(Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate) Court.

On Friday, Kejriwal argued that he did not miss the ED summons intentionally, but was unable in doing so due to his "hectic schedule as a CM".

Senior advocate Gupta submitted: "I (Kejriwal) have been summoned with the intention to be arrested. Just a few hours after it was announced that I will go to Goa for election campaigning, they summoned me... There is a reason I said I could not go as I remain busy in public functions, as a CM. And the magistrate has not considered this."

The ED had replied to Kejriwal's response to the first summons after 73 days, Gupta said, adding: "Inse (Kejriwal) se zyada ordinary aadmi kya hogा? Suit tak nahi pehna aaj tak inhone... Ye din mein baar kapde nahi badalta. He is an ordinary man."

Advocate Rajiv Mohan then submitted that the ACMM did not apply her "judicial mind" while issuing summons to the CM. "This is the failure of justice, due to which, a common citizen



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal says he is 'being summoned with the intention to be arrested'. Tashi Tobgyal

(till yesterday) is an accused today," said the counsel.

The ACMM... while issuing the summons did not consider that the person should be legally competent, Mohan submitted: "You interpolated the format of summons. You added 'in person' when you could not have. I submit that this may be a good ground for staying the proceedings."

Additional Solicitor General SVRaju for the ED, however, said that the CM cannot ask the magisterial court to conduct a "mini trial" now, and added: "If his disobedience was intentional or not is a matter of trial. The defence cannot be looked at at this stage."

"At this stage (of the investigation), we cannot tell him (Kejriwal) the details of the investigation. How can he ask whether he was summoned as an accused or a witness... We cannot tell you why you are being summoned, you may tamper with the evidence," said Raju, adding "the CM skipping the summons could be a case of wil-

ful disobedience".

"How do I know whether he was an accused or a witness without recording his statement?" asked Raju, adding that there was no requirement for a stay in the case as "the CM could appear before the court for five minutes". "We want to complete the investigation, but you are not complying with the summons. Your goal is to make sure that (Manish) Sisodia gets bail. The higher your power, the bigger your duty to attend summons is," the ASG added.

Kejriwal, on February 3 this year, had skipped the fifth ED summons — under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) Section 50 — following which the latter filed a complaint against the CM in the Rouse Avenue Court under Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) sections 190 and 200. The court had then directed Kejriwal to appear before it on February 17; however, the CM joined the court proceeding via video-conferencing as he had to attend the confidence motion and Budget session in the Delhi Assembly that day.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

The Delhi High Court has recently observed that the summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate cannot be quashed on the ground that "relevant documents required for investigation or confrontation" with regard to the accused have not been "specified in the summons".

The HC further said that under the scheme of PMLA upon identification of existence of property being proceeds of crime, the competent authority is to inquire into relevant aspects in relation to such property and take necessary measures.

It said that the ECIR is ED's "internal document" created before initiation of prosecution against persons involved in the activity connected to the 'proceeds of crime' and it is not necessary to reveal the ED's proof at the stage of summons to the petitioner.

...Petitioner is yet to be absolved of scheduled offence by way of discharge, acquittal or quashing and as such protection orders cannot be issued in favour of petitioner ignoring the mandate under Section 45 of PMLA, 2002 for grant of bail," the HC said.

ED to refrain from taking any coercive steps against him. ED opposed the plea, saying Darvesh cannot be insulated from any coercive action at the initial stage itself and no protective orders could be passed in his favour, ignoring the mandate of Section 45 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for grant of bail.

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Delete 'derogatory' posts on BharatPe within 48 hrs: HC to Ashneer Grover

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday directed former BharatPe MD Ashneer Grover to "take down within 48 hours" certain "derogatory" social media posts against the fintech firm, its office bearers and officials.

The HC was hearing a plea for interim relief by the plaintiff — private startup Resilient Innovations Private Limited, the creator of BharatPe app — alleging that Grover had made certain posts against two judicial orders passed by the court last year as well as against an undertaking given by him "not to post any such defamatory contents in the future".

The plea was filed in the fintech company's pending law-suit seeking a "permanent injunction" restraining Grover and his family from making defamatory statements against the company, its directors, employees and for recovery of Rs 88.67 crore. ENS



BREAKING FAST AT JAMA MASJID

People having iftar after breaking their Ramzan fast, at Jama Masjid in Old Delhi on Friday. Praveen Khanna

'JAHAN JHUGGI, WAHAN MAKAN'

3 more slum clusters in Delhi to be redeveloped

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

THREE MORE slum clusters in Delhi will be redeveloped as part of the Centre's 'Jahan Jhuggi, Wahan Makhan' in-situ rehabilitation programme, with an aim to improve nearly 4,000 households in the trans-Yamuna area.

Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena along with senior Delhi Development Authority (DDA) officials took the decision on Friday; with the L-G, in a related move, also approving the set-up of a special economic zone (SEZ) or free trade zone (FTZ) at the IGIA. "This will be the first in-situ rehabilitation project in Trans-

Yamuna area comprising East and Northeast Delhi, and the fourth project in Delhi after the in-situ rehabilitation projects at Kalkaji Extension, Jairowlala Bagh and Kathputli Colony," said L-G House officials.

The project, set to unfold at Dilshad Garden area comprising three JJ clusters — Kalandar Colony, Deepak Colony, and Dilshad Vihar Colony — will see development over nearly seven hectares. On this, the AAP-led government in Delhi said that the L-G is "trying an image makeover" amid "pressure" ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. It alleged that over 3 lakh poor residents of these clusters had been rendered homeless due to demolition drives.

Cops: Two minors feared drowned in Hindon; search on

Noida: Two children are suspected to have drowned in Hindon River in Kakrila village near Noida on Friday morning, said officers. A team of officers from different departments, including the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), launched a search operation. However, they could not find the children.

The victims have been identified as eight-year-old Ashish and Abhishek (11) — residents of Bulandshahr's Jahangirabad and Badaun, respectively. Ashish is the only child, while Abhishek has two brothers and as many sisters. An officer said: "It is learnt that the children were returning from school when they decided to go into the river to collect coconuts for some religious vunerations..." ENS

HC to Tihar officials: Unlock Aaftab for 8 hrs a day like other inmates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

THE DELHI High Court on Friday directed the Tihar jail authorities to allow Aaftab Poonawala, an accused in the 2022 Shraddha Walkar murder case, to be "unlocked" for eight hours a day like other prison inmates before being sent back to solitary confinement.

The HC was hearing Poonawala's plea claiming that "under the garb of his security, he is being locked in for 22 hours a day out of 24".

A division bench of Justice Suresh Kumar Kait and Justice Girish Kathpalia directed, "Since

it is the request of the petitioner's counsel, we direct the jail authorities to unlock him for eight hours, as applicable to other prisoners, and during the night, he be lodged in a solitary cell."

Poonawala's counsel submitted that he had been kept in solitary confinement since last year. He said that his client is released for one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening, while other inmates are unlocked for eight hours a day. He further submitted that Poonawala had not committed any jail offence. The counsel appearing for jail authorities submitted that Poonawala was not kept with other inmates due to a "threat perception".



Winning journalists Ritika Chopra (R) and Greeshma Kuthar at the award ceremony in Delhi on Friday. Anil Sharma

have worked effectively to boost industry as manufacturing as a percentage of our GDP has remained stagnant," Ninan said.

According to Ninan, there has been a growing imbalance between the employee and the employer. "Two in five workers in our organised workforce are contract-based workers... there has been a 5% growth in regular labour, whereas there has been a 23% increase in contractual labour em-

ployed in the past few years."

The Chamel Devi Jain Award was handed out to Ritika Chopra, Bureau Chief and Education Editor, *The Indian Express*, for her work that highlighted rewriting of history in NCERT textbooks, and her reportage on the Election Commission after which the CEC was reinstated. Greeshma Kuthar, an independent journalist, also won the award for covering ethnic violence in Manipur.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Mochar Ghonto West Bengal	
Buransh squash Uttarakhand	
Mahuar roti Bihar	
Kamal Kakdi kebab Kashmir	
Alu Shoibum Kanghou Manipur	

DATE: MARCH 16, 17

12PM TO 9PM

Price: Rs 50 to Rs 300

VENUE: PSO, VINAY MARG, CHANAKYAPURI

used to treat snake bites; and Alu Shoibum Kanghou, a bamboo flower dish from Manipur.

Saira's Awadhi Kitchen would be serving Gulab Ki Kheer, Zafrani Awadhi Murgh Biriyani, and Raahat Baksh Ki Chai.

"I belong to the lineage of nawabs so, representing the aromatic flavours of Lucknow means a lot to me. Raahat Baksh Ki Chai is my own creation that is made of five flowers — Lavender, Rose, Chamomile, Desi Gulab, and Passion flower;" Saira, who juggles her passion for food with a full-time radio

job, said.

Lipiika Roy Ranjan from Lipi Cookery would be serving Rose Rasmalai and Drumstick Flower Kofta — her own creations especially made for the festival.

"I have a strong relationship with food; I started working as a food blogger in 2011; in 2020, I decided to open Lipi Cookery because my family and friends would really appreciate my food and insisted that I start my own kitchen," she said.

Beside home cooks, chefs from hotels like The Connaught,

The Park and Radisson Blue will set up their stalls.

Other culinary delights that will be offered at the festival are Gulkand, Gulab Sattu Sharbat, Gulab Ki Kulfi, Valapu Vada Biryani, Rose Basundi, Rose-coconut Chutney, Coconut Flower Shake, Sitalaf Phool Pe Kakaude, Gulab Rasmalai, Saffron Jangiri and Kesar-Badam milk.

The food items will be priced between Rs 50 and Rs 300.

The festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, between 12pm and 9pm, at PSO, Vinay Marg, Chanakyapuri.

KAMAL KAKDI KEBAB, GULAB KI KHEER AND MORE

NDMC's 2-day unique festival to acquaint foodies with flavours of flowers

SAMAN HUSAIN
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

WHAT IS common between West Bengal's Mochar Ghonto, Uttarakhand's Buransh squash and Bihar's Mahuar roti? All these delicacies have different varieties of flowers as their star ingredients. To bring such unique culinary delights to the forefront, the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) will organise a two-day flower food festival, starting Saturday. "The objective behind organ-

SADAK SURAKHIYA FORCE



“ The establishment of the Sadak Surakhiya Force wasn't a spur-of-the-moment decision but the culmination of a thorough evaluation of the pressing issue at hand. ”

— Bhagwant Singh Mann, Chief Minister-Punjab.



CM Mann's SSF Initiative Aims to End Punjab's Road Fatality Crisis

CHIEF Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, drawing on his extensive experience as an MP, took a bold step to tackle Punjab's escalating road accident crisis by introducing the Sadak Suraksha Force (SSF). Witnessing a disturbing statistic of an average of 14 daily fatalities in the state during 2016-17, as revealed through the Member Reference Service in Parliament, Mann was compelled to act.

In response to recent unfortunate incidents involving prominent individuals, CM Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann has stressed the importance of prioritizing

and improving road safety measures. His vision for the SSF, comprising 144 vehicles and 5,000 personnel strategically stationed every 30 kilometers along the roads, marked a significant stride towards mitigating road fatalities.

The SSF transcends conventional enforcement approaches. It not only regulates traffic flow but also introduces a point system for driving licenses to discourage repeat offenders. Noteworthy is the inclusive approach of incorporating a substantial number of women drivers, reflecting a progressive stance towards gender equality within the force.

Acknowledging the heightened risk

period from 6 pm to 12 am, SSF personnel are now equipped with comprehensive medical kits and trained to respond promptly and effectively. Their responsibilities encompass curbing reckless driving, managing traffic flow, and ensuring timely medical assistance through trauma centers.

As Punjab endeavours for safer roads, the SSF emerges as a beacon of hope, promising a more secure environment for all citizens. With its proactive measures and dedicated personnel, it embodies the government's commitment to prioritize public safety and curb the alarming toll of road accidents.

Punjab Drives to Road Safety

Punjab's Bold Move Pays Off: Sadak Surakhiya Force Shows Early Signs of Success in Curbing Road Accidents and Crime



In a groundbreaking development poised to revolutionize road safety measures across India, the Sadak Surakhiya Force (SSF) in Punjab has emerged as a beacon of hope in its inaugural phase. Spearheaded by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the SSF stands as a pioneering initiative dedicated to staunching the tide of road accidents and facilitating seamless traffic flow throughout the state.

Boasting an impressive arsenal of 144 state-of-the-art vehicles, comprising 116 Toyota Hilux and 28 Mahindra Scorpios, the SSF blankets critical thoroughfares spanning an extensive 4,100 kilometers. These vehicles are not merely

conventional patrollers; rather, they are fortified with cutting-edge technology, including speed guns, alchometers, e-challan machines, and sophisticated AI-powered systems, meticulously engineered to enforce traffic regulations with unprecedented precision and efficacy.

The SSF's unwavering commitment to its mandate is palpable in its lightning-fast response times. Within the inaugural month of operations, the force has promptly attended to a staggering 1,053 accidents, boasting an enviable average response time of a mere 6 minutes and 29 seconds, equivalent to a mere 389 seconds. This remarkable agility translates into tangible lives saved, with the SSF admin-

istering vital first aid to no fewer than 784 casualties, while facilitating urgent hospital care for 574 individuals grappling with severe injuries.

Moreover, the SSF's pervasive presence on the roads has precipitated a discernible downturn in criminal activities along the patrolled routes, underscoring the force's multifaceted approach to ensuring public safety. Notably, the SSF has even played a pivotal role in unearthing and thwarting nefarious criminal endeavors, further burnishing its reputation as a stalwart guardian of law and order.

Arguably, the most promising facet of the SSF's burgeoning legacy lies in the reported reduction in road accident fatalities

since its inception. This early trajectory augurs well for the force's overarching mission of fostering safer roads across Punjab, heralding a paradigm shift in the state's approach to traffic management and accident prevention.

As the Sadak Surakhiya Force's triumphant narrative continues to unfold, its exploits are being keenly observed by other states grappling with analogous road safety conundrums. Indeed, this visionary initiative holds the promise of serving as a blueprint for bolstered traffic management strategies and diminished accident rates nationwide, thereby charting a course toward a safer, more secure future for all Indian motorists

HISTORIC LAUNCH OF LIFESAVING INITIATIVE:

- Punjab has become the first State to launch this ambitious Sadak Surakhiya Force to save the precious lives of people
- Chief Minister of Punjab introduced the pioneering launch of a ground-breaking scheme to protect lives on war footing.

ROOTED IN CONCERN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Reflecting on past efforts as an MP and longstanding intentions to establish a force dedicated to saving lives.

REALISATION OF LONG-HELD ASPIRATION:

- CM Punjab expressed fulfillment as a dream of establishing the force finally materialised.

PROMISE OF ENHANCED POLICE EFFICIENCY:

- CM Mann has assured the public of Punjab of improved law enforcement efficiency with the establishment of the SSF.

COMMITMENT TO MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Chief Minister of Punjab has announced a monthly data analysis to assess the SSF's effectiveness.
- CM has pledged transparency by regularly sharing performance data with the public.

Punjab's "Farishtey Scheme" Offers Lifeline to Road Accident Victims

Punjab Leads the Way with "Farishtey Scheme": Free Medical Care and Rewards for Aiding Road Accident Victims

IN a groundbreaking and compassionate move, the Punjab government's "Farishtey Scheme" continues to make waves in prioritizing human life above all else, particularly for those unfortunate victims of road accidents. This innovative initiative, which guarantees free medical treatment for every accident victim regardless of nationality, caste, or socioeconomic status, is setting a new standard for humanitarian efforts in the region.

The Farishtey Scheme has emerged as a beacon of hope for those in dire need of immediate medical attention following road accidents. By eliminating the financial burden associated with treatment, it ensures that no one is denied life-saving care due to economic constraints. Moreover, the scheme goes the extra mile by offering a Rs. 2,000 reward as a gesture of gratitude to individuals who bring injured persons to the hospital. This incentive, combined with the promise of no unnecessary interrogation by authorities, aims to foster a culture of proactive assistance among bystanders.

The impact of the Farishtey Scheme has been nothing short of remarkable. In its inaugural month alone, a staggering 574 accident

victims benefited from free medical care under this initiative. These early figures underscore the scheme's potential to revolutionize the landscape of emergency healthcare provision in Punjab, significantly improving outcomes for those injured on the state's roads.

However, the Farishtey Scheme is more than just a government policy; it represents a profound embodiment of compassion and social responsibility. By removing financial and bureaucratic barriers, the scheme empowers ordinary citizens to become lifesavers in their communities. This not only saves lives but also alleviates the immense physical, emotional, and financial burdens faced by accident victims and their families during times of crisis.

The success of the Farishtey Scheme has not gone unnoticed, with other states in India closely monitoring its progress. This pioneering initiative has the potential to serve as a blueprint for enhanced road safety measures nationwide, heralding a more humane and supportive approach to assisting those in need. As Punjab leads the way in prioritizing human life and compassion, it sets an inspiring example for the rest of the country to follow.



WHO BOUGHT BONDS

SOME OF THESE FIRMS ARE IN NIFTY-50 INDEX

India Inc's 10 big groups purchased electoral bonds worth ₹1,306 crore

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, MARCH 15

COMPANIES BELONGING to India's ten leading business groups, including Bajaj, Birlas and Mahindras, purchased electoral bonds worth Rs 1,306 crore, according to the data released by the Election Commission of India on Thursday.

He said it is important for people to know what kind of money – dirty money or drug money – is coming. He said it was important to know the nexus between the donors and government policies "as there are no free lunches".

People want to know who is funding the government (apparently referring to the ruling party), he said. He said there may be instances that those donating may end up grabbing licences, contracts, bank loans "on which they default." "All these things have to be in public domain," he said. PTI

investors. A section of financial observers believes market regulator Sebi should make it mandatory for companies to disclose political funding through stock exchange filings.

Leading the top firms in the purchases was Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Group, which bought electoral bonds worth Rs 375 crore, the ECI data showed.

The Bajaj Group of companies bought electoral bonds worth Rs 48 crore, the ECI data showed. Bajaj Auto, managed by Rajiv Bajaj, bought bonds worth Rs 18 crore, while Bajaj Finance bought bonds worth Rs 20 crore. Bajaj Holdings is recorded to have bought poll bonds worth Rs 10 crore.

Rajiv Bajaj's brother Sanjiv is the Chairperson of Bajaj Finance and MD of Bajaj Holdings.

The Aditya Birla group

HOW MUCH WAS PURCHASED (₹ cr)

Vedanta Group	375
Bharti Airtel	247
Jindal Group	195
Aditya Birla Group	175
DLF	160
Bajaj Group	48
Piramal Group	48
Mahindra Group	26
TVS	26
ITC	6.55

headed by Kumar Mangalam Birla bought bonds worth Rs 175 crore – Rs 35 crore through Ultratech Cement and Rs 33 crore through Grasim. Birla

Estate Pvt Ltd also bought bonds worth Rs 2 crore, while Birla Carbon purchased for Rs 105 crore.

Sunil Mittal's Bharti Airtel group bought bonds worth Rs 247 crore, of which Bharti Airtel accounted for Rs 198 crore.

The share of five Jindal companies/entities, managed separately by family members, was Rs 195 crore. Of this, Jindal Steel bought bonds worth Rs 123 crore and Jindal House, an entity of the Jindals, spent Rs 10 crore.

The Mahindra Group, headed by Anand Mahindra, bought bonds worth Rs 26 crore, most of it (Rs 25 crore) by its flagship Mahindra & Mahindra.

Real estate major DLF bought bonds for Rs 160 crore with Ultratech Cement and Rs 10 crore accounting for Rs 130 crore. The

Piramals spent Rs 48 crore on the bonds.

Two TVS companies bought bonds worth Rs 26 crore, while ITC accounted for Rs 6.55 crore.

Meanwhile, names of the Indian arms of multinational companies such as Hindustan Unilever and Nestle do not figure in the list.

Pushed and prodded by the Supreme Court which struck down the electoral bonds scheme – introduced by the first Narendra Modi government in 2018 – the Election Commission released Thursday the list of those who purchased bonds.

The total amount donated under the scheme from April 1, 2019 to February 15, 2024, was Rs 12,156 crore, of which almost half came from the top 20 donors alone, the data provided by the SBI to the ECI showed.

Directors of owner firms of Donor No. 3 Qwik Supply are Reliance executives

Service Private Limited, Vibrant Advertising Pvt Limited, and Imaginationworks Production Company Pvt Ltd.

At least one director in five of these six companies is a top RIL executive; in the sixth company, one of the directors is a former top executive from RIL.

Qwik Supply's financial statements accessed from RoC shows its net turnover was Rs 9,813 crore in FY21, Rs 11,165 crore in FY22 and Rs 15,734 crore in FY23. In these three years, its net profit was Rs 24.24 crore, Rs 22.09 crore and Rs 33.65 crore, respectively.

In other words, Qwik Supply's aggregate profit of Rs 79.98 crore over the previous years was much lower than Rs 410 crore it spent on purchase of electoral bonds.

Qwik Supply's registered email address as per the RoC is also linked to Reliance Industries Limited's domain (ril.com).

When contacted, an RIL spokesperson only said that Qwik Supply is "not a subsidiary of RIL". He did not respond to questions on the ownership of Qwik Supply and the link of its shareholders with RIL promoter Mukesh Ambani.

Ownership details of Qwik Supply Chain, accessed by *The Indian Express* from the Registrar of Companies, shows it is owned in almost equal proportion by six companies – Gujarat Petcoke and Petroproducts Supply Pvt Ltd, Reliance Hospital Management Services Pvt Ltd, Reliance Fire Brigade Service Pvt Ltd, Reliance Group Support

In the list of donors put in the public domain by the Election Commission on Thursday, Qwik Supply is the third highest buyer of bonds after Santiago Martin-owned Future Gaming and Hotel Services Private Ltd and PP Reddy-promoted company from Telangana Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Ltd. It bought electoral bonds worth Rs 225 crore on January 5, 2022, Rs 10 crore on January 10, 2022, a month before the elections in Uttar Pradesh; Rs 125 crore on November 1, 2022, before elections in Gujarat; its latest purchase of Rs 50 crore was on November 17, 2023, before elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh.

332 individuals, bonds worth Rs 333.91 crore

HOW INDIVIDUALS PURCHASED BONDS

Amount Purchased	Number of Individuals	Total Amount Purchased (₹)	Contribution in %
> ₹20 cr	3	80,00,00,000	24.43%
> ₹10 cr	9	1,47,00,00,000	44.91%
> ₹5 cr	19	2,02,70,00,000	61.91%
> ₹1 cr	62	2,85,73,08,000	87.26%
< ₹1 cr	269	41,68,37,000	12.73%

Raja J T bought bonds worth Rs 25 crore, while Bhatia purchased bonds worth Rs 20 crore. Put together, they form 24.43% of the individual donations.

Nine individuals – including the aforementioned names – bought bonds worth Rs 10 crore or more. They were Inder Thakurdas Jaisinghani (Rs 14 crore), Rajesh Mannahal Agrawal (Rs 13 crore), Rahul Jagannath Joshi (Rs 10 crore), Harnesh Rahul Joshi (Rs 10 crore), and Saurabh Gupta (Rs 10 crore).

Meanwhile, 19 out of the total individual donors purchased bonds worth Rs 5 crore or more. Together, they form about 62% of individual donations.

Electoral bonds worth Rs 10 lakh or more were bought by 194 individual donors. In total, they purchased bonds worth Rs 32.23 crore – or 98.45% of the total amount of electoral bonds bought by individuals.

Mittal is on top of the list, buying bonds worth Rs 35 crore.

In the list, firm in Uttarakhand tunnel collapse, others with a dodgy record

JAY MAZOOMDAAR
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15



41 workers were trapped in the Silkyara tunnel after a partial collapse in Nov 2023. They were rescued 17 days later. File

CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES that have faced flak for their track records – tunnel and bridge collapses, fatal accidents and, in one case, inordinate delay which authorities said was equivalent to an "act of sedition" – are among the purchasers of electoral bonds over the past five years, according to data released by the Election Commission.

The data show that Hyderabad-based Navayuga Engineering Company Limited, the contractor for the 4.5-km-long Silkyara Bend-Barkot tunnel in Uttarakhand that caved in last November, purchased electoral bonds worth Rs 55 crore between 2019 and 2022.

The company bought the first two lots of Rs 30 crore and Rs 15 crore in April and October 2019, respectively, while the third lot of Rs 10 crore was picked up in October 2022.

In June 2018, Navayuga Engineering signed a Rs 853.79-crore contract with the Centre to build the Silkyara Bend-Barkot tunnel on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) mode. On November 12,

2023, a section of the tunnel caved in, trapping 41 workers who were eventually rescued more than a fortnight later with the help of rat-hole miners.

The other companies on this list include Ahmedabad's Ranjit Buildcon, which purchased poll bonds for Rs 7 crore in January 2023 and Rs 2 crore in July 2023.

In April 2023, the Ahmedabad civic authority threatened to disqualify Ranjit Buildcon from future bidding after an inquiry into an overbridge collapse found that the company compromised with the quality of construction and concrete.

In 2021, a part of an under-construction overbridge by the company at Mumtazpura, an upscale Ahmedabad neighbourhood, collapsed after a slab fell through. Earlier in 2007, another bridge project of the company suffered a mishap, leading to a death in Surat.

The list includes Telangana-based HES Infra Private Limited which purchased poll bonds for Rs 20 crore in April 2022 and another Rs 2 crore in November 2023.

In 2013, the company bagged a contract for canals to irrigate 40,050 hectares in Madhya

Pradesh for Rs 238.33 crore in three years. In November 2022, the Madhya Pradesh government blacklisted the company, claiming that the delay in the work caused a loss of Rs 1,750 crore and compared it with an "act of sedition".

"In its reply (to the show-cause notice), the contractor has mainly cited non-payment of dues, Covid-19 pandemic and lack of revised administrative approval as the reason for non-completion of the work... It is not acceptable, the contractual completion date is September 2016 and Covid 19 pandemic was reported in 2020," said the order issued by the MP water resources department.

Pune-based BG Shirke Construction Technology Pvt Ltd bought bonds worth Rs 118 crore between January 2023 and January 2024.

In June 2022, an FIR was lodged against the company on charges of "death by negligence" after four persons died and two were injured in an elevator crash at the construction site of CIDCO mass housing project at Talaja in navi Mumbai. Earlier, in October 2018, four men fell to their death from a tower crane at a DDA construction site of the company.

Mehsana-based group, a major infra contractor for Gujarat govt, bought bonds worth ₹15 crore

GOPAL KATESHIYA & RITU SHARMA
RAJKOT, AHMEDABAD, MAR 15

RANJIT BUILDCON Limited (RBL) and its two arms, Ranjit Projects Private Limited (RPPL) and Ranjit Toll Road Private Limited (RTTPL), which bought electoral bonds worth Rs 15 crore in 2023, is among the major contractors for infrastructure projects in Gujarat. Last week, the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) awarded the firm a Rs 109-crore contract to build a flyover in one of the city's busy junctions.

RBL purchased poll bonds worth Rs 7 crore on January 24, 2023. The same day, RPPL and RTTPL, firms promoted by the same family, purchased poll bonds worth Rs 1.5 crore each. Thus, the group purchased Rs 10-crore bonds on January 24.

The group also purchased poll bonds worth Rs 5 crore on July 11, 2023. This included Rs 2-crore bonds purchased by RPPL and RTTPL each and bonds worth Rs 1 crore bought by RPPL.

The Mehsana registered firm, RBL is promoted by Parshotam Patel, his engineer brother Ranchod Patel and their family

members. Over the last 15 years, this firm has got a number of projects of the state government, municipal corporations and urban development authorities in Gujarat, as well as of the Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC).

On March 7, the AMC awarded a Rs 109-crore contract to RBL to build a flyover at Panjarpol crossroads. Last October, a tender for the flyover was floated for an estimated Rs 62 crore, but no work order was awarded. On March 7, this year, the Standing Committee approved the increase in its estimated cost, now Rs 78 crore – 29% higher than the earlier estimate.

"In the e-tender process, the lowest bidder is Ranjit Construction company (a sister concern of Ranjit Buildcon). After comparing their rates with the market and the rate justification submitted by design consultant Keystone Infrastructure, it was informed that the rates in the tender are based on 2021-22 prices. After the comparison the market rates are higher by 23.58% than the tender rates and thus, after negotiation with the contractor, a hike of 29% more than estimated rates," the agenda of the standing committee stated.

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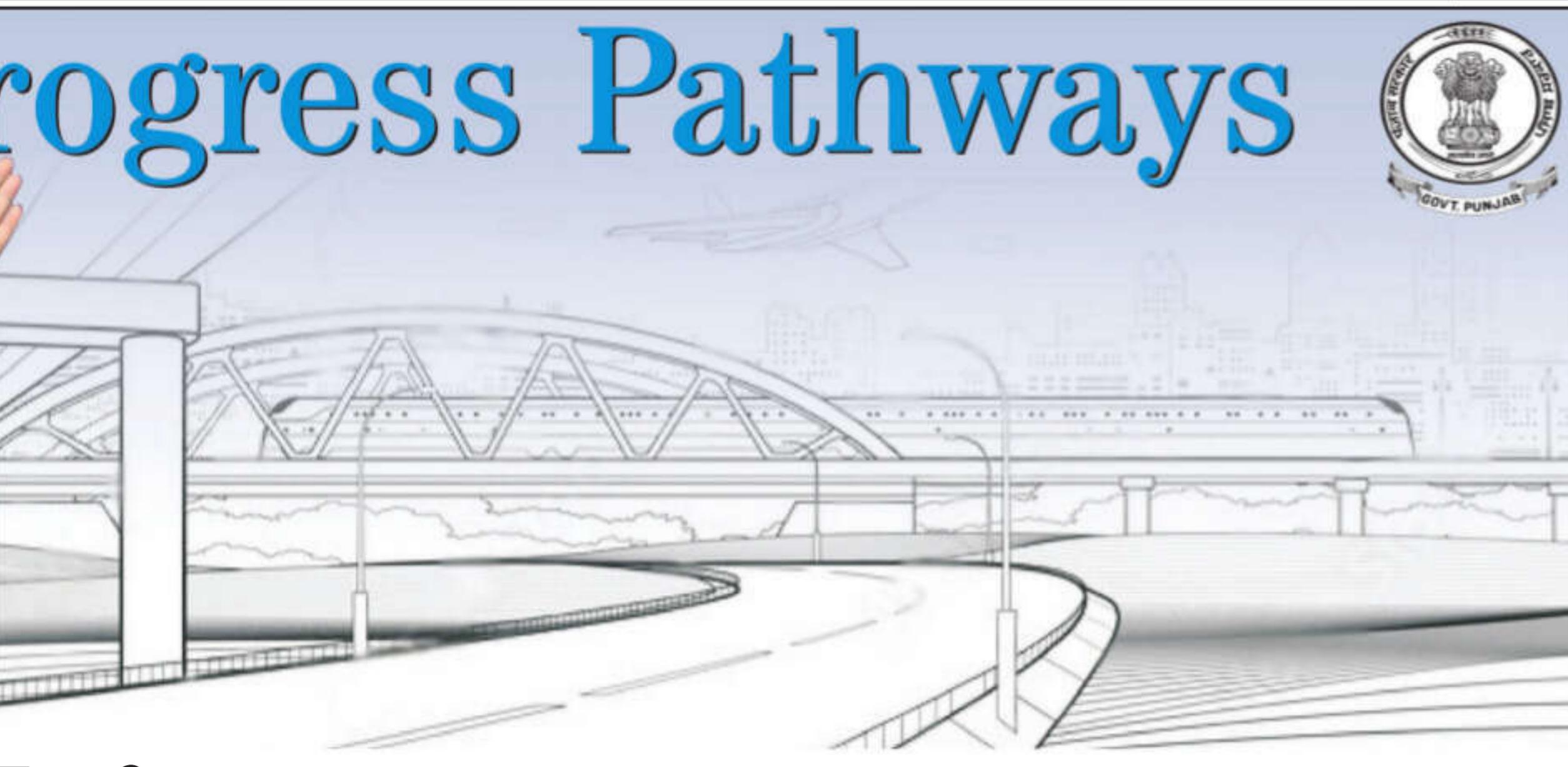
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Punjab's Progress Pathways



Punjab's Robust Infrastructure Sets Stage for Economic Growth

Punjab PWD Revamps Infrastructure: Progress and Initiatives

Since April 1, 2022, the Public Works Department (PWD) has been vigorously engaged in bolstering the nation's infrastructure, with a dedicated focus on road networks and building projects. Their efforts have yielded substantial achievements, including the enhancement of 119.20 km of National Highways at a cost of Rs. 559.12 crore. Additionally, 62 km of State Highways were improved under the CRIF scheme with an expenditure of Rs. 105.21 crore.

In rural areas, the NABARD Scheme is making significant strides in improving infrastructure. A new NABARD-29 project proposing works for 258 km at Rs. 250 crore is pending approval. This builds on the commendable progress already achieved with the completion of works on 607 km of rural roads and 11 bridges under the NABARD Scheme, amounting to Rs. 325.22 crores.

In a bid to encourage new construction techniques under PMGSY-III (Batch-III), 47 Nos. Link Roads having a length of 473 km have been proposed for Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) which is an environment-friendly method that saves natural resources by recycling existing road material. This initiative comes after the successful upgrade of 1297 KM of roads under PMGSY from 01.04.2022 to till now at a cost of Rs. 858.51 Crores.

Significant progress has been made under the Scheme for Special Repairs of Link Roads. Since April 1, 2022, a total of 4190 km of roads have been upgraded at a cost of Rs. 555 crore. Construction has been completed on 459 kilometers of planned roads (SHs/MDRs/ODRs), at a cost of Rs. 391 crore.

The government's focus on transparency in tender allotment and fostering a clean professional environment has resulted in significant cost savings since taking office. To date, this approach has yielded savings of Rs. 463 crore.

In a significant step towards improving road safety, 154 out of 187 black spots on planned roads under Head 3054 SH have already been rectified. This ongoing project highlights the government's commitment to safer roads for users. To further improve road conditions, tenders have been awarded for repair works on several roads where tolls were recently abolished. This ensures a smoother travel experience for motorists.

Since April 1, 2022, Punjab PWD has ramped up building activities, including maintenance and repairs of existing government buildings (Rs. 119.70 crore) and construction of 247 new buildings for various departments (Rs. 2500 crore) like Aam Aadmi Clinics, Schools of Eminence, and Judicial Court Complexes.

The government has made significant strides in implementing two key systems: PWDIMS and EPMS. PWDIMS facilitates online preparation and approval of estimates, while EPMS enables real-time submission of bills for contractors to state treasuries. Additionally, efforts are underway to integrate the Engineering & Project Management module developed by PWD into other State Engineering Departments.

The government has placed a strong emphasis on keeping the Common Schedule of Rates (CSR) updated. This includes regularly incorporating new materials available in the market and new construction techniques through amendments. Additionally, efforts are underway to link non-CSR items online with EPMS. This will ensure frequently used new items are consistently updated across all engineering departments in Punjab and eventually included in the CSR.

In a move to ease travel for commuters across the state, the Punjab government has closed toll collection at 12 toll plazas on state roads. This eliminates the daily burden of Rs. 51 lakh previously paid by commuters, providing direct financial relief to the common people.

Chief Minister Mann's Vision Unveiled at Sarkaar Sannatkar Milni

During the Sarkaar Sannatkar Milni, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann emphasized the transformation of Mohali into the state's gateway, ensuring comprehensive development aligned with scientific principles to bolster its industrial potential. Mann pledged unwavering support to enhance Mohali's infrastructure, making it a prime destination for investments. He underscored the significance of modern amenities in catalyzing Mohali's evolution into a premier industrial hub, envisioning its exemplary development to serve as a model for statewide replication.

In a significant move to alleviate the concerns of industrialists, CM Mann announced a one-year extension for entrepreneurs to develop their industrial plots. He assured that the state government remained committed to prioritizing the welfare of industrial stakeholders, promising to address their legitimate grievances with empathy. The Sarkar Sannatkar Milni, Mann emphasized, aimed at fostering direct dialogue with industry leaders to comprehend their requirements and take proactive measures.

CM Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann highlighted the government's efforts to replace bureaucratic hurdles with facilitative measures, exemplified by the establishment of a dedicated single-window system for industrial facilitation. Furthermore, he revealed plans to expedite approvals for new industrial ventures through the issuance of 'Deemed Approvals.' Propelling Punjab's industrial landscape forward, Mann outlined initiatives to develop focal points as exemplary industrial clusters, striving to generate ample employment opportunities and stem the tide of emigration among the youth.

Appealing to investors, CM positioned Punjab as a premier investment destination, emphasizing the imperative of creating employment avenues to deter substance abuse among the youth. He called upon industrialists to reciprocate by committing to employ local youth. Mann disclosed that Punjab had attracted investments worth Rs 50,871 crore, projecting to generate 2.86 lakh employment opportunities, with plans for further economic stimulation in the pipeline.

Acknowledging the introduction of green stamp paper as a significant milestone, Mann commended its positive impact on industry, streamlining processes, and fostering a conducive business environment. He attributed Punjab's newfound tranquility to the AAP government's governance, enhancing its appeal as an investment hotspot. Mann reiterated the government's steadfast commitment to fulfilling electoral promises and ensuring the welfare of all segments of society.

In a bid to enhance security measures, Mann announced the establishment of 14 new police posts in focal points across the state, aimed at instilling confidence among entrepreneurs. He also highlighted initiatives such as the Sadak Surakhya Force to curb highway accidents, underscoring the government's holistic approach to state development and citizen well-being.

Punjab's Economic Resurgence Under CM Mann's Vision

CM Mann's **SARKAAR VAPAAR MILNI** Initiatives spark a new era of collaboration and growth, bringing in prosperity and development.



Punjab's Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, orchestrated a momentous gathering during the "Sarkar Vapaar Milni," an event of immense significance where intensive dialogues unfolded between governmental figures, industrialists, and traders. Central to these discussions was the unwavering pledge of the government towards bolstering the prosperity and welfare of the trading community. This groundbreaking initiative, conceived with a singular objective, aimed to revive Punjab's economic dynamism and pave the way for a future brimming with opportunities.

CM Mann, in his impassioned address, underscored the indispensable role of industry and trade in fueling Punjab's economic engine. He emphasized their status as the linchpin of the state's financial landscape and articulated a resolute commitment to providing substantive backing to these sectors. Recognizing them as the bedrock upon which Punjab's economic aspirations are anchored, CM Mann reiterated the government's unwavering support for their growth and development.

In a notable departure from conventional political rhetoric, CM Mann championed a pragmatic approach he termed the 'Politics of Work.' This ethos, characterized by a relentless pursuit of tangible progress over partisan squabbles, struck a chord with the audience, signaling a paradigm shift in governance philosophy. Reflecting on missed opportunities of the past, CM Mann lamented the delay in undertaking such initiatives, ac-

knowledging the potential benefits they could have bestowed upon the populace had they been implemented earlier.

The magnitude of Punjab's economic potential was further underscored by CM Mann's revelation of substantial investments totaling a staggering around Rs. 70,000 crore. Renowned conglomerates like Tata Steel and Sanatan Textiles were among the vanguard of companies eager to be part in Punjab's growth story. CM Mann affirmed the government's unwavering resolve to safeguard the interests of local industries, recognizing them as indispensable ambassadors for Punjab's economic prowess on the global stage.

CM Mann also talked about how law and order in Punjab has changed. He compared what's happening now to how things were in the past, when previous leaders focused more on serving themselves than on the needs of the people on the global stage. He heralded a new era characterized by agreements aimed at fostering state-wide progress, rather than serving the narrow interests of political dynasties.

The heart of CM Mann's address resonated with a call to action directed at traders and industrialists, urging them to actively engage in Punjab's economic renaissance. Emphasizing the imperative of a symbiotic relationship between the government and the private sector, CM Mann envisioned a future defined by sustained economic growth and prosperity. Plans were outlined to fortify infrastructure in focal points and Special Economic Zones (SEZs), coupled with

measures to bolster security through the establishment of dedicated police stations and posts.

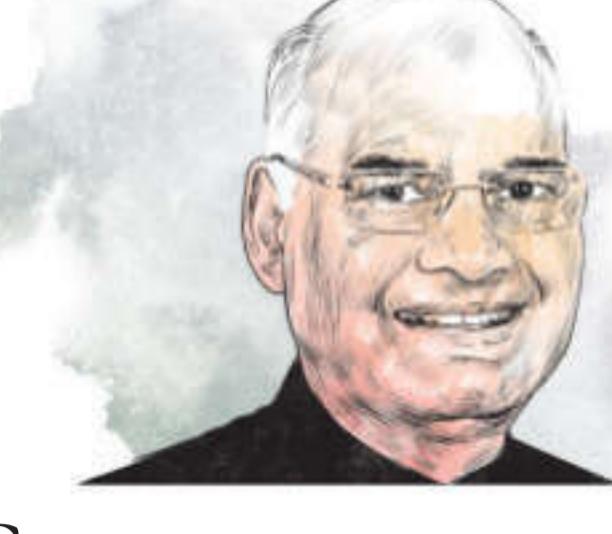
Gone are the days of industry and trader harassment, proclaimed CM Mann, as he pledged unequivocal support to nurture and propel Punjab's industrial landscape forward. This marked a pivotal shift towards a facilitative role for the government, dedicated to fostering an environment conducive to industrial growth and innovation. Recognizing the pivotal role of existing industrial units, CM Mann pledged concerted efforts to safeguard, promote, and expand their operations. He affirmed Punjab's global standing in the industrial arena, vowing to champion the interests of local industries on the international stage.

In a significant departure from precedent, CM Mann unveiled a transformative initiative aimed at empowering grassroots law enforcement efforts. The distribution of 410 high-tech vehicles to Station House Officers (SHOs) of the Punjab Police marked a watershed moment, ensuring enhanced public safety and directly benefiting industrialists.

CM Mann's visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to Punjab's economic resurgence have set the stage for a future brimming with promise and prosperity. The Sarkar Vapaar Milni stands as a testament to the government's commitment to fostering a conducive environment for industrial growth and socio-economic development, propelling Punjab towards new heights of success and prosperity.



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CONSULTATIONS

THE HIGH-LEVEL committee under former President Ram Nath Kovind that recommended simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies took help from various quarters to prepare its report. The panel consulted two bodies from the legal fraternity — the Bar Council of India, and Akhil Bharatiya Adhikarika Parishad. The latter is an RSS-linked outfit of lawyers started by late Dattopant Thengdi, who was also the brain behind the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh. The content on the Adhikarika Parishad's official youtube channel has a video in memory of late Arun Jaitley, a speech by Ravi Shankar Prasad, an address by RSS's Arun Kumar, among others.

BREAK FROM TRADITION

IN A departure from tradition, the announcement about when the Lok Sabha poll schedule will be out was made a day in advance this time. The Election Commission issued a press release on Friday afternoon saying it will address a press conference at 3pm on Saturday to announce the schedule. The advance notice not only gives the public and media a heads up but also acts as a reminder to the government that it has to wrap up certain events before the Model Code of Conduct kicks in.

FIRST PAST THE POST

CLOSE ON the heels of the Rules of CAA being notified, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) sent out an instant message that six refugee Hindus in Jaipur and 11 in Jaisalmer, both in Rajasthan, became Indian citizens. The RSS-affiliated organisation also tagged and thanked the local authorities of these cities for the 'achievement', and also congratulated the beneficiaries.

Govt notifies new rules for overhaul of film certification

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

THE GOVERNMENT notified the new cinematograph rules on Friday, making sweeping changes to the earlier set of rules with an aim to overhaul the film certification process. Under The Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 2024 — which supersedes the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 1983 — the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has moved the entire application process online.

The new rules also mandate a greater representation of women on the central board, while the parental guidance certificate will be further sub-categorised into three age slots.

"The rules have been comprehensively overhauled in order to improve and contemporise the entire process of certification of films for public exhibition," a statement by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (I&B) said.

While the 'U' (unrestricted public exhibition), 'A' (restricted to adults) and 'S' (restricted for specialised viewing) categories of certification have been left unaltered, new age-based indicators within the 'UA' category will be visible on the certificates.

While the earlier rules (1983) said that "the central government may take such steps as it thinks fit to appoint women members in the Board so that there is due representation for women", the new rules put a definite ratio to it — at least one-third, but ideally half, the board members have to be women.

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Modi's poll push in South: Kerala to Tamil Nadu to Telangana in one day



PM Narendra Modi in Pathanamthitta, Kerala, on Friday. ANI

Modi mounted a scathing attack on Kerala's ruling CPI(M)-led LDF and Opposition Congress-led UDF. "Both LDF and UDF feign ignorance about the crisis being faced by rubber cultivators. The law-and-order situation in Kerala has collapsed. Campuses have become the dens of Communist goons. Even church priests in

Kerala are not safe from violence. This situation will change only if the cycle of LDF and UDF is broken," said the Prime Minister.

Expressing confidence about the BJP's chances in Kerala, he said, "In the last elections, the people of Kerala gave us a double-digit vote percentage. This time, double-digit seats are not far away. The lotus is going to bloom in Kerala this time."

To strike a chord with expatriates from the constituency, Modi recalled India's trade pact with the UAE, his government's repatriation of thousands of people from abroad during Covid-19, the release of Indian nurses who were held captive in Iraq, and the freeing of a priest who was held in extremists' custody in Yemen.

Later on Friday, Modi addressed a rally in Tamil Nadu's Kanyakumari, where he targeted the DMK-Congress alliance for its alleged neglect and corruption, positioning the BJP as the harbinger of progress and cultural preservation in the state.

"Both DMK and Congress are against Tamil Nadu's timeless traditions and culture," Modi alleged, criticising the parties saying they supported the ban on Jallikattu. He said the BJP's efforts were always to uphold local customs.

In the evening, Modi arrived in Hyderabad, where he held a roadshow as people lined the streets. He greeted all from an open-top vehicle in which he travelled from Begumpet to Viswesvaraiyah's statue at Khairatabad.

SC to take up petitions against CAA on Mar 19

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THE SUPREME Court will take up on March 19 the petitions challenging the CAA-2019, and the CAA Rules notified on March 12, 2024.

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, presiding over a three-judge bench, said all the petitions — numbering 237 — will be listed for hearing, along with various interlocutory applications.

The court said this after Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for petitioner IJML, pointed out that the CAA Rules had been notified and urged the court to hear the pending petitions challenging the Act and the applications challenging the Rules at the earliest.

US says concerned about CAA notification, India calls it 'misplaced, unwarranted'

SHUBHAJIT TROY

NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

EXPRESSING CONCERN over the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) notification earlier this week, the US said it was "closely monitoring" its implementation, leading to a strong response Friday from India, which said the issue was an "internal matter".

Speaking to reporters at his daily briefing in Washington Thursday, US State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller said, "We are concerned about the notification of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act on March 11."

"We are closely monitoring how this Act will be implemented. Respect for religious freedom and

Govt launches 'CAA-2019' app

New Delhi: The Union Home Ministry on Friday launched a mobile app that will allow eligible people to apply for Indian citizenship under the CAA, 2019, officials said.

According to a home ministry spokesperson, the application can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the website — indiancitizenshiponline.nic.in. ENS

equal treatment under the law for all communities are fundamental democratic principles," Miller said in response to a question.

The Ministry of External Affairs Friday strongly defended the CAA. "The Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 is an internal matter of India and is in keeping with India's inclusive traditions and our long-standing

commitment to human rights. The Act grants a safe haven to persecuted minorities belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, and Christian communities from Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh who have entered India on or before 31st Dec 2014," said MEA's official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal at a media briefing when asked

about the criticism abroad.

"The CAA is about giving citizenship, not about taking away citizenship. It addresses the issue of statelessness, provides human dignity and supports human rights," he said.

"As regards the US State Department's statement on the implementation of CAA, we are of the view that it is misplaced, misinformed, and unwarranted,"

MEA spokesperson said, responding to the criticism from Washington. "India's Constitution guarantees freedom of religion to all its citizens. There are no grounds for any concern on treatment of minorities. Vote bank politics should not determine views about a laudable initiative to help those in distress," he said.

Why anti-CAA protests confined to Assam, Tripura

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, MARCH 15

Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, who entered India before December 31, 2014.

The Act states that this provision shall not apply to "tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram or Tripura, as included in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, and the area covered under 'Inner Line' notified under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873".

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Inner Line system

An Inner Line Permit (ILP) regime is operational in the four Northeastern states of Arunachal

Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur. The ILP is a special permit that residents of other parts of India need to apply for and receive, in order to enter and spend any duration of time in these states.

The Sixth Schedule

In the Northeast, the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution provides special powers to autonomous district councils (ADCs) in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram, which have jurisdiction over specific tribal-majority areas, with the objective of ensuring development and boosting self-gov-

ernance by tribal communities in those pockets. Of the seven sisters in the Northeast, Mizoram is already outside the CAA ambit as the ILP is operational there. Similarly, Tripura has the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council.

Despite most of Meghalaya coming under the Sixth Schedule, some sections are against the implementation of the CAA in areas not under the Sixth Schedule.

Why are Assam and Tripura against CAA?

Anti-immigrant sentiment is strong in Assam and Tripura, which share long, porous borders with Bangladesh, and have had

streams of refugees coming in from the neighbouring country. There is no record of these migrations; neither of the large-scale ones around the times of great upheavals — India's Independence and Partition in 1947, the creation of Bangladesh in 1971; nor of the steady trickle that has continued since then. Although some of these refugees/migrants are Muslim, a majority are believed to be Bengali-speaking Hindus.

With the Centre now professing to delink the CAA from the NRC, many in Assam feel the CAA undermines their main ideological and electoral plank. It is somewhat similar in Tripura.

Top court refuses to stay new ECs' appointment

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday declined to stay the appointment of two new Election Commissioners under a 2023 law that excluded the Chief Justice of India from the selection panel.

Hearing petitions challenging the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023, a three-judge bench presided by Justice Sanjiv Khanna pointed out that "the matter had come up twice" before the court which had "on both occasions...pointed out that normally we do not stay an interim order, a legislation." The court will hear the matter on March 21.

TWO ELECTION COMMISSIONS ASSUME CHARGE

LS election dates to be announced today

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THE ELECTION Commission on Friday said that the schedule for elections to the Lok Sabha and some state Assemblies will be announced on Saturday.

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar will address a press conference at 3pm on Saturday to announce the dates, the EC said. The term of the 17th Lok Sabha is set to end on June 16, while the terms of the Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim Assemblies will end on June 11, June 2, June 24 and June 2, respectively.

With the announcement of

poll dates, the Model Code of Conduct will come into effect that prohibits announcements of new schemes and use of government machinery during campaigning.

Last time, the ECI had announced the poll schedule on March 10, 2019, which included polling in seven phases from April 11 to May 19, and counting of votes on May 23, 2019.

A war hero who carried the courage of conviction

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15

FORMER NAVY Chief Admiral Laxminarayan Ramdas, a war hero remembered for a host of accomplishments, including his role in the 1971 India-Pakistan war, died in Telangana on Friday. He was 90.

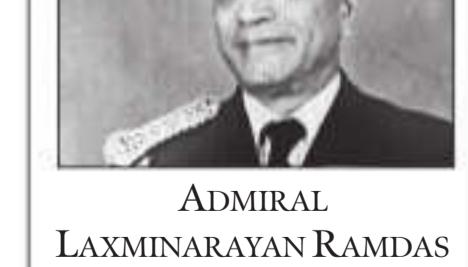
Ramdas, who was suffering from age-related health issues, breathed his last at the Military Hospital in Secunderabad. He is survived by his wife, Lalita Ramdas, three daughters, their spouses, and three grandchildren.

Born on September 5, 1933 in Matunga, Mumbai, Ramdas, who was trained in communications, was commissioned into

the Navy in September 1953.

He played a crucial role in establishing the Naval Academy in Cochin. And it was during his tenure as the 13th Chief of Naval Staff between 1990 and 1993 that women were inducted into the Navy for the first time.

Ramdas won the Vir Chakra, the country's third-highest gallantry award, for his bravery during the 1971 war as commander of INS Beas, which played a crucial role in the blockade of East Pakistan. "Some of the highlights of our action were bombardment and amphibious landings at Cox's Bazar, interception of gun boats, encounter and boarding of Pakistani vessels masquerading as foreign merchant



ADMIRAL LAXMINARAYAN RAMDAS

1933-2024

vessels, and anti-submarine operations," he once told *The Indian Express* in an interview.

During his career, Ramdas also served as Fleet Commander of the Eastern Naval Command, and

commanded both the Southern and Eastern Naval Commands. He was also the Indian Naval Attaché in Bonn, West Germany (1973-76).

Former Navy Chief Admiral Arun Prakash (retd) said the passing away of Ramdas will be deeply mourned by the Navy and the nation. "An ardent patriot, he carried the courage of his convictions, in and out of uniform, and stood resolutely, by his beliefs and principles till the end," he said.

Despite his war achievements, Ramdas was a strong advocate of nuclear restraint and disarmament, as well as peace talks with Pakistan. He won the Ramon Magsaysay award for 2004 for advocating peace between the two nuclear armed neighbours when he was the chairperson of the India chapter of the NGO Pakistan-India Peoples Forum.



UPLIFTING FARMERS NURTURING GROWTH UTTAR PRADESH ON THE PATH TO PROSPERITY

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has witnessed significant strides in agricultural development, particularly in the welfare and prosperity of its farmers. Through a series of innovative initiatives and policy reforms, the Yogi government has aimed to uplift the agricultural sector, enhance productivity, and ensure the well-being of farmers across the state.



- Under the **Uttar Pradesh Farmer Electricity Bill Waiver Scheme**, approximately 7.5 crore people benefitted from a 100% rebate in electricity bills for irrigation from private tube wells.
- **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana:** 18,73,000 hectares of agricultural land of 23.55 lakh farmers have been insured.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kusum Yojana:** 51,774 solar pumps have been installed.
- **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana:** Beneficiary cards have been distributed to 2,49,727 farmers.
- **National Agriculture Market (e-NAM):** Digital trade worth Rs 3,468 crore has been implemented.
- **Mukhyamantri Nirashrit Govansh Sahbhagita Yojana:** 1.66 lakh cows have been given to farmer/animal husbandry families, with 7,239 cow shelters established, protecting over 14.48 lakh cows.
- **Mukhyamantri Khet Suraksha Yojana:** For protecting crop from stray animal.
- **PM Matsya Sampada Yojana:** 35,248 lakh quality fish seeds have been distributed.
- **PM Agricultural Irrigation Scheme:** 33,311 farm ponds have been constructed, with 1,620 more under construction.
- **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Kisan Samriddhi Yojana:** Implemented with Rs 602 crore.
- **Mukhyamantri Farmer Welfare Scheme:** Rs.835 lakh has been granted to 5730 farmers in Mandi by the Council.
- **Nand Baba Milk Mission:** 585 milk committees have been formed.
- **Seed Distribution:** More than 43,000 seed mini kits of various crops of millets have been distributed.
- **Millets Procurement:** 3.55 lakh metric tonnes of millets have been procured from 67,000 farmers in the year 2023-24, with a payment of Rs 37.87 crore.
- **Crop Loans:** More than Rs.64,270 crore have been disbursed to farmers for agricultural purposes.
- **Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Mandis:** 3,421 FPOs have been formed, and 125 Mandis have been established.
- **Electricity Supply:** Rural areas now receive 18 hours of electricity supply, while tehsil areas receive 22 hours.
- **Tube Well Connections:** Since 2017, 3.53 lakh private tube well connections have been released.
- **Education and Training:** Veterinary Science College has been approved in Bhadohi and Gorakhpur, with the decision to establish Mahatma Gautam Buddha University of Agriculture and Technology in Kushi Nagar.
- **Natural Farming:** Promoted in 85,710 hectares of land in 49 districts.
- **Mandi Modernization:** 27 new mandis have been modernized, and 54 new mandis have been constructed, including in Malihabad (Lucknow), Naveen Mandi Sthal Misrikh (Sitapur), Bhinga (Shravasti), and Thatia (Kannauj).

The contribution of our farmers in building agriculture and agro-based economy has always been unprecedented. PACS, Cooperative Society, Farmer Product Association or FPO, these institutions are being taken to every village to transform small farmers into a formidable market force, actively participating in various aspects like purchasing and selling, obtaining loans, engaging in the food processing industry and exporting.

-Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

India cannot be prosperous as long as farmers are not happy. This is the same Uttar Pradesh where before 2017, farmers were not safe, their crops were not secure, there was no electricity, no respect for farmers, no availability of seeds, fertilizers, and water. But today, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government is always ready to take care of farmers' interests.

-Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister



Rs. 68,139 crore transferred to 2.68 crore farmers under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme

Uttar Pradesh's recognition as the Food Basket of India

Leads the nation in the production of milk, sugarcane, potato, mango and amla

Record-breaking sugarcane price payments of more than Rs 2.40 Lakh Crore

In 2022-23, the state achieved a 5.1% growth rate in food grain production, producing over 625 lakh metric tonnes of food grains and 21.57 lakh metric tonnes of oilseeds

In support of International Millets Year 2023, over 43,475 seed mini kits of various millet crops have been distributed

Distribution of more than 352.52 lakh Credit Card to the Farmers

A total of 4,18,483 Kisan Credit Cards (Animal Husbandry component) have been issued to all farmers engaged in animal husbandry

New green field dairy plants have been established in the districts of Varanasi, Moradabad, Gorakhpur, Kannauj, Bareilly, Lucknow, and Ayodhya, and are under construction in Kanpur and Meerut

Empowering farmers with an additional irrigation potential of more than 23 lakh hectares by completing 36 projects including Ban Sagar, Arjun Sahayak and Saryu canal Mukhyamantri Khet Suraksha Yojana for Enhanced Agricultural Support





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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

THE BOND TRAIL

Electoral bonds data pierces veil of secrecy, raises troubling questions. More disclosure is needed — the citizen must know

COMPELLED BY THE Supreme Court, the State Bank of India and the Election Commission have released a list of those who purchased electoral bonds, taking a long step towards lifting the veil of secrecy over campaign finance in India. This is, undoubtedly, a watershed moment for transparency, and the citizen's right to know — which lie at the heart of the democratic pact and promise. The Court's judgment striking down the electoral bonds scheme, and its subsequent order pushing the SBI to submit the data are, therefore, immensely welcome. The revelations of donor names will help pierce the black box of the relationship between big business and politics. At one level, it is deeply symbiotic — the list points to the possibility of some donations being linked to entities securing lucrative contracts or licences at both the central and state level. There are also indications of donations to political parties tending to follow investigations against the donor companies by agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate. The data points to a severely skewed system of election finance that the ruling party at the Centre and in several states, the BJP, has evidently benefitted from.

A significantly large number of donors are from sectors that are more tightly controlled, more regulated by the government. These sectors — such as mining, telecom, infrastructure, real estate and construction — are where clearances and licences are required, and where contracts are awarded by governments. Instances of donations by those in sectors lightly regulated by the government are few. For example, in the mining and steel sectors, Vedanta Ltd, Rungta Sons Pvt Ltd, Jindal Steel and Power, Essel Mining and Industries and Dempo bought bonds worth Rs 825 crore, while in telecom, Bharti Airtel purchased bonds worth Rs 198 crore. There are other examples as well. As reported in this paper, Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Ltd purchased bonds adding up to Rs 140 crore on April 11, 2023, a month before winning the tender for the Rs 14,400 crore Thane-Borivali twin tunnel project. The data also shows that three of the top five donors purchased bonds even as they faced probes by the Enforcement Directorate and Income tax authorities. For instance, as reported in this paper, on April 2, 2022, the ED attached moveable assets worth Rs 409.92 crore in the money laundering case against Future Gaming. Five days later, the company purchased bonds worth Rs 100 crore. In another case, Aurobindo Pharma, which is entangled in the Delhi liquor case, donated Rs 49 crore. The majority of its bond purchases were in 2022 and 2023 — in November 2022, the ED had arrested the company director.

The State Bank of India has, however, not provided the unique alphanumeric code on the electoral bonds. This code would allow the matching of each and every donation by the donors to the political parties. On Friday, the Supreme Court issued a notice to the SBI on the question of a fuller disclosure. This is necessary to provide greater clarity on the questions of who paid whom, when they did so — and why.

THE WATER WARNING

Bengaluru's woes are a crisis foretold. Other Indian cities must learn lessons from it

KARNATAKA'S WORST DROUGHT in four decades is now taking a toll on its capital. Bengaluru is reeling under a severe water shortage. The city needs 2,600-2,800 million litres a day for its nearly 14 million residents. It's barely managing half the amount. Nearly 7,000 of the city's more than 13,000 borewells have dried up. The crisis has reportedly affected schools, hospitals, industries and even the city's IT hub. Bengaluru authorities have imposed strict curbs to prevent the misuse of potable water and fixed rates for tankers supplying water to residential areas. The state government has decided to utilise milk tankers of Karnataka Milk Federation to supply water and take over private bore wells in and around the city. It will need to do much more because experts fear that the situation could worsen in the coming weeks.

Till about 30 years ago, a large percentage of Bengaluru's potable water requirement was met by the city's human-made lakes. Unlike many major cities of the country, Karnataka's capital is not located close to a major river or coast. As the city expanded to become the country's IT capital, it lost its water repositories. Developers cut down green hubs and lake catchments became dumping yards for municipal solid waste or building debris. Concretisation made groundwater recharge difficult. But successive governments did not heed the several alarm bells, including by the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute in the city. In 2017, a two-year-long study by the institute revealed that 85 per cent of Bengaluru's remaining water bodies were severely polluted. At the same time, the water supply infrastructure has not kept pace with the rapid urbanisation.

The problems of Karnataka's capital should be a warning for most major cities in the country. Such warnings have also been served by studies, including the Niti Aayog's Composite Water Management Index (CWMI). The 2018 study by the government think-tank forecast that 21 cities, including Bengaluru, will run out of groundwater by 2030. "If mitigation measures are not implemented, India faces a 6 per cent loss in its gross domestic product (GDP) by 2050," the CWMI said. Several other studies have pointed out that the pace of groundwater use in India far exceeds that of aquifer recharge. However, like Bengaluru, most Indian urban centres continue to neglect water management. The governance deficit at the municipal level in India means that solutions such as rainwater harvesting, reviving water bodies and cleaning and reusing wastewater remain on paper. The crisis in Karnataka's capital should be a wake-up call.

WHO'S AN EXPERT?

In this age of DIY fixes, it's best to hang on to one's scepticism for what it's worth

IN A BREAKOUT scene in the series, *Fleabag*, the lead character confesses, "I want someone to tell me what to eat. What to like. What to hate. What to rage about. What to listen to... What to joke about. What not to joke about. I want someone to tell me what to believe in. Who to vote for and who to love and how to tell them. I just think I want someone to tell me how to live my life." It is curious that *Fleabag* did not know where to look for an expert. After all, on social media, there's no escaping bountiful advice on everything from bringing up babies to making meaningful connections, from investments to health and beauty solutions. Or, perhaps, her problem was more existential: In this age of DIY fixes, where everyone is an expert and no one is quite one, whom does one really trust?

The proliferation of wellness mentors, herbalists, deep-breathing coaches and policy gurus showcases the expertise crisis. If the packaging is self-assured, glib and available OTC, it's easier to accept it at face value than seek out the real experts — the doctors and the economists, the psychologists and the data scientists, people who have had to undergo rigorous training to earn their expertise. Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu recently got called out on X by a practising hepatologist for promoting, among other things, untested herbal remedies for a liver detox on her podcast with a "wellness expert and performance nutritionist".

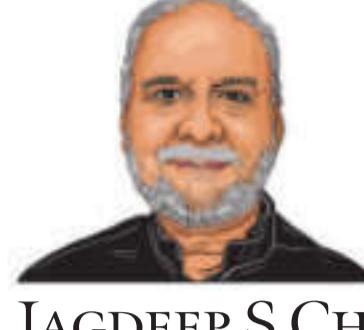
Prabhu's interest in health and medicine is understandable; she was diagnosed with the auto-immune disease myositis in 2022. But her choice of practitioner may show the allure of authoritative misinformation. If there's a moral here, it is to hang on to one's scepticism for what it's worth, even when a persuasive authority is telling one what to think and how to live. There are no certainties in life. That's one of the first things that a "real" expert would say, too.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE

DEMOCRACY DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY FORCE WHICH WILL CHECK THE CONSTANT TENDENCY TO PUT MORE AND MORE ON THE PUBLIC PAYROLL. — PLATO

The name is electoral bond



JAGDEEP S CHHOKAR

Only way to confront corruption in political funding is to legislate that all donations are digital transactions

8 PM of March 14, 2024, was somewhat reminiscent of 8 pm of November 8, 2016. It was a few minutes before 8 pm on Thursday, that the media frenzy began after the Election Commission of India (ECI) surprised the nation by putting the electoral bonds (EBs) data provided to it by the State Bank of India (SBI) under the orders of the Supreme Court of India (SC) 23 hours before the deadline of 5 pm on March 15. This newspaper captured the importance of the moment by putting its banner headline "Who paid the parties".

Life after EBs will not be the same. True, the data revealed so far does not disclose exact one-on-one correspondence between the purchaser and redeemer of each particular EB. But suggestive stuff such as the four sectors that dominate the purchasers of EBs; and some purchases that might be linked temporally to raids by enforcement agencies (brought out by news portals even without the EB information being available but with much greater effort) are already available. So are nuggets of information such as the "Bond Buyer No.1" being a "Lottery King".

One-on-one correspondence between the purchaser and redeemer of each particular EB can only be established once the unique alpha-numeric number, visible only under ultraviolet light, of each EB is available, as the SBI said during the court hearings. It may encourage some commentators to say "I told you so" but it needs to be remembered that it is the same SBI who said that they will be able to disclose what has been disclosed in three weeks now in roughly 25-28 hours.

While exact correspondence is certainly desirable and all constitutional efforts will be made to get the unique identifier numbers, a lot still needs to be done to make full use of the already available data. Just as one example: The available data is for 21 out of

30 phases. ECI has already filed an application to the SC to return it to ECI so it can be put up on the website. Most of the analysis done till the time of writing appears to be of the total for the 21 phases. Obviously, in-depth analysis of the data for each phase has the potential to reveal much more granular information on the linkages between the purchasers and the redeemers. The SC has issued a notice to the SBI to disclose the unique alpha-numeric numbers.

Be that as it may, some larger reflections are in order. These fall into two silos. The first relates to the oft-commented possible impact of this disclosure on the imminent Lok Sabha election. It needs to be remembered that the original petition by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR, of which the author is a founder-member), the judgment on which came on February 15, 2024, was filed in 2017 soon after EBs scheme was announced in the Parliament by the then Finance Minister. All that the petition asked for was that the EB scheme be declared unconstitutional along with all corresponding amendments to various laws.

The 2019 Lok Sabha election followed two years later and there was almost no mention of the petition during the run-up to, or during, that election. Since then, there have been only two substantial hearings, one on April 12, 2019, and the other on March 26, 2021, despite the filing of five applications for early hearing.

The SC, in its wisdom, decided to take up the petition in October 2023 and delivered the judgment on February 15, 2024, after reserving it on November 01, 2023. As mentioned, the original petition requested only for the EB scheme to be declared unconstitutional. The SC did that but went ahead and also issued directions to SBI and ECI to

ensure full implementation of the judgment. This initiative of the apex court must be acknowledged and commended. It has created this widespread interest in the judgment and its aftermath.

To reiterate, the intent of the original petition was not to directly or indirectly influence the result of any election. It was to bring transparency to the system of financing political activity in the country.

The second silo pertains to "what next". In a very incisive article in this paper ('No going back to square one', IE, March 15) the "way forward" was discussed in detail. State funding of elections is mentioned briefly and rejected, and a National Election Fund is recommended. Without going into the merits of both, it is important to highlight one major concern with both options — there seems to be an unstated assumption: That political parties will not accept any other form of donations than what they receive either through state funding or from the National Election Fund. This assumption has not been tested but my expectation is that no political party will be willing to accept this requirement, and even if some of them do, it will be impossible to ensure this in practice.

I fully agree with and respect the sentiment expressed in the op-ed that "it is indispensable that we confront this issue (of corruption in politics) head-on". The only way to confront it head-on is to legislate that all donations to political parties will be through digital means, with no exception whatsoever. After all, wasn't this what all of us, citizens, were asked to do at 8 pm on November 8, 2016, when demonetisation was announced?

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ON THE CUSP of election season, the High-Level Committee (HLC) on One Nation, One Election (ONOE), submitted its recommendations to the President. Though the primary import of these recommendations would not be realised until 2029, this exercise indicates how democracy itself can be fundamentally altered through a partisan process. Though the Supreme Court would have the final say on the constitutionality of simultaneous elections, a repeat electoral victory in 2024 for a Modi-led BJP would be understood as a resounding affirmation of ONOE.

The HLC's report has made recommendations in favour of simultaneous elections starting in 2029. It suggests a two-phased strategy across all tiers of government. It also suggests amending Articles 83 and 172 of the Constitution to enable simultaneous elections to the state legislative assemblies and the House of the People without requiring state ratification. Further, it suggests that fresh elections for state legislative assemblies will be held for the remainder of the term in the event of a hung House, a no-confidence motion, or an unexpected dissolution of the assembly. This means that any government constituted between election terms would necessarily be only for a term which is equal to the remainder of the time left before the next election date. There are constitutional barriers to these recommendations. For instance, the Constitution currently provides an equal five-year tenure for every elected assembly and Parliament. An amendment to this will impair the constitutional right that is endowed with each voter and the returned candidate.

Last month, the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly had pre-emptively resolved to urge

ONE ELECTION, MANY PROBLEMS

There are constitutional — and democratic — barriers to simultaneous elections

No doubt that the debate surrounding ONOE reflects broader tensions between efficiency, constitutional supremacy, and federalism. The resolution of these issues will likely require careful deliberation, balancing competing interests to uphold the principles of democracy and federalism entrenched in the Constitution. While the recommendations for One Nation, One Election seem to concern the 2029 elections, the public referendum for it will be held in May 2024.

the Union government to not implement the ONOE policy. Chief Minister MK Stalin termed the policy as a "dangerous, autocratic thought" that needs to be opposed. The Tamil Nadu Assembly pointed out that the concept of simultaneous elections is not found in the Constitution of India and goes against the foundational principles of democracy.

The concern that simultaneous elections at all tiers would go against the grain of federalism is serious. The Indian Constitution establishes a three-tier system of government, at the Union, state and panchayat (local bodies) levels to promote representative democracy through increased participation. Based on election data, voters in all three elections raise distinct demands and approach each with different agendas. What needs to be addressed at the national level through parliamentary law-making is vastly different from what is addressed by the local municipal corporation. While matters of foreign policy, income tax or national security would dominate the headlines during the general elections, issues around water, property tax and roads would dominate the agenda during the local bodies' elections.

There is a concern that combining elections at various levels might blur this distinction, leading to a centralised approach that could neglect local issues and dilute lower-tier democratic representation.

As a constitutional body, the ECI is mandated with the superintendence of elections. It is expected to be neutral and autonomous. The recent conduct of the ECI, including the resignation and subsequent appointment of two commissioners, raises questions about its authority and independence. It is not clear whether ECI or the HLC have done a rounded

logistical assessment of the requirements to hold simultaneous elections in terms of security personnel, election officials, voting machines, etc.

In *Kesavananda Bharati vs State of Kerala* (1973), the Supreme Court asserted the primacy of the basic structure of the Constitution over the legislature. In the Indira Gandhi election case [*Indira Gandhi vs Raj Narain*, (1975)], the Court speaking through Justice H R Khanna held that democracy is a basic feature of the Constitution and this includes free and fair elections.

Therefore, the question of whether elections are being conducted in a manner that is impartial, free, and fair is something that the Court needs to look at very closely. The SC, in the recent Chandigarh mayoral election case, had shown constitutional alacrity to exercise its judicial review powers to interfere in an electoral farce. It is the duty of constitutional courts to monitor and effectively respond to the excesses of the executive and legislative branches of the government.

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MARCH 16, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

PORT WORKERS STRIKE

ABOUT THREE LAKH port and dock workers began an indefinite strike in support of their wage claims, affecting work at all 10 major ports from Calcutta to Kandla. Security personnel stood guard at important installations at all ports. After negotiations with government to settle disputes failed, strike leaders left for the port areas to guide the strikers.

FIRING OUTSIDE COURT

ONE PERSON WAS killed and some others injured in a firing incident that in the Amritsar district court compound when four alleged

extremists were let off by the court in a case. While the police said that two of the four acquitted were wanted in some other case as well, there was confusion as a result of which, two of them managed to escape. The alleged extremists — all belonging to the All India Sikh Students Federation — were greeted by a large number of their supporters on acquittal.

MP REVERSES POLICIES

THE MADHYA PRADESH government decided to reverse its earlier policy of penalising doctors and other officers and employees of the health department for not fulfilling their sterilisation quotas. The government



also revoked the suspensions of many doctors, who were punished for "negligence in the implementation of family planning programme". The sudden volte-face was due to a fear of adverse public reaction.

BRAHMACHARI'S ARREST

SWAMI DHIRENDRA BRAHMACHARI was arrested in Jammu. The action followed the completion of his interrogation in connection with the seizure of 500 Spanish gun barrels from his Shiva Gun Factory. It indicates that a challan will be presented against the Swami in the court of the chief judicial magistrate in the next few days.

THE IDEAS PAGE

A penal code for AI

EU law is the first of its kind, provides a way to imagine the regulatory regime for artificial intelligence in the future



OPENING ARGUMENT

BY MENAKA GURUSWAMY

ON MARCH 14, the European Parliament passed into law the first comprehensive regulatory regime for artificial intelligence, laying down "harmonised rules" called the Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act, 2024). This is a remarkable law. It is the first set of comprehensive regulations to govern AI. It is also the first regulatory regime that recognises and appreciates different levels of AI, and their varied kinds of utility and potential harms. Intended to regulate AI in the 449 million-strong European Union (EU), it will have global impact and shape how the law will engage with AI. It will also influence the growth and development of AI in how it places the onus of potential harm on the providers of AI services.

First, let us look at the new law. The EU says that the AI Act, 2024, is passed with the aim to "improve the functioning of the internal market by laying down a uniform legal framework in particular for the development, the placing on the market, the putting into service and the use of artificial intelligence systems in the Union." The new law seeks to ensure that the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, 2000, and other European laws govern the provision and use of AI within the EU.

Article 2 of the AI Act, 2024, states that it will apply to AI providers for services in the European Union, irrespective of whether the providers are in the EU or in a third country. Hence, any footprint of use in the EU is necessary for the liability to attach. Article 3(1) defines an AI system as a "machine-based system designed to operate with varying levels of autonomy, that may exhibit adaptiveness after deployment and that, for explicit or implicit objectives, infers, from the input it receives, how to generate outputs such as predictions, content, recommendations, or decisions that can influence physical or virtual environments".

Importantly, Article 5 prohibits certain AI practices, including placing in the market "the use of an AI system that deploys subliminal techniques beyond a person's consciousness or purposefully manipulative or deceptive techniques with the objectives or the effect of materially distorting the behaviour of a person or a group of persons by appreciably impairing their ability to make an informed decision, thereby causing a person to take a decision that that person would not have otherwise taken in a manner that causes a person or persons significant harm".

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What is also unique about this law is that it categorises AI into its potential for harm based on the level of intelligence of the programme. Within this framework, the law either explicitly prohibits or highly regulates or is permissive based on the potential risk to human beings. The AI Act, 2024, explicitly bans "harmful AI practices" that are considered to be a "clear threat to people". This includes, first, AI systems that deploy harmful manipulative subliminal techniques; second, AI systems that exploit vulnerable groups with disabilities; third, AI systems by public authorities for their "social scoring purposes", and finally "real time remote biometric identification systems in publicly accessible spaces for law enforcement purposes."

The AI Act, 2024, also seeks to regulate "high risk AI systems" that create "adverse impact on people's safety or their fundamental rights." The law has two kinds of high-risk AI systems. First, those used as a safety component of a product or falling under EU health legislation. Second, systems in eight specific areas, including law enforcement, which will be updated through necessary delegated acts. Such high-risk AI systems would have to comply with requirements including risk management, data training, transparency, and human oversight that must be assessed "before" being placed on the market or put into service.

Finally, AI systems presenting "limited risk", such as systems that interact with humans like chatbots, emotion recognition systems, biometric categorisation systems and AI systems that manipulate image, audio or video (deepfakes), would be subject to a "limited set of transparency obligations". All other AI systems presenting low or minimal risks can be developed and used in the EU without conforming to any additional legal obligations.

The new law envisages that a European Artificial Intelligence Board, comprising representatives from member states and the Commission, will be constituted and within

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each nation state a national supervisory authority will be tasked with monitoring the application and implementation of the new law. Fines will vary from 30 million euros or 6 per cent of the total worldwide annual turnover, depending on the severity of the infringement. Given the global revenue of many large tech firms, including ones that develop and use AI, 6 per cent revenue will translate into massive sums.

The new law will not come into force immediately. So it gives AI developers and providers time to familiarise themselves with the regulations. The law will come into force in phases varying from six to 36 months. For instance, obligations for high-risk AI will take effect in around 36 months after the law comes into force. But, "prohibited practices", as discussed earlier, will become punishable within six months.

This European law is a first of its kind, and will provide one way to imagine the regulatory regime for AI, that is steadily increasing its impact on the human species. How large is the commercial potential of AI? The Wall Street Journal recently reported that OpenAI's Sam Altman is seeking 7 trillion dollars in investment into his company to further develop semi-conductor graphic processor units (GPUs) used in advanced AI projects.

In my last column ("Intelligence as we don't know it", IE, March 2), I had written about the company Nvidia's hold on semiconductor GPU chips — controlling over 80 per cent of the market — making it now an almost 2 trillion-dollar company. So, Altman's pursuit makes perfect commercial sense. But my point here is not to focus on the dollars. It is to illustrate the potential commercial value of the global AI market.

The commerce of AI is one facet of it. Its uses, benefits and harms are the other aspects of AI. Laws and regulations in any jurisdiction will have to deal with the mind-boggling commercial implications along with ever expanding uses and abuses.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Faced with a world in turmoil, the US should abandon Cold War thinking, stop military confrontation, bloc confrontation, and geopolitical games, and work with the international community to uphold world peace and security, which is the responsibility that a major power should fulfill." — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Let's get back in sync

Simultaneous elections will force political leaders to shift focus from constant electioneering to governance



SUNIL ARORA

The survival of our democracy and the unity and the integrity of the nation depend upon the realisation that constitutional morality is no less essential than constitutional legality. Dharma (righteousness; sense of public duty or virtue) lives in the hearts of public men; when it dies there, no Constitution, no law, no amendment, can save it."

— Nani Palkhivala in *Madhav Rao Jivaji Scindia vs Union of India* (1971)

INDIA, THE WORLD'S largest democracy, will soon have its 18th Lok Sabha elections. As per the recent data released by the Election Commission of India (ECI), over 96.88 crore electors were registered across the country at the conclusion of the last special summary revision.

The forthcoming Lok Sabha Election is coming at a time when discussions over simultaneous elections have been gathering pace. On March 14, the High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections, constituted by the Government of India to examine the legality, efficacy and modality of the simultaneous elections, submitted its report to the President of India. The Committee has recommended the holding of simultaneous parliamentary and state legislative assembly elections along with usage of a common electoral roll and elector photo identity cards (EPIC).

It is a fact that elections to the Lok Sabha as well as state legislative assemblies were being held together from 1952 till 1967. The disruption in this synchronised cycle happened primarily because using Article 356 of the Constitution, state governments were frequently dismissed. Little action was taken by the government of the day to arrest this desynchronisation. The era of toppling state governments continued roughly till the year 1994 when the Supreme Court gave its landmark judgment of *S R Bommai vs Union of India*, which curtailed the arbitrary use of Article 356 and consequently reinforced stability and adherence to constitutional norms. However, the ruling party at the Centre did not make any effort to reharmonise the election cycle.

There are many benefits of holding simultaneous elections: Colossal savings on avoidable administrative expenditure; optimum use of manpower, including election officials as well as security personnel; less disruption to public life; long-term focus on governance and reduced obstruction to developmental programmes. Political leaders will then be able to focus on governance rather than electioneering, which in turn would increase their accountability to the public.

One of the major arguments against simultaneous elections is that the lines between a voter's national and local interests may get diminished, and thus, have a negative impact on the electoral contest. However, there are already many examples from the past few election cycles which prove otherwise. For instance, in the

simultaneous elections held for Odisha in 2019, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) won 112 out of 147 seats (44.7 per cent vote share) followed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) with 23 seats (32.4 per cent vote share). At the same time, with respect to the Lok Sabha election performance, the BJD won 12 out of 21 seats (42.8 per cent vote share) with the BJP winning 8 seats (38.4 per cent vote share). Similarly, in the NCT of Delhi (where assembly elections are held seven-eight months after Lok Sabha elections), people have voted for different parties at the state and national levels, if the results of the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, 2015 assembly elections, 2019 Lok Sabha elections and 2020 assembly polls are considered. This shows that voters in a mature democracy such as ours can weigh their national and local interests and vote accordingly, even if elections to different tiers of government are held together.

The operationalisation of simultaneous elections can be done in phases. This will include a one-time curtailment of tenure for some state legislative assemblies, where the term may be ending closer to the date of the previous Lok Sabha election, whereas the tenure of some state legislative assemblies will have to be extended beyond their term of five years. Further, once the election cycle is harmonised, the only way of maintaining the synchronised system would be to hold elections to the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies at the same time, irrespective of any premature dissolution of the House. Any possible election and constitution of a new House, in case of premature dissolution, should only be for "remainder of the term" and not for a fixed term of five years. Such a concept is not alien to our legal framework since any by-election to Parliament and state legislative assembly is only done to fill the vacancy for the "remainder of the term".

There have also been discussions on combining the conduct of local body elections like panchayats and municipalities with parliamentary and state elections. In my opinion, this may not be pragmatic as local body elections are held in different states under their own respective laws. The sheer number of local bodies in our country will also pose a challenge. Another crucial aspect is that in the constitutional scheme of things, the responsibility of holding elections to Parliament and the state assemblies is with the ECI, whereas the responsibility for conducting local bodies elections is with the respective state election commissions.

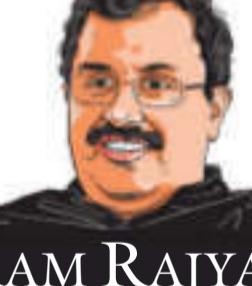
The breaking up of the election cycle after 1967 was largely the result of undemocratic processes when the party ruling at the Centre arbitrarily and excessively used Article 356 of the Constitution for toppling democratically elected governments. Subsequent dispensations lacked the political will to rectify this situation. The present government has shown the iron will to reintroduce simultaneous elections and shift the focus from constant electioneering to long-term governance.

It is my sanguine hope that the efforts being made towards holding simultaneous elections come to fruition soon in the larger interest of the country's democratic, economic and political growth.

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Act of inclusion, not exclusion

Notification of CAA Rules meets India's commitment to persecuted minorities



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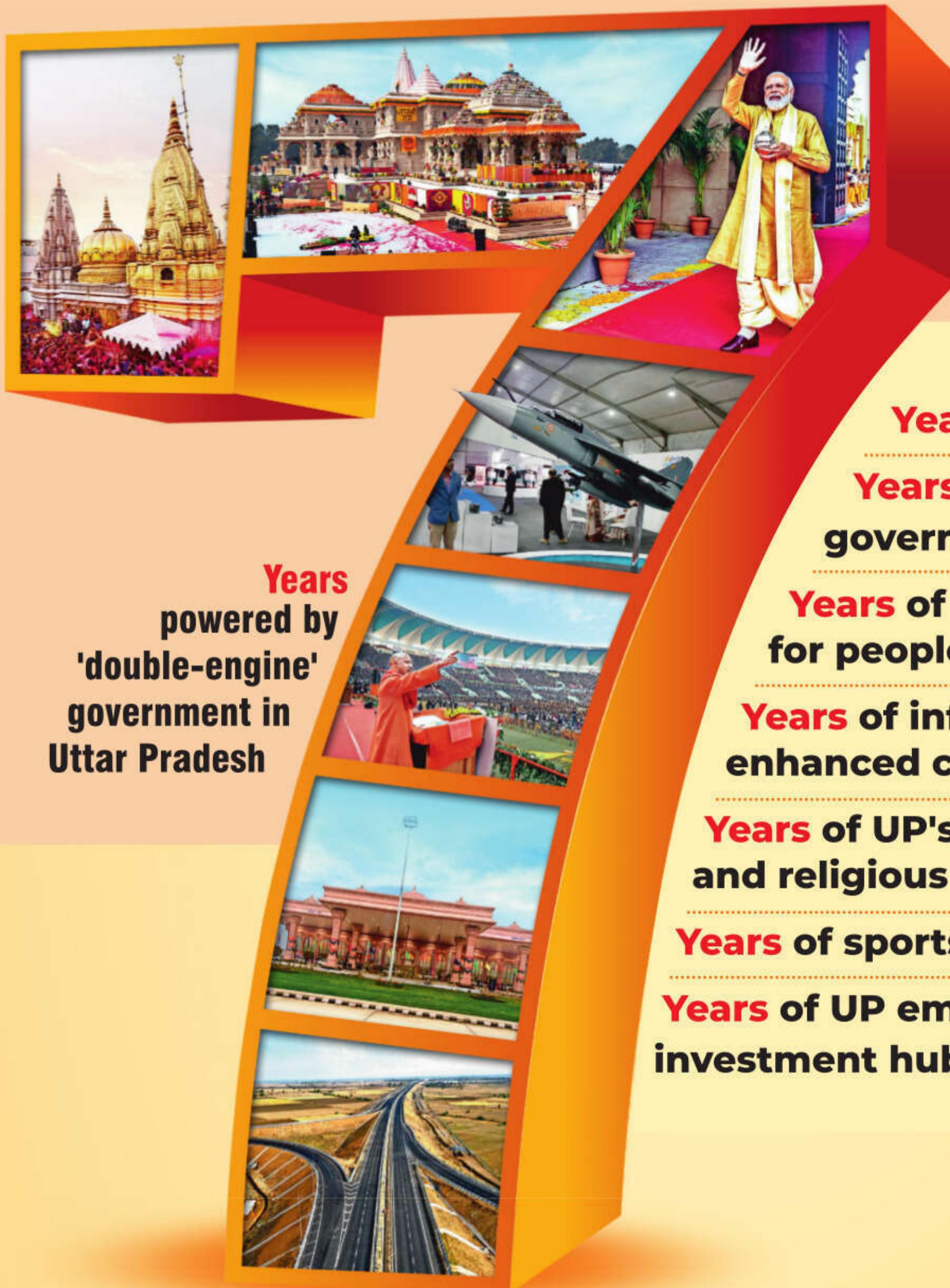
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**Years
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Years of G.Y.A.N in UP

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**Years of safety and security
for people of UP**

**Years of infra development and
enhanced connectivity**

**Years of UP's cultural, spiritual
and religious renaissance**

Years of sports revolution

**Years of UP emerging as
investment hub**

It was a historic occasion in March 2022 when Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath started his second consecutive term to lead Uttar Pradesh to attain new heights of development. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in last 7 years of 'double-engine' government in UP, the state has seen unprecedented growth across sectors to realise his vision of 'Viksit Bharat' and \$ 5-trillion economy goal. From establishing a robust law and order mechanism to establishing an extensive network of air, rail and road connectivity; from boosting infra and industrial development to fostering a cultural and spiritual resurgence, UP is on a fast track to achieve its target of becoming \$ 1-trillion economy. Following the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', the Yogi govt has ensured that the benefits of development reach the last man standing. UP is leading state in implementation of 44 centrally sponsored schemes. Today, Yogi Adityanath is the longest-serving CM, an honour rightfully earned by virtue of his government's development agenda that has transformed the state into a powerhouse of New India...



Assam Cong loses sitting MP after ticket denied, faces ally rumblings

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GUWAHATI, MARCH 15



Barpeta
MP Abdul
Khalque

DAYS AFTER he was denied a ticket for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections, sitting Barpeta MP Abdul Khalque resigned from the Congress on Friday, the latest high-profile exit from the Assam party in recent weeks.

In his resignation letter, Khalque, who has been part of the Congress for 25 years, blamed the Assam party president (Bhupen Borah) and AICC general secretary in-charge of the state (Jitendra Singh Alwar).

"Of late, the party has taken a

strange route where people-centric issues have taken a back seat. To safeguard democracy, the people must have a keen sense of independence, self-respect and oneness. But unfortunately, over a period of time, I feel that the attitude and approach taken by the party's state president and AICC general secretary in-charge have ruined the prospect of the party in Assam," Khalque wrote.

So far, in the two lists announced by it for seats across the country, the Congress has only dropped two sitting MPs, Khalque being one of them, apart from an MP in Kerala. The Congress's other two MPs from Assam, Gaurav Gogoi and Pardyut Bordoloi, have got tickets, from Jorhat and Nagaon, respectively.

While the Congress fielded Deep Bayan from the Barpeta seat held by Khalque, the Dubri constituency that Khalque was eyeing has gone to Congress Samaguri MLA Rakibul Husain. Khalque wanted to shift to Dubri because of change in the demography of the Barpeta constituency following last year's delimitation exercise.

However, while Khalque could not get a seat of his choice, Gogoi was allowed to move to Jorhat after his previous constituency also saw changes after delimitation. Before being elected to the Lok Sabha in 2019, Khalque had been a two-time MLA from Jania constituency.

After delimitation, minority voters are no longer expected to play a role in the Barpeta seat, as multiple minority-dominated areas from it have been transferred to the Dubri constituency, which

is what Khalque sought.

Sources said Khalque had written to Alwar earlier this month, before the candidate list was released, expressing his displeasure over the functioning of the party, and alleging that Hussain had been decided as a candidate from Dhubri even before the screening process by the party's state and central election committees.

The Congress is also facing trouble from the ally front in Assam. While it is part of a 15-party United Opposition Forum Assam (UOFA), the Congress has so far shared only one seat with an ally, Dibrugarh, from where the Assam Jatiya Parishad's Lurinjyoti Gogoi will contest.

The Congress has announced it will contest 12 of the 14 seats in the state, with a decision regarding only Lakhimpur yet to be taken.

Other UOFA parties such as the Trinamool Congress and CPI(M), who are also part of the INDIA bloc, have already announced candidates from 4 and 1 seat, respectively.

On Friday, the Aam Aadmi Party, another UOFA and INDIA bloc member, lashed out at the Congress. Having announced three candidates in Assam earlier, before any other party, the AAP said it was withdrawing its Guwahati candidate, state president Bhaben Choudhury, "for the sake of Opposition unity", and challenged the Congress to reciprocate.

The AAP said the Congress should withdraw its candidates from Dibrugarh and Sonitpur constituencies, the two other seats where the AAP has fielded candidates. "If the Congress does not withdraw its candidates, it will be clear that the party is contesting Dibrugarh and Sonitpur to ensure victory for the BJP," the party stated.

Congress state chief Bhupen Borah said Friday that talks were on with allies, and a clear picture would emerge only when the filing of nominations begins.

The amendment to the Companies Act, which removed

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After 4 hrs of searches, Kavitha arrested

Nizamabad, and her husband D Anil Kumar. Shortly after she was taken into custody, Kavita's brother and BRS working president K T Rama Rao, and her cousin T Harish Rao, reached her residence. Both got into an argument with ED officers, demanding to see a transit warrant.

According to the panchnama – a legal document regarding the arrest – "ED officers introduced themselves to Kavitha and showed her the search warrant..

The systematic search of the entire premise was carried out by the search team... without causing any damage to the property. The search started at 1.45 pm and concluded at 6.15 pm.

During the search proceedings, voluntary statement of Kavitha was also recorded... After due process of the law, she was arrested under Section 19 of PMLA,

2002 at 05.20 pm... Five mobile phones were seized".

It further states, "Around 6 pm, around 20 persons who claimed themselves as Kavitha's brother, lawyers and other persons entered the premises unlawfully. None showed their identity. A ruckus was created which delayed the proceedings... During the search proceedings no religious sentiments of anybody were hurt..."

The IT and ED had in the past issued notices to Kavitha to appear before them to record her statement, but she had appealed in the Supreme Court against the notices and refused to appear.

The ED has alleged in its chargesheet that Kavitha was part of a 'South Group' that paid Rs 100 crore in kickbacks to the Aam Aadmi Party leaders in exchange for undue benefits under the

now-scraped Delhi excise policy. Kavitha has denied the allegations and described the ED notices as "Modi notices". Three key AAP leaders – Manish Sisodia, Sanjay Singh and Vijay Nair – are already in jail in connection with the case. Eventually, on December 1, 2022, a team of CBI officers had recorded Kavitha's statement at her Hyderabad residence.

The next day, the CBI issued a notice to her under CrPC section 160 asking her to join the probe on December 6 in connection with its investigation into alleged corruption in the Delhi government's now-withdrawn excise policy.

Kavitha, 46, finds herself in the eye of the storm after her party lost power to the Congress in the November 2023 Assembly elections. Kavitha, who was active in the Telangana separate

state movement, plunged into electoral politics in 2014 after Telangana was formed, when she contested from Nizamabad Parliamentary constituency and won with a huge margin of 1,67,184 votes, defeating the Congress's two-time MP M Adhu Yashki Goud.

However, she failed to address growing anger among turmeric farmers, who were demanding a turmeric board to regulate prices. The BJP, which was trying to make inroads into Telangana, worked on this to its advantage, and in the 2019 elections, BJP's Dharmapuri Aravind defeated her. The loss was a huge setback to Kavitha, who dropped out of the public eye for a few months. In October 2020, she was elected as an MLC from Nizamabad and was reelected in December 2021.

• For BJP, fund flow was year-round

Congress-Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) alliance came to power in Jharkhand.

During the Covid-affected tranches of October 2020 and January 2021, redemptions for the BJP, Congress and TMC fell despite the Assembly election in Bihar. While the TMC, ahead of the West Bengal Assembly polls, got Rs 43.4 crore, the BJP and Congress lagged in this period at Rs 25.4 crore and Rs 10.1 crore, respectively.

The three parties saw their next spikes in April 2021, when the West Bengal polls were underway. That month, the BJP redeemed Rs 291.5 crore, the Congress Rs 58.8 crore and the TMC Rs 55.4 crore.

Though the BJP recorded a significant improvement to become the Opposition party in the Assembly having had a negligible presence in the state, in the two electoral bonds windows that followed the results (July and October 2021), it redeemed Rs 80 crore compared to Rs 249.5 crore for the TMC, which returned to power for a third consecutive term. The Congress, meanwhile, was reduced to zero seats in the Assembly but got Rs 58.1 crore from electoral bonds after the polls.

In January 2022, the BJP's redemptions jumped to Rs 662.2 crore. The Congress, too, saw an increase to Rs 119.3 crore. This window fell just before Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur. The BJP came to power in all but one state – Punjab, where the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) ousted the Congress.

Notably, the TMC redeemed Rs 224.2 crore in January 2022 despite contesting in only the Goa elections.

The BJP secured a total Rs 1,062.4 en route to winning Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh from the Congress and retaining power in Madhya Pradesh. The Congress got Rs 581.4 crore but won just Telangana.

In the following January 2024 window, months ahead of the Lok Sabha polls and with the Supreme Court hearing on the electoral bonds scheme underway, the BJP redeemed Rs 202 crore, followed by the TMC at Rs 73.2 crore and the Congress at Rs 64.6 crore.

• PM note: Our partnership a decade

from RJD chief Lalu Prasad, referred to the people as his family. "People of the nation consider me as their own. They love me like a member of their family. And that is why I say that the 140 crore people of this country are my family," he said at a rally in Telangana's Adilabad on March 4. This was in response to Lalu's address at an INDIA bloc rally in Patna the previous day. "Modi speaks on dynastic politics and keeps counting how many leaders have their children in politics. What can we do if he does not have a family of his own?" Lalu had said in the presence of Opposition leaders like Congress's Rahul Gandhi and SP's Akhilesh Yadav among others.

In his open letter on Friday, the Prime Minister also mentioned his government's initiatives in the past 10 years. "It is a measure of your trust and support that we could take several historic and major decisions like implementation of GST, abrogation of Article

370, new law on Triple Talaq, Nari Shakti Vandana Act to enhance women's participation in Parliament, the inauguration of new Parliament building and strong steps against terrorism and Left-Wing Extremism," he wrote.

"The success of efforts such as pucca houses through Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, access to electricity, water and LPG for all, free medical treatments through Ayushman Bharat, financial help to farmers, assistance to women through Matru Vandana Yojana and many more has been possible only due to the trust you have placed in me," he wrote.

"The transformation that has taken place in the lives of the people is the biggest achievement of our government over the last 10 years. These transformative outcomes are the result of the sincere efforts made by a determined government to improve the quality of life for the poor, farmers, youth and women."

what is the fuss about? I can say with certainty, they won't be able to face you when detailed accounts are out." Asked why names of the biggest corporate houses did not figure in the published data, he said, "So, do you think they haven't ever donated since independence? So, where are the details of that, I want to ask? No names came out. At least, because of the bonds, we have names today. What secrecy are these people talking about? They took crores in cash and did scams of Rs 12 lakh crore. They are going to jail and asking us for accounts? We brought the bonds to end black money. I want to ask, from where were expenses made before the bonds came? Was it black money or one that came with accounts? Bond money is not black money, it is reflected in balance sheets as money given as poll donation."

"Secrecy was mentioned only because they feared that if they donated to Congress when we were in power, we would trouble them. They feared that if they donated to us, the Congress would harass them in states where it is in power. How much the party got from bonds is reflected in its balance sheet. So, where is the secrecy? It is secrecy when donations are taken in cash. Congress people don't have a concern regarding secrecy. When they take donations in cash, they give Rs 100 to the party and keep Rs 100 with themselves. In the case of bonds, all Rs 1100 taken are deposited in bank accounts," he said.

3 held over murder of UP nursing student

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POLICE IN Etawah have arrested three men in connection with the murder of a first-year student of Saifai Medical College whose body was found on a roadside 15 km from the medical university on Thursday night.

The 20-year-old student was pursuing Auxiliary Nursing Midwifery (ANM) course at the UP University of Medical Sciences and hailed from a village in Auraiya district. The main accused – 30-year-old Mahendra Batham – who has been arrested also hails from the same village, said police.

"We have found CCTV footage showing the woman willingly getting into the car with a man on Thursday afternoon. Something happened between the two and the man killed her," ASP (Etawah) Satya Pal Singh said, adding the woman had left her cellphone with her roommates.

The woman's family has alleged that Batham, who is married, had been after her for the last four years and harassed her. The family, however, had not filed any complaint against him previously.

In a statement, the Etawah police said that Batham killed the student because "he had failed to establish a relationship" with her.

"We have arrested two other persons. One is Arvind, and the name of the third person will be released soon. As per the accused, these two were also involved in the murder... As per the doctors who conducted the post-mortem examination, there was no injury to the vital parts of the victim. The victim was stabbed in the neck by a sharp-edged weapon," Singh added.

The car which was used to take the victim has also been recovered along with the murder weapon. We will take the strictest action against the accused under the National Security Act," SSP (Etawah) Sanjay Kumar Verma said.

According to the SSP, the student's friend who had her mobile phone told the police that she had a "tiff with someone she was in a relationship with".

Police have lodged a case under IPC Section 302 (murder) against Batham and his family.

Meanwhile, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, demanded a judicial inquiry. "The death of a student under suspicious circumstances in Saifai university is a very serious matter. There should be a judicial inquiry into this alleged murder," he said.

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From a small shed to infra major: Meet electoral bond donor No. 2

experience in executing mega projects, he was known to chief ministers of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

In 2016, the Telangana Government awarded contracts to construct several phases of the massive Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, which cost over Rs 1 lakh crore. When the BRS was in power, A Revanth Reddy, who was then in the opposition and is now the CM, repeatedly

accused the government as well as MEIL of indulging in corruption and siphoning off crores from the project.

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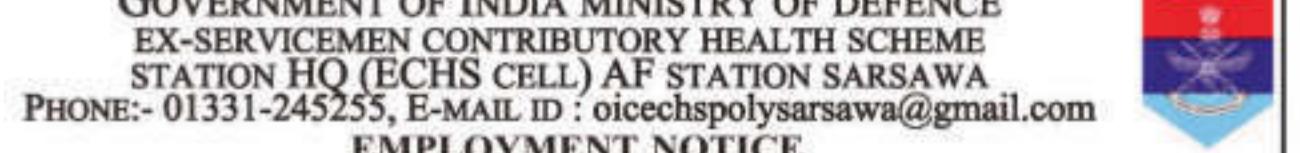
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Is it a film? Is it a Plane?

YODHA



Director: Sagar Ambre, Pushkar Ojha
Cast: Sidharth Malhotra, Raashi Khanna, Disha Patani, Ronit Roy, Tanuj Virwani



IF ANYONE was still harbouring any doubts, going loudly patriotic is the safest route to wash off your sins: in this Sidharth Malhotra-tooled, Dharma Productions-produced airplane hijack drama, even the rescue flare releases the *tiranga*'s three colours. Clap, clap.

Malhotra plays Arun Katyal, a crack soldier of the Yodha unit, which has been assembled to make things right whenever they go wrong. As far as the film's writers are concerned, if you are in a plane, things are guaranteed to plummet. After a royally muffed-up first round, our hero gets a chance to fix things, and the poor passengers are once again tossed about (the plane goes upside down, gasp), the bad guys are bearded and have Muslim names, the destination is Islamabad, and the plan (double gasp) is to blow up the peace process between, yes, you've guessed it, India and Pakistan.

You can accuse me of letting all cats out of the bag, but I can't keep these jaw-dropping deets of this totally hair-brained enterprise all to myself any longer: I mean, have you seen not just one but two aircrafts with carpets just waiting to pulled aside and a flap raised easily enough for the passengers to go up and down to the hold? No? Thought not.

And then the film offers up a twist by saying see, see, we're not bigoted; some Pakistanis are good people; it's only those pesky terrorists who are to blame. The chief badie gets to intone — *agar shaanti aa gayi toh hamaara kya hoga* — while using bombs to blow up things.

But worry not. Our Yodha, bearing the scars of his personal and professional failures, is at hand. A separation from spouse-cum-top-notch bureaucrat (Khanna) is a sore spot, even as he goes full tilt at the rescue operation, dealing with a svelte air-hostess (Patani) who is hiding something, and a newbie pilot in the hot-seat, and ends up on a pacifist note right in the heart of our neighbouring nation.

You may or may not emerge unscathed from this cartoonish rigmarole, but our Yodha, fittingly, gets off with the best line in the movie: *iss picture ka hero main hoon*. Clap, clap. SG



MURDER MUBARAK ★★

Director: Homi Adajania **Cast:** Pankaj Tripathi, Sara Ali Khan, Vijay Varma, Karisma Kapoor, Dimple Kapadia, Tisca Chopra, Sanjay Kapoor, Brijendra Kala, Aashim Gulati, Varun Mitra **Streaming on:** Netflix

SHUBHRA GUPTA

FINALLY, A film which gets the delightful tonal qualities of Anuja Chauhan's novels, so Delhi, so quirky, and in this one specifically where she trains her gaze on class through that most class of Delhi places — the club where you wait forever to become a member because those who are there will never leave, unless they are murdered.

ACP Bhavani Singh (Tripathi) and his sidekick are hauled in from their roadside *chaat* stall into the tony environs of the Royal Delhi Club. Does it stand in for the Gymkhana, or Raisina, or Golf, or a combo? You decide. The murder of a hunky gym trainer opens a can of worms, which wriggles quite deliciously under the weight of Bhavani's deceptively benign eye, and his sharp understanding of human nature.

Everyone is a suspect. Rannvijay Singh (Sanjay Kapoor), the broke ex-royal who takes leftovers home under the guise of giving to the poor. Shehnaaz Noorani (Karisma

Join the Club

Kapoor), the B-grade heroine of C-grade movies. The always tipsy, wonderfully named Cookie Katoch (Kapadia) who sips on tequila-and-beetroot, while sculpting on the side. The perfectly-attired Roshni Batra (Chopra) who loves her son to distraction. There are others in the list too, the ones who play Tambola with the battle-like glint in their eyes, when not casting said peepers into everybody else's business, which includes the plump, snifflly club manager (Bhojanji).

Aap jaise log nahin samjhenge what this club means to me'. This priceless sentence, uninfluenced by irony, hurt completely unintended, is Bambi (Khan), the ditzy Todi girl, trailing a string of admirers and a dead husband in her wake, just being Bambi. The

log refers to 'people like Bhavani' who refuse to be put in their place, because he knows exactly who he is, as opposed to the girl opposite him, who proffers kind words to Guppi Ram (Kala), the cat-loving old server who's not quite all there, and breathy kisses to childhood pal-who-could-have-been-more Akash-aka-Kashi Dogra (Varma).

The ensemble is excellent. Pankaj Tripathi as Bhavani Singh stays Pankaj Tripathi except for a characteristic hmimm, and a habit of adding 'ji' to all names, leading to much hilarity: the dead man is 'Leo ji', and Bambi becomes, of course, Bambi ji. Good to see Karisma Kapoor back. And for Khan to rediscover the fact that she can play a character. Sanjay Kapoor gets a moving

moment. I'm not so sure about Varma because he doesn't look as smooth as he should, but he's always so good to watch, so that's fine. And the murder-mystery, which involves a dash of blackmail and old secrets, does unravel quite well (too bad for those who remember the killer from reading Chauhan's *Club You To Death*): the big reveal is quite a shocker.

The thing that takes away from the film somewhat are its scattered bits. You wish, for example, Bambi's dead husband was given a bit more to do when he was up and about; there's an entire chunk revolving around an orphanage, and an abandoned baby, which could have done with a bit more detailing. Your eye doesn't really settle in as much as it should, but fortunately the plot does have quick recovery loops. And while *Murder Mubarak* is the closest any film has come to re-creating Chauhan's universe, very few can do the insider-outsider divide with such acuteness, both sharp and warm. Watch it, smile, and then, if you still haven't, go read.

This time the journey takes Po — along with Zen, and his worried dads (Bryan Cranston, James Hong) who can't stay away — to Juniper City. Here mafia lords reign, petty crime thrives, and Chameleon is bewitching them all into submission with her vile, vile ways.

In the many battles that of course result, a lot of them mid-air — either because Po and the rest have leapt there, or fallen off a cliff or fort — it's easy to lose attention and hard to care, knowing pretty well how the story goes.

Awkwafina is a hoot, as always, with Po's transformation — which is, at its heart, the ability to weave words into wise proverbs — happening on account of his jostling with her.

But Davis is surprisingly ineffective, failing to evoke the irresistible charisma that marks the best of villains. And that is despite the many impressive forms, of various sizes and various red-carpet-inspired get-ups, she keeps taking.

In fact, Ian Shane, in his brief appearance as Tai Lung, one of the many villains

Po has fought in the past who are summoned back "from the Spirit Realm" by Chameleon, strikes fast and strikes rich.

Of the many proverbs which Po eventually does come up with, the best perhaps is: "How will you kick butt, if you don't seek out butts to kick?" And yet, all your kicks can't come out of butts.

More Kung Fu than Panda

KUNG FU PANDA 4 ★★

Director: Mike Mitchell, Stephanie Stine **Cast:** Jack Black, Awkwafina, Viola Davis, Dustin Hoffman

SHALINI LANGER

AS WE get into the fourth movie, with several TV versions also under Po's undulating belt, the inevitable has happened: No.4 is more kung fu than panda.

This film, with Jack Black again as Po — perhaps one of the most inspired voice castings ever — gets off on a solid footing. With so many adventures behind him already, Master Shifu (Hoffman) says it's time for Po to pass on the baton, a good turn for the film to take.

However, Po is only just leaning into his Dragon Warrior persona, signing autographs, getting portraits done, lending name to his father's noodle shop etc etc. He doesn't think he is ready to put his warrior phase aside to mature, as Shifu puts it, into "Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace", dispensing "wisdom and hope".

What does that even mean, Po grumbles, before being sent off by Shifu to one of those meditation sessions, "seeking the universe for answers". The problem is that when Po chants "inner peace", by about the fourth time he has said it, it has morphed into "dinner please", then "dinner peas", then "the kind of peas..."

You get the drift. So, it is that when the latest threat to the Valley of Peace arrives, in the form of a



When their suggestions and condemnations failed to yield the desired effect, they resorted to threatening the family. He had received

death threats, apart from the warning that his house might be burnt down.

These incidents reinforce the disturbing

fact that multiple policies to 'empower' women and laws to protect them are yet to make substantial progress in certain geographies where deep-rooted male-centric traditions continue to relegate women to secondary roles, robbing them of any voice and agency.

While the stigma that rape survivors have to bear remains a reality, the system to provide them justice is inept and biased against survivors. The investigating officer in this case didn't even visit the scene of the crime and botched up the timings in his report.

This is a story that needed to be told, especially since it could offer inspiration to all those families who couldn't muster the courage to fight against the injustice and hostility of their community. But *To Kill A Tiger*, which lost the Oscar for Best Documentary Feature to *20 Days in Mariupol*, is not without flaws. Even though the makers have stated that Kiran,

who is now an adult, was not ashamed to reveal her face, using footage of her, when she was still a minor, could have been avoided.

The central theme of the documentary is the father's love for his daughter. Even though the documentary tries to capture it, it doesn't come through fully how their bond became the backbone of this fight. Could it be because the documentary shows the social workers of the Srijan Foundation guide them at every step? We need grassroots activists like them to hand-hold the survivors and their families, especially if they live in remote and rural areas. But the narrative becomes weak when it shifts its focus to the activists. As they counsel the survivor's family and villagers, preachiness sets in.

There is no doubt both Pahuja and Srijan Foundation had Kiran's interest at heart. They, however, needed to use some caution, that would have made this story of bravery and faith-daughter bond more powerful.

STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



FRIDA

PRIME VIDEO

Drawn from her illustrated diary, revealing letters, essays, and candid interviews, *Frida* is a raw and magical journey through the mind and heart of iconic artist Frida Kahlo. It is brought to life by lyrical animation inspired by her artwork. It is the feature film directorial debut of renowned editor Carla Gutiérrez (RBC, La Corona).



IRISH WISH

NETFLIX

When the love of her life gets engaged to her best friend, Maddie Kelly (Lindsay Lohan) puts her feelings aside to be a bridesmaid at their wedding. But then she makes a spontaneous wish for true love and finds herself in an alternate reality where she realises that sometimes you need to be careful who you wish for. The film is directed by Janeen Damian and written by Kirsten Hansen.



THE LAST YEAR OF DARKNESS

MUBI

Director Ben Mullikosson's second feature-length documentary, *The Last Year of Darkness* celebrates the ephemeral of youth through the lens of five friends in the underground party scene in Chengdu, China. As the city changes, the future of beloved club Funky Town is unsure. The group is forced to face what brought them together in the first place, and how to survive.



BRAMAYUGAM

SONYLIV

A folk singer gets stuck in an abandoned mansion with its benevolent master and his cook only to realise his fate leading him to an ancient tradition. The Malayalam-language folk horror film written and directed by Rahul Sadasivam features Mammootty, Arjun Ashokan and Sidharth Bharathan. The powerful performance by Mammootty in this black-and-white movie, set in the 17th century Malabar region, has received much praise.

In the Red

BASTAR ✓

Director: Sudipto Sen **Cast:** Adah Sharma, Indira Tiwari, Shilpa Shukla, Raima Sen, Vijay Krishna, Yashpal Sharma, Subrat Dutt, Anangsha Biswas, Kishor Kadam

THE KERALA Story unit returns, this time to focus on the evils of the 'Maoists' who tramp up and down with impunity down their 'red corridor', hacking to pieces anyone who dares to claim loyalty to the Indian flag, backed by 'leftists, media, Bollywood, NGOs', and a certain university whose name starts with J and ends with U.

Just like in their previous film which used sliding numbers to press their point home, *Bastar*, *The Naxal Story* repeats this line: '50,000 to 60,000 innocents have been killed since the advent of these Maoists', fuelled by the Lashkar and the LTTE, as well as other global terrorist outfits.

And just to make sure that there's no confusion in our minds, one such killing takes place in the opening moments of the film. A 'Naxalite' leader (Krishna) takes an axe and goes hack, hack, hack, one limb

falling after another, blood spraying, while the victim's wife and daughter are made to watch. I'm finding it hard to write this. Watching this is beyond terrible, but the filmmakers are determined that neither they nor their camera will blink.

To expect any kind of nuance from the makers of *The Kerala Story* would have been a stretch. *Bastar* is more of the same. When IPS officer Neerja Madhavan (Sharma) thunders that she wants to shoot all 'these left liberals', she means everyone of similar persuasion. The film is clear about everyone it wants to paint pitch-black: the sleeveless-blouse sporting journalist (Sen) is a venal Maoist-sympathiser, and along with the smirking female lawyer (Shukla) who fights the case for the ban on Salwa Judum (the organisation created to fight Naxalism at the grassroots but was disbanded later), whose leader here is played by Kadam.

It's nobody's case that there hasn't been unconscionable violence wreaked by the Maoist outfits in *Bastar*. But the film is uninterested in delving deeper to find out the root cause of the Maoist influence in the region. The killing of the 76 CRPF jawans is a horrific fact, and that is used to propel Madhavan's tirades against anyone who doesn't see it the way she does. The victim's wife (Tiwari) is recruited: how else will she get revenge? Songs in a university amphitheatre in Delhi alternate between revelry in a Maoist camp in Dantewada: in the film's universe, the students and hackers are the same.

How did they manage to leave out a mention of the 'Khan Market gang'? Tsk. SG

Uphill Battle

TO KILL A TIGER



Director: Nisha Pahuja

Streaming on: Netflix

ALAKA SAHANI

NISHA PAHUJA'S *To Kill A Tiger*, which was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Documentary feature, chronicles a father's fight for justice after his 13-year-old daughter is raped by three men of their village during a wedding function. The odds are stacked against this modest farmer in Jharkhand's Bero district as he refuses to give up his pursuit of justice. In his fight, he rebuffs the villagers' attempts to reach a compromise and

get his daughter married to one of the assailants.

He and his family's struggle to stay afloat and continue fighting the legal battle make for uneasy viewing. However, what's most heartbreaking is the breakdown of the community support for the minor girl whose family brushes aside the relentless pressure exerted by villagers, including women, to "forgive" the culprits and marry one of them. For most villagers, his decision to pursue the legal battle is most unusual, even obstinate, something that they can't wrap their heads around. In a deeply patriarchal setting, where violence against women is endemic, the family is criticised for not showing "forgiveness", thus giving the village a bad name.

When cornered and questioned about the girl's plight, the villagers, including the ward member who was a witness in the case, don't shy away from not-so-subtle victim shaming and blame the girl for staying out till late.



When their suggestions and condemnations failed to yield the desired effect, they resorted to threatening the family. He had received

death threats, apart from the warning that his house might be burnt down.

These incidents reinforce the disturbing

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MAKES A COMEBACK WITH IPL

The remaking of Rishabh Pant



In December 2022, Rishabh Pant was pulled out of a car wreck, his knee twisted at an impossible 90 degrees and his muscles and ligaments shattered. Fifteen months later, as Pant pads up for the IPL, PRATYUSH RAJ explains his reconstruction and recovery

THE SCREAMS piercing through the nights at the Dehradun hospital still haunt Umesh Kumar. It was to Umesh, a family friend and an independent MLA from Uttarakhand, that Rishabh Pant's mother had turned to for help in the early hours of December 30, 2022, when the star cricketer met with a horrific car accident near Roorkee.

It has been 15 months since the accident that left Pant's right knee twisted at an impossible 90-degree angle. The leg had to be straightened before he could be brought out of the car. On March 12, the Indian cricket board announced that the wicketkeeper-batsman is fit and will make a return to competitive cricket with the Indian Premier League (IPL). On March 23, he is set to captain Delhi Capitals against Punjab Kings in Mohali.

This is the remarkable tale of Rishabh Pant's recovery.

'Couldn't believe he came out alive'

"He kept shouting through the night. I can still hear those screams. He was having anxiety attacks. He tried to keep his cool but he was in unbearable pain," Umesh tells *The Indian Express*.

He shudders at the memory of the sight that awaited him at the hospital when he landed there after answering a phone call from Pant's mother Saroj at 6:15 in the morning.

"His teeth were the only thing that wasn't red," says Umesh, recalling what he saw of a bloodsoaked Pant. "When I saw the burning car in the accident video, I couldn't believe he came out alive. When I later asked him, he smiled saying, 'Bhaiya, aap aa gaye (brother, you are here)," says Umesh, MLA from Uttarakhand's Kuanpur constituency.

Devender Sharma, who was assistant to Pant's childhood coach, the late Tarak Sinha, too, remembers what he saw at the hospital.

"His muscles were hanging out of his body. From the back of his neck to the lower waist, you could see his bones. It took five hours to put on the bandage. He was given anaesthesia twice in the process. His body looked like a piece of wood, peeled completely," says Sharma, who now runs Tarak Sinha's Sonnet Cricket Club in Delhi. From December 30 to January 5, officials, leaders and well-wishers streamed into the hospital to meet him. The nights were hell.

Umesh Kumar credits Rajat Kumar and Nishu Kumar, two youngsters who dragged Pant out of the car and rushed him to hospital, with saving his life.

"Those two boys were a godsend. They saved Rishabh's life... On December 30, the doctors at the Dehradun hospital had given up and the plan was to airlift him to Delhi, but we couldn't find a chopper and the fog also made it worse. He was shrieking in pain. The knees and the ligaments were broken. The immediate priority was to save him," says Umesh.

A week later, Pant was shifted to Mumbai's Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital.

'Would he be able to walk?'

That was Rishabh's mother's worry when she met Dr Dilshaw Pardiwal, Director, Centre for Sports Medicine, at the Kokilaben hospital who performed

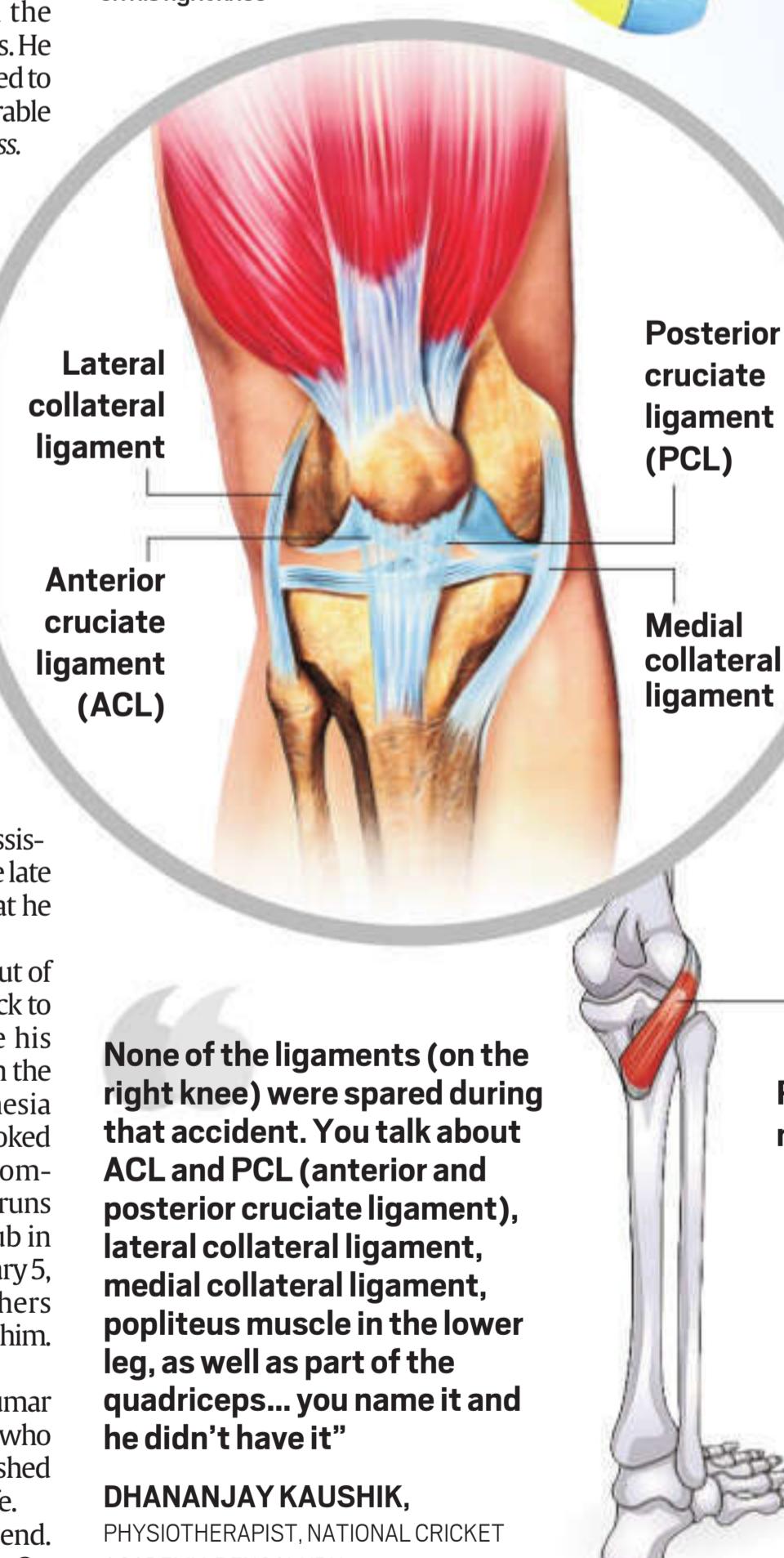
a knee surgery on Pant.

"Rishabh's mother was very concerned about whether he will ever be able to walk again. I told her, 'Look, I can at least promise you that we'll make sure that he walks again...' because this is such a severe injury. But it will be a long-drawn process," Pardiwal recalled on *bcci.tv*.

"Rishabh remembers very well that his knee was completely out and was lying almost 90 degrees to the normal position. During the process of being pulled out, because there were glass pieces everywhere, his skin got scraped off, so that added to the

THE LIGAMENTS PANT INJURED

The accident had damaged ligaments—important for controlling key leg movements—on his right knee



None of the ligaments (on the right knee) were spared during that accident. You talk about ACL and PCL (anterior and posterior cruciate ligament), lateral collateral ligament, medial collateral ligament, popliteus muscle in the lower leg, as well as part of the quadriceps... you name it and he didn't have it!"

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PHYSIOTHERAPIST, NATIONAL CRICKET ACADEMY, BENGALURU

whole, you know, soft tissue injury part of it. So, from the bone and joint part, he had... broken a lot of things," he said.

Amid all that bleakness, however, there was hope. "Fortunately for him, his blood vessels, which supply blood to the rest of the leg that was intact. And his nerves, which supply sensation, were also intact. For us knee surgeons, knee dislocation is one of the worst injuries because everything breaks... You need to get back movement so that the knee doesn't get stiff and, at the same time, you need enough muscle strength to allow that movement," he added.

'Fortunate to have a second life'



Rishabh Pant at a practice session in Visakhapatnam on March 13. PTI

Dhananjay Kaushik, physiotherapist at the National Cricket Academy (NCA), Bengaluru, where Pant spent months in rehab, was amazed at Pant's positive attitude. "Talking about the right knee, none of the ligaments were spared during that accident. You talk about ACL and PCL (anterior and posterior cruciate ligament), lateral collateral ligament, medial collateral ligament, popliteus muscle in the lower leg, as well as part of the quadriceps... you name it and he didn't have it," Kaushik said on *bcci.tv*.

'Fortunate to have a second life'

After being bedridden for almost 45 days, Pant posted an image of himself

walking on his terrace using crutches. "One step stronger, one step better," read the caption. On April 5, 2023, with a heavily strapped knee, he made his first public appearance during the Delhi Capitals' match against Gujarat Titans in Delhi.

A month later, on May 5, he posted a heartwarming video of walking without the crutches. A month later, he posted another video, this time of him walking up a flight of stairs.

In July, he started his strength training and two months later, started jogging. In the meantime, he went on a trip to Kedarnath and Badrinath. MLA Umesh, who accompanied him, says, "After the surgery, I promised him that once he started walking I would take him to



Pant during his rehab at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru

RISHABH'S RECOVERY CHART

DECEMBER 30, 2022:	Rishabh Pant meets with a road accident near Roorkee	FEB 2023: Pant undergoes surgery at Mumbai's Kokilaben hospital on the three ligaments in his right knee	APRIL 4: Makes his first public appearance with a heavily strapped right knee during Delhi Capitals' home match against Gujarat Titans at the Ferozeshah Kotla Stadium, Delhi
AUGUST 28:	Starts lower body fitness training	JULY 5: Starts upper body strength training	MAY 5: Walks without crutches during rehab at NCA, Bengaluru
FEBRUARY 20, 2024:	Starts batting and keeping drills at NCA		MARCH 23: Will play his first competitive match—the IPL against Punjab Kings—in Mohali

Kedar and Badri. When he started running, he gave me a call and said, 'let's go.'

After those seven days that I spent with him in the Dehradun hospital, to see him walking, doing all his spidey stuff on the hilly terrain was so heartwarming."

All through these months, Pant recorded small but significant victories: to be able to walk without crutches, even to be able to brush his teeth and bathe effortlessly.

"I didn't think I would ever enjoy brushing my teeth. The first time I took a bath, I didn't feel like coming out. These small things gave me joy because I'm fortunate to have a second life. Not everyone is fortunate enough to get it," he said in an interview with Star Sports.

Lift shot is back and so is Rishabh Pant'

Nishanta Bordoloi, strength and conditioning coach at NCA, says the whole episode has transformed Pant as a person.

"It has made him a better human being. He now respects life more than ever. It has just made him more resilient and stronger. He was a very good human being, he has become an even better person now," says Bordoloi.

Coach Sharma echoes Bordoloi's views. "I met him a day before he went to Vizag for the IPL matches (Delhi plays two matches here). Post the injury and the recovery period, he has become noticeably more mature. He is hurt that he missed the home World Cup, the WTC final, the Test series... It is normal. There is pain but it is normal," he says.

"I saw all his injuries. It has completely healed. Rehab has been excellent. He has lost 10 kg in two months. He was training three times a day. He did it with a lot of patience," Sharma adds.

Sharma says that during the recovery period, Pant would often talk about his wicketkeeping and resolve to be a better version of himself in his second coming. "Mai first match se keeping karunga, bhaiya, mujhe impact player ban ke nahi khelna (I will keep wickets from the first match itself. I don't want to be the Impact Player). I want to play better than I used to before the injury... He would keep repeating these two lines," recalls Sharma.

The IPL's Impact Player rule allows one substitute player per team to play an active part in matches with bat or ball.

Sharma says that when Pant spoke to him from the NCA, he assured him that while he was still in pain, there was nothing to worry about.

"He batted for two hours in Alur (near Bengaluru). He played with the pain but he enjoyed it. He told me there is nothing to worry about. I saw the video... The lift shot (over the bowler's head) is back and so is Rishabh Pant," said Devender.

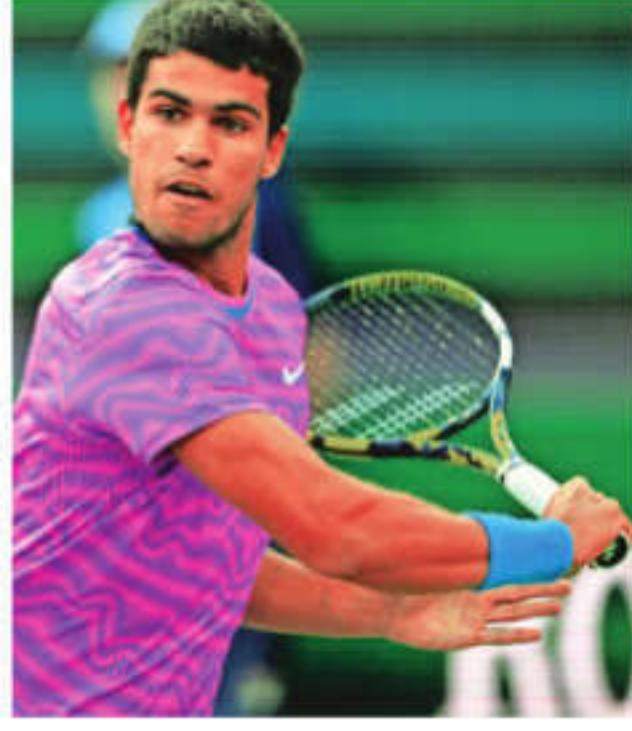
There is a lovely moment in the BCCI video where Pant talks about his comeback efforts.

"When I started walking without crutches, that was a high point. Then I started jogging a little bit, that was a high

for me, then started batting, then started keeping as I took joy in everything."

On March 23, as the Mohali floodlights shower on Rishabh Pant, the miracle man will take a bow.

Alcaraz dodges bees to set up Sinner semi



The bee invasion wasn't a distraction for Carlos Alcaraz, who beat Alexander Zverev 6-3, 6-1. USA TODAY Sports

REUTERS
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CARLOS ALCARAZ looked back at his best as he swatted aside a swarm of bees and world number six Alexander Zverev to reach the semi-finals at Indian Wells on Thursday, setting up a clash with the in-form Jannik Sinner. The world number two took the interruption to clear the bees from the court in his stride before racing past Zverev 6-3 6-1 in little more than 90 minutes to keep his title defence on track.

Zverev did not play badly but Alcaraz's all-court game was just too good, the 20-year-old Spaniard sealing the victory by breaking the German for the fourth time and taking his winning streak in the Californian desert to 10 matches. "It was strange, I've never seen something like that at a tennis match," twice major champion Alcaraz said of the invasion of bees, during which he was stung on the forehead before heading for cover.

"I'm not going to lie, I'm a little bit afraid of the bees. Once the match started again, I managed to stay away from the bees and do the things I needed to do."

Italian Sinner earlier continued his perfect start to the season by cruising past Jiri Lehecka 6-3 6-3 to improve his win-loss record this year to 16-0.

A windy, cool day did little to slow down the hottest player on the men's tour as Sinner was in control throughout, facing a single break chance the entire contest while his opponent piled up unforced errors.

"In the morning, it was really, really windy," Sinner said in his court-side interview. "The first set was tough to handle. He has huge potential so I was really aware of every point that I made and in a way I am just happy because I make the semi-finals last year and this year I have again a chance to play in the semis in one of the greatest tournaments we have throughout the whole year."

Lehecka reached his first Masters 1000 quarter-final with upset wins over fifth seed Andrey Rublev and 11th seed Stefanos Tsitsipas but had no answers for the lanky Australian Open champion.

The third seed quickly had his Czech opponent under pressure by collecting the first break in the third game with a massive forehand winner before closing out the set with a second break. It was much the same business-like approach in the second as Sinner again claimed the early break to get 3-1 ahead and he held serve on the way to a 19th straight win including three from the end of last season.

Local hope Tommy Paul also reached the semi-finals with a 6-2 1-6 6-3 win over Casper Ruud and will take on Australian Open runner-up Daniil Medvedev, who powered past Holger Rune 7-5 6-4 to stay on course for his first title of the year.

'Bazball experience was exciting, challenging, and a great learning'

Ashwin reflects on England's bravado approach, the decisive factors in the series and how he blends instinct with home work to outwit batsmen

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EVEN THOUGH India beat England 4-1 in the recent series, all-rounder R Ashwin said what Ben Stokes & Co did through the series cannot be spoken of on a lesser note. After starting the series on a winning note, and having India under pressure at various stages in Visakhapatnam, Rajkot and Ranchi, England ended up losing their first series of the Bazball era.

"What England did on this tour cannot be negated or cannot be spoken of on a lesser note. I think that is some fantastic work. Whenever you do something new and when it's likely to be revelation or revolutionary or entertaining, you will find areas that you can always find a balance to. All in all, I thought they played good cricket. But we played some better cricket at the right moments," Ashwin said in *The Idea Exchange* with *The Indian Express* (the detailed transcript will be published later).

Though India started off on a losing note, in the end, their superior bowling attack proved to be the difference between the two sides. "I didn't think too much about it going into the series. I expected them to come swinging down a bit and probably try to put pressure on us, which they did," said Ashwin, who led the wicket-charts in the series with 26 scalps.

"For me, it was great learning. It was very exciting and challenging. At the same time, I'm very glad that at the other end of it, I've learned a lot more," he added.

Though England didn't find anyone to repeat Ollie Pope's match-winning heroics at Hyderabad in the remaining series, they stuck to their hitherto successful formula. Except for Dharamsala, in the other three Tests, they repeatedly put India under pressure, before blinking first. "You have also been on tours, where the final



Ravichandran Ashwin reached the 500 wicket and 100 Test match milestone during the five-match series at home against England. File

test can be tough without the context," he said.

For Ashwin, the 100th Test at Dharamsala was the high point of the series. After receiving the 100th Test cap from head coach Rahul Dravid, he picked up four wickets in the first innings, before picking 5 in the second. On Day 3, which turned out to be the final morning of the series, Ashwin started England's slide by picking up four wickets, including that of England captain Ben Stokes. Having bowled an eight-over spell, India brought Ashwin for the last over before lunch, and the arm-ball delivered from around the stumps spelled doom for Stokes.

The wicket came soon after a conversation between Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and vice-captain Jasprit Bumrah, who was leading the side as Rohit Sharma sat out, after which Ashwin got an extra over to bowl at the stroke of lunch.

"Gauging moments comes with a certain amount of instinct," Ashwin spoke of that moment when he came on to bowl. "You have been there in these situations and you know what can and what should happen. It won't happen every time. But I think it was more about me going to Jaddu and Bumrah and talking to them about what mind space Stokes was in. Because I felt like Stokes wanted to break the shackles and at the same time wanted to do it after lunch. So you just

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wanted to get to lunch and that can happen sometimes. But it was entirely Jassie's (Bumrah) call to bring me on."

Instinct, homework

Once the instincts took over, Ashwin also brought the extensive homework he had done — analysing Stokes through the course of the series and beyond — to good work.

"I just felt like when Stokes gets into these very defensive shells, he allows you to come a little fuller and wider on occasions because he's worried so much about the LBW. His bat is almost, pointing down to the ground that he gets into the zones of literally being extra tight and he could just lunge forward to every single ball on those occasions," Ashwin recollects.

At Dharamsala Stokes did something different to how he played in Hyderabad and Ranchi, where the pitches were on the slower side.

"In Hyderabad he wanted to play a lot of the back-foot. It was the slowest surface that I've seen in all these years of playing cricket. So when the ball turns, it just beats your bat and doesn't hit the stump. So Stokes was hanging back. That's the same load he found himself in Ranchi," he explained.

However, with the Dharamsala pitch having good bounce and carry and a bit quicker, Stokes was playing more on the front foot.

"Over here, I felt his front foot was moving farther than usual — because he wanted to hit and at the same time, get to lunch. So I just wanted to keep the line a little outside off-stump to see if you would lunge. And my intention was to get him out LBW. If you look at the replay also you'll find that the bat is close to the pad. Only the upper half was a little open. And the ball found enough bounce and deviation to just get between bat and ball at that top half. My intention was to get him out LBW, but the bounce enabled me to get through the transit."

KAPUR, AHLAWAT MAKE CUT

Indian golfers Shiv Kapur and Veer Ahlawat shot 67 and 68 respectively in the second round to emerge as the only two Indians to make the cut at the International Series Macau on Friday. PTI.

Playing for KSCA XI, Archer takes 2/22 in Alur

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ENGLAND FAST bowler Jofra Archer, who has skipped the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024, is the turning the heat, while playing for Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) XI against his county time Sussex in Alur. The Sussex men's first team is in Bangalore for a pre-season tour ahead of the County Championship which will get underway from April 5.

In Alur, Archer looked in good rhythm with figures of 2 for 22 in a seven over spell for Karnataka State Cricket Association XI (KSCA XI) against his own county side Sussex in a two-day warm-up game.

In a video posted by Sussex County, Archer can be seen taking the wicket of Tom Alsop. In another tweet, the 28-year-old can be seen standing a huddle with the other KSCA XI players.

Archer has not played any professional cricket since May 2023, after he suffered a recurrence of an elbow stress fracture while playing for Mumbai Indians in the IPL.

Mumbai Indians bought Archer at the 2022 mega auction. After being entirely absent in the first season, Archer played just four matches in 2023 season before heading home after a recurrence of the elbow injury.

The pacer's injury resurfaced midway into the ODI World Cup, where he was travelling as a reserve for England. Archer was sent back home, ruled out of the white-ball series in December in the West Indies, and there is no definitive timeline on his return.

However, Archer has been handed a two-year ECB central contract despite having played just seven white-ball matches for England since March 2021, a period of time in which he has been beset by a fractured right elbow, as well as a stress fracture of the back.



England Jofra Archer played for KSCA XI versus Sussex. X@SussexCCC

Troika of spinners deliver as RCB beat MI to enter final

VINAYAK MOHANARANGAN
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GEORGIA WAREHAM had hit the last ball of the 20th over of RCB's innings for a six. Mumbai Indians needed that exact same outcome off the last ball they faced to at least force a Super Over. Amelia Kerr, however, couldn't connect.

Cue: RCB chants and a famous win for the popular franchise that took them into their first WPL final.

Asha Sobhana might have had a hundred butterflies in her stomach running around, she didn't show it though. It was a tournament where she didn't exactly have much to celebrate after that sensational five-for in Match 2. She was there and thereabouts, picking a few wickets along the way. But with

one over left in the effective semifinal at the Arun Jaitley Stadium against MI, Smriti Mandhana turned to the legspinner.

MI needed 12 from 6 balls, with five wickets in hand. Mandhana, with her main bowlers done with their quota, had to choose between Renuka Singh Thakur or Sophie Devine or Asha. And she picked the uncapped domestic player to do the job over two international stars. Given the conditions on offer, it was the logical thing to do. But experience plays a huge part in such moments. RCB, however, decided to trust their domestic talent.

And Asha delivered. She didn't concede a single boundary, and picked up the wicket of Pooja Vastrakar to complete the last over that read: 1-1-2-W-1-1. RCB, out of nowhere, stole a march on the defending champions, winning by 5 runs. In a match that was tense throughout the second half, with neither side

seemingly grabbing the advantage, RCB held their nerve in the last few overs.

"Any batter in the last over, I knew that they would try to hit me over the fielders on the shorter side. So I wanted to pull it shorter and make it slow," Asha told the broadcasters after the match. "Smriti spoke to me about the field every ball, she was amazing. We were confident to defend the target because it wasn't easy for any batter to score on the wicket against slow spinners."

As Kerr managed just a thick outside edge with her attempted big shot, Asha did the 'calm' celebration popular in football. "Yes, I am a football fan, I just wanted to say that captain Smriti trusted me so much and gave me the last over, so don't worry," she said about her gesture. With 20 runs needed off 18 balls and Harmanpreet Kaur in the middle, MI appeared favourites. But what followed

was three top overs from three RCB spinners.

First up, Shreyanka Patil. A few nights back, the spinner was in tears after she and Richa Ghosh couldn't manage to complete a last-ball win against Delhi Capitals. But before that, with the ball, she had delivered two impeccable overs in the death to restrict a strong DC lineup from finishing well. It was an effort widely appreciated by the RCB think-tank.

In the Eliminator, with just 136 to defend, RCB turned to Shreyanka early in the innings. She bowled two tight overs in the powerplay, including the wicket of Hayley Matthews.

And in the 18th over, she kept Kerr and Kaur quiet, should have had the Indian captain out the first ball but picked up the massive wicket off the last ball. It was the most decisive moment in the match. She finished with figures of 2/16. Then in the 19th over, Sophie Molineux stepped up. She didn't have the best

of outing with the bat, but bowled a near-perfect death over, picking up the wicket of Sajana Saajeewani with one that was tossed up.

After that, Asha did the rest. That RCB got to even a decent total was thanks once again to Ellyse Perry. The superstar allrounder haunted Mumbai once again as she scored 66 runs off 50 balls, in a knock where she timed the ball better than any other batter on the night. While everyone struggled to find a good rhythm, she peppered the boundaries frequently enough to take her side to what eventually proved to be the winning total.

BRIEF SCORES: RCB 135 for 6 in 20 overs (Ellyse Perry 66; Hayley Matthews 2/18, Nat Sciver-Brunt 2/18, Saika Isasha 2/27) bt MI 130 for 6 in 20 overs (Nat Sciver-Brunt 23, Harmanpreet Kaur 33, Amelia Kerr 27 not out) by five runs.

Addo returns as Ghana's men coach

Otto Addo is returning for a second spell as coach of Ghana's men's national soccer team after Borussia Dortmund agreed to release him from his role in talent development at the end of the season. Addo already coached Ghana on an interim basis for much of 2022, including at the World Cup in Qatar, when Ghana beat South Korea, but was still eliminated in the group stage. He returns to the job on a 34-month contract with an option to extend by another two years, the Ghana Football Association wrote on Facebook. That would cover at least the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations and the 2026 World Cup. AP

ICC ratifies stop clock rule in ODIs, T20Is

Dubai: The stop clock system, which is on trial, will be made a permanent feature of all full-member ODIs and T20Is from the T20 World Cup 2024, the ICC said. The ICC had introduced the stop clock rule in December 2023, and now it has been incorporated into the standard playing conditions which will be in vogue from June 1, 2024. "The stop-clock is set to become permanent in all ODIs and T20Is from June 2024, starting with the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 in the West Indies and USA," the ICC said. "The experiment has already yielded results in terms of timely completion of matches," the ICC said. PTI



Rishabh Pant and Delhi Capitals head coach Ricky Ponting. PTI

Pant hitting ball as good as ever: Ponting

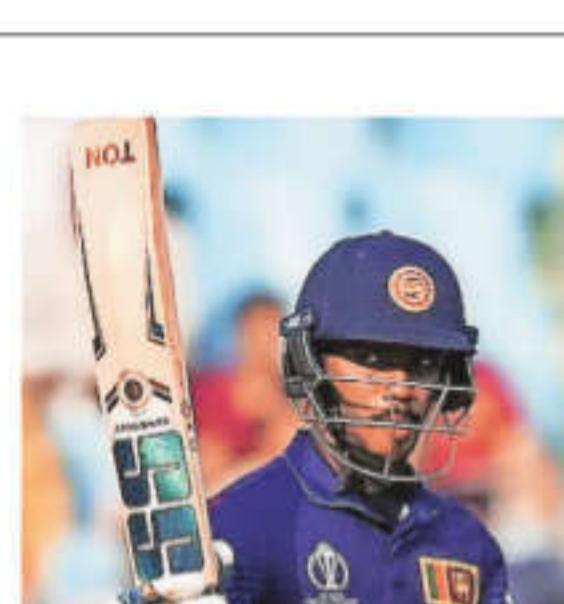
Rishabh Pant seems to be hitting the ball as well as he has ever been known to, something that is lifting the spirits of his Delhi Capitals team-mates, head coach Ricky Ponting said after his first session ahead of upcoming IPL, starting next Friday. Pant, who had been out for 14 months following a horrific car crash near his hometown Rourkela in December 2022, has been cleared by the BCCI to play both as a batter and wicket-keeper. "We missed him (Pant) incredibly last year. The whole tournament missed him. Rishabh brings so much energy to the team. He's got that smile on his face, he's hitting the ball as good as ever and he tends to lift all of his teammates around him," Ponting was quoted as saying in a press release. However, the coach admitted that the team is yet to pick up pace even though only eight days (March 23) are left for DC's first game against Punjab Kings in Mullanpur's newly-constructed Stadium. "It's just the start. We don't expect to be practising at our absolute best right now. We're not even so much looking forward to the first game yet. We're getting some volume work done," said Ponting. PTI

Barca's Cubarsi, 17, gets a Spain call up

Spain has called up Barcelona's 17-year-old defender Pau Cubarsi for the first time for the team's friendlies ahead of this summer's European championship in Germany. Spain coach Luis de la Fuente announced his 26-man squad on Friday. It is the second-to-last squad he will put together before Spain plays at the Euro 2024 starting in mid-June. Cubarsi is the latest product of Barcelona's famed La Masia academy to impress. The central defender was named man of the match in his European debut when Barcelona eliminated Napoli from the Champions League's round of 16. AP

Hockey nationals: Haryana beat Assam

Pune: Deepika slammed five goals, including a hat-trick, as Hockey Haryana thrashed Assam Hockey 15-0 in the Senior Women National Championship on Friday. Deepika (2nd, 40th, 42nd, 49th, 56th minutes) led the show in the opening match of the day as she shone bright for Hockey Haryana. Known for her prowess from set pieces, Deepika converted two penalty corners besides scoring three field goals at the Major Dhyanchand Hockey Stadium Nehrungar in Pimpri. Sharmila Devi (2nd, 35th), Mahima Choudhary (15th, 47th), Udita (32nd from PC, 36th from PC) too sparked scoring a brace each. PTI



Nissanka ton helps Sri Lanka level series

Opening batter Pathum Nissanka's century helped Sri Lanka chase down Bangladesh by three wickets and level their one-day international series on Friday. Nissanka's 114 in a national record 185-run stand for the fourth wicket with Charith Asalanka saved Sri Lanka from 43-3. Asalanka made a 93-ball 91 and missed out on his fourth ton. But their partnership was key in overcoming Bangladesh's 286-7 with 287-7 in 47.1 overs. "After the three wickets fell, Charith and me decided to bat normally and, looking at the score, to bat long and get close to the target," Nissanka said. Bangladesh was led by Towhid Hridoy, who finished 96 not out. Bangladesh pacer Shariful Islam continued his habit of striking with the new ball when opener Avishka Fernando edged the first ball he faced to first slip for a duck. AP



Sat-Chi seesaw

Satwik-Chirag's defeat in Round of 16 a reminder of how competitive men's doubles badminton is, there are no guarantees

VINAYAK MOHANARANGAN
MARCH 15

WHEN LAST week Marcus Fernaldi Gideon announced his retirement, the tributes inevitably were centered around the domination that he and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo had on badminton's BWF World Tour. The duo – known popularly around the world as 'Minions' – were an absolute men's doubles tour de force. In what will go down as one of the greatest statistical anomalies in badminton, they somehow never managed to win an Olympics or World Championships medal (leave alone title) but on the circuit, they were incredibly consistent. They spent an astonishing 226 weeks at the top of the world rankings from 2017 to 2022.

On 20 September 2022, Gideon and Sukamuljo were world No 2 for the first time since 2017 as Japan's Takuro Hoki/Yugo Kobayashi – world champions in 2021 – took over. Since then alone, there have been five changes at the top of the world rankings in men's doubles.

In the week following the retirement of Gideon, the All England Open 2024 badminton championships has thrown up a timely reminder of just how wide open and competitive men's doubles has been in the last couple of years. The current world No 1, India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were defeated in the round of 16 at the prestigious Super 1000 tournament late on Thursday night. It marked their first pre-final defeat on the World Tour in 2024.

SatChi's defeat came following first-round exits for reigning World Champions Kang Min Hyuk/Seo Seung Jae, and former champions Mohammad Ahsan/Hendra Setiawan (albeit not the force they once were). Then there were second-round ousters for recent world



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty lost 21-16, 21-15 in the All England Championship Round of 16. BAI

No 1 Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang, and last year's Worlds silver medallists Kim Astrup and Anders Rasmussen.

No weak lineups

And despite these glut of high profile early defeats in Birmingham, it is not like the quarter-final lineup is a weak one. Satwik-Chirag themselves lost to 2022 champions Bagas Maulana and Muhammad Shohibul Fikri. Liang and Wang were defeated by reigning Olympic champions Wang Chi-lin and Lee Yang, who are an enigma themselves. Two recent world champions in Aaron Chia-Soh Wooi Yik and Hoki-Kobayashi are still around as are another recent world No 1s Fajar Alifian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto. Any of these pairs could go on to win the title, and you wouldn't bat an eyelid.

In many ways, this week at All England has

also highlighted that Satwik-Chirag's sensational start to 2024 has been a complete outlier to what we have come to expect in this category as they made it three finals back to back.

In 2018 and 2019, the Minions won eight titles each on the World Tour. In 2023, for instance, two pairs won four titles each, while two other pairs won three titles as the trophies started getting spread around. In such a roller-coaster environment, that Satwik-Chirag reached the finals in Malaysia, India and France was a remarkable feat of consistency.

Men's doubles on the court is often chaotic: fast and furious exchanges, flat rallies, short points dominated by how the first few shots – the service, the return and the third shot – pan out. In the last two years, the fortunes off the court have been similar too, changing swiftly from one week to next.

The world was looking at the French Open Super 750 last week at the Olympic venue as a possible pointer towards what might happen in Paris in a few months from now. Then Chinese Taipei's Lee Jhe Huei-Yang Po Hsuan made their way to the men's doubles final, a pair that is not even on the radar for qualification for now but managed to pull off one big upset after another.

All England is a title that Satwik-Chirag have long coveted, as have many Indian stars in the last decade. The wait continues for now, but their defeat also offers a moment to pause and reflect on how there are no guarantees in the wild, wild world of men's doubles. On their day, the Indians can beat anyone in the world right now, they don't have any nemeses around (with the Minions now officially retired). But they sure do know the same applies against them as well.

Magnus Carlsen to bring Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour to India in 2024

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MARCH 15

AFTER THE success of the inaugural edition of Freestyle Chess G.O.A.T. Challenge, former world champion Magnus Carlsen has decided to expand the unique chess event into a 'tour format' with India being chosen as the first port of call for the event.

The tour – called the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour – is slated to start in India in November, with a whopping \$500,000 (approximately Rs 4 crore) on offer as prize money for the Indian leg of the tour. The idea is to have a series of five tournaments per year, ideally on five different continents.

In a press release issued on Friday, Carlsen and his partner, German entrepreneur Jan Henric Buettner, said that after the first leg in India, the next stop of the tour will take players to Germany's Weissenhaus from February 7-14, 2025. The organisers had plans to host the remaining events in New York, Cartagena (Colombia), and Cape Town besides Australia in 2026.

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The organisers also said that they had invited the world's top chess players to be-

come members of their newly formed, exclusive Freestyle Chess Players Club (FCPC). Carlsen's entrepreneurial interests

After his success on the chessboard, Carlsen has made multiple forays into entrepreneurship. Just last year, Carlsen joined hands with Norway Chess and a Norwegian company called Iterate to develop a new fantasy chess app. The app would give chess enthusiasts worldwide the chance to organise fantasy leagues and compete against one another based on games played in real-world tournaments around the year.

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Magnus Carlsen along with the seven other GM's part of the Freestyle Chess G.O.A.T Challenge event. Special arrangement

Man City-Madrid encore in Champions League quarters

REUTERS
MARCH 15

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS Manchester City will play record winners Real Madrid in the Champions League quarter-finals while Barcelona take on Paris St Germain after the draw was held at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon on Friday. Real Madrid are 14-times champions and knocked City out in 2022 semi-finals but Carlo Ancelotti's side were soundly beaten 5-1 on aggregate by Pep Guardiola's team in the last four last year.

"We don't have another option. It looks like a little bit of a tradition... playing the kings of the competition, winning 14 Champions Leagues," Guardiola told reporters.

"Hopefully we can arrive in a good moment. There's still three weeks before the first game (leg) in Madrid, we'll see."

Paris St Germain, who are seeking their first Champions League title, will take on Barcelona while Atletico Madrid face Bundesliga side Borussia Dortmund, which means all three Spanish teams have the opportunity to reach the semi-finals.

This may also be Kylian Mbappe's last chance to win the title with PSG with the French forward set to leave the Ligue 1 club at



Manchester City and Real Madrid are the only teams to win all six of their group games this season in Champions League. Reuters

Madrid file complaint after Vinicius targeted with racist abuse

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MADRID, MARCH 15

REAL MADRID have filed a complaint with the state prosecutor's office over hate and discrimination offences after alleged racist chanting by Atletico Madrid and Barcelona fans directed at Vinicius Jr; the LaLiga club said on Friday.

On Thursday, Vinicius called on UEFA, Europe's soccer governing body, to punish Atletico for alleged racist chanting ahead of their team's Champions League match against Inter Milan on Wednesday. A video posted on social media appears to show Atletico fans outside the Metropolitano in Madrid chanting racist abuse targeting the Real Madrid forward.

Real Madrid said the complaint was filed for "racist and hateful abuse" directed at Vinicius near the Olympic Stadium of Montjuic and the Metropolitano stadium in Madrid before Barcelona and Atletico's Champions League matches.

"Real Madrid calls on Prosecutors to request the recordings available from both locations ... in order to identify the perpetrators of the abuse," the club said. "Real Madrid condemns these violent attacks of racism, discrimination and hate against our player Vinicius Junior, which have sadly been a recurrent and ongoing concern for some time."

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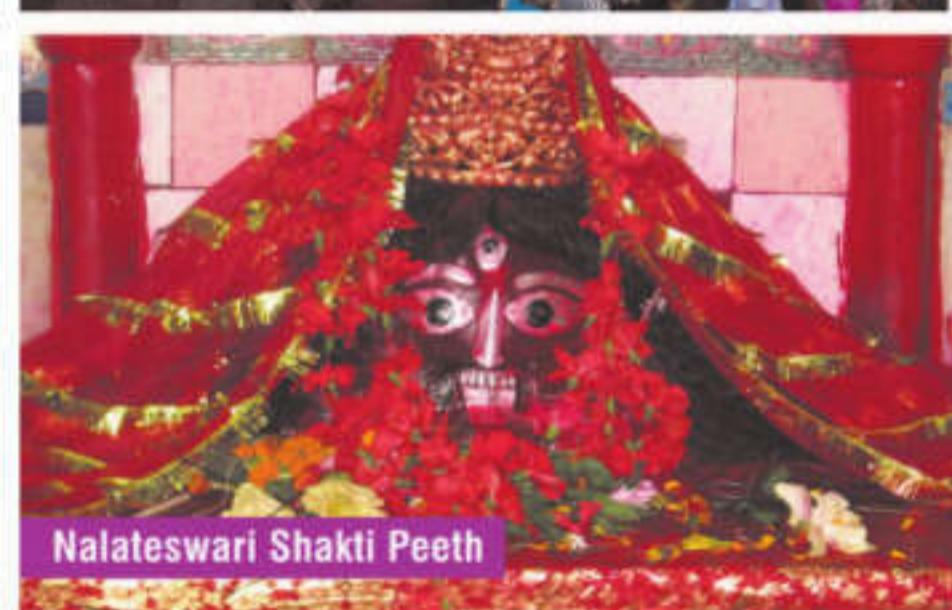
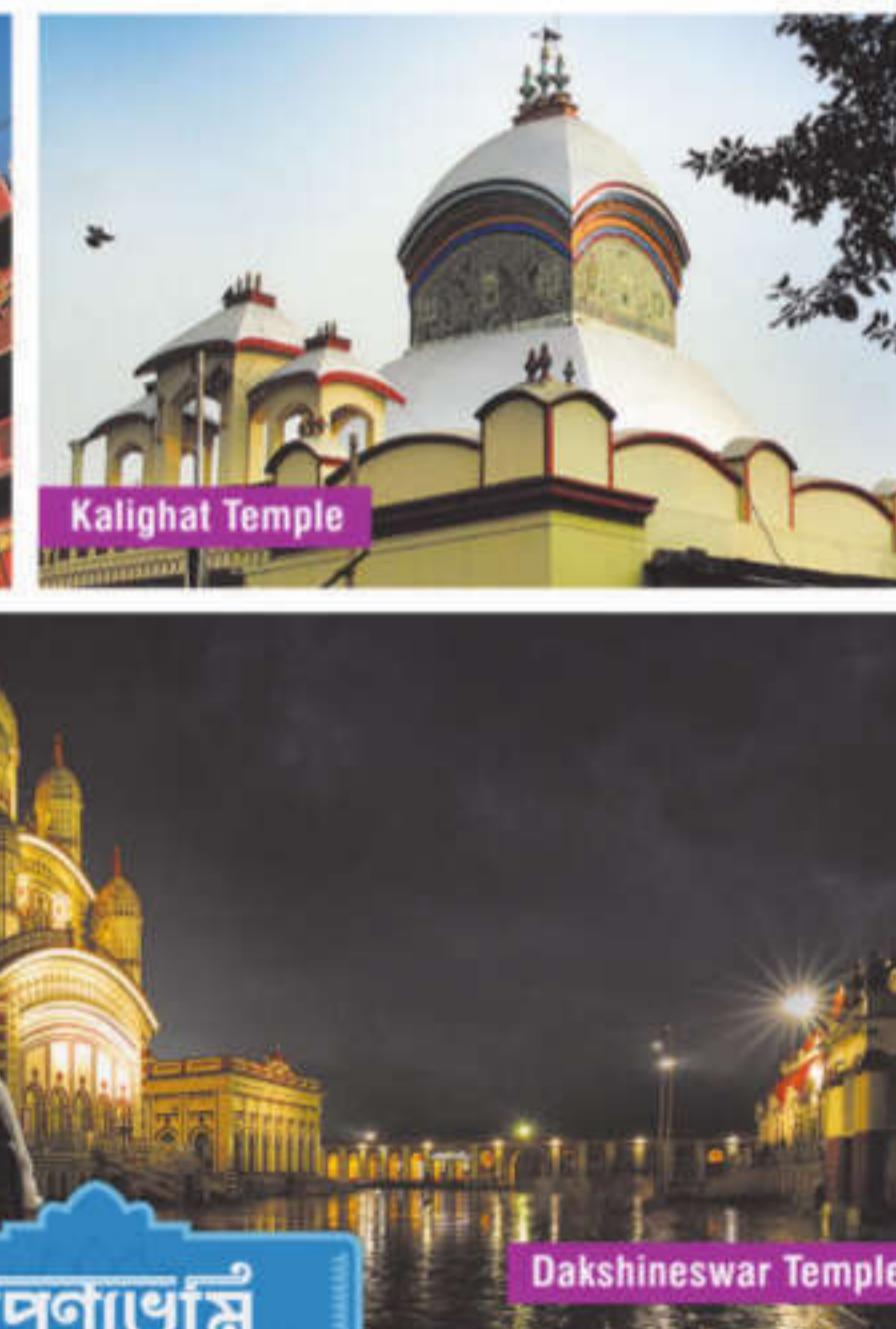
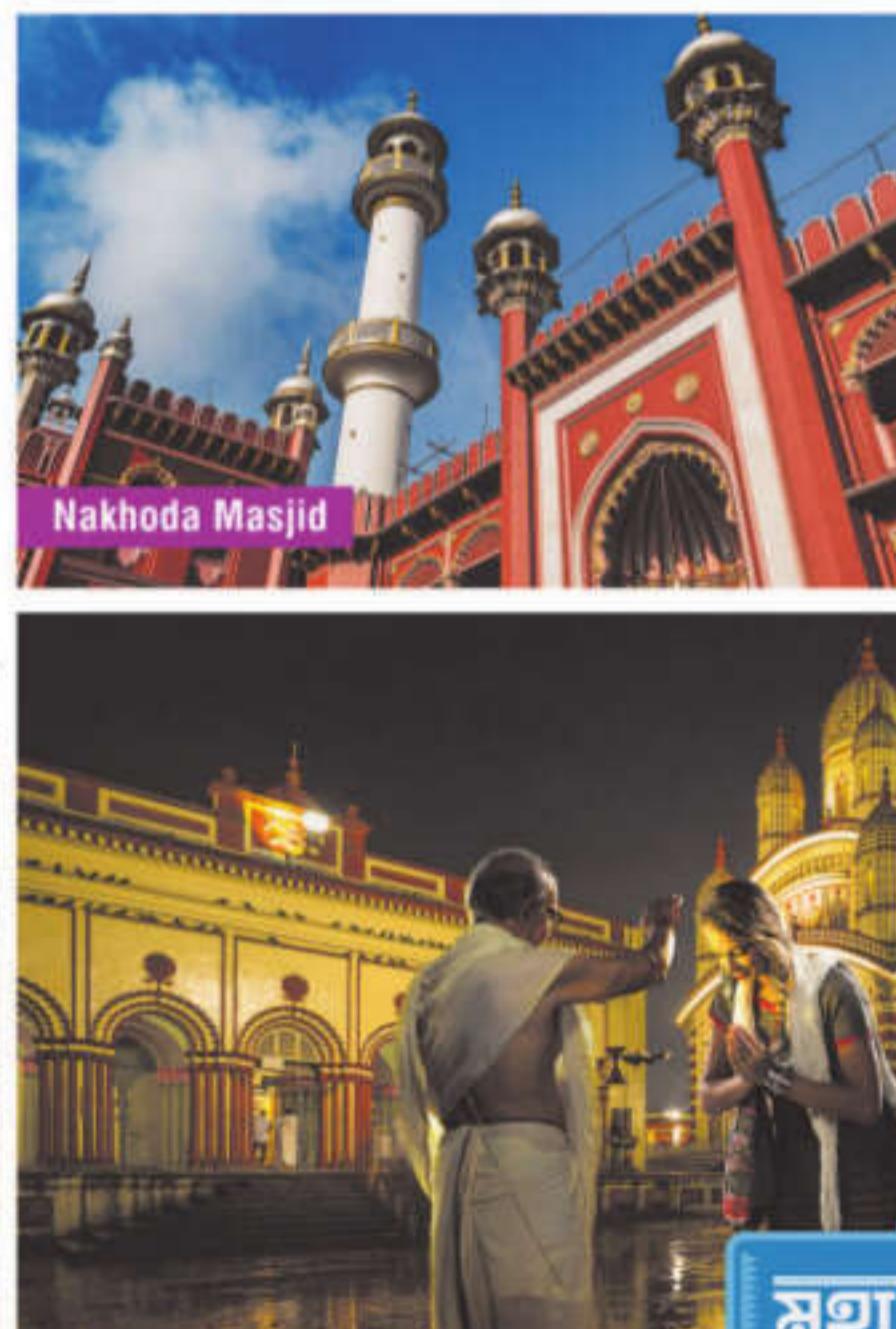
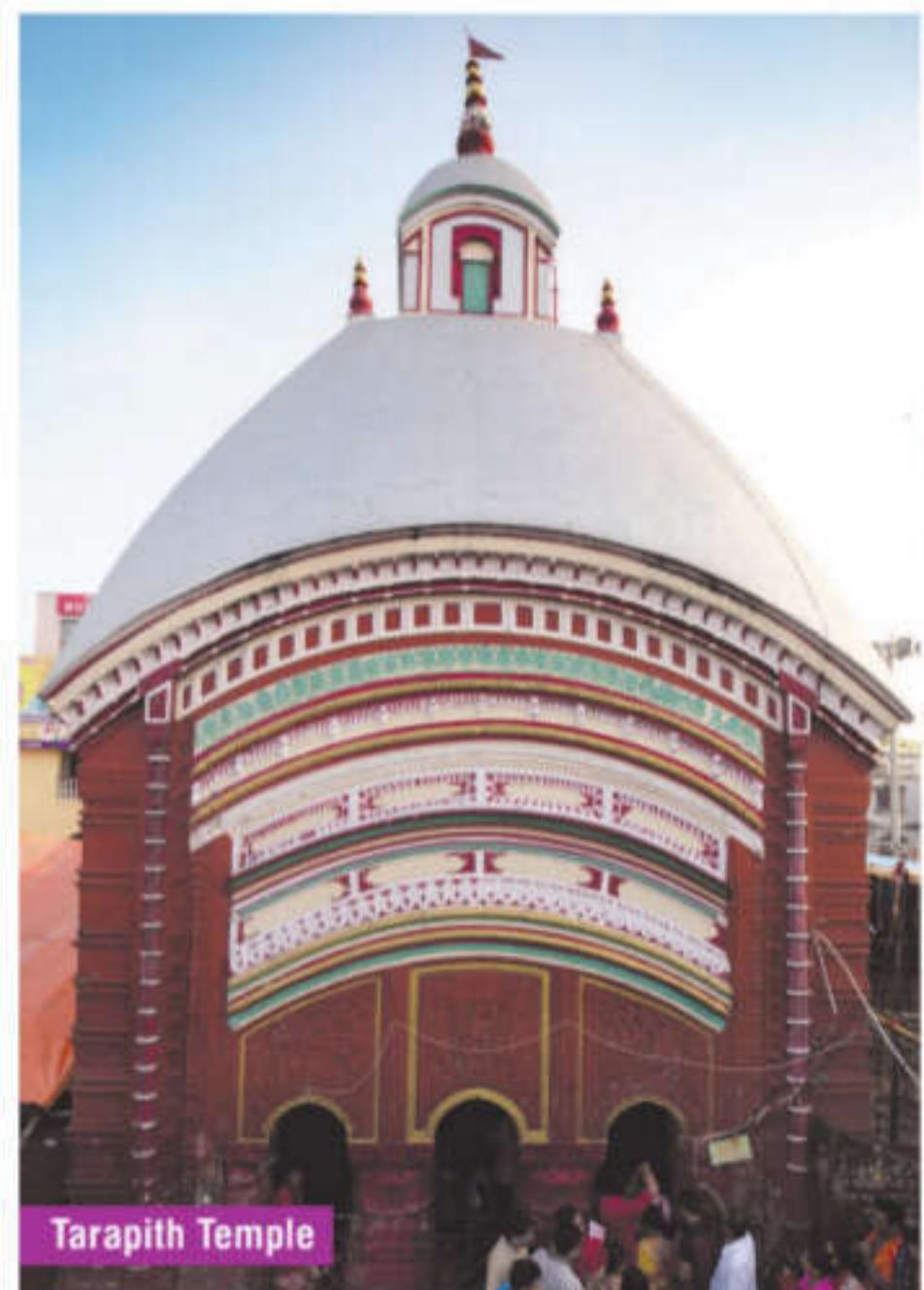
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- Granting of Industry Status to the Tourism Stakeholders
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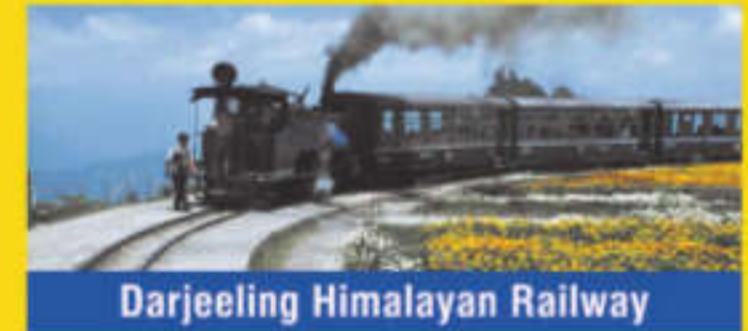
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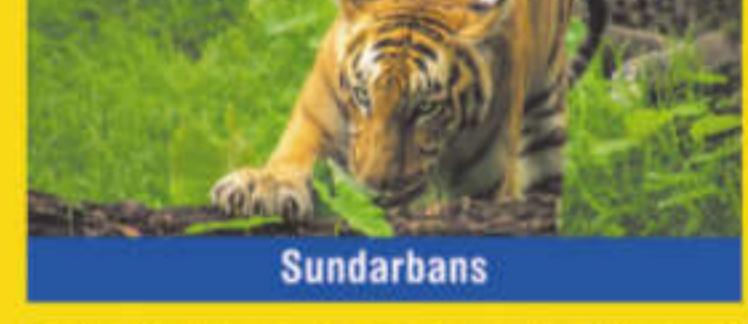


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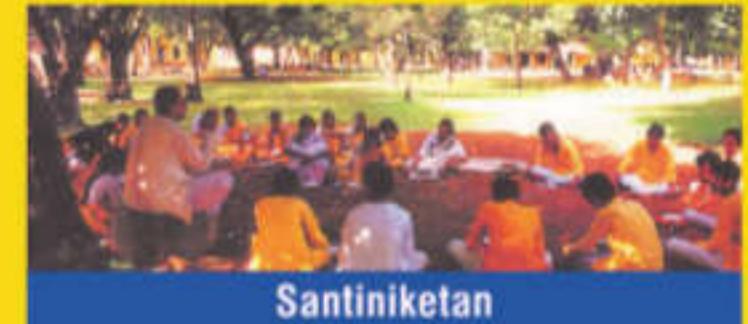
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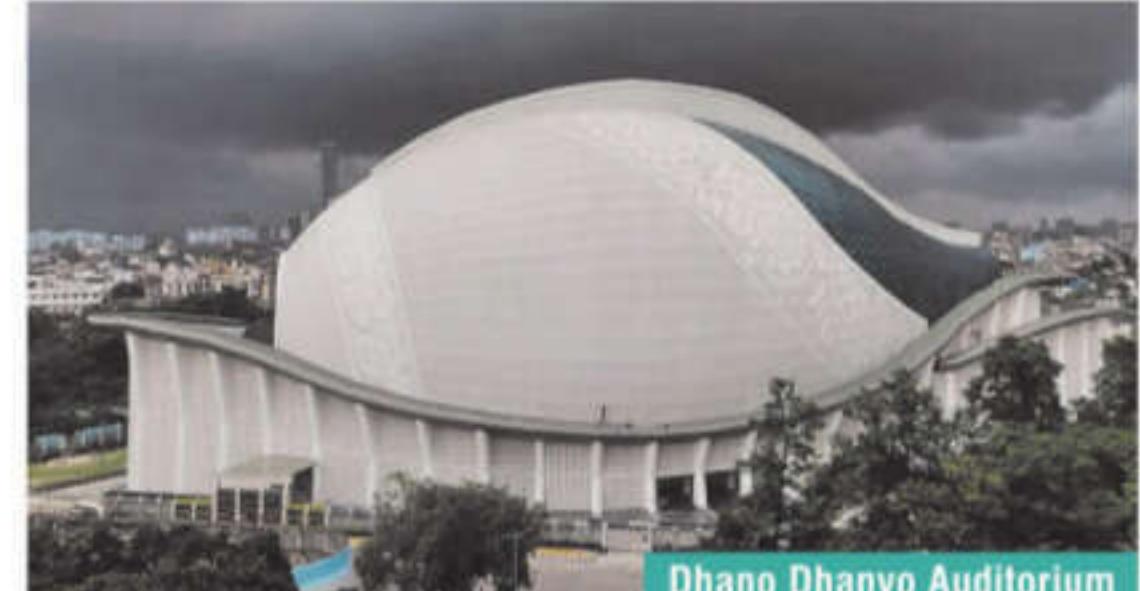


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EV policy paves way for Tesla entry

Govt slashes import duty for certain EVs whose manufacturers invest at least ₹4,150 cr in India

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THE UNION government Friday slashed import duties for certain electric vehicles (EVs) whose manufacturers agree to invest at least ₹4,150 crore to set up facilities in India, paving the way for the entry of Tesla which has long demanded such a concession.

The new EV policy allows the import of some completely built-up (CBU) cars at a 15% import-duty — much lower than the old rates of 60% or 100%.

Tesla in 2021 had asked central ministries to reduce import duties to 15–40% on fully assembled cars, depending on their price. The new policy, released Friday by the Ministry of Heavy Industries, effectively fulfils that demand.

Global EV manufacturers in-



A Tesla 'gigafactory' in Germany. The company had been seeking tariff concessions to build a plant in India. Reuters file

cluding Tesla had been seeking tariff concessions in return for building manufacturing plants in India.

As per the earlier policy, the customs duty on completely built-up cars was 60% or 100%, depending on engine size and on

whether the cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value was higher or lower than \$40,000. If the car cost \$40,000 or more, the duty was 100%; a cheaper car attracted 60% duty.

The new EV policy states: "EV passenger cars (e-4W) can ini-

tially be imported with a minimum CIF value of \$35,000, at a duty rate of 15 per cent for a period of 5 years from the date of issuance of approval letter by MHI," read the new policy.

But the government has also put a cap of 8,000 on the number of EVs that can be imported at the reduced rate. The carryover of unutilised annual import limits would be permitted, the policy read. In order to avail duty concessions, the EV policy has set the minimum investment limit for manufacturers at ₹4,150 crore.

"The manufacturing facility(ies) shall be made operational within a period of 3 years from the date of issuance of approval letter by MHI and achieve minimum Domestic value addition (DVA) of 25 per cent within the same period. The approved applicant will be required to achieve a minimum DVA of 50

per cent within a period of 5 years from the date of issuance of approval letter by MHI," read the new policy.

The government said that the scheme is intended to promote EV manufacturing in India, a sector that is expected to grow into a major category within the automobile sector in the coming years.

India is currently the world's third largest automobile market and one of the fastest growing automotive markets in the world. The current market size of the automotive sector is ₹12.5 lakh crore and the sector is expected to cross ₹24.9 lakh crore by 2030. The automotive sector contributes over 7.1% to India's GDP.

Officials said India has the opportunity to lead the global transition from the conventional internal combustion engine powertrain to a more efficient and decarbonised EV technology.

After backlash, Centre scraps provision requiring approval for 'untested' AI

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, MARCH 15AFTER FACING intense backlash, the Information Technology Ministry has amended its first advisory on election integrity for artificial intelligence (AI) platforms and prepared a fresh advisory where it has scrapped a controversial provision to require government permission before rolling out "untested/unreliable" AI systems in India, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

"Under-tested/unreliable Artificial Intelligence foundational models/LLM/Generative AI, software(s) or algorithm(s) or further development on such models should be made available to users in India only after appropriately labelling the possible inherent fallibility or unreliability of the output generated," the new advisory, dated March 15, is learnt to say.

In its initial advisory issued to online intermediaries like Meta and Google earlier this month, the government had said that companies will have to seek its "explicit permission" before launching untested AI systems in India.

While the government had earlier clarified that the advisory would not apply to AI start-ups but to "large" platforms, the requirement to seek its nod now has been dropped altogether.

The first advisory was criticised by some startups in the generative AI space, including those invested in the ecosystem abroad, over fears of regulatory overreach of the yet nascent industry by the Indian government. Aravind Srinivas, founder of Perplexity AI, called the advisory a "bad move by India", while Martin Casado, general partner at the US-based investment firm Andreessen Horowitz, had termed the move a "tragedy", which was "anti-innovation" and "anti-public".

The advisory was issued keeping the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in mind as the government had asked companies that their AI services should not generate responses with biases and are illegal under Indian laws or "threaten the integrity of the electoral process".

However, even as the government now has gone back on its position, the advisory did have an effect. Days after it was issued, Google said that it will restrict

the types of election-related questions users can ask its AI chatbot Gemini in India.

"Out of an abundance of caution... we have begun to roll out restrictions on the types of election-related queries for which Gemini will return responses. We take our responsibility for providing high-quality information for these types of queries seriously..." the company said in a blog post recently.

At the heart of the issue is a tussle between lawmakers and tech companies over the future of safe harbour protections to generative AI platforms like Gemini and ChatGPT. It is also as much about the government's view of outputs generated by some of these platforms and if it disagrees with them, even if they may or not be entirely unlawful.

However, even with the new advisory, the area of concern with respect to government overreach that remains is that even the new one — similar to the earlier advisory — has been sent as "due diligence" measures that online intermediaries need to follow under the current Information Technology Rules, 2021.

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Sebi relaxes FPI disclosure norms

Approves launch of beta version of optional T+0 settlement for 25 scrips

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FPI category from I to II.

In cases where the securities held by an FPI have not been disposed of even after the lapse of the specified time period of 180 days, an additional time-period of 180 days will be provided to the FPIs for disposal of their securities, subject to a financial disincentive of 5 per cent of sale proceeds, which will be credited by the custodian to Sebi's Investor Protection and Education Fund.

Securities remaining unsold after expiry of the additional 180-day period will be deemed to have been compulsorily written-off by the FPI, it said.

The Sebi board also approved the launch of a beta version of optional T+0 settlement, for a limited set of 25 scrips, and with a limited set of brokers. This will be rolled out from March 28. In parallel, Sebi will continue to do further stakeholder consultation, including with the users of the beta version. The Board will review the progress at the end of three months and six months from the date of this implementation, and decide on further course of action," the regulator said.

Sebi has decided to do away with the requirement of 1% security deposit in public/rights issue of equity shares and also provide flexibility in extending the offer closing date due to force majeure events, Sebi said.

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Asset manager stress tests show longer exit times for small caps

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MUTUAL FUNDS will take at least five days to exit 25 per cent of small cap funds having assets under management (AUM) of around ₹5,000 crore, while they may be able to do so between one to three days in case of mid-cap schemes of a similar size. This came out in the first stress test result for small and mid-cap funds, released by Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) on Friday.

While the gap between the two widens for schemes with an AUM over ₹5,000 crore, the small cap funds seem to be equally well equipped to handle redemption pressure in case of schemes with lower portfolio size.

To exit 25 per cent of their small cap funds with size below ₹5,000 crore, fund houses will take up to one to two days, and will re-

The purpose of the stress test

is to check preparedness of mutual funds to meet high redemptions pressure from investors under any adverse condition.

The test will also inform investors about the performance of the schemes they have invested under any stress situation.

Small and mid-cap funds have seen huge inflows from investors led by higher-than-expected performance of companies in these segments. In the last one year, while BSE Sensex has risen 26 per cent, BSE Smallcap and Midcap indices have gained 55 per cent and 59 per cent, respectively.

Last month, AMFI had written to mutual fund trustees to take measures to protect the interest of investors of small and mid-cap schemes.

A few mutual funds have announced they will limit inflows into their small and mid-cap funds on worries of excessive valuation in these segments.

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Name and Description of work	Estimated cost	Completion period of Work	Last date to file/Upload the Bid through e-tendering
Development of UPSIDA Industrial Area at Bharapachhera - Pilibhit, (U.P.) on EPC Basis (Area 951.79 Acres)	Total Estimated Cost - Rs. 304.83 Crore (including all applicable taxes).	18 Months Plus Defect Liability Period of 36 months including 3 months maintenance during DLP	09.04.2024 Upto 05:00 PM

• The Bid document shall be available online at <https://www.tender.up.nic.in> from 16.03.2024 at 10.00 AM to 16.03.2024 at 05:00 PM & the last date of submission of Bid document shall be 09.04.2024 upto 05:00 PM (Online). • Opening of Technical Bid shall be 10.04.2024 at 11.00 AM.• Pre-bid meeting date shall be announced on the e-tender portal <https://www.tender.up.nic.in>.• For submission & other tender details, please refer detailed NIT available on the websites e-tender portal <https://www.tender.up.nic.in>. Other details are also available on the UPSIDA website www.onlinesupsida.com and Corrigendum/amendments etc, if any, will be notified on these websites only and separate advertisement will not be made for the same.

• UPSIDA reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason or incurring any liability whatsoever.

General Manager (Engg.)

Telangana State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd., 5-2-63'3" Floor, Mahatma Gandhi Bhawan, Jambag, Hyderabad-500095

Phone: 040-24607106 & 24607108 PMBZ 2 Lines, Fax: 040-24607100

E-mail: tspmsmarked2020@gmail.com; Webpage: www.tspmsmarked.com

CORRIGENDUM Date: 14.03.2024

In accordance to the Tender Notification published on 06.03.2024 for Handling, storage and transportation contract for the financial year 2

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

E. EXPLAINED

THIS WORD MEANS

ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH TESTBED

A facility to observe and study weather parameters linked to India's Monsoon Core Zone

ANJALI MARAR
BENGALURU, MARCH 15

The Atmospheric Research Testbed is spread across 100 acres. MoES

Tender Notice

Expression of Interest is invited for contracting out the work of general cleanliness and housekeeping of All Mini Sectt. Building Area Sonipat for a period of 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025. This is further clarified that the offers will also include supply of some equipment/material i.e duster, brooms, mops, phenyl etc.

Detailed term & condition can be obtained from the office of CTM-Cum-Nodal Officer, maintenance.

Sealed tender in favour of undersigned must reach this office on 19.03.2024 upto 03.00 P.M.

Tenders will be opened on 20.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M. in the Conference Hall, 1st floor Mini Sectt. Sonipat in presence of Committee and negotiations will held thereafter.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

**Sd/-
Deputy Commissioner,
Sonipat**

26002/HRY

कुटेशन नोटिस

हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन में वाहनों की मुरमत के लिये हार्डवेयर /पैटी आईटम /मिसलेनियस आईटम की अगले एक वर्ष के लिये खरीद की जानी है। इच्छुक सप्लायर दिनांक 28.03.2024 तक अपनी सील बन्द कुटेशन महाप्रबन्धक, हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, झज्जर के नाम से भेज सकते हैं। जिसके उपर स्टोर आईटम की लिस्ट व अन्य शर्तों के लिये महाप्रबन्धक कार्यालय में सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं। कुटेशन से सम्बन्धित सभी दस्तावेज़ किसी भी कार्य दिवस दिनांक 22.03.2024 से पहले आकर 200/- ₹ से जमा करवाने उपरान्त महाप्रबन्धक, कार्यालय हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, झज्जर से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

महाप्रबन्धक,
हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन,
झज्जर।

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ALIBAG MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

E-Tender Notice No. 25 for 2023-24
ALIBAG Municipal Council, Alibag invites e-Tender for the work of Underground Drainage Project for Alibag, Tq.: Alibag, Dist. Raigad in the State of Maharashtra, valued at Rs. 52,02,21,407.00 (Fifty Two Crore Two Lakh Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred and Seven Only). Please visit web site www.mahatenders.gov.in for detailed information.

Date : 15.03.2024

Sd/-
Chief Officer,
Alibag Municipal Council



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
BUILDINGS (C&M) CIRCLE, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI-5

e-TENDER NOTICE NO. 71BCM/2023-24/DATED: 15.03.2024.

FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM /Two Cover System

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, tenders are invited from the eligible registered contractors by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings(C&M) Circle, Chepauk, Chennai-5 for the following work:-

Sl. No.	Name of work and EMD	Approx. value of work	Period	Eligible Contractors
1	Construction of "Unity Mall" in the premises of Co-optex, Egmore, Chennai under Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment -Part-VII 2023-2024, E.M.D. Rs. 1,07,56,000/-	Rs.21512.00 Lakhs	24 Months	Class 1A

(1) For Tender documents, visit <https://tntenders.gov.in> (2) Last Date and Time for submission of tender documents : 30.04.2024 upto 03.00 P.M. (3) Date and Time of opening of the e-tender : 30.04.2024 at 04.00 P.M.

Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C&M) Circle, Chepauk, Chennai-5

DIPR/1704/Tender/2024

भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल, भगुआ

राष्ट्रीय /स्पर्धा ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं-24/2023-24

संवेदकों से प्रतिशत दर निविदा आमत्रित की जाती है।

1. विज्ञापनाता का नाम एवं पठा — कार्यपालक अधिकारी, भवन प्रमण्डल, भगुआ।

2. निविदा आमंत्रण कर्ता की विधि — दिनांक-15.03.2024।

3. प्रसिद्ध विषय किसी (कार्यकारी और अपराधी) की अधिकारी विधि एवं स्थान — दिन-10.04.2024 से दिन-15.05.2024 को 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।

4. निविदा (कार्यकारी ओर) खालीन की विधि एवं समय — दिन-10.05.2024 से दिन-15.05.2024 को 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।

5. विरीय बींद खालीन की विधि एवं समय — लकड़ीकी बींद भूमियांक के प्रशास्त।

6. पी बीट बिटिंग की विधि समय एवं स्थान — दिनांक-10.04.2024 से 3.00 बजे अपराह्न को 10.00 बजे आमंत्रण अधिकारी, भवन प्रमण्डल, भगुआ के कार्यालय।

7. दिनांक-12.04.2024 को 3.00 बजे अपराह्न को आमंत्रण विभाग, भवन अंचल, आसा के कार्यालय।

8. परिवाप विषय की विधि स्थान — वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

9. निविदा विवरों की विधि — वेबसाइट www.cproc2.bihar.gov.in

10. विवरणी कार्य का विवरणी स्थान — 120 दिन।

क्रम संखा कार्य का नाम प्रक्रियालय राशि अप्रवासन की राशि (वर्षान्तीय पार्श्व) ई-निविदा Bid processing fee कार्य पूर्ण की अवधि

01 बैंक वित्तानामिति प्रबल-सैन्य, पालघाट-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य। 10,00,00,000=0 20,00,000=0 10,000=0 As Per Online Requirement 12 माह

02 बैंक वित्तानामिति प्रबल-सैन्य, पालघाट-पालघाट, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य। 5,00,00,000=0 10,00,000=0 10,000=0 As Per Online Requirement 12 माह

03 बैंक वित्तानामिति प्रबल-नुवीं, पालघाट-पालघाट, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य। 5,00,00,000=0 10,00,000=0 10,000=0 As Per Online Requirement 12 माह

04 बैंक वित्तानामिति प्रबल-अंग्रेजी, पालघाट-पालघाट, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य। 7,50,00,000=0 15,00,000=0 10,000=0 As Per Online Requirement 12 माह

05 बैंक वित्तानामिति प्रबल-यौवांशी, पालघाट-यौवांशी, चैत्यगढ़-यौवांशी, चैत्यगढ़-यौवांशी, चैत्यगढ़-यौवांशी। 5,00,00,000=0 10,00,000=0 10,000=0 As Per Online Requirement 12 माह

06 बैंक वित्तानामिति प्रबल-सैन्य, पालघाट-जलधारा, चैत्यगढ़-जलधारा, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य, चैत्यगढ़-सैन्य। 7,50,00,000=0 15,00,000=0 10,000=0 As Per Online Requirement 12 माह

07 बैंक वित्तानामिति प्रबल-यौवांशी, पालघाट-यौवांशी, चैत्यगढ़-यौवांशी, चैत्यगढ़-यौवांशी। 5,00,00,000=0 10,00,000=0 10,000=0 As Per Online Requirement 12 माह

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09 बैंक वित्तानामिति प्रबल-यौवांशी, पालघाट-यौवांशी, चैत्यगढ़-यौवांशी, चैत्यगढ़-यौवांशी। 5,00,00,000=0 10,00,000=0 10,000=0 As Per Online Requirement 12 माह

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11 बैंक वित्तानामिति प्रबल-यौवांशी, पालघाट-यौवांशी, चैत्यगढ़-यौवांशी, चैत्यगढ़-यौवांशी। 2,50,00,000=0 5,00,000=0 10,000=0 As Per Online Requirement 09 माह

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

PR- 2017 (B C D) 2023-24 कार्यपालक अधिकारी, भवन प्रमण्डल, भगुआ।

नरों से बनानी दूरी है, व्यापक परिवर्त जल्दी है।

पत्राक : वाई0इ0ए0 /GM(P)/2024/906 दिनांक : 15.03.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केंद्र सरकार /राज्य सरकार /केंद्र शासित /अर्द्धशासिक /सार्वजनिक उपकरणों के कार्य कम से कम चार वर्ष की अनुमति रखने वाले ठेकेदारी /फर्मों से खोली जायेंगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संस्कार : वाई0इ0ए0 /GM(P)/2024/906 दिनांक 15.03.2024 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण प्रधानमंत्री के कार्यालय से संबंधित विवरणों पर देखी जायेंगी।

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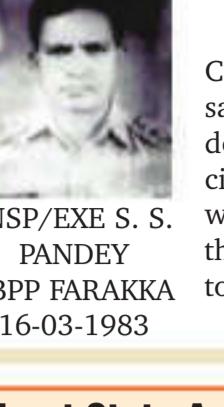
**Government of India - Ministry of Railways
Research Designs & Standards Organisation
LUCKNOW - 226011**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Ministry of Railways, Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO), Lucknow, India is interested in developing firms for item 'VHF sets to be used on Indian Railways'. Firms interested in developing and supply of said items are requested to see the details on RDSO website www.rdsos.indianrailways.gov.in at HOME PAGE under link of 'EOI' appearing in RED.

No. RDSO-TELELOK(SPEC)9/2019/O/o Jl. DIRECTOR/TELE-I/RDSO

Dated: 15-03-2024

SALUTE THE SOLDIER**A TRIBUTE TO BRAVE HEART
16TH MARCH**

INSP/EXE S. S.
PANDEY
FBPP FARAKKA
16-03-1983

CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of this brave-heart. On this day, he laid down his life at the altar of duty while rescuing civilians from mob attack. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to him for this noblest deed.

**Gujarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited,
(GUJSAIL) (A Govt. of Gujarat Undertaking)**

GUJSAIL Complex, Nr. Torrent Sub Station SVPI Airport,
Ahmedabad-380 004. Phone No. 079-22882000

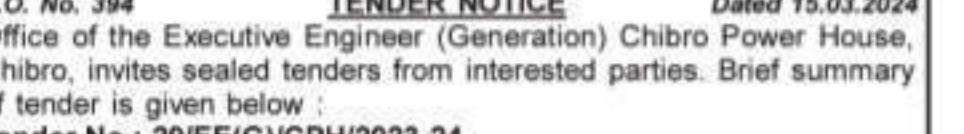
E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender is invited from the well-reputed and experience agencies for carry out the under mentioned work through e-tendering process.

Tender ID

56685 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SELECTION OF AIRLINE OPERATOR
FOR PROVIDING INTRASTATE AIR CONNECTIVITY IN GUJARAT

Interested bidder may visit tender.nprocure.com for more information. The last date of online submission for tender is 22/04/2024 up to 18:10 Hrs.



H.O. : "UJJWAL", Maharan Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-276308, Fax No.: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

R.O. No. 394 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated 15.03.2024

Office of the Executive Engineer (Generation) Chibro Power House, Chibro, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :

Tender No.: 29/EE(G)/CPHC/2023-24

Name of work/supply/services: "Annual contract for cleaning & up keeping of switchyard and Chibro Power House Complex".

Estimated cost: Rs. 20,36,513/- GST Extra.

Date of availability of tender on website: 16-03-2024 from 10:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of bids on website: 08-04-2024 upto 15:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvn.com

EE(G), Chibro

Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"**LONAND NAGAR PANCHAYAT, LONAND
Tal. KHANDALA, Dist. SATARA**

Colonand15@gmail.com

Phone No. 02169-225048, 225250

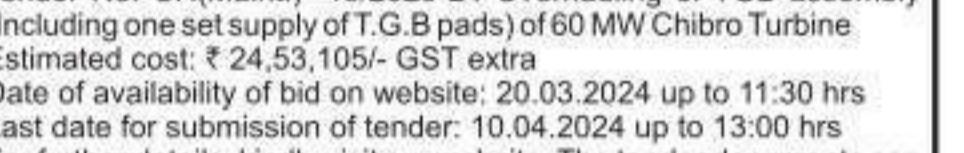
Est. 26/10/2015. Outward No. 2286/2024, Date 15/03/2024

e-TENDER NOTICE No. 18 for 2023-2024

The tender for the Lonand Water Supply Scheme is being invited from the Nagar Panchayat Lonand by the Chief Officer, Lonand Nagar Panchayat Lonand, Tal. Khandala, Dist. Satara. The Estimated cost of the work is Rs. 51,48,04,432/- and the details regarding this work is available on this website www.mahatenders.gov.in, Dated 16/03/2024

Date 15/03/2024

(Sd/-) **Dattatray Gaikwad, Chief Officer,
Lonand Nagar Panchayat, Lonand**



Ro. No. 391 **Tender Notice** Dated 15/03/2024

Office of the Executive Engineer (Maint.), Chibro Power Station, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Tender No: CH(Maint)- 40/2023-24 Overhauling of TGB assembly (Including one set supply of T.G.B. pads) of 60 MW Chibro Turbine

Estimated cost: ₹ 24,53,105/- GST extra

Date of availability of bid on website: 20.03.2024 up to 11:30 hrs

Last date for submission of tender: 10.04.2024 up to 13:00 hrs

For further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvn.com

(Executive Engineer, Maint., Chibro)

Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"**OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL, GOVT. DOON MEDICAL COLLEGE
DEHRAKHAS, PATEL NAGAR, DEHRADUN -248001 UTTARAKHAND**

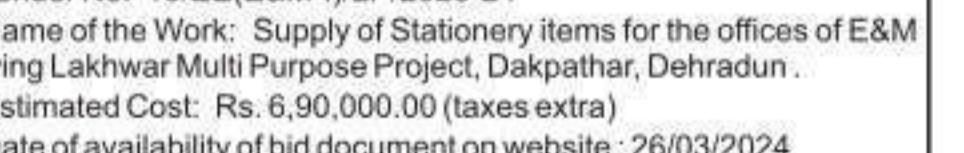
TEL: 0135-2726021-2711346, Email: doonmedicalcollege@gmail.com, Website: www.doomedical.com

Ref. No.: GDMC/Advt/2023-24/1721 Dated: 15-03-2024

E-Tender Notice

Online Bids are invited through E-tendering system from Original Manufacturer under two bid systems for financial year 2024-25 & 2025-26 by Principal, Govt. Doon Medical College, Dehrakhas, Patel Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand. On behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand for procurement of Medicine under Rate contract. Reference Detailed Information Specifications & Tender/bid Documents are Available on website uktenders.gov.in from 16.03.2024, 10:00 Am onwards.

Principal,
Govt. Doon Medical College, Dehradun



Ro. No. 390 **E-Tender Notice** Dated 15/03/2024

Office of Executive Engineer (E&M-I), Lakhwar Project, Dakpathar, invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No.: 16/EE(E&M-I)/LP/2023-24

Name of the Work: Supply of Stationery items for the offices of E&M wing Lakhwar Multi Purpose Project, Dakpathar, Dehradun.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,90,000.00 (taxes extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website: 26/03/2024

Last Date for submission of bid on website: 18/04/2024 up to 17:00 hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer (E&M-I),
Lakhwar Project, Dakpathar

Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"**JAYISINGPUR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
JAYISINGPUR (M.S.)****E-Tender Notice 2023-24**

Jaysingpur Municipal Council invites E-Tender "PROPOSED PRIMARY SCHOOL & PLAY GROUND IN CTS No.2052, 2053, 2054, 2055 & 2056 RESERVATION No.30, JAYISINGPUR, TAL.- SHIROL, DIST. - KOLHAPUR" in state of Maharashtra, valued at Rs. 1,10,86,306/- Please visit website www.mahatenders.gov.in for detailed information.

Date 16/03/2024

(Sd/-)

**Chief Officer
Jaysingpur Municipal Council**

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAIJNAGAR
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (Drainage Project)**

Tel.No (0240) 2333536-40
Fax.No.(0240)-2331213

Address: Municipal Corporation
Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar,
Executive Engineer (Drainage Project)

Head office: Town Hall Pin 431001
E-Tender Call AMC (For Help):
Cell No. 9764999592

No/AMC/Dy Eng/Drg.-Bldg/2024/752
Date: 14/03/2024

Sr.No.	Work Name	Last Date of Tender Submission
1	Underground Drainage Project for No Network area (East Zone) in Municipal limits, At Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. (Tender Amount Rs. 196,27,24,054/-)	30/04/2024

Note:- 1. For the above stated work is available on web site www.mahatenders.gov.in

**Sd/- City Engineer
Municipal Corporation
Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.**

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दक्षिणांचल विजयित वितरण निगम लिटो
कायालव बीडीपीन अधिकारी, विजयित वितरण मडल
132 कॉवीटॉन उपकेन, मधुगारा, हाथरस- 204101

अत्यधिकारी निविदा सूचना

निविदा संख्या 202/2023-24 - विजयित वितरण खण्ड हाथरस के अधीन श्विप्रस्त परिवर्तकों को स्वस्थ परिवर्तनों से बदलने का कार्य कराया जाता (धोरण राशि ₹ 2000.00) निविदा संख्या 203/2023-24 - विजयित वितरण खण्ड चर्चर्श सादावाद में "पूर्जा जमा योजना" के अन्तर्गत लाइन निर्माण कराकर स्थोजन निर्गत करने सम्बन्धी कार्य। (धोरण राशि ₹ 5000.00) निविदा विक्रम विधि एवं खुलाने की दिनांक 30.03.2024 अन्य सम्बन्धित जानकारी ई-प्रोक्रियासेट पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

पत्र संख्या- 1193 / विधि (५०) / निविदा (अरंगनवार कमर)
दिनांक:- 14.03.2023
"सुदूर भौतिक वायन, गढ़दित में बिजली बचाएं"

CORRIGENDUM

The closing date of the Tender No. ELC-CON-RE-01-23-24-D-K of Tender Notice No. Dy.CEE/CON/RE/MLG/01/2023-24 Dated: 04-03-2024 may please be read as under:-

Tender closing date & time: 05-04-2024 at 15.00 hours.
All other terms and conditions will be remain same.

**D.Y.CEE/CON/RE/Malgao
NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
(Construction Organisation)
Serving Customers With A Smile**

**INTERLOCKING OF LC
GATES IN RANGIYA
DIVISION**

Tender Notice No.: RN-ST-27-2023-24,
Date: 12-03-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work:

Tender No.: RN-ST-27-2023-24: Name of Work : Interlocking of 2 LC gates (RM-34 and RM-190) of BG-III section in Rangiya division. Tender Value: ₹ 62,57,197.12, Earnest Money: ₹ 12,55,200/-
Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 05-04-2024. For details please visit in website www.reps.gov.in.

DRM (S&T), Rangiya
NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION
DIVISION (E/M) U.P. JAL NIGAM
(URBAN) GHAZIABAD**

Letter No. 589/Vividh-7/43
Dated- 14-03-2024

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

Short term e-Tender for 'Construction works of 01 No. Rebar Tubewell and its allied works in Lisadi Nagar Nigam, Meerut under deposit programme' is invited by U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) that shall be downloaded and uploaded at e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from 21-03-2024 at 13:00 hrs. onwards to 30-03-2024 at 17:00 hrs. E-tender shall be open on 01-04-2024 at 12:00 hrs. onwards at office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division (E/M) U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Ghaziabad. The cost of tender document is 3.000+18% GST. All other conditions shall be as per NIT and tender document.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE
ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION
DIVISION (E/M) U.P. JAL NIGAM
(URBAN) GHAZIABAD**

Letter No. 589/Vividh-7/44
Dated- 14-03-2024

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender for "Construction of Tubewell along with appurtenant (E/M) Works in Kaseri Buxar (Radha Garden) Ward-24, Nagar Nigam, Meerut under deposit programme" is invited by U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) that shall be downloaded and uploaded at e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from 22-03-2024 at 13:00 hrs. onwards to 30-03-2024 at 17:00 hrs. E-tender shall be open on 01-04-2024 at 12:00 hrs. onwards at office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division (E/M) U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Ghaziabad. The cost of tender document is 5.000+18% GST. All other conditions shall be as per NIT and tender document.



भर्ती-सूचना
डॉ. शकुन्तला मिश्रा राष्ट्रीय पुनर्वास संशोधन विश्वविद्यालय लखनऊ
उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार
वेबसाईट: <http://dsmru.up.nic.in>

विज्ञापन सं. 60/भर्ती/2023-24 दिनांक 15 मार्च, 2024
डॉ. शकुन्तला मिश्रा राष्ट्रीय पुनर्वास संशोधन विश्वविद्यालय के अंतर्गत सेवा स्थानान्तरण के आधार पर संभित अवधि हेतु सेवाएं प्राप्त करने के लिये अहं अधिकारी से आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। एक पदों का विवरण, वेतनमान एवं पद संख्या का विवरण निम्नवत हैं:-

क्र.सं.	पदनाम	7वां वेतनमान (₹.)	पे लेवल	पद संख्या
1	वरिष्ठ प्रशासनिक अधिकारी	44900-142400	7	02
2	प्रशासनिक अधिकारी	35400-112400	6	03
नोट: विस्तृत विज्ञापन, आवश्यक/सामान्य निर्देश एवं पदों की अवधि, शर्तें सम्बन्धी विस्तृत विवरण विश्वविद्यालय की वेबसाईट http://dsmru.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।				
कुल संचय।				



राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन

मध्यप्रदेश

पत्रकार कालोनी, लिंक रोड नं. 3, भोपाल म.प्र.
फोन नं. 0755-4092595 ई-मेल- tendersnhmmp@gmail.com

क्रमांक/एनएचएम/आरकेएसके/2024/630 भोपाल, दिनांक: 14/03/2024

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सुचना

राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल कार्यालय द्वारा इ-निविदा के माध्यम से राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य किशोर स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम की विभिन्न जिलों में गतिविधियों के संचालन हेतु गैर सरकारी संस्थाओं से आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। इच्छुक निविदाकर्ता राशि रुपय 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र) का ऑनलाइन एम.पी. ई-टेंडर पर भुगतान कर निविदा प्रत्र प्राप्त कर सकते हैं, विवरण निम्नानुसार है-

निविदा विवरण					
क्र. सं	पदनाम	निविदा प्रयत्र करने की दिनांक	प्रो-विड वेटक	निविदा प्रयत्र जमा करने की प्रारंभ दिनांक	निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम दिनांक
1.	RFP for Selection of Non-Government organizations/non-profit organizations for implementation of Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) in MP	15/03/2024	26/03/2024	08/04/2024	08/04/2024 26/04/2024

विस्तृत विवरण/जानकारी वेबसाईट <https://www.nhmmp.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है। (पिशन सचालक, एनएचएम द्वारा अनुमोदित)

हमारा/-
उप सचालक, आरकेएसके
राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन
मध्यप्रदेश

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Govt. of Bihar

Rural Works Department

Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Works Department, Bihar
Vishweshwaraiya Bhawan, 5th Floor, Rural Works Department, Bailey Road, Patna, Bihar -800015
(विहार ग्रामीण पथ अनुरक्षण नीति, 2018)

Notice Inviting Tender for Rural Roads Maintenance based on Output and performance based Contract through e-procurement mode on Model Bidding Document (MBD).
(Notice Inviting Tender No. - MR-3054-119/2023-24)
1. Designation and Address of the Advertiser : Office of Engineer-in-chief, Rural Works Department, Bihar, Patna
2. Date of Issue of Notice Inviting Tender : 07.03.2024
3. Period for downloading of Tender documents : From 01.04.2024 (9:00) to 15.04.2024 up to 15:00 hrs. From website-<http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in>
4. Date, Time & Place of Pre- Bid Meeting : Date 03.04.2024 time 15:00 hrs.
Place O/o Concerned Superintending Engineer
5. Last Date & Time for uploading tender Document by bidder : Date 15.04.2024 up to 15:00 hrs.
<http://pmgsytenderbih.gov.in>
6. Date, time for online opening of Technical bid : Date 15.04.2024 up to Time: 15:30 hrs.
7. Last date, time and place for submission of Original instrument of EMD, Cost of BOQ, Bank credit facility certificate and an Affidavit regarding correctness of information provided with bid document : Place- O/o-concerned
(i) Executive Engineer or (ii) Superintending Engineer Or
(iii) Chief Engineer
8. The Engineer in chief, Rural Works Department on behalf of Governor of Bihar invites bids from the eligible bidders for the works detailed below.

S. No.	Package No.	District	Name of Division	Block	Name of Road	Length (in Km)	Cost of Initial Rectification with Surface Renewal (in Lakhs)	Cost of 5-Years Maintenance (in Lakhs)	Total Estimate d Cost (in Lakhs)	Cost of BOQ (in Rs)	Bid Security (in Lakhs)	Amount Payable to Works Division		
1	MR-N/23-24 Biraul/08	Darbhanga	Biraul	Gaura Bauram	Dakshini Kasraur To Vinobanagar	1.740	120.948	10.255	131.203	EE, RWD Works Division, Biraul	7.41			
				Gaura Bauram	LO24 Kasraur Dakshini To Samjhouti	1.600	108.865	9.278	118.143					
				Gaura Bauram	Supaul T05 To karkauli	0.880	40.828	6.031	46.859					
				Gaura Bauram	Jagiyi gachhi to Bishnupur Paswan Tol	0.500	35.465	3.187	38.652					
				Gaura Bauram	Bindu Jha ke ghar se Bhawati Asthian hote hue Aadhipur Tola	0.450	33.254	2.520	35.774					
	Total for the Group				5.170	339.360	31.271	370.631						
2	MR-N/23-24 Biraul/09	Darbhanga	Kiratpur	Tarwara To Gachhi Tola	1.022	67.580	6.889	74.469	EE, RWD Works Division, Biraul	3.40				
				T01 to Dhangia	0.740	28.571	5.388	33.959						
				Shaiseh Asthan To Uttarwadi Tol	0.360	27.745	2.016	29.761						
				T024 to Mandal Tol	0.250	20.118	1.400	21.518						
				L028 to Paswan Tol	0.110	9.552	0.616	10.168						
	Total for the Group				2.482	153.566	16.309	169.875						
3	MR-N/23-24 Biraul/10	Darbhanga	Biraul	Kusheshwar Asthan Purvi	Mahadalit tola gram Bhaluka se Taranbhain hote hue mukhya sarak Jagdish Paswan ke ghar tak	2.100	223.315	11.955	235.270	EE, RWD Works Division, Biraul	13.17			
				Kusheshwar Asthan Purvi	Kewatgama mahadalit tola to mukhi sarak Dhobauli PCC path tak	1.030	73.225	5.768	78.993					
				Kusheshwar Asthan Purvi	L027-T02 To Bardot (VR9)	2.020	110.607	14.534	125.141					
				Kusheshwar Asthan Purvi	L029 To Khalaslin	1.497	117.281	9.400	126.681					
				Kusheshwar Asthan Purvi	L047 To Paswan Tol	0.500	36.480	2.800	39.280					
				Kusheshwar Asthan	L047 To Mahto Tol	0.400	30.451	2.240	32.691					
				Total for the Group		7.787	610.386	48.164	658.550					
4	MR-N/23-24 Darbhanga- 1/16	Darbhanga	Bahadurpur	PWD Road Konwa Chowk To Bardhal	0.980	68.930	5.612	74.542	EE, RWD Works Division, Darbhanga- 1/16	6.01				
				Opp of Donar Industrial Main gate to Bhulle Kirana Store via	0.450	38.764	2.274	41.038						
				Bada Madhya Vidyalaya REO Path to Bada Tola	1.000	63.355	5.724	69.079						
				Hanuman Nagar	Shiv Mandir Chunnji Jha House to South tola kohfanta	0.750	80.300	4.834	85.134					
				Tisdih Chandeshwar Asthan Nagar	Tisdih									



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	MR-N/23-24 Kathihar/04	Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Moresanda chowk to Balu tola toka	0.700	43.838	4.833	48.671	10000	8.71	EE, RWD Works Division, Kathihar
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Shekh Jalilmajumuddin ke nikan to Marha tola Uday nagar	0.512	33.615	3.742	37.357			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Madarsa (Rajhanji) ke nikan to Marha tola	0.880	33.901	7.166	41.067			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Rijwan House to Mohammad nagar Mushan	0.900	39.075	7.282	46.357			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	L050 Kursela Sarai Road to Kabaliya	1.500	49.430	12.512	61.942			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Kabaliya Mahendra Mandal house to Kamal mandal house	0.800	50.396	5.627	56.023			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Darmati Bajrangballi Chowk to Koshi	0.490	31.503	3.384	34.887			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Dome Toli to turki Mushani	1.373	47.749	11.249	58.998			
2	MR-N/23-24 Kathihar/05	Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	New tola Chandan Devi Mukhiya ke ghar to Mushani	1.149	40.792	9.367	50.159	10000	11.39	EE, RWD Works Division, Kathihar
					Total for the Group	8.304	370.299	65.162	435.461			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	MMGSY Road House Viswanathshah to House of Sayyid Malakar	0.466	29.825	3.321	33.146			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	L054 Kursela sarai Road to Sahasram (track 54)	2.360	98.140	18.260	116.400			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Nakkji Bajrangballi Asthan to Janakpur	3.450	172.710	28.110	200.820			
3	MR-N/23-24 Kathihar/06	Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Prayag Choudhary Baro to Saharan Simaria	3.520	114.140	29.190	143.330	10000	4.01	EE, RWD Works Division, Kathihar
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Falka	Phutani Hatiya Bhrasya to Munda tola	0.850	69.530	6.260	75.790			
					Total for the Group	10.646	484.345	85.141	569.486			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Kathihar	Dalan PMGSY Road to Shora khola	0.310	20.222	2.141	22.363			
4	MR-N/23-24 Kathihar/07	Kathihar	Kathihar	Kathihar	L073 PWD Road Harilaganj shivmandir to golapuri Village (Track 65)	2.530	76.270	24.820	101.090	10000	7.98	EE, RWD Works Division, Kathihar
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Kathihar	L043 T01 to Hathnya Dara (Track 43)	2.347	61.730	15.300	77.030			
					Total for the Group	5.187	158.222	42.261	200.483			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Kursela	Chai bala Mukhyamantri Setu to Manoj Mandali ke ghar hote tola	0.720	45.805	5.075	50.880			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Kursela	NH 31 Bidi tola to Mandal tola Paswan tola (Indra Gram)	0.960	36.809	7.882	44.691			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Kursela	Kursela Railway Station se Khoriya Janewali Path Marmati	1.100	41.874	8.956	50.830			
5	MR-N/23-24 Kathihar/08	Kathihar	Kathihar	Kursela	L052 Devipur Village to Kamla Khanji MMGSY Bridge	2.150	94.310	17.140	111.450	10000	14.47	EE, RWD Works Division, Kathihar
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Kursela	Kursela Sarsi Road to Musahi Shrivardhan tola	1.570	62.100	12.780	74.880			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Kursela	PMGSY Katanya Ajmabad to Kharwar tola	1.492	53.980	12.080	66.060			
					Total for the Group	7.992	334.878	63.913	398.791			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Samei	Kalmiandri Chowk se Bhakri mandal tola	0.731	45.629	5.254	50.883			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Samei	Bandhi tola se Dolangi tola	1.500	57.930	12.290	70.220			
6	MR-N/23-24 Kathihar/09	Kathihar	Kathihar	Samei	Awadesh Nagar se Bandhya tola	3.400	178.090	26.450	204.540	10000	2.89	EE, RWD Works Division, Kathihar
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Samei	Bochahapur to Bochahapur to Musahi tola khota	2.330	93.010	19.630	112.640			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Samei	Choudhary Chakla tola to Salempur nahar	2.200	78.070	17.850	95.920			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Samei	Mahant Asthan to Nawabganj Milik	2.700	168.280	21.220	189.500			
					Total for the Group	12.861	621.009	102.694	723.703			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Hasanganj	25775 Belwa chowk to Bairaghachhi	1.030	63.230	7.601	70.831			
7	MR-N/23-24 Manihari/05	Kathihar	Kathihar	Barari	L076 T04 to Gopari track 76	1.410	61.820	11.700	73.520	10000	10.70	EE, RWD Works Division, Manihari
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Ajamnagar	PMGSY Path Harlagga se Manjara	1.310	83.040	9.820	92.860			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Ajamnagar	PWD Path Pindhal chowk to Kamla	1.300	67.890	10.890	78.780			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Ajamnagar	PMGSY Singharpur Pharsadangji se Khujira Basa war	1.155	33.510	12.008	45.518			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Ajamnagar	Kalmegha Paschim tola mangatpur path se kamalpur Mistris tola	1.270	49.590	12.240	61.830			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Ajamnagar	L075 Tehra se Baldha Gachhi track 11	1.300	58.940	12.310	71.250			
8	MR-N/23-24 Manihari/06	Kathihar	Kathihar	Ajamnagar	Naward Path Ajmagnar Pack Waha path se chandpur	0.769	48.710	4.900	53.610	10000	10.22	EE, RWD Works Division, Manihari
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Ajamnagar	Panchgachi Unkarmi madhya Vidyalay Raghul Road se Amar singh pur ST tola	0.861	47.700	7.120	54.820			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Ajamnagar	Alliharpur Path to harharpur Utter tola	0.717	40.350	6.330	46.680			
		Kathihar	Kathihar	Ajamnagar	PMGSY Banbari path se Hargara Adiwasi tola	0.605	23.440	6.260	29.700			
					Total for the Group	9.307	45					

Classifieds

PERSONAL

We, Manasvi Banati and Mrs. Ashima Banati, both residents of Flat No. 19/06, Gulmohar Road, Shipra Suncity, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201014 have changed our daughter's name from Myra Banati to Suhan Banati for all future purposes.

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : Re-e-tender No.SE/PHC/KKD/187/2023-24
Jal Jeevan Mission-WSS to Karaserry, Kudiyambady & Omassery Panchayaths -Providing FHTCs to various highly elevated location Thiruvambady GP-General Civil Work. EMD : Rs. 500000 Tender fee : Rs. 16540+Gst Last Date for submitting Tender : 26-03-2024 04:00pm Phone : 0495 2371046

Website : www.kwala.kerala.gov.in
www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
KWA-JB-GL-6-2636-2023-24

Superintending Engineer
PH circle Kozhikode

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल,
सरायकेला-खरसावॉ**

"स्थगन सूचना"

पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, सरायकेला-
खरसावॉ द्वारा आमंत्रित Tender Reference No.
RCD/SERAIKELLA/18 दिनांक 11.03.2024 तथा
पीओआरो संख्या-PR 322358(Road 23-24_D द्वारा
प्रकाशित निविदा को अपरिहार्य कारणों से स्थगित किया
जाता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल,
सरायकेला-खरसावॉ

PR 322824 (Road)23-24*D

**JAYSINGPUR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
JAYSINGPUR (M.S.)****E-Tender Notice 2023-24**

Jaysingpur Municipal Council invites E-Tender for the work of JAYSINGPUR UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE SCHEME AT JAYSINGPUR, TAL.- SHIROL, DIST. - KOLHAPUR in state of Maharashtra, valued at - Rs. 71,58,11,012/- Please visit website <http://mahatenders.gov.in> for detailed information.

Date 16/03/2024

Sd/-

Chief Officer
Jaysingpur Municipal Council

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, CHANDWAD**TENDER NOTICE For 2023-24**

Improvement for Chandwad Water Supply Project (under AMRUT 2.0) at Chandwad, Tal. Chandwad, Dist. Nashik in the State of Maharashtra of **Estimated Cost Rs. 21,85,87,925.00/-**. The e-Tender details are available on www.mahatenders.gov.in All relevant dates will be as per the tender published in web portal www.mahatenders.gov.in

Date- 14/03/2024

Seal

sd/-
Chief Officer,
Chandwad Municipal Council

E-AUCTION FOR VP LEASING

E-auction for VP leasing. Details are as under.

Auction Catalogue No.: VP-Leasing-05. **Seq No. AA/1; Lot No./Category:** 22411-22412-VP-1-NHLN-ANVT-23-1 (Parcel-Parcel Van); **Description:** Parcel Space in Parcel Van; **Rate Unit:** Per Round Trip (Two Way). **Trips/Days:** 208; **Lot Start Date & Time:** 10:00 hrs. on 28-03-2024; **Lot End Date & Time:** 10:30 hrs. on 28-03-2024; The press notification has already published in the IREPS web through e-Auction portal www.reps.gov.in on 13-03-2024.

DRM (C), Rangiya

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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PR 322873 Lohardaga (23-24)_D

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum

Ref.: Tender Notice No. S.9/2023-2024
Date : 16.02.2024 S.no. 02 Tender Number 77239063RGC Open date 15.03.2024. In reference to above, Commercial Compliance Condition regarding Annexure - H has been deleted from tender. Opening date of tender has also been extended from 15.03.2024 to 22.03.2024. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. The corrigendum has been uploaded on website www.reps.gov.in. Note: This is the First Corrigendum under referred tender. Date: 15.03.2024

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of Republic of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction-II), North Western Railway, Jaipur invites E-Tender for the following work upto 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. (1) **Tender No.:** EL/C/P/SMW/T10/23 (2) **Name of work:** Electrical work of station building, P.F. FOB, Approach road, PF Shelter, Circulating area, modification of LT/HV power lines etc. in connection with SWM bypass line project. (3) **Approximate cost of the work:** ₹12464303.40/- (4) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** ₹212300/- (5) **Date & Time of closing E-Tender, Date & Time of Opening E-Tender:** 08.04.2024 upto 15.00 Hrs. 08.04.2024 at 15.30 Hrs. (6) **The Details of above E-Tender are available on Website:** www.reps.gov.in 360-DP/24

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NAGPUR IMPROVEMENT TRUST**Expression of Interest**

The Nagpur Improvement Trust, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from Competent Entity/Agency for "Development of Park and allied facilities at Kh. No. 161, 162 (P), 164 to 175, 203, 211, 212, 213 of Mz. Mara situated at Nagpur, cumulatively admeasuring approx 52.63 Ha. Land on Design, Build, Operate and Finance, (DBOF) basis"

The NIT is hereby calling for proposal from competent entity to be appointed as a developer for this prestigious project. Competent Entity/Agency having relevant experience as per the pre-qualification criteria shall eligible to participate in bid process.

E-tender can be downloaded from Gov. of Maharashtra's portal (www.mahatenders.gov.in). The terms and conditions of e-tenders are available on e-tender portal (www.mahatenders.gov.in).

Bidding Process Timelines

1 Sale of Tender Forms	18.03.2024 to 08.04.2024 till 02:00 PM
2 Pre-Bid Meeting	26.03.2024
3 Last date of Submission	08.04.2024 till 02:00 PM
4 Date of Opening of Technical Bid (If Possible)	10.04.2024
5 Date of Opening of Financial Bid (If Possible)	18.04.2024
6 Cost of Tender form (Non-Refundable)	Rs. 50,000/-
7 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to be deposited online at time of submission of tender only	Rs. 2,00,00,000/-

NIT reserves the right to alter, modify any clause of the EOI conditions/ Contract Agreement and also to annul the bidding process without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Adv.No.: S.E./HQ/90/2023-24 Dated : 15.03.2024 sd/ Superintending Engineer (HQ), Nagpur Improvement Trust, Nagpur

प्लाज्मा भौतिकी केंद्र - प्लाज्मा अनुसंधान संस्थान
CENTRE OF PLASMA PHYSICS-INSTITUTE FOR PLASMA RESEARCH
नाजिराखार, सोनपुर- 782 402, कामरू (M) असम
NAZIRAKHAT, SONAPUR-782 402, KAMRUP (M), ASSAM
फोन नं.: 0361-2801220.

विज्ञान सं. / ADVT. NO. 01/2024
वांक-इन-इंटरव्यू / WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

निम्नलिखित पदों पर भर्ती के लिए वांक-इन-इंटरव्यू आयोजित किया जाएगा। पद का विवरण, सारांशकर लिखित और पद के लिए अपेक्षित प्रतिक्रिया माननें तक नहीं है। इच्छुक उम्मीदवारों को पात्रता मानदंड के समर्थन में सभी आवश्यक दस्तावेजों के साथ सीधी-आईआर में बयान रासिति के समक्ष उपस्थित होना होगा।

Walk-in-Interview will be conducted for the recruitment of the following post. Details of the post, interview date, and requisite eligibility criteria for the post are as per the table mentioned below. Interested candidates may appear before a selection committee at CPP-IPR, along with all requisite documents in support of the eligibility criteria.

Sl. No.	Post Code	Name & No. of the Post	Essential Qualification	Working experience	Date of Interview
01	Post Code: RY 4002/2024/PSO/Civil/01(A)	Project Scientific Officer (Civil) (No. of post- 01)	B E / B . Tech in Civil Engineering from any AICTE recognized University/ Institute with minimum 60% marks aggregate.	Minimum 03 (three) years' post qualification experience.	10.04.2024 (Wednesday)

बैंकिंग योग्यता, पारिश्रमिक और सामाचर जानकारी आदि के विवरण के लिए कृपया संस्थान की वेबसाइट <http://www.cppipr.res.in> को देखें।

For details regarding educational qualifications, remuneration and general information, please visit Institute's website <http://www.cppipr.res.in>.

हस्ता - कार्यकारी केंद्र निवेशक
Sd/- Acting Centre Director

South East Central Railway

Tender Notice for Replacement of Plate Girder Bridge

Srl. No.: 1 E-Tender No.DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-121-23-24, Date: 05/03/2024.

Work: Replacement of plate girder bridge 47K Down and protection work under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Pendra of Bilaspur Division. Tender Value (In Rs.): ₹ 2,47,06,607.10/-, EMD (In Rs.): ₹ 2,73,500.00/-, Completion Period: 12 Months.

Start date of Submission of Tender: On 18-03-2024, Last date of Submission of Tender: Upto 11.00 hrs. on 01-04-2024. The complete information of above e-Tender Notices is available over websites www.reps.gov.in. Bids other than e-bids shall not be accepted against above tenders.

Dvi. Railway Manager (Engg.)
CPR/10/469
S.E.C.Railway, Bilaspur

South East Central Railway | cpr@nic.in

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of Republic of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction-II), North Western Railway, Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-Tender for the following work upto 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. (1) **Tender No.:** DY CEIC-II-JT-T-02-LNU-SMR-BLDI (2) **Name of the work with its location:** Earthwork in filling/cutting/formation, Blanketing, construction of Station Building, Platforms, Platform shelter/Foot Over Bridge, Passenger Amenities work, Electrical & S&T structures, RUBs, Minor Bridges, Retaining walls, Toe wall, Pitching, Electrical General work and all other ancillary works between Marwar Kori - Bhildi stations from Km. 133.00 to 223.440 in connection with Lunisamari- Bhildi doubling project. (3) **Approximate cost of work :** ₹236,33,684.84/- (4) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** ₹1,00,000.00/- (5) **Tender Closing date & time:** 12.04.2024 upto 15.00 hrs (6) **Date, time and place of pre bid conference:** On 18.03.2024 at 11.30 AM in the office of Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction-II), North-Western Railway, Jodhpur (7) **Detail of particular, where e-tender can be seen & filled up:** www.reps.gov.in (8) **Official email address :** dyceic2@odphd@gmail.com 352-DP/24

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20
E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief. Engineer (Construction-II), North Western Railway, Jodhpur for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-Tenders (Open Tender - Two packet system - Two Stage Reverse Auction), for the following work- (1) **Tender No.:** DY CEIC-II-JT-T-02-LNU-SMR-BLDI (2) **Name of the work with its location:** Earthwork in filling/cutting/formation, Blanketing, construction of Station Building, Platforms, Platform shelter/Foot Over Bridge, Passenger Amenities work, Electrical & S&T structures, RUBs, Minor Bridges, Retaining walls, Toe wall, Pitching, Electrical General work and all other ancillary works between Marwar Kori - Bhildi stations from Km. 133.00 to 223.440 in connection with Lunisamari- Bhildi doubling project. (3) **Approximate cost of work :** ₹236,33,684.84/- (4) **Earnest Money to be deposited:** ₹1,00,000.00/- (5) **Tender Closing date & time:** 12.04.2024 upto 15.00 hrs (6) **Date, time and place of pre bid conference:** On 18.03.2024 at 11.30 AM in the office of Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction-II), North-Western Railway, Jodhpur (7) **Detail of particular, where e-tender can be seen & filled up:** www.reps.gov.in (8) **Official email address :** dyceic2@odphd@gmail.com 352-DP/24

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South East Central Railway | cpr@nic.in

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, स०-०२, गढ़वा।**

ई-निविदा अमंत्रण सूचना

CORRIGENDUM (शुद्धि-पत्र)

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी:

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्रशासनिक स्थानीय की राशि	अधिकारी की राशि	परिवास विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य की कार्यपालक अभियंता</

NORTHERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: i) Tender Notice No. 97/2023-2024 dated 28/02/2024, S.N. 05
ii) Tender No. 77239068RGC Opening date 01/04/2024.
In reference to above, Commercial Compliance Condition regarding Annexure-H has been deleted from tender. All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.
The Corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in.
Note:- This is the First Corrigendum in above referred tender.
Date: 15.03.2024

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GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
GVMC desires to invite RFP for "Proposal for Selection of Agency to setup a Project Management Unit (PMU) for AMRUT 2.0 and other projects of water supply and waste water sectors of GVMC". The details can be downloaded from website of www.tender.apereprocurement.gov.in.

1. Tender Notice No:49/2023-24/CE(GVMC)/SE-P1/WSM/EE(PD-&V)/Dt:15-03-2024

2. Download starting date: 16/03/2024@ 5:00 PM

3. Download ending date: 12/04/2024 @ 3:00 PM

4. Last date of submission of bids: 12/04/2024@ 4:00 PM

For more details contact: E-mail:eedp3gvmc2014@gmail.com,
Mobile No. 9848308824.

Sd/-Commissioner, GVMC

Office of Superintending Engineer,
Moradabad Circle, P.W.D. Moradabad
Short term E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tenders

No- 1704/E-Tender/MBD Circle/23-24

Dated : 12-03-2024

1. On behalf of the Governor of UP, tenders for following work are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, PWD Moradabad online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> from registered contractors from 16-03-2024 at 10.00 am to 21-03-2024 at 12:00 pm. Technical bid /Prequalification of tenders shall be opened on 21-03-2024 at 12:30 pm, in office of undersigned by tender committee in presence of authorised representatives/bidders who wish to be present. Financial bid of the tenders' who qualify in technical bid shall be opened on date and time as specified by a notice in the office of undersigned. In case of Government holiday the required process shall be carried out on next working day. Amount mentioned in column 5 & 7 shall be mandatory deposited by net banking only on E-Tender Portal.

SL. No	DISTRICT	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lac)	Time of completion of the work (Including rainy season)	Cost of tender documents including GST
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Sambhal	Widening & Strengthening of Mau kather to Chaudausi road via Fattahpur Samsoi road (ODR).	3100.00	46.50	15 Month	2354.00

3. In PWD technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by Prahari Software. URL for Prahari is <http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/> On opening of the website Prahari login page will open in which user type Contractor is to be selected. User name and password for login on Prahari shall be same as used for contractor's registration on Chnakaya Portal. Bidders have to upload all the basic information and required document on Prahari as given in Prahari in detail. If a bidder does not upload information and document on Prahari technical evaluation of the tender shall not be done and the bidder will be responsible for that. Rules/conditions & details of the tender are available at website <http://etender.up.nic.in> and <http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari>.

(Er. S.P. Singh)
Superintending Engineer
Moradabad Circle, PWD
Moradabad.

(Er. Suneel Prakash)
Executive Engineer
Provincial Division PWD
Sambhal

UPID-205560 Date 13/03/2024

www.upgov.nic.in

Mail Id:- semoradabd13@yahoo.com

For and on behalf of Governor of UP
Mob. No. 9557104999Ref ID: www.mptenders.gov.in from registered Contractors and competent firms.

Notice Inviting Offer

Sale of CBM Gas from Jharia Block (ex-Jharia GCS)
ONGC Ltd. on behalf of consortium of CBM Block Jharia, invites offers from interested buyers for purchase of 0.06 MMSCMD gas from Jharia Block (ex-Jharia GCS), CBM Asset, Jharkhand.
Interested parties are requested to download Request for Proposal (RFP) and Gas Sales Agreement (GSA) from:
<https://eps.buyjunction.in/gasbidding>
Contact: ongcgasbidding@njunction.in
e-Bidding Partner - junction services ltd.

CHIPLUN NAGAR PARISHAD
e-Tender Notice No. 223 For 2023-24
CHIPLUN Nagar Parishad invited e-Tender for the work of Gandhareshwar Jackwell and related work at Tal.-Chiplun, Dist.- Ratnagiri in the state of Maharashtra valued at Rs. 8,09,28,898/-. Please visit web site www.mahatenders.gov.in for detailed information.

Date :- 15.03.2024

Sd/-
Chief Officer
Chiplun Nagar Parishad

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
GVMC desires to invite RFP for "Proposal for Selection of Agency to setup a Project Management Unit (PMU) for AMRUT 2.0 and other projects of water supply and waste water sectors of GVMC". The details can be downloaded from website of www.tender.apereprocurement.gov.in.

1. Tender Notice No:49/2023-24/CE(GVMC)/SE-P1/WSM/EE(PD-&V)/Dt:15-03-2024

2. Download starting date: 16/03/2024@ 5:00 PM

3. Download ending date: 12/04/2024 @ 3:00 PM

4. Last date of submission of bids: 12/04/2024@ 4:00 PM

For more details contact: E-mail:eedp3gvmc2014@gmail.com,

Mobile No. 9848308824.

Sd/-Commissioner, GVMC

Save Electricity in the interest of Nation"

Sd/-

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-I)

Date: 14.03.2024

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE					
S.R. 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
1.	UHBVN	PROVIDING NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION CONNECTION OF GM ROADWAYS BUS STAND JAGDHARI APPLIED LOAD 5000 KW WITH CD 5555 KVA BY PROVIDING 11KV INDEPENDENT FEEDER TO BE EMANATING FROM 66 KV SUB STATION SECTOR 16 JAGDHARI UNDER OPERATION DIVISION CITY JAGDHARI.	15.03.2024 20.03.2024	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in ktlsugar@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaePROCUREMENT.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in5957/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaePROCUREMENT.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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CORRIGENDUM

Ref.: Tender Notice No. 95/2023-2024 dated 21.02.2024 S. No. 06

Tender Number 77239062RGC Opening date 02.04.2024

In reference to above, Commercial Compliance Condition regarding Annexure-H has been deleted from tender. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

The corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in

Note: This is the First Corrigendum in above referred tender.

Date : 15.03.2024

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GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NT) - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

GVMC desires to invite RFP for "O&M of different capacity roof top solar photo voltaic at 11 (eleven) locations on Government Buildings for a period of two years in Visakhapatnam city". The details can be downloaded from website of www.tender.apereprocurement.gov.in

1. Tender Notice No:51/2023-24/CE(GVMC)/SE(P-II),WSM/EE(PD-I&IV)/Dt:15-03-2024

2. Download starting date: 16/03/2024 @ 5:00 PM

3. Download ending date: 26/03/2024 @ 3:00 PM

4. Last date of submission of bids: 26/03/2024 @ 4:00 PM

For more details contact: E-mail:jeepd3gvmc2014@gmail.com,

Mobile No. 9848308824.

Sd/- Commissioner, GVMC

The Ballabgarh Cooperative

Milk Producers' Union Limited

AN ISO 9001:2015 & ISO 22000:2018 Certified Unit

QUOTATION NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited from the suppliers / authorised dealers for supply of the following items on Annual Rate Contract basis for the year 2024-25 as per detailed given below:

S. Description Tentative Qty. Unit of Quoting No. rates

01 Paints (Asian, Berger, As per our piece MRF) On Maximum meal requirement discount company arises from time to time during the year Current Price

02 Bearing (SKF, FAG) --do-- --do--

03 Exide Battery --do-- --do--

04 Poly V Belt --do-- --do--

05 Buffen Cap --do-- Each

06 Nitric Acid 53% --do-- Per Kg

07 Sulphuric Acid 98% --do-- Per Kg

Detailed specifications of above item alongwith other terms & conditions can be held from this office free of cost on written request on any working day between 10.00AM to 4.00 PM. The interested parties may send their detailed offer, so as reach to this office on or before 30.03.2024 by 1.30PM in sealed cover superscribed with the word, "Quotation for (Name of the Items)." The Quotation will be opened on the same day at 2.30 PM at Milk Plant, Ballabgarh in the presence of the quotation who may like to be present. The undersigned reserves the right to accept / reject any/ all quotations without assigning any reason. Conditional quotation will not be accepted.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer,
Milk Plant, Ballabgarh.
26013/HR

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 gazette 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.in5. Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana.
Address:- Plot No. 3, Sec-18A, Madhya Marg,
Chandigarh 160018Phone: +91 172 2548475, +91 172 2549851
E-Mail: tcp@haryana7@gmail.com6. Director, General Urban Local Bodies, Haryana
Sector-4, Panchkula, Email-dulbhary@hry.nic.in4. Senior Town Planner, Faridabad.
HSVP Complex, Sec-12, Faridabad
stp5.faridabad.tcp@gmail.com.5. District Town Planner, Palwal
HSVP Complex, Sec-12, Palwal,
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Palwal
26010/HRYNOTICE INVITING BID
Integrated Infrastructure development of Internal roads in TPS - 4 . (Part)

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

1. Name of Work: Integrated Infrastructure development of Internal roads in TPS - 4 . (Part)

2. C.A. No.: 13/CIDCO/EE(NAINA-I)/2023-24

3. Cost put to the Bid: Rs. 156,81,26,519.44 (excluding GST) Rs.1,54,28,50,363.50 (Biddable Part) + Rs.2,52,76,155.94 (Non-Biddable Part) 4. E.M.D.: Rs. 1,57,00,00,00 5. Registration Class: Class - I A (Without Limit) - (Civil) 6. Completion Period: 913 (Nine Hundred and Thirteen) Days (including Monsoon) 7. Tender Processing Fee: Rs.70,800.00 (including 18% GST (Non-Refundable))

Similar Work definition:

Collectively or Individual work experience of Integrated Infra / Road plus S.W. Drain, Sewerage, Water Supply works completed during last 7 (Seven) years.

Bid Document along with Bidding Programme will be available on the website mahatenders.gov.in from 16/03/2024 at 13.01 Hrs.Superintending Engineer
(NAINA)
CIDCO/PR/719/2023-24

CIN - U99999 MH 1970 SGC-014564

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MUMBAI RAILWAY VIKAS CORPORATION LTD.

REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) : MRVC/PH-53/CR/FOB-03

(Two Packet E-Tendering Process)

Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. having its corporate office at Second Floor, Churchgate Station Building, Mumbai-400020, invites e-Tenders for the "Construction of FOBs at different locations under PH-53 over Mumbai Division, Central Railway." Details of Tender and Tender document are available on IREPS website <https://ireps.gov.in>. The last date for completed e-Tender submission at website <https://ireps.gov.in> is 26.04.2024 up to 14.00 hours. Corrigendum, if any, will be posted on the website only.OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE

O-2812 By E. Mail/e-Despatch

E. Mail ID : serv_balasore@yahoo.in Ph.No. 06782/260318 Balia, Balasore

"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 92 for 2023-24

Letter No. 1533 Date: 13.03.2024

1. Name of the work :- Special Assistance to States Capital Investment (SACI)

2. Total No. of work :- 1No. of work.

3. Estimated Cost :- From Rs. 523.25 Lakhs (Approximately)

4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- As per annexure.

5. Period of Completion :- As per annexure.

6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	NCB No. 92	18.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	Up to 5.00 P.M.	30.03.2024 Up to 5.00 P.M.	03.04.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

● Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.inSd/- N.V. Harilhar Rao
Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W. Circle, Balasore.

OIPR- 25105/11/0124/2324

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE

O-2823 By E. Mail/e-Despatch

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"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 94 for 2023-24

Letter No. 1614 / WE, Date: 15.03.2024

1. Name of the work :- Bridge works.

2. Total No. of work :- As per annexure

3. Estimated Cost :- As per annexure

4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- As per annexure

5. Period of Completion :- As per annexure

6. Other details :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	NCB No. 94 of 2023-24	22.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	Up to 5.00 P.M.	06.04.2024 Up to 1.00 P.M.	09.04.2024 at 11.00 P.M.	Will be intimated later

● Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.inSd/- N.V. Harilhar Rao
Chief Construction Engineer,
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER

RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: KEONJHAR

Tel.06766-2583301(O)

eMail: se_n.erwhjr@rediffmail.com

Date: 12.03.24

1st Corrigendum Notice

Under unavoidable circumstances, the availability of tender online for bidding & opening of Technical Bids of the tender invited vide eprocurement Notice No. 957 Dtd: 22.02.24 / Bid Identification No. Road with Bridge

ONLINE NCB No. 424 of Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar is hereby rescheduled as below.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E.N.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar	
		From	To</th			



GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai

e-mail : maha.mmgpa2023@gmail.comMMGPA, 1st Floor, Arogya Bhavan, St. Georges Hospital Compound, MUMBAI-400 001.**TENDER NOTICE**Advt. No. Date : 15.03.2024
CHIEF Executive Officer, Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai invites tender in Two Envelope system from the eligible bidders for the following items for purchase of medicines.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Item(s)	Pre-bid Meeting	Period of sale, download & submission of bid	Bid Opening
1	GEM/2024/B/4784820	Portable X-Ray ABG Machine with ISE	Dt. 22.03.2024 at 02.00 PM	Dt. 15.03.2024 at 02.00 PM to Dt. 05.04.2024 up to 02.00 PM.	Dt. 05.04.2024 at 02.30 Hrs.

1. For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the web site <https://gem.gov.in>.
2. The Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be purchased and also reserves the right to cancel all the tenders without giving any reason to.

For e-tendering help/information, please contact.
Web site : web site <https://gem.gov.in>.
Contact No. : 022-22621886 / 022-22621973
E-mail : maha.mmgpa2023@gmail.com

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

DGIPR/2023-2024/10037

सिंचाई विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश
केन्द्रीय सज्जा एवं भण्डार प्राप्ति संगठन-1,
गंगा सिंचाई भवन, तेलीबाग,
लखनऊ

GEM BID NOTICE GEM/2024/B/4785473

सिंचाई विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश के अन्तर्गत अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, केन्द्रीय सज्जा एवं भण्डार प्राप्ति संगठन 1. लखनऊ द्वारा लिफ्ट सिंचाई खण्ड, अयोध्या के क्षेत्रान्तर्गत जनपद बरसी के विक्रमजोत रिश्त चौथीरी चरण सिंचाई अयोध्या पम्प नहर, विद्युतयांत्रिक कार्यों की आयुष्मानिकरण परियोजना हेतु आतशक्ति समाप्ति व 6.9 मीटर हेड के वर्टिकल टर्बाइन पम्पसेट-05 अदाद, उपयुक्त एच०टी० स्वचालयर केज इंडक्शन मोटर 05 अदाद, एच०टी० पैनल (वी०सी०वी० टाइप)-01 सेट, कैपेसिटर (APFC)-01 सेट एवं उक्त उपकरणों के इक्केश्वर. कमिशनिंग तेरिंग सहित के क्य प्रवर्ध हेतु जेम पोर्टल पर बिड संख्या- GEM/2024/B/4785473, दिनांक: 15.03.2024 को अपलोड की गयी है, जिसमें प्रतिभाग करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 05.04.2024 समय अपराह्न 16:00 बजे तक है। सामग्री के क्य प्रवर्ध हेतु तकनीकी त अन्य शर्तें जेम पोर्टल पर उपलब्ध हैं।

किसी प्रकार के तकनीकी कारणों से जेम पोर्टल पर निविदा अपलोड न होने पर अधोहस्ताक्षरी की कोई जिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी। किसी अपराह्यार्थ परिस्थिति में निविदा निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा।

(s/d)

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता,
केन्द्रीय सज्जा एवं भण्डार प्राप्ति
संगठन-प्रथम, लखनऊ

UPID-205640 Date 15/03/2024
www.upgov.nic.in**ALIGARH SMART CITY LTD****Notice Inviting Tender**

NIT No. 5625/ASCL/Operation & Maintenance/Jawahar Park/2023-24

Date: 15 March 2024

Aligarh Smart City Limited (ASCL), Aligarh 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	O&M Period (Annual Renewal)
1	Tenders are invited for Operation and Maintenance of Jawahar Park	1,00,000	Rs. 2000+18% GST Rs. 2360 (Rs. Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty only)	05 Years

- Detailed NIT & Bid Documents shall be downloaded from the website <https://etender.up.nic.in>
- Date & Time of Downloading bid Document: 15.03.2023, 5 pm
- Last Date for Submission of Pre-bid Queries: 21.03.2024
- Date of Pre-Bid Meeting: At 03:00 pm on 22.03.2024 at Aligarh Smart City Ltd. Office. 5th Floor, Kalyan Singh Habitat Centre, Lal Diggi Aligarh.
- The last date of bid submission: 30.03.2024, 05:00 pm
- Date of Technical Bid Opening: 30.03.2024, 06:00 pm.
- ASCL reserves right to reject any or all Tenders and/or cancel/ annul/ keep in abeyance the Tendering Process.
- Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published at the website <https://etender.up.nic.in>.

Sd/- Chief Operating Officer

नगर निगम, गुरुग्राम

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वाधिकारण को भूलित किया जाता है कि दोस्रे कवर्ता प्रबंधन नियम-2016 के तहत सभी बल्क बेस्ट जनरेटर को उनके बाह्य प्रतिनिधित्व तहसीलों को अपने परिवर्तन में ही नियांत्रित करना होता है। इन बारे में नवर निगम गुरुग्राम द्वारा प्रियोने 2-3 वर्षों में जागरूकता अभियान चाला गया है तथा बल्क बेस्ट जनरेटरों को नोटिस भी जारी किया गया है। नोटिस की पालना ना करने पर कुछ बल्क बेस्ट जनरेटर का चालान किया गया है।

नियमित वक्त बेस्ट जनरेटर द्वारा अभी तक ना हो चालान राशि नगर निगम गुरुग्राम में जमा करवाई है और ना ही उस कवरा प्रबंधन नियम-2016 की अनुपालन की है:-

Sr. No.	Serial Number	Offender Name	Challan Amount In Rs.
1	129720	Sector 49 Arcadia Mall	5000
2	1087626	Sector 43 Whiskey Sambha	5000
3	1288807	Sector 49 Rose Wood City Block D	25000
4	1075229	248, Udyog Vihar Phase-4	5000
5	1222428	Easel Towers Residents Welfare Association Sector 29	5000
6	1224015	Sector 54 Sun City G 740	5000
7	1287243	Sec 66 The Plan Drive	5000
8	1086010	Sector 29 Where House Cafe	5000
9	1285604	Sector 47 Rail Vihar	25000
10	1069212	Sector 29 The Whisky Bar	5000
11	1290889	Block F, Palam Vihar	25000
12	1278819	Palm Grove Heights Society Sector 52	25000
13	1178419	Sun City	5000
14	1295249	Sector 31 Amritsar Kulcha	5000
15	1212805	Sector 38 Plot No 837, 838	5000
16	1285205	Sector 47 Dew Drops	25000
17	1258007	Palm Grove Heights Society Sector 52	25000
18	1044008	Ardie Mall	5000
19	1295247	Sector 31. The Coffe Shop	5000
20	1088806	GF-178 Vyapar Kander Market	5000
21	1235604	Arawali Rail Vihar Society Sector 56	5000
22	1049205	Arcade Sushant Shopping	5000
23	1251608	Devinder Vihar Society Sector 56	25000
24	1041209	Aalkit Nanda Sector 56	5000
25	1297222	Sector 50 Arcadia Market	5000
26	1049206	Arcade Sushant Shopping	5000
27	1090848	Sec 14 Shyam Sweets	5000
28	1288045	Sector 53 South Point Mall	5000

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STEM WATER DISTRIBUTION & INFRASTRUCTURE CO. PVT. LTD., THANE

Vardan Commercial Complex, 9th Floor, MIDC, Road No. 16, Wagale Industrial Estate, Thane (W)-400 604, stemwatercompany@gmail.com

E-Tender Notice No. 49(1) (2nd Call) for 2023-24

STEM Water Dist. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Thane are invited E-Tender in the form of B-1 Tender for following work.

Sr.No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Date & Time
1.	Maintenance & repairs to various type of pipeline & valves from Mankoli MBR to Mira Bhayander Corporation area feeder mains and Panju feeder main and all other Civil works Patlipada (For three years).	Rs. 4,66,10,000/- (Excluding GST)	Start Dt. 16.03.2024 at 12.00 Hrs. End Dt. 22.03.2024 at 12.00 Hrs. Technical bid open on Dt. 26.03.2024 at 12.00 Hrs.

E-Tender documents will be available for view/ downloading on authorised web site <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof is reserved by the STEM Water Distri. & Infra. Co. Pvt. Ltd., Thane.

Sd/-

(Sanket M. Gharat)

Managing Director



GOVT. OF JHARKHAND, ENERGY DEPARTMENT
Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)
3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002.
Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165,
E-mail: info@jreda.com; Website: www.jreda.com

e-Procurement Notice

Dated: 15.03.2024

Tender Reference No.: 50/JREDA/FSPP/23-24



बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम, लि० पटना
(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)
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कान नं0-5, गंगा जवाहर कालोनी, जिक
शान्त नर्सिंग होग, रामधाट रोड, अलीगढ़
ई-मेल: unit25aligarh@gmail.com
पत्रांक: 743 / ई-टेण्डर / 89
दिनांक: 15.03.2024
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उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय)
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निविदा सूचना सं0.: 580/Vividh-12/172
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उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम की ओर से
अधोहस्ताधारी द्वारा जनपद बुलन्दशहर के
विकास खण्ड खुजां में स्थित प्राचीन
सरदेश्वर मंदिर का विकास कार्य,
अनुमानित लागत रु. 96.27 लाख (जी.
एस.टी. रहित एवं लेवर सेस सहित) हेतु
वी.एण्ड डी.एस. में व्यथोचित श्रेणी में
मवन कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत टेकेदारों से
दिनांक 18.04.2024 के अपराह्न 16:00
बजे तक ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती
है। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक
22.03.2024 से दिनांक 18.04.2024
के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-
procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये
जा सकते हैं। तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक
18.04.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 16:30 बजे
वी.एण्ड डी.एस. यूनिट-31, उ.प्र. जल
निगम, गजियाबाद में निविदा खोली जायेगी।
ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य रु. 5000.00+
GST(18%) अतिरिक्त देय होगा।

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण
वेभाग की वेबसाइट www.cdsupjn.org
एवं प्रोक्रोरमेन्ट पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

समस्त शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)
<https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही
अपलोड किये जाएंगे, इनका पृथक से कोई
प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदादाताओं
को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाइट
का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

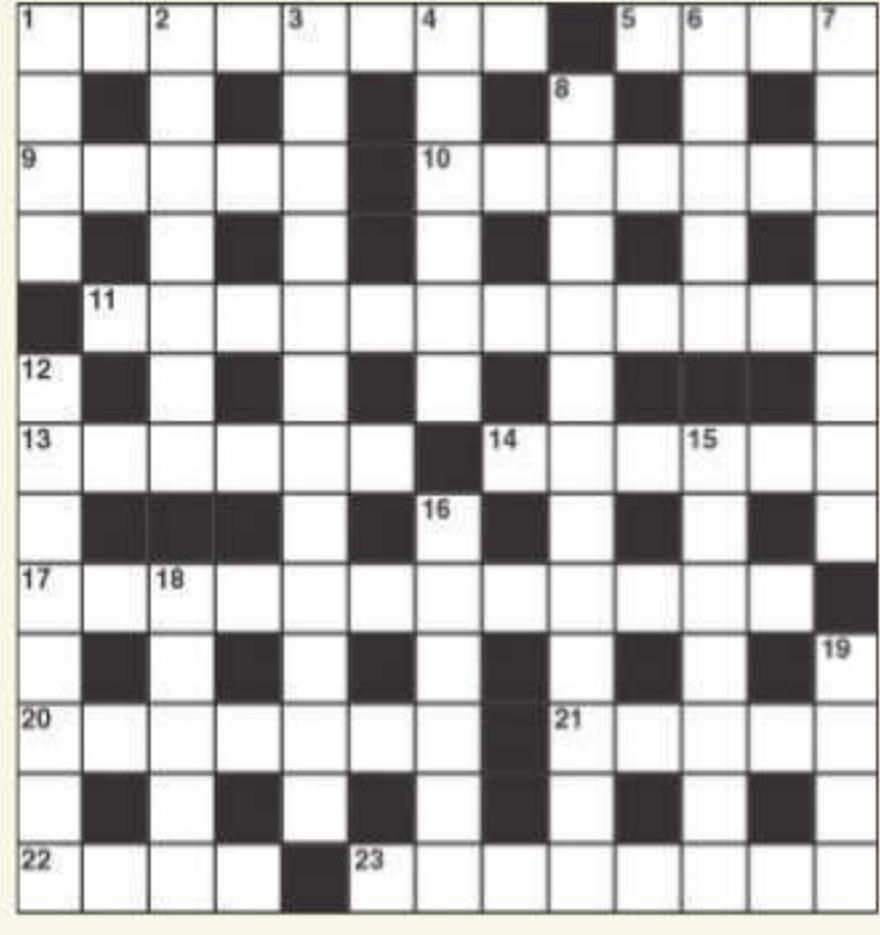
**ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE
U.P.JAL NIGAM (URBAN)**
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Letter No.: 132/NIVIDA/18
Date: 15.03.2024

e-TENDER NOTICE

U.P. Jal Nigam (Urban) invites Online percentage plus/minus (+/-) e-tenders on Turn-key basis in two bid system for execution of Survey, Soil Investigation, Design & Supply of all materials, T&P etc required for completion of 24X7 Water Supply Scheme in selected wards of 23 towns on TURNKEY basis namely Ward 25 (Partial), Modipone Colony and Kaveri Enclave), Modinagar, Distt Ghaziabad; Kavinagar (Operational Zone-1). Ghaziabad Ward No.-18, NPP Baraut, Distt Baghpat; Ward-03 (Yamuna Puram) Balandshahar Ward-22, NPP, Khurja Distt. Balandshahar; Ward-20 (partial of Ramgarhi and Rafid Nagar), Hapur: Ward-32, Meerut Ward-30, Muzaffarnagar; Ward-8 Shamli; Ward-21, Partially 37 & 39 Saharanpur: Ward 16, (Buddi Vihar) Moradabad; Ward 04, (Krishna Vihar), NPP, Rampur; Ward 04 Shahzadi Sarai), NPP, Sambhal Ward 15 (Power House) NPP Chandausi; Ward 08, (Peergarh) Amroha; Awas Vikas Colony (Sector 9 & 10), Sikandra, Agra; Suresh Nagar Operating Zone, Firozabad; Mainpuri Ward No. 2, Avas Vikas, District Hathras; Kasganj; Shanti Nagar Operating Zone, Etah. Ward 33 "Alligarh." are invited in two bid system on percentage rate basis from eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. E-bid documents will be available for download from 01.04.2024 by 17:00 Hrs. Pre-bid meeting will be held on dated 05.04.2024 at 11:00 AM in Office of the Superintending Engineer Construction Circle, UP Jal Nigam (Urban), Sector 1 in front of New Railway Station, Rajnagar Ghaziabad. E-bids can be submitted till 26.04.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs. and technical bid shall be opened on 27.04.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. in office of the Superintending Engineer Construction Circle, U. P. Jal Nigam (Urban), Meerut in presence of contractor or their authorized representative, E-tender Cost is Rs 20000+ GST @ 18% for Each tender. Details are available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal <http://etender.up.nic.in> and U.P.J.N(Urban) website www.jn.usdc.gov.in.

CROSSWORD 5314



CROSS
 1 Drug could have bearing on the case (8)
 5 Criticise the fish (4)
 9 Impudence one has to face (5)
 10 Row about stray dog (7)
 11 Contest for comedians? (6,2,4)
 13 Provided it's scheduled to appear in the end (6)
 14 Fast horses (6)
 17 Acquit without costs? (4,2,6)
 20 It may be taken by the injured (7)
 21 It's kind of the brightest star for instance to turn up (5)
 22 Be inclined to help (4)
 23 Widespread colours (8)

Solutions Crossword 5313 Across: 1Champions, 8Exist, 9Cantata, 10Ransom, 11Dyeing, 12Rehearse, 15Bachelor, 18Drafts, 20Lordly, 21Chamber, 22Sinal, 23Responses Down: 2Heady, 3Metric, 4Integral, 5Sedate, 6Pasture, 7Stampedes, 11Doubtless, 13Hardship, 14Scoring, 16Eclair, 17Barman, 19Theme

DOWN

1 Send packing and a spacious container (4)
 2 Stubborn fellow? I'd heard otherwise (7)
 3 What those who don't rise before ten do (4,3,5)
 4 They don't permit a number to see around (6)
 6 Such an excuse is out of place (5)
 7 Ruined through one being got rid of (8)
 8 The difference between buying and selling (6,6)
 12 It's safer not to stray from the area by the shore (8)
 15 Bloomer - might be a big one (7)
 16 Take what you're given (6)
 18 Small sprite within (5)
 19 Secondhand but found serviceable (4)

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 5503

Difficulty Level 1s
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.

4			8	5				
	5	9	1	3				
2	7		6	4				
8	6	4	3	2	1			
9					7			
	3	7	9	8	4	2		
	1	3		2	9			
3		5	7	6				
	6	2				4		

Difficulty Level
1s = Very Easy; 2s = Easy;
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;
5s = Very Hard;
6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5502

3	8	1	7	9	2	6	5	4
7	2	6	1	4	5	8	9	3
4	9	5	6	8	3	7	2	1
8	5	4	3	6	1	2	7	9
1	6	2	4	7	9	3	8	5
9	7	3	2	5	8	1	4	6
2	1	9	5	3	7	4	6	8
6	3	8	9	2	4	5	1	7
5	4	7	8	1	6	9	3	2

NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM

Ref: Tender Notice No. 93/2023-2024 dated 14.02.2024 S. No. 04

Tender Number 77239060RGC Opening date 27.03.2024.

In reference to above, Commercial Compliance Condition regarding Annexure - H has been deleted from tender. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

The corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in.

Note: This is the First Corrigendum in above referred tender. Date: 15.03.2024 844/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Ref: Tender Notice No. 93/2023-2024 dated 14.02.2024 S. No. 06

Tender Number 77236148 Opening date 08.04.2024.

In reference to above, Commercial Compliance Condition regarding Annexure - H has been deleted from tender. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM

Ref: Tender Notice No. 93/2023-2024 dated 14.02.2024 S. No. 07

Tender Number 77236586 Opening date 12.04.2024.

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Ref: Tender Notice No. 93/2023-2024 dated 14.02.2024 S. No. 08

Tender Number 77236148 Opening date 08.04.2024.

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Ref: Tender Notice No. 93/2023-2024 dated 14.02.2024 S. No. 09

Tender Number 77236586 Opening date 12.04.2024.

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Tender Number 77236586 Opening date 12.04.2024.

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Ref: Tender Notice No. 93/2023-2024 dated 14.02.2024 S. No. 11

Tender Number 77236586 Opening date 12.04.2024.

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Tender Number 77236586 Opening date 12.04.2024.

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Tender Number 77236586 Opening date 12.04.2024.

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Tender Number 77236586 Opening date 12.04.2024.