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Taking his pro-poor, pro-women & pro-youth outreach ahead, **Modi says his govt is not a 'Mai-Baap Sarkar', but a govt that serves mothers-fathers.** He says people have reposed faith in 'Modi ki guarantee' as it delivers, **P 10**

World Athletics president Sebastian Coe says there will be no Russians or Belarusians competing as neutrals in athletics at the 2024 **Paris Olympics,** **P 25**

Uncapped Indian allrounder Kashvee Gautam, a right-arm seamer who can hit the ball long, emerges as the biggest gainer in the **Women's Premier League 2024 auction, bagging a ₹2cr bid,** **P25**

Ryan O'Neal, the heartthrob actor who went from a TV soap opera to an Oscar-nominated role in 'Love Story' and delivered a wry performance opposite his charismatic 9-year-old daughter Tatum in 'Paper Moon', **passes away at 82,** **P 21**

Mum train blast accused among 15 IS men held

Hamas Flags, Firearms And Cash Seized

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New Delhi: Hamas flags, firearms, swords, knives and unaccounted cash were recovered from 15 Islamic State (IS) operatives arrested following raids across 44 locations in Maharashtra and Karnataka, including a village in rural Thane that was declared by the accused as a "liberated zone" or 'Al Sham'.

This is the first instance of authorities coming across the affinity of IS operatives here for Hamas which carried out the brutal October 7 terror attack on Israel, massacring, raping and abducting innocent civilians, including toddlers.

CLAIMED 'LIBERATED ZONE' IN THANE

- NIA raids spanned 44 locations in Maharashtra and Karnataka, including **Padhga village in rural Thane that had been declared as a 'liberated zone'** or 'Al Sham' by the IS operatives
- NIA said main accused Saquib Nachan, 63, was **administering the 'bayath' (oath of allegiance** to the khalifa of IS) to recruits
- Nachan, wanted in several train blast cases, was jailed for possession of a weapon and **walked out in 2017**
- NIA said the 15 youths were **motivating people to relocate** to the village to strengthen the 'Padhga base'
- **Firearms, swords, knives, unaccounted cash** worth ₹68 lakh and 51 Hamas flags were seized from them

NIA said the arrested operatives had been administered oath of allegiance by Mohammad Saquib Nachan. He was arrested in connection with three blasts — in Mumbai Central (2002), Vile Parle and Mulund station (2003) — in which 14 people were killed. Dubbed the mastermind, he was, however, convicted for illegal possession of a rifle. He was released in 2017.

The early morning raids were undertaken by NIA teams along with Maharashtra Police and Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad and covered locations in Padgha, Borivali, Thane, Mira Road and Pune in Maharashtra and in Bengaluru. Besides weapons, unaccounted cash worth over Rs 68 lakh and 51 Hamas flags were seized.

▶ 'Fabrication of IEDs', P 18

Files destroyed, official in KCR govt booked

A former OSD of Telangana ex-minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav was booked Saturday for allegedly destroying documents and damaging CCTV cameras and furniture at the animal husbandry department office.

Meanwhile, **BJP's eight MLAs on Saturday boycotted the oath-taking ceremony in the assembly to protest AIMIM MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi being made pro tem speaker.** **P 18**

CBI charges 9 for murder in Manipur

CBI has submitted a chargesheet against nine people in the alleged abduction and murder of a woman in Imphal East on July 15. The national human rights panel has sought a report from the state government on the killing of 13 men on Dec 4. **P 15**

Season's lowest city temp at 8.5°C

The city recorded the season's lowest minimum temperature at 8.5 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal, on Saturday. The night temperature is likely to hover around 9 degrees for the next few days and may dip to 7° on Dec 15. **P 7**

MP cops' drug haul turns out to be urea

Delhi's Central Forensic Science Lab has said that the 'MDMA' seized by MP police last year was urea and had no narcotics. The seizure led to the arrest of a man who has already been awarded Rs 10 lakh for wrongful confinement. **FLAP OPP**

'Leaked' Opec letter backs fossil fuels

A leaked letter reportedly from Opec secretary general Haitham Al Ghais, urging 13 of its member countries to reject any text or formula that targets fossil fuels rather than emissions, has sent shock waves at COP28, **reports Vishwa Mohan**.

The countries include Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the UAE, the summit host. The letter reportedly said "undue and disproportionate pressure" against fossil fuels may reach a tipping point with irreversible consequences. **FLAP OPP**

Dave row refuses to die down, BCI backs CJI now

New Delhi: As the row arising out of letters from senior advocate and former Supreme Court Bar Association president Dushyant Dave and lawyer Prashant Bhushan on listing of cases in the apex court refuses to die down, BCI chairman Manan Kumar Mishra on Saturday came out in support of the CJI, saying that "such letters are an extra-judicial mechanism of creating undue influence" and "to pressure the judiciary for getting favourable decisions for their influential clients and interests". TNN

▶ 'Disregard letters', P 18

House arrest curtails liberty, count it as part of detention: HC

Observing that house arrest curtails the liberty of a person, the Bombay HC released hawala operator Mohd Farooq Shaikh on bail noting that he has spent a substantial part of the sentence prescribed for laundering in prison. They disagreed with the ED's advocate that the period of house arrest can't be considered for computing the total period of Shaikh's custody & it must be excluded. **FLAP OPP**

2 gunmen who killed Karni Sena chief held

The Rajasthan police on Saturday arrested both gunmen who shot dead Shri Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena chief Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi in Jaipur. DGP Umesh Mishra informed **TOI** that joint teams of Rajasthan's SIT and Delhi police's special cell raided a hideout near Chandigarh and caught the shooters, Nitin Fauji and Rohit Singh Rathore. "They are being brought to Jaipur," he said. **P 10**

Terrorists shoot at, hurt off-duty cop in Srinagar

Terrorists shot and wounded J&K constable Hafiz Ahmad in Srinagar's Bemina on Saturday evening in the latest wave of targeted attacks on off-duty cops. This marked the third such attack since October 29, raising concerns about the safety of securitymen. Sources said Ahmad, 42, suffered gunshot wounds in his abdomen & right arm from close range. **P 11**

BSP suspends MP Danish Ali for 'anti-party acts'

BSP suspended its Amroha MP, Danish Ali, on Saturday with immediate effect for "anti-party activities" amid his growing proximity to Congress. Ali was also removed as leader of BSP in Lok Sabha. He called the party's decision "unfortunate". **P 10**

14-year-old hired as help brutalised for 5 months in Gurgaon

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Gurgaon: A 14-year-old girl who had found a job in the city as a house help was rescued last week after five months of captivity at her employer's house, where she was cut off from the outside world and allegedly brutalised in the most horrifying of ways — sexually assaulted, tortured, blackmailed with video clips, burned with acid and tied up in the basement when no one in the family she was working for was home so that she did not escape.

Police said the girl, who was rescued on Thursday from the Sector 57 house, had acid burns on her arms, bruises on her palms and face, dog bites on her feet, and what appeared to be scratches on her neck. This is the eighth such instance to have surfaced in Delhi-NCR since last December.

TIED UP, STARVED

- She told her mother that her employer's two sons, aged 25 and 30, would force her to strip and film her
- She was monitored 24x7 and given one meal a day, the mother's complaint said
- Even when the family left, she was kept in basement with her limbs tied up

▶ 'They tortured me', P 6

Photos: ANI

The passing-out parade at IMA Dehradun on Saturday saw 372 gentlemen cadets graduating as commissioned officers. There were 29 foreign cadets among them

- **Gaurav Yadav** from Alwar, who won the sword of honour, is the son of a small farmer and sought inspiration from his elder brother — a Naik in the Army who couldn't clear NDA
- **Mohammed Abir Hassan**, 23, from Bangladesh, whose late grandfather Md Taju Mia fought for the country's independence as a soldier of Mukti Bahini, became the first cadet from his country to graduate from IMA
- One cadet, **Pankaj Joshi**, was educated in his formative years at a charity school in Uttarakhand's remote Bageshwar district and later got picked for Sainik School

- **Arjun Sen** from Kolkata, a 4th-gen officer, said: 'My great-granddad served in the Indian National Army, my grandpa served in the Army. My father is in 74 Medium Regiment Artillery. Where else could I have gone? It flows in my blood'

Reports on P 24

Suspense over BJP CMs of three states continues

One week after it trounced Congress in Rajasthan, MP & Chhattisgarh, the BJP brass continues to sit tight over its choice for CMs. On Saturday, political circles had looked forward to getting clues from party chief J P Nadda's virtual address to Rajasthan MLAs. He, however, focused on Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. There is speculation that BJP is mulling a formula of having two deputy CMs in Rajasthan. **P 10**

In a first, Europe agrees on AI regulation deal

Europe on Friday reached a provisional deal on landmark EU rules governing the use of AI, including governments' use of AI in biometric surveillance, and how to regulate AI systems like ChatGPT. The deal would prohibit biometric scanning that categorises people by sensitive characteristics, such as political or religious beliefs, sexual orientation or race. **P 21**

2 weeks after life term to Soumya's killers, her dad dies

It was a one-and-a-half-decade-long fight for MK Vishwanathan and wife who lost their daughter, Soumya, to carjackers on south Delhi's Nelson Mandela Road. On Saturday, two weeks after a court gave a life term to the men who shot Soumya, Vishwanathan breathed his last. Vishwanathan, 82, and his wife had called the long wait for justice 'tarikh-pe-tarikh' playing out in real life. **P 7**

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Amnesty Scheme, Increase In Taxpayers Helped MCD

WHAT BUDGET SAYS

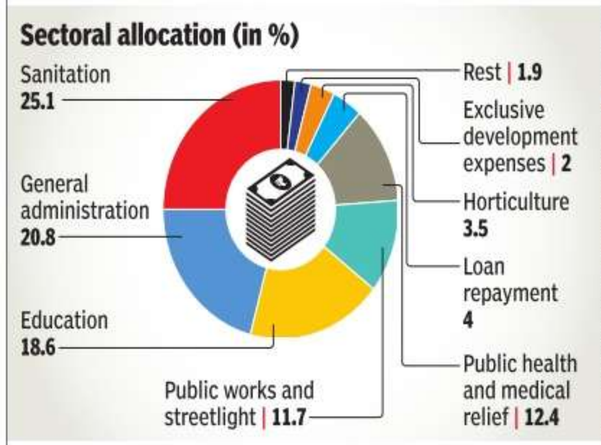
Revised budget estimates 2023-24

Income ₹15,952.5 crore
Expenditure ₹16,224 crore
Closing balance ₹1,004 crore

Budget estimates 2024-25

Income ₹15,687 crore
Expenditure ₹16,683 crore
Closing balance ₹7.9 crore

Sectoral allocation (in %)



KEY POINTS

- MCD collects revenue of ₹2,417 crore in 2022-23 from property tax, highest in its history and ₹400 crore more than last year
- No new tax or hike in existing taxes proposed in the 2024-25 budget except for a professional tax based on salary slab rates; provision of ₹10 lakh made under it, but move needs Delhi government's approval
- Property tax for residential and commercial properties remains same
- For group housing societies, 10% rebate given on advance payment of taxes is replaced with development work of equivalent amount by MCD
- Incentive limit of ₹1 lakh for development work in societies or residential areas removed if 90% residents pay tax
- A new module of 311 challan app being developed to help officers issue mobile challans
- Eight vacuum-based battery-operated sweeping machines to be procured on rent
- A third-party audit of solid waste management in MCD areas
- Developing five urban forests based on Miyawaki technique in 2024-25
- LED panels proposed at 13 more markets and commercial centres for revenue generation
- Development and construction of 30 cremation grounds in progress. Computerisation of all cremation ground records and linking them to birth-death offices for easier issuance of certificates
- Sterilisation of 1 lakh stray dogs in 2024-25
- Using artificial intelligence at more places to monitor sanitation and maintenance services
- Completing nine parking lots in the financial year

Photo: Piyal Bhattacharjee

Mayor Shelly Oberoi and MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti during the presentation of the civic budget on Saturday

No New Taxes, But Professional Tax Proposal Revived Again

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi has generated a revenue of Rs 2,417 crore from property tax in 2022-23, which is highest in the history of the civic body, commissioner Gyanesh Bharti said on Saturday.

Bharti said this while proposing a budget of Rs 16,683 crore at a special house meeting. No hike in taxes has been proposed except for a proposal to impose professional tax (based on salary slab rates).

"The collection from property tax in 2022-23 went up by Rs 400 crore (approx), 20% higher than the collection in 2021-22," said the commissioner.

Highlighting the reasons for the increase, Bharti said the number of taxpayers in 2021-22 was 11,40,515 which increased to 13,29,641 in 2022-23.

"At least 1.32 lakh taxpayers took advantage of our last amnesty scheme, also called Samriddhi Scheme, in 2022-23. The scheme helped us in collecting Rs 700 crore as taxes. Not just that, 50 cases which were pending in various courts for years were resolved after this scheme," said the commissioner. The collection from transfer duty also increased in 2023-24 to Rs 2,006 crore in comparison to Rs 1,673 crore in 2021-22.

In 2023-24, the MCD had proposed a collection of Rs 4,300 crore from property tax and Rs 1,549.9 crore has been received till November 14, said Bharti. "We are making all efforts to reach that figure. In 2024-25, the target is Rs 4,300 crore," he said.

Piyal Bhattacharjee

The civic budget was presented by MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti at a special House meeting after it was postponed on Friday

"However, implementing the professional tax will need approval from the Delhi government. Last year, too, we had proposed the professional tax but it was not approved. That's why we have proposed Rs 10 lakh collection in budget 2024-25 from this tax in comparison to Rs 50 crore proposed in the 2023-24 budget. If it is approved by the government, we will increase the figure," said an official.

An annual professional tax, ranging from Rs 1200 to Rs 2500 per year, is proposed to be imposed on working professionals like businessmen, accountants, advocates etc. who are earning more than Rs 5 lakh.

In the budget, a major portion of the expenditure – 25.1% – has been allocated to sanitation, as in previous years, followed by 20.8% for general administration (such as salaries), 18.6% for education and 12.3% for public health and medical relief.

However, the total sanitation expenditure of Rs 4,194.7 crore (25.1%) for 2024-25 will be less by around 2% in comparison to Rs 4465.8 crore (27.8%) proposed in 2023-24. The allocation for education has, meanwhile, increased from 17.7% in 2023-24 to 18.6% in 2024-25. Likewise, the public health and medical relief head has also seen an increase in fund allocation from 10.7% in 2023-24 to 12.3% in 2024-25.

For group housing societies earlier, besides the 10% rebate given for advance payment of property tax, another 10% was refunded in lump sum to the society if 90% of the residents in a society did early payment. Now, it has been replaced with doing development work equivalent to that amount under the Sahbhagita Scheme. MCD has, however, removed the cap of Rs 1 lakh (maximum) for doing development work in societies or residential areas.

"Giving the incentive in the form of a refund was a cumbersome process which is why it is proposed that the incentive should be paid in the form of development work. An additional 5% tax will be diverted for doing more development work if people do 100% waste segregation and processing," said an official.

"Interestingly, from now on, the same norms will be applied to all RWAs, and not just societies, if 90% collection is done from the area," said the official. The 10% rebate for advance payment to individuals will continue.

Leader of the opposition Raja Iqbal Singh criticised the move and said that the discount given on advance property tax payment by 90% people in society had been reduced from 20% to 10% last year, and now, the remaining 10% benefit will be used for development work. "That means MCD will not reimburse the money but do development work in areas which is unfair. Also, 80% of the MCD budget will be spent solely on employee salaries while the remaining 20% will be allocated for the development of civic services. So, how will things improve?" he said.

Third party to audit solid waste mgmt services

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi has decided to conduct a third-party audit of solid waste management services to know the shortcomings regarding garbage disposal. The corporation will get it audited through Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad.

"An agreement has already been made with ASCI for doing the audit in compliance with Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the process is aimed at identifying deficiencies in a period of three months and providing suggestions for improvement," said commissioner Gyanesh Bharti.

A decision has also been taken to hire eight battery operated vacuum cleaning machines on rent. MCD had tested them in South Extension and Karol Bagh areas during the G20 summit.

There is also a plan to increase the capacity of waste-to-energy plants at Okhla and Tehkhand, Bharti added.

The budget further talks about the use of artificial intelligence to identify and enhance civic services.

Mayor Shelly Oberoi said that the budget of MCD officers was presented on Saturday but the real budget of the people of Delhi would come in the first week of February. "People's dialogue will start next week. This dialogue process will continue till the end of January 2024. Under this, door-to-door communication will be done with the people. Citizens can also give their feedback regarding the public budget on email id budgetfeedback.mcd2425@gmail.com," she said.

BJP wants panels without delay

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor on Saturday wrote to mayor Shelly Oberoi and sought an immediate order for formation of the Standing Committee, other statutory and ward committees of MCD. In the absence of these committees, the public welfare working of the civic body has totally collapsed, he alleged. Mayor Shelly Oberoi stated that they have already approached the court to get clarity in the matter. "We also want the committees to be formed on priority," she added. TNN

HC: Law must help good Samaritans

Times News Network

New Delhi: A good Samaritan helping a person in distress should not be harassed for showing kindness and if he or she suffers in the process, the law must come to the rescue, Delhi High Court has said.

The court's observation came while granting interim payment of over Rs 5 lakh as compensation to the widow of a truck driver who died in 2018 while helping a victim of a road accident.

"While he was returning to his vehicle, which by all probabilities was properly parked on the side way, he got struck by another unknown speeding vehicle and sustained injuries...We have to assume that being a good Samaritan, he stopped his truck and responded to somebody in distress," Justice Dharmesh Sharma stated in a recent order.

"A person who chooses to take steps to aid a person in distress should not be harassed for showing kindness and if in the process the good Samaritan suffers some injury or fatal consequence, the law must come to his rescue," the court added, allowing the plea of the widow against the claims commissioner's refusal to grant compensation to her on the ground that her husband met with an accident at own will, which was not in the course of his employment.

The court pointed out that a bystander who is a witness to the accident or is a good Samaritan should not be harassed or intimidated in any manner merely because he voluntarily comes forward to provide immediate assistance to a victim of motor vehicle accident on public road and highways. It underlined that there was no evidence before the commissioner to exclude the employer's liability for payment of compensation under the Employee's Compensation Act on account of any blemish on the part of the driver, including that he was under the influence of alcohol or drug, etc.

"This court finds that the learned commissioner while passing the impugned judgment clearly overlooked the broader or the larger aspect of the whole scenario that helping an injured person on a public road/highway is the prime duty of everyone. An individual, who out of sheer generosity helps someone in distress, is a good Samaritan according to the parable in Gospel of Luke in the Holy Bible," it said.

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60-yr-old dies when hit by crane while crossing road

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New Delhi: A 60-year-old man was mowed down by a hydra crane in northeast Delhi's Shastri Park on Friday. Police said the crane did not have a number plate and the driver fled from the scene.

Police informed that the incident took place around 10.18pm on Friday on the II pushta between pillar number 97 and 98 towards Khajuri Road. By the time a police team reached the location, the injured had already been rushed to the hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. The victim was identified as Richpal Singh (60). He was running a dairy in old Usmanpur village and while crossing the road he was hit by a hydra crane.

The accused fled from the spot , leaving the hydra crane on which the registration number plate was not fixed. The crane was apparently heading towards the Delhi-Saharanpur expressway construction site.

A case of death due to negligence and rash and negligent driving has been registered.

Traffic, Not Law, Takes Its Own Course Here

Around ITO Crossing, Wrong Turns & Overloading Common, Pavements Not Spared Either

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New Delhi: Look around. You will see bikers without helmets, cars driving on the wrong side, breezy motorbikes on pavements, autos carrying five passengers (including two sitting on the front), e-rickshaws ferrying in areas they shouldn't, people texting while driving and jumping red light signals. Simply put, there's an epidemic of traffic violations these days.

It is as if there are no rules of the road. *(see pictures)* At the Shaheedi Park crossing, for instance, cars and motorbikes coming from ITO do not bother to drive further and take a u-turn to Kotla, if they need to. Rather, they turn right from the red light and drive in the opposite direction facing the

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traffic. Even in the main ITO crossing rules are broken with abandon. Pavements too are no longer safe for pedestrians because two-wheelers and e-rickshaws use the same space. As per Delhi Traffic Police statistics, 629 pedestrians died in crashes in 2022.

E-rickshaws have become the preferred vehicle for short-distance public transport. But many drivers routinely overload passengers, drive rashly and run on the wrong side of the road. This week saw a hit-and-run incident involving an e-rickshaw. There is no Conformity of Production, which means a single approved prototype for all vehicles, for e-rickshaws. Few follow safety norms endangering the lives of the passengers they carry.

Violations are getting normalised. The flyover between Akshardham Temple and Mayur Vihar morphs into an open-air terminus every night for inter-state buses. How can buses be allowed to park and function from a flyover?

Delhi Traffic Police website hasn't updated statistics since 2021. But as per NCRB's 2022 report, road accidents in the capital shot up by 18% compared to 2021, when admittedly movement of both cars and people were restricted due to Covid. In 2022, 2,103 died in traffic accidents, the highest among cities with over 10 lakh population in India. According to statista.com, traffic police had issued a record 6.7 million challans in 2018 which went down to 1.3 mn in 2021.

Managing traffic is anything but easy in a city spread over nearly 1,500 square kms with over 13 million vehicles and about 20 million people. Moreover, the sanctioned strength of 6,006 traffic cops and an actual strength of 5,312 in 2021, as per Bureau of Police Research and Development data, hardly seems adequate.

The traffic is a vital indicator of a city's health. Wild and rough traffic causes unnatural deaths, raises anxiety levels of commuters and brings down a city's livability index. Top authorities must take note of the current state of affairs. A detailed plan must be worked out to improve the situation. And that includes taking a hard look at corruption. The national capital cannot be allowed to fall apart.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY: AN EPIDEMIC OF TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

Photos: Anindya Chattopadhyay

These photographs of traffic rules violations were taken at the red light crossing in front of the newly enhanced Shaheedi Park on Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, barely a kilometre from the old Delhi Police headquarters. Through these snapshots, we are calling attention to a fact that we are all aware of. That traffic rules are being flouted with alacrity in the heart of the city. These photos were clicked over a period of mere 30 minutes on a Wednesday afternoon. And we are publishing only a small selection of what was captured on camera.

Christmas spirit in the air, choirs enthrall audience

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New Delhi: Red and white balloons, tinsel, bells and stars, Santa hats adorning every available space, children harmonising in carol choirs, and the aroma of freshly baked cakes set the scene at the Holly Jolly Carnival 2023 organised by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) at their campus on Sansad Marg on Saturday. A lively carol competition reflected the Christmas spirit.

Even as 10 teams from various churches and schools faced off in the musical showdown, children with disabilities associated with YWCA were all decked out in dancing costumes and props for a dance performance. Twelve-year-old wheelchair user Neha Sharma said, "I am very excited. I am thankful to my sister in the church for letting me participate in this carnival." Visually impaired Priya, 13, said, "I can't see the Christmas decorations, but the carols are so melodious and lively. I can't wait for my turn to perform."

Amelia Andrews, chairperson of the media committee, told TOI, "The last time YWCA held a Christmas event was in 2013. This year we decided on a fund-raising event centred on inclusivity. YWCA of India has helped innumerable women over the years to develop various skills to be able to earn a living. We also learnt that for some women it is difficult to start work on their own, so we set up women's self-help groups as community projects."

The Pipal Chhaya women's group at Trilokpuri in east Delhi uses Khareberia fabric mixed with cotton prints to make patchwork bags, pouches and quilts, etc., on order. Women survivors of the 2019 Trilokpuri riots, now associated with YWCA, sold an array of items such as bags and decorative items alongside cupcakes and fruit cakes.

Devi of Trilokpuri sold bags, scrumptious cookies and cakes. "I made all these products," she said. I'm thankful to YWCA for guiding me and enabling me to contribute to the Christmas cheer."

There also were stalls for lights, saris, bags, accessories, paintings, Christmas adornments and for food. Gaming stalls added to the fun.

The Capital City Minstrels, Delhi's premier choir, will be performing "A Nostalgic Christmas" on December 14 and 17 at the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art and on December 15 at the Kamani Auditorium. From the chirpy Jingle Bells to Mariah Carey's holiday anthem All I want for Christmas is you and George Michael's Last Christmas, there will be much to sing along with.

Anindya Chattopadhyay

CELEBRATIONS BEGIN: The Capital City Minstrels will perform next week while the Holly Jolly Carnival 2023 (right) is already on at YWCA

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Online Item Rate Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineering, Bidhannagar Circle, P.W.Dte., Govt. of W.B. for the work of Erection of temporary dais, pandals, stalls, including illumination, sound system, flower decoration, installation of theme pavilion etc. and other allied works in connection with Milan Utsab 2024 at Park Circus Maidan, during the year 2023-2024. NIeT No. WBPWD/SE/BNC/NIeT-12/2023-2024. Tender ID: 2023_WBPWD_615246_1. Last date of bid submission is 31/12/2023 upto 01:00 P.M. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http://etender.wb.nic.in and this Office notice board. Corrigendum notice(s) of this NIeT, if any, will only be published in the above website. Sd/- SE, PWD, BNC.
ICA- T25008(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
1st Corrigendum to e-N.I.T. No. 48 of 2023-2024 of The Superintending Engineer & Project Director, Project Implementation Unit-I, circulated vide This office Memo No. 624-R/PIU-I, Dated- 17.11.2023 for the work "I) Construction of Both side Approach Road of bridge over Ichhamati at Laxminathpur Ferryghat including one no minor bridge, cross drainage works and other allied works under Barasat Highway Division-I in the District of North 24-Parganas and II) Balance work in connection with construction of bridge over river Ichhamati at laxminathpur Ferryghat under Barasat Highway Division no.I in the District of North 24-Parganas. (Fresh Call). Tender ID : 2023_WBPWD_605327_1. Bid submission closing date (online): 19/12/2023 upto 3.00 p.m. Date of opening of Technical BID : 21/12/2023 after 3.00 p.m. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- SE & PD, PIU-I, PWRD, GOVT OF WB.
ICA- T24988(1)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI & DD e-NIT & e -NIQ
Executive Engineer, Bankura (AM) Division, Bankura invites e-Tender and e Quotation for the Following :- NSC for Bhuiyapara Metyala Govt Owned Major RLI Scheme under **Paray Samadhan 2023-2024, and** Supply of Material for Sub-Divisional Store for yearly maintenance in Bankura District under NP/MTN PROGRAM Under BANKURA (AM) Division, BANKURA.
e-NIT no: - 83/2023-24/WBWRIDD/EE AM/BANK,
e-NIQ no: - 55/2023-24/WBWRIDD/EE AM/BANK
E-Tender ID'S
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2023_WRDD_616883_1
Maximum Estimated value put to tender Rs 8,12,991.54 Last dropping date is 29.12.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.
SD/-
Executive Engineer
Agri-Mech, Bankura(AM)Division
ICA- T24970(2)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL STATE COUNCIL OF TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT
Karigori Bhawan, Action Area-III, Rajarhat, Newtown, Kolkata-700160
ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (2nd Call)
"Request for Proposal for Selection of Agency to provide Software Developers (2nd Call)" is hereby invited from eligible bidders. Detailed RFP along with list of critical dates for submission of digitally signed online bids will be available at https://wbtenders.gov.in Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will only be available in that website. Last date of bid submission is 22.12.2023. Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer, WBSCT&VE&SD
ICA- T25003(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DEBEN MAHATA GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, HATUARA, PURULIA
ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING EOI for Canteen Services for Boys & Girls Hostel
Sealed EOI is invited for Canteen Services for Boys Hostel and Girls Hostel Canteen at Deben Mahata Government Medical College, Hatuara Campus, Purulia. Last date of submission is 17.12.2023. Please visit www.dmgmch.edu.in/ www.wbhealth.gov.in/ www.purulia.nic.in for viewing the complete notice. Sd/- Principal, Deben Mahata Govt. Medical College & Hospital
ICA- T24997(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT-683/2023, Dated- 06/12/2023 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for : (1) UPGARDATION AND STRENGTHENING OF APPROACH WITH COMPOUND ROAD AT RAIGANJ SSH (G+9) CAMPUS IN THE DISTRICT OF UTTAR DINAJPUR (2nd Call). (2) UPGARDATION AND STRENGTHENING OF COMPOUND ROAD .122km. To .712km (590mtr.) AT BALURGHAT SSH (G+9) CAMPUS IN THE DISTRICT OF DAKSHIN DINAJPUR (2nd Call). Last date of submission of bid (online)– 23/12/2023 up to 01.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 02:00 on 09/12/2023. Details of the tender will also be available at www.wbmsc.gov.in. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to wbmscl.malda@gmail.com or info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL
ICA- T25004(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-Tenderis invited by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Diamond Harbour Health District, South 24 Parganas, Pin-743331 for supply of "Dental Chair and Other Equipment" from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in Govt. Sectors. Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: For e-Tender 18/12/2023 at 2 PM. For Detail, Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in / www.wbhealth.gov.in or the Office of the Undersigned. Sd/- CMOH, DHHD.
ICA- T24995(3)/2023

W.B. Minorities Dev. & Fin. Corpn., Amber, DD-27/E, Saltlake, Kol-64
WBMDFC intends to engage project based 3 nos. District Supervising Officers for the districts of Uttar Dinajpur, Malda, Murshidabad, on purely temporary on contract basis. A walk-in-interview will be held on 21.12.2023 at 11.00 a.m. at Malda for Uttar Dinajpur & Malda District and for Murshidabad on 22.12.2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Berhampore. For details please visit our website: **www.wbmdfc.org.**
Toll free no. 1800 120 2130
Sd/-
OSD & EO
Managing Director

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E-TENDER NOTICE of H & FW Deptt
NIT No. of DHFWS/APD/CONS/23-24/09 dt. 09/12/2023 and Tender IDs (2023_HFW_616721_1 & 2023_HFW_616721_2)
CMOH, Alipurduar hereby invites E-Tender Notice for "E.I. work for Site Preparation of sub centers at 13nos different Sub center under XV FC HG in the district of Alipurduar". Bid submission closing date: 22/12/2023 at 15:30 p.m. Other details may be seen from the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in & www.apdhealth.in Sd/- CMOH Alipurduar
ICA- T24998(4)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-Tenderis invited by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Diamond Harbour Health District, South 24 Parganas, Pin-743331 for supply of "2nos A.L.S. Ambulance Driver" from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in Govt. Sectors. Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: For e-Tender 18/12/2023 at 2 PM. For Detail, Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in / www.wbhealth.gov.in or the Office of the Undersigned. Sd/- CMOH, DHHD.
ICA- T24996(2)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. EE(E/M)/JNNURM-I/ T-10/ 2023-24
Online two-part item-rate e-tender is invited by the **Executive Engineer (E/M)/JNNURM-I, E/M Sector, KMDA**, 6th floor, Unnayan Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced agencies, for the work, **Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money to be Deposited, Time of Completion,** Supply, Delivery, Installation & Commissioning of Submersible Pump-Motor set with Allied Necessary works with 1 year O&M at Chak Tajpur and Siakhala of SIAKHALA Gram Panchayet under Furfura Sharif Development Authority water supply scheme., Item Rate (that is, rate/amount to be quoted by the bidder for this turnkey work), Rs.1,71,500/-, 02 Calendar months excluding the Trial Run and O&M activities of one calendar year, **Last date & time of Online Bid submission:** 26.12.2023 upto 17:00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites.
www.kmda.wb.gov.in (KMDA-891) www.wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T24975(3)/2023

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
E-tenders with following tender Ids for supply, installation & commissioning of equipment/ instrument/ Machinery etc. related to laboratories/ workshops of Engg/ Tech disciplines for 11 Govt. Polytechnics across the State are hereby invited by the respective Principals/ Principals-in-Charge from eligible manufacturers/ distributors/ dealers: **1.** Malda Polytechnic: Tender Id: 2023_DTET_590262. **2.** Falakata Polytechnic: Tender ID: 2023_DTET_605125. **3.** Rajganj Government Polytechnic: Tender ID: 2023_DTET_602727. **4.** Dasnagar Govt. Polytechnic: Tender ID: 2023_DTET_605530. **5.** Kaliachak Govt. Polytechnic: Tender ID: 2023_DTET_603741. **6.** Bundwan Polytechnic: Tender ID: 2023_DTET_608324. **7.** Contai Polytechnic: Tender ID: 2023_DTET_607317_1. **8.** Purulia Polytechnic: Tender ID: 2023_DTET_598085. **9.** Raghunathpur Government Polytechnic: Tender ID: 2023_DTET_599526. **10.** Birla Institute of Technology : Tender ID: 2023_DTET_598004. **11.** The Calcutta Technical School: Tender IDs: 2023_DTET_558595_3, 2023_DTET_558598_3, 2023_DTET_558599_3, 2023_DTET_558600_4. Detailed NIT along with list of instruments with specifications, critical dates and the BOQ template for submission of digitally signed online bids will be available at https://wbtenders.gov.in Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will only be available in that website. Sd/- Principals/Principals-in-charge, Govt Polytechnics
ICA- T25000(3)/2023

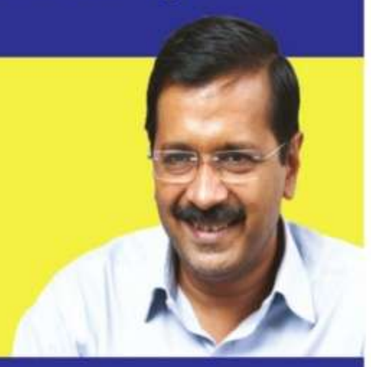
WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
WBSEDCL
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091
CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in
WBSEDCL invites e-Tenders as follows:
1) **NIT No.:** RM/24-PGN(S)/PROC/2023-24/1686, **Dt.:** 05.12.2023 of the **Regional Manager**, South 24 Parganas Region, WBSEDCL for the work of '*Conversion of LT overhead AB Cable line to LT UG by laying of different size of XLPE/PVC cable with erection of Service Junction Box and allied works for i)* ***PKG-1: Estimated Cost*** *- ₹ 18,38,231/-; ii)* ***PKG-2: Estimated Cost*** *- ₹ 13,43,666/-; iii)* ***PKG-3: Estimated Cost*** *- ₹ 33,45,220/- and iv)* ***PKG-4: Estimated Cost*** *- ₹ 15,81,746/- at Ward no. 114 of KMC under Bansdroni CCC of Garia Division, WBSEDCL'.*
2) **NIT No.:** 07/ Departmental (2023-24), **Dt.:** 06.12.2023 of the **Regional Manager**, Malda Region, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 17,50,000/- for the work of '*Supply & delivery of 350 nos. LT Distribution Kiosks for 25 kVA Distribution Transformers i.r.o. North Malda & South Malda Divisions under Malda Region'.*
3) **NIT No.:** KDD/E-TENDER/PAINTING/1753, **Dt.:** 06.12.2023 of the **Divisional Manager**, Kakdwip Division, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 25,89,141/- for the work of '*Painting on different structures (Temporary Sub-Station, Permanent Sub-Station, Permanent HT and LT lines) at various locations along the main road from Rudranagar Customer Care Centre, WBSEDCL to Gangasagar Mela Ground in Sagar Island under Rudranagar CCC of Kakdwip Division in connection with GANGASAGAR MELA-2024'.*
4) **NIT No.:** RM/24-PGNS(S)/Civil/e-Tender/ 2023-24/16, **Dt.:** 05.12.2023 of the **Regional Manager**, South 24 Parganas Region, WBSEDCL. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 6,38,618/- for the work of '*Construction of foundation for erection of 01 no. DP structure by rail pole across Durgaduani river just back side of existing tilt Dp structure at Sonagar, Gosaba Island under Canning Division (Civil + Electrical)'.*
ICA- T24972(1)/2023
For details, visit https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsedcl.in

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
West Bengal Police Recruitment Board
Araksha Bhawan (5th floor), 6th Cross Road, Block - DJ, Sector - II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091
RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF LADY CONSTABLE IN WEST BENGAL POLICE - 2023
Advertisement No. 22/2023/ WBPRB
The result of Preliminary Written Test for recruitment to the post of Lady Constables in West Bengal Police - 2023 has been announced and uploaded in the websites of West Bengal Police (www.wbpolice.gov.in) and West Bengal Police Recruitment Board (https://prb.wb.gov.in) w.e.f. 01-12-2023. To find the result in the websites, the candidates are advised to search by inputting or keying in their **Application Sl. No. & Date of Birth with selection of her permanent district.**
The details of the PMT/PET schedule of **03 (three)** Range Recruitment Boards as well as the venues are furnished below :

Name of RRB	Venue of PMT & PET	Schedule of PMT/ PET
Murshidabad RRB	Berhampore Stadium, Gora Bazar, Berhampore, Murshidabad, 742101	18.12.2023 to 22.12.2023 Reserved Date 22.12.2023
Presidency RRB	SSF Bn Parade Ground, M. P. Uddyan, PO - Barrackpore, North 24 Pgs. - 700120	18.12.2023 to 23.12.2023 Reserved Date 23.12.2023
Medinipur RRB	Parade Ground of Paschim Medinipur Police Line, PO - Medinipur, PS - Kotwali, Dist. - Paschim Medinipur, 721101	18.12.2023 to 23.12.2023 Reserved Date 23.12.2023

Admit cards for PMT & PET will be uploaded on 11-12-2023. Candidates are advised to follow the instructions on their admit card and visit the website of West Bengal Police regularly for further details.
The selection process by the West Bengal Police Recruitment Board is transparent and purely merit based. Hence, the candidates are advised to beware of the unscrupulous elements, racketeers, touts who may misguide them with false promises of getting them selected for the job on illegal consideration.
ICA- N 642(6)/2023

SUSTAINING SUCCESS OVER POLIO
GIVE YOUR CHILD TWO DROPS OF POLIO DOSE THIS POLIO SUNDAY
10 December 2023
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Take your Child upto Five year of age to the nearest Polio Booth for giving Polio drops
Pulse Polio Immunization facts
- India has been declared Polio Free. However, Polio Vaccination will continue till global eradication of polio is achieved until danger of Polio virus importation from neighboring countries persists.
- Routine immunization is the key to sustaining polio free status of the country.
- Routine immunization to infants & young children is essential. It protects children from many serious diseases and is available free of cost at all govt. health facilities through out the year.

Directorate of Family Welfare, Delhi Government
Phone: 011-23813213
दिल्ली सरकार आप की सरकार
DIP/Shabdarth/Display/0107/23-24

More Space For FSL To Send Quicker Inputs To Help Probe

Six-Storey Annexe Has Training Facility, Women's Section

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A new six-storey addition to the Forensic Science Laboratory building was opened on Saturday, creating more space for the chemical, biological and cyber-crime divisions. The annexe building was inaugurated by lieutenant governor VK Saxena and Delhi home minister Kailash Gahlot.

The construction of the annexe, a 10,000-sq-metre structure, began on January 2, 2020. "The annexe will have the scene of crime laboratory, digital photo laboratory, cyber forensic laboratory, unidentified DNA examination facilities, units of general chemistry laboratory, narcotics and psychotropic substances unit with more enhanced capacity to examine the cases," disclosed an FSL officer

The fifth floor of the building houses the Vasudha Kaksh for the women scientific staff. The sixth floor has the training facilities for national and international forensic professionals. "The sixth floor is also a reserve space for future expansion of FSL," the official said.

BUILDING BETTER FACILITIES

6-floor annexe building of FSL built by spending ₹59 crore

Construction work took around 4 years

KEY FEATURES

- Scene of crime laboratory
- Digital photo laboratory
- Unidentified DNA examination
- Units of general chemistry laboratory
- Narcotics and psychotropic substances unit
- Cyber forensic laboratory
- Vasudha Kaksh for women scientific staff
- World-class training

Scientific analysis of sexual crimes against children will be enhanced now, with FSL having acquired new equipment to improve the quality and speed of analyses in heinous cases.

The LG said that the new facilities would help quick assessment of forensic samples and would strengthen the criminal justice system by raising conviction rates and reducing case pendency. "There is a need to ensure efficient crime fighting in the capital and in this regard FSL, Delhi government and Delhi Police are working in tandem," said Saxena. "The faster delivery of reports by FSL will help police in achieving the desired results from the courts and boost citizens' confidence in the criminal justice system."

Data accessed by **TOI** shows a nearly 30% increase in the disposal of cases. Between January and July this year, FSL cleared 8,262 cases compared with 6,377 in the same period last year. The official said, "The laboratory will be able to work more efficiently with the additional space because of expanded scope for examination and automated techniques with minimum human intervention at par with international standards."

Gahlot said FSL envisioned a future in which the lab would continue to build on and develop an internationally recognised facility to deliver expeditious, quality and reliable forensic services. He said the government had invested Rs 59 crore in the construction of this building. "The annexe building, an air-conditioned structure interconnected with the main building, aims to support the laboratory's mission by providing additional resources for training, crime scene management, and specialized examinations," the minister added.

At the inauguration, Delhi Police commissioner Sanjay Arora was present alongside FSL director Deepa Verma.

Decomposed body of 30-year-old woman found in Malviya Nagar

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A heavily decomposed body of a 30-year-old woman was found at her rented accommodation in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar on Friday.

Police said they received information at 7.30pm on Friday. The landlord of the building in south Delhi's Khirki Extension reported a foul odor emanating from a room. "The caller informed us that a woman had been residing in the building but hadn't been seen for the past 10-15 days. They assumed she might have gone somewhere, but now a smell is emanating from her room and the door is locked from the inside," the officer said.

A team from the local police station rushed to the scene. The landlord informed the cops that he had rented out the first floor of the building to a woman identified as Saniya Rai. Rai's Aadhaar card details listed Sant Nagar in East of Kailash as her previous address.

"She had been living in the Khirki Extension building since July 2022. Upon checking, the flat was found locked from the inside. In the presence of the owner and neighbors, the flat door was opened, and Rai's body was found lying on the floor in a decomposed state," said deputy commissioner of police (South) Chandan Choudhary, adding that no external injuries were visible due to the advanced state of decomposition.

OFFICER SAYS

As per inquiry so far, it appears she may have been suffering from a disease. We are waiting for the postmortem report, which will ascertain the cause of death

Police informed that the crime scene was inspected by a team, and the body was transferred to AIIMS mortuary for preservation. Proceedings under Section 174 CrPC were initiated. Further inquiry revealed that the woman worked with an NGO and lived alone at her flat. "The flat had only one point of entry and exit. We are scanning CCTV cameras in nearby areas. Her permanent address is still not known; we are trying to connect with her family," the officer said.

A senior officer said they are yet to ascertain whether she died a natural death, took her own life, or met with foul play. "As per inquiry so far, it appears she may have been suffering from a disease. We are waiting for the postmortem report which will ascertain the precise cause of death," the officer added.

19-yr-old held for threatening to upload ex-girlfriend's nude pics

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Two people have been arrested for allegedly threatening to upload obscene pics of a 19-year-old girl on social media.

Manoj Meena, DCP, North, said, "Ansh Sharma (19) had recently passed Class 12, while Govind Sharma (20) worked at a furniture shop. Two mobile phones along with two sim cards were recovered".

During investigation, Ansh told the police that he was friends with the victim since class 6. In 2020, they started interacting regularly via social media and fell in love. During this period, they shared their Instagram passwords, but soon broke up.

After breakup, Ansh logged into her account to find that she had shared her private pics with another boy, police said, adding that jealous of this, he downloaded and shared her pictures with Govind. He created an anonymous social media account and started blackmailing the girl, and had even sent her pics to her father, threatening to upload them on social media.

Ansh disclosed that he was enraged as the victim had been privately chatting with another boy. "He also revealed that as he had recently joined a gym and was in dire need of money to purchase imported protein powder and other supplements for body building," Meena said.

"Out of desperation, they threatened the girl's father stating that they would leak her pictures. The victim's private photo was found in the hidden folder of Ansh's mobile phone gallery and the alleged, Instagram ID used for blackmailing has been found in the ID logs of the Instagram app installed in Govind's mobile phone," Meena added.

According to the police, a complaint was received through National Cybercrime Reporting Portal with the victim claiming to have received threatening messages on her Instagram and WhatsApp accounts from anonymous person, who was threatening to circulate her private pictures if he was not paid money.

During probe, the alleged Instagram ID and WhatsApp numbers were obtained from their portals. While Instagram ID was found to be belonging to a resident of Bihar but was found to be operational in Delhi. Continuous technical surveillance of alleged mobile numbers helped the police zeroed on the location of suspect numbers at Ashok Vihar. After identifying the location, the suspects were arrested following raids, police said.

Not needed now for probe, MP tells court

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party leader Sanjay Singh on Saturday urged Delhi court to release him, saying no purpose will be served by keeping him in further custody in a money laundering case related to alleged Delhi excise scam. Singh's counsel made the submission before Special Judge M K Nagpal.

"ED has already filed its charge sheet against me after the completion of the investigation. I'm not required for the custodial interrogation any further. There is no purpose to keep me in further custody," Singh's counsel told the court.

During the arguments, ED said the probe was ongoing and if released on bail, Singh could hamper the investigation and tamper with the evidence as well as influence the witnesses. PTI

2 firing incidents averted, minor among 3 caught by Special Cell

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police's Special Cell has claimed to have averted two incidents of firing by apprehending three people, including a juvenile.

In the first case, a shooter purportedly associated with Lawrence Bishnoi gang, along with a juvenile accomplice, was held from Vasant Kunj after a brief exchange of fire. The duo were on the way to open fire outside a five-star hotel in the area. Nobody was injured in the shootout. In the second case, a shooter on his way to fire on arrival in Dwarka court was nabbed before he could enter the court premises. His accomplice fled by mingling in the crowd.

In the first case, the accused were identified as Anish (23) and a 15-year-old boy. Police said both were apprehended from near pocket-9 at 9:40 pm on Friday.

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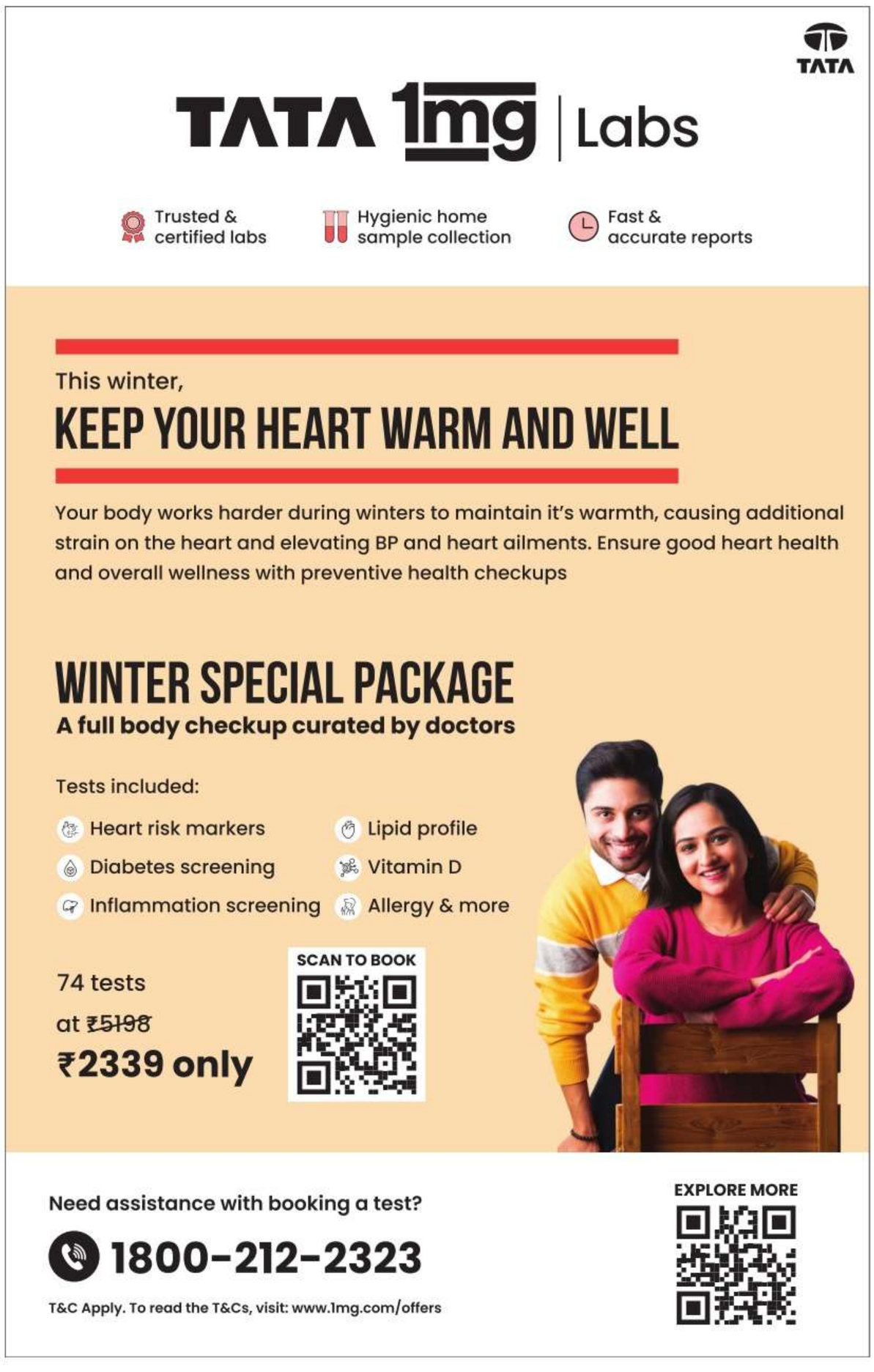
Police said the duo were on their way to fire near a renowned five-star hotel in South Delhi allegedly at the behest of Amit, a prisoner in Punjab Jail, who was following instructions from Anmol Bishnoi. "Five rounds were fired by the accused and two rounds by the police team in self-defence. No one was injured in the incident," an officer stated.

Two sophisticated pistols with four live cartridges and a bike were recovered. "Anish has a prior history of six criminal cases involving armed robbery, Arms Act violations, and assault in Rohtak district. Similarly, the minor was previously involved in an armed robbery case in Rohtak district," the officer added.

Police said the recovered weapons and ammunition were arranged by gang members in Haryana. "Some days back, both of them visited and identified the place of firing and also identified the route of escape. On the day of execution, both left Rohtak for Delhi on a motorcycle with fake registration number," the officer said.

In the second case, the accused was identified as Ankit. He, along with his accomplice, was on his way to kill a complainant. "Based on a tip-off, a trap was laid, and he was apprehended. Two pistols were recovered from his possession," another officer said.



'Domestic Workers Need Access To Law'

Unions Say Implementation Must Be Better

Ridhima.Gupta@timesgroup.com

New Delhi: Times and again, reports of torture and sexual assault of domestic workers by their employers make the headlines, proving that the women have no access to rights or protection. Domestic worker unions assert that implementation of labour and social security regulations is to blame for the informality in this industry. They are demanding a formal survey of domestic workers and accountability on the part of government officials and RWAs to curb crime against the workers.

According to an estimate by unions, there are more than eight lakh women workers in the city, among them a large number of women domestic workers. Many of them are migrants from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand.

Section 22 of the Domestic Workers (Registration Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2008, says that a domestic worker living with the employer is entitled to yearly leave with pay for a minimum 15 days per year. Domestic workers are also covered under the Sexual

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Harassment at Workplace Act 2013. However, no sustained exercise has been conducted to create awareness of this among the domestic workers.

Ramendra Kumar, president, Delhi Gharelu Kamgar Sangathan, said, "It is an open secret that domestic workers are exploited since the law does not recognise their work. There are three types of domestic workers — part-time, full-time and live-in workers. But there is no formal record of them with the labour department. Because of absence of documentation, there is rampant child labour and physical and sexual exploitation of domestic workers."

Kumar's organisation has demanded the setting up of an agency responsible for documentation of domestic workers. After a recent case in which an airline pilot and her husband allegedly hired a 10-year-old girl as a domestic help and tortured her, children-right activists in the city are demanding that RWAs be made more accountable for people in their localities employing minors. In September, the labour department indeed issued a notice, asking RWAs to sensitise its members to not employ any children.

"While the labour department's step is in the right forward direction, it is not enough to curb the employment of child workers. RWAs must be held accountable for this," insisted Sanjay Gupta, director of CHETNA, a child-rights NGO.

In 2016, Parliament lifted a 40-year-ban and approved the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act that allows employers to hire teenagers above 14 years of age for jobs not considered as hazardous, including housework. Gupta, however, said domestic work could prove hazardous for a child when he or she has to deal with electronic gadgets. He added, "Because the minors work behind closed doors, the employers at times torture them, thinking they can get away with it."

Girl: Employer's sons filmed, tortured me

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This is the eighth instance to have surfaced since last December of domestic helps being subjected to unimaginable cruelty at their place of work, the search for a job taking hundreds of young women to unscrupulous agencies offering placements, to employers they know nothing about, or into the trap of trafficking rackets.

The family of the girl rescued from the Sector 57 house is from Bihar but has been living in the city for years. She seemed to have found the job through contacts. She told her mother, who also works as a domestic help in the city, that her employer's two sons, aged 25 and 30, would force her to strip and film her. "They threatened to circulate the videos if she tried to escape. She was sexually assaulted daily. She was entrapped, monitored 24x7 and given just one meal a day. Even when the family left the house, she was kept in the basement with her legs and arms tied up," the girl's mother said in her complaint to police.

The teen, who wasn't allowed to communicate with her family, was rescued after the girl's mother and an ex-employer — a former Army officer — landed up at the house on Thursday.

Major Manohar Pratap (Retd), who lives at Legend Apartments in Sector 57, said the 14-year-old's mother used to work at their house earlier. "On Thursday noon, she called us and told us her daughter had not met her or called her since she started working as a house help at the house in Sector 57. She said despite trying, the family did not allow her to meet her daughter and she suspected that the teenager was trapped," he said.

Maj Pratap said he decided to go with the mother to the house. "We rang the bell and a woman opened the door. The girl was behind her, but she looked distraught. We were shocked. The woman was reluctant to let us inside, but we managed to get the girl out," he said.

He and the girl's mother went to the women's police station in Sector 51, where the 14-year-old told them how she was treated. "I hugged her as soon as I saw her... Why did they torture her? What was her fault? I still can't believe that she had to go through all this," the distraught mother of the teenager told **TOI**.

The girl was admitted to General Hospital in Sector 10 and her medical reports are awaited. Police said her condition is stable, but she is undergoing therapy for trauma.

"The incident is bone-chilling. The girl suffered things that we can't even imagine. She is undergoing therapy and is being treated for her injuries too," a police officer said.

An FIR was registered against the employer, Shashi Sharma (55), and her sons, who have not been named in the complaint. They are yet to be arrested. The accused were booked under Sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 344 (wrongful confinement), 506 (criminal intimidation), 509 (insulting the modesty of a woman) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code along with the relevant provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and the Juvenile Justice Act on Saturday.

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Delhi govt decides to sync workers' records with eShram data

Times News Network

New Delhi: To ensure that construction and other workers residing in the national capital get the benefits of various welfare schemes launched by the central and Delhi governments from time to time, the labour department has decided to sync the data of such beneficiaries registered on the eShram portal with its own records.

Officials said that Delhi government's labour department of would develop an application programming interface (API) to access the details of workers registered on the Centre's portal.

According to officials, Union ministry of labour and employment has developed eShram portal for creation of a comprehensive National Database of Unorganised Workers verified by Aadhaar for various categories of works including those involved in building and other construction, agriculture, domestic work, and other similar sub-groups. The Union ministry shares the data on the portal with other states and union territories for the purpose of matching, verification and for extending benefits of social security and welfare schemes to them based on their eligibility.

"The labour department will be developing the API to consume that data. It will be hosted on the server of the Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board in a well-defined structured format like database-based repository and would sync up regularly with the eShram data. It will have all details of the workers registered on eShram...," said an official.

Report on making DU centre accessible: HC

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has asked a court-appointed amicus curiae to file a report to ensure that Campus Law Centre (CLC) in Delhi University is accessible to persons with disabilities. The court allowed the amicus' suggestion that he should visit the campus so that a comprehensive affidavit could be filed indicating the further requirements to be complied with by the university. DU assured the court it would extend all cooperation.

"Learned amicus curiae, after visiting Campus Law Centre, shall place on record a comprehensive report/suggestion to be further implemented by the respondent no.1-university. During his visit, let all necessary assistance be rendered," Justice Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav said in a recent order.

Delhi University informed the court that it has taken various steps to ensure that the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act are complied with. It said that "it has always been sensitive and concerned towards the needs of persons with disabilities and enabling measures have been taken and an access audit was conducted in this regard".

The court had earlier sought a detailed response from DU on steps taken to implement the provisions of the Right of Persons with Disability Act. It had also asked the university to file an affidavit showing how the suggestions of the amicus curiae on physical infrastructure and accessibility for persons with disability at CLC were implemented.

DU had earlier said repairing work in toilets, corridors, open areas and a provision for tactile and other facilities for persons with disabilities at CLC have been completed by the agency, in response to a plea by Jayant Singh Raghav, a visually-impaired DU student, who raised the issue of providing assistive devices to differently-abled students during examinations. The issue had led the court to appoint an amicus who made recommendations on how to improve physical infrastructure and accessibility of CLC.

The report said according to the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission, an access audit of CLC be directed to be conducted and a report submitted to the court.

The matter will next be heard by the court on February 21.

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Constable, trying to nab robbers, stabbed twice

Times News Network

New Delhi: A 28-year-old constable was stabbed by a criminal in northwest Delhi's Adarsh Nagar. The victim, along with another constable, had gone to nab two criminals who were planning to commit robbery. As they attempted to arrest the suspects, one of them retaliated by stabbing the constable twice: once in the chest and once in the hand. Though one of the accused was overpowered, the attacker fled the spot.

The victim was identified as Bhupender, who was posted at the Adarsh Nagar police station. Police received information at 10:45 pm on Friday about the movement of Ajay alias Ganja, a resident of Azadpur and a known bad character of the area with a history of involvement in robbery cases. "We had information that he was planning to commit another crime. A team of cops reached the fish market near the railway track in Wazirpur at 11 pm," an officer said.

Constable Bhupender

Ajay and his associate, Akash, were found sitting and consuming some intoxicating substance. "Upon seeing the police team, both of them began fleeing from the spot. Bhupender tried to restrain Ajay, but he attacked him with a knife, resulting in stab wounds on Bhupender's chest and right hand. The team was able to apprehend Akash, an 18-year-old resident of Azadpur," the officer said, adding that the victim was rushed to the hospital, where he is receiving treatment.

A case under sections 186 (obstructing a public servant in the discharge of public functions), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter a public servant from the discharge of his duty), 307 (attempted murder), and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the IPC was registered at the Ashok Vihar police station. Cops have formed multiple teams to nab the absconding accused.

An assistant sub-inspector Shambhu Dayal (57) died after being stabbed multiple times by a snatcher while trying to get him arrested in West Delhi's Mayapuri in January. While the cop was taking him to Mayapuri police station, the accused, Anish, stabbed Dayal in the neck, chest, stomach and back. Despite being injured, the latter did not let him flee. More cops rushed in and Anish was arrested from the spot.

Two held for firing at home of jeweller

Times News Network

New Delhi: Two people, suspected to be members of 'Pandat gang' operating in Uttar Pradesh, have been arrested in connection with firing upon the house of a jewellery shopowner in northeast Delhi's Sonia Vihar area on Friday. Two firearms, including a semi-automatic pistol, a country-made pistol and a live cartridge have been recovered, police said.

"The accused, Sonu Sharma (30) and Sumit Gupta (20), and the victim had monetary issues and they fired in order to threaten him so as to extort money from him," said Joy Tirkey, DCP, North-East.

Sharma was previously involved in three cases of robbery, arms act and theft (all registered in Loni district and Noida in UP). Both suspects got associated with infamous 'Pandat Gang', and started committing crimes.

According to the police, Rinku Jaiswal, who runs a small jewellery shop, reported that around 12.30am, someone fired at his house. During investigation, it was found that two persons came on a motorcycle and fired at the house of complainant, who suspected that Sonu, his old acquaintance, might have fired at his house owing to a monetary dispute.

During probe, the bike was found registered in the name of father of one of the suspects and both were nabbed following multiple raids at their possible hideouts, police said

During interrogation, both admitted to the crime, claiming that they had a dispute with Rinku over payment of the shop and fired at his house to threaten him and to extort money from him, police said, adding Sonu claimed that Rinku owed him about Rs 3 lakh.

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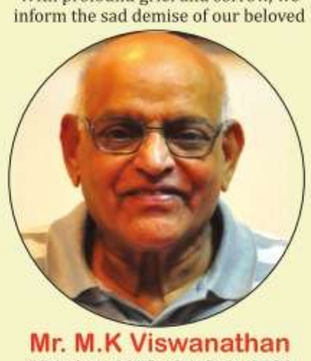

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Attendance Low, Many Face Bar From DU College Exams

1,397 To Be Detained, 200 Students Didn't Attend Any Class

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New Delhi: Of the 3,600 students at Shaheed Bhagat Singh College in south Delhi, 1,397 are to be detained as their attendance is below 40%, the college principal announced on Saturday. They include 200 students who have not attended any classes at all.

The principal added that 1,022 others will be required to submit an undertaking that they will cover the deficit attendance in the next semester. The college administration has granted them a final chance till December 12 to do so.

Arun Kumar Attree, principal of the Sheikh Sarai college, expressed concern at the lax attitude of students about attending classes. "The college is now grappling with the emergence of a 'college of correspondence', where many students attend courses merely as a formality," Attree said.

SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL SAYS

The college is now grappling with the emergence of a 'college of correspondence', where many students attend courses merely as a formality. Enough is enough. Our college has to get rid of this reputation of its students not caring about attendance

According to the notice released by the college on Saturday, in view of the earlier notices issued to the students urging them to meet the minimum attendance requirement under Delhi University norms, the institution has decided not to issue exam admit cards to students with attendance less than 40% in a semester.

Students with attendance between 40% and 66.6% will be issued admit cards conditional on their undertaking to cover up the deficit attendance in the next semester and ensure the combined average attendance for the two semesters is at least 66.6%. Failure to submit the undertaking by December 12 means they will not be given admit cards.

The students also have till December 12 to rectify attendance discrepancies and have been given the opportunity to submit document/ information in support of any claim they might have of having met the minimum attendance criterion. "Some students were genuinely absent due to extracurricular activities such as sports, but there are some pursuing courses outside or focusing on their family business instead of attending classes," said Attree. "Enough is enough. We can't keep going on like this. Our college has to get rid of this reputation of its students not caring about attendance."

The principal lamented the contrast between the dedication of the teachers and casual approach of the students who opting to visit malls rather than attend classes. Urging a shift towards merit-based education, Attree said, "There is an urgent need to reserve educational opportunities for deserving students."

In a related comment, Attree was critical of the lack of accountability in online admissions, noting instances when students, having secured admission through CUET, now treating the college as a mere examination centre and come only for exams.

City sees season's lowest min at 8.5°C

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The city recorded the season's lowest minimum temperature at 8.5 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal, on Saturday. The night temperature is likely to hover around 9 degrees Celsius for the next few days and may dip to 7 degrees Celsius on December 15.

Apart from Safdarjung, which is the city's base station, the minimum temperature stayed below 10 degrees Celsius at some other stations on Saturday. The night temperature was 8.8 degrees Celsius at Lodhi Road and 9.7 degrees Celsius at Jafarpur. However, it dipped to 9.2 degrees Celsius at Noida and Mungeshpur.

According to India Meteorological Department, the night temperature witnessed a dip due to clear skies and north-westerly winds which bring cold air from Himalayan region. "The city has been witnessing clear skies with no cloudiness. Clear skies in the day cause heat to quickly dissipate and make nights cooler than normal," said an IMD official.

The maximum temperature on Saturday was 25.3 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal. It is expected to remain around 24 degrees Celsius for the next few days and may dip to 23 degrees Celsius on December 15.

IMD's data shows that the night temperature usually dips below 5 degrees Celsius in the last week of December. The lowest minimum temperature in 2022 was recorded at 5 degrees on December 6. On December 20, 2021, the night temperature was recorded at 3.2 degrees Celsius.

Delhi's air quality stayed in the 'very poor' category with an Air Quality Index of 321 on Saturday as against 324 a day earlier. According to Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, which is the forecasting body under the union ministry of earth sciences, the air quality may remain in 'very poor' category till December 12.

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2 weeks after Soumya gets justice, dad breathes his last

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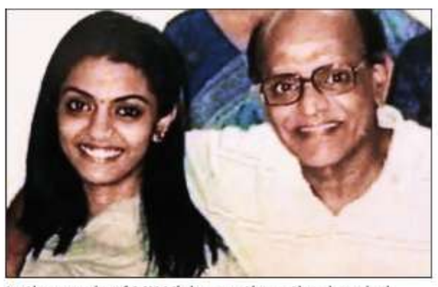
New Delhi: That night in the autumn of 2008 was the beginning of a one-and-a-half-decade-long fight for MK Vishwanathan and wife who lost their daughter, Soumya, to carjackers on south Delhi's Nelson Mandela Road. On Saturday, two weeks after a court sentenced the men who shot dead Soumya to life imprisonment, Vishwanathan, now 82, breathed his last.

On that fateful night, Vishwanathan, then 67 years old, waited anxiously, as always unable to sleep till she returned home. At 3.15am, he gave Soumya a call but it went unanswered. He called again in a few minutes only to hear a cop on the other side. Soumya driving a Maruti 800 had been chased and shot dead by carjackers on Nelson Mandela road. It was September 30, 2008.

After that, for almost 15 years, the sexagenarian and his wife frequented the police station, even became part of the review meetings of the case held by the then DCP (South), HGS Dhaliwal. Six months later, police caught the culprits. It was only the beginning of another battle that continued for 14 long years. In the words of Vishwanathan and his wife, it was the dreaded 'tarikh-pe-tarikh' playing out in real life.

It was difficult for Vishwanathan, who had retired from a private firm, and his former DU lecturer wife to cope with the nitty-gritty of the court case. But they kept her memory alive, even ensuring her room remained intact as it was on the day she died. The court visits ended when a court convicted the four killers — Ravi Kapoor, Baljit Malik, Amit Shukla and Ajay Kumar — in October and in November handed out life sentences to the quartet, a verdict that Vishwanathan only heard of in the ICU.

It was Soumya's birthday on Friday, December 8. She would have turned 41. Though the verdict brought her parents closure, the years of fight had perhaps left her father too exhausted.



In the words of MK Vishwanathan, the dreaded 'tarikh-pe-tarikh' played out for them in real life

3rd-year PG medicine student kills himself

New Delhi: A 25-year-old doctor, who was in the third year of PG medicine, allegedly died by suicide on Friday afternoon by hanging himself from the ceiling fan at his rented accommodation in Gautam Nagar. Police said that prima facie it appears the victim was depressed and had tried to take his life earlier too. TNN

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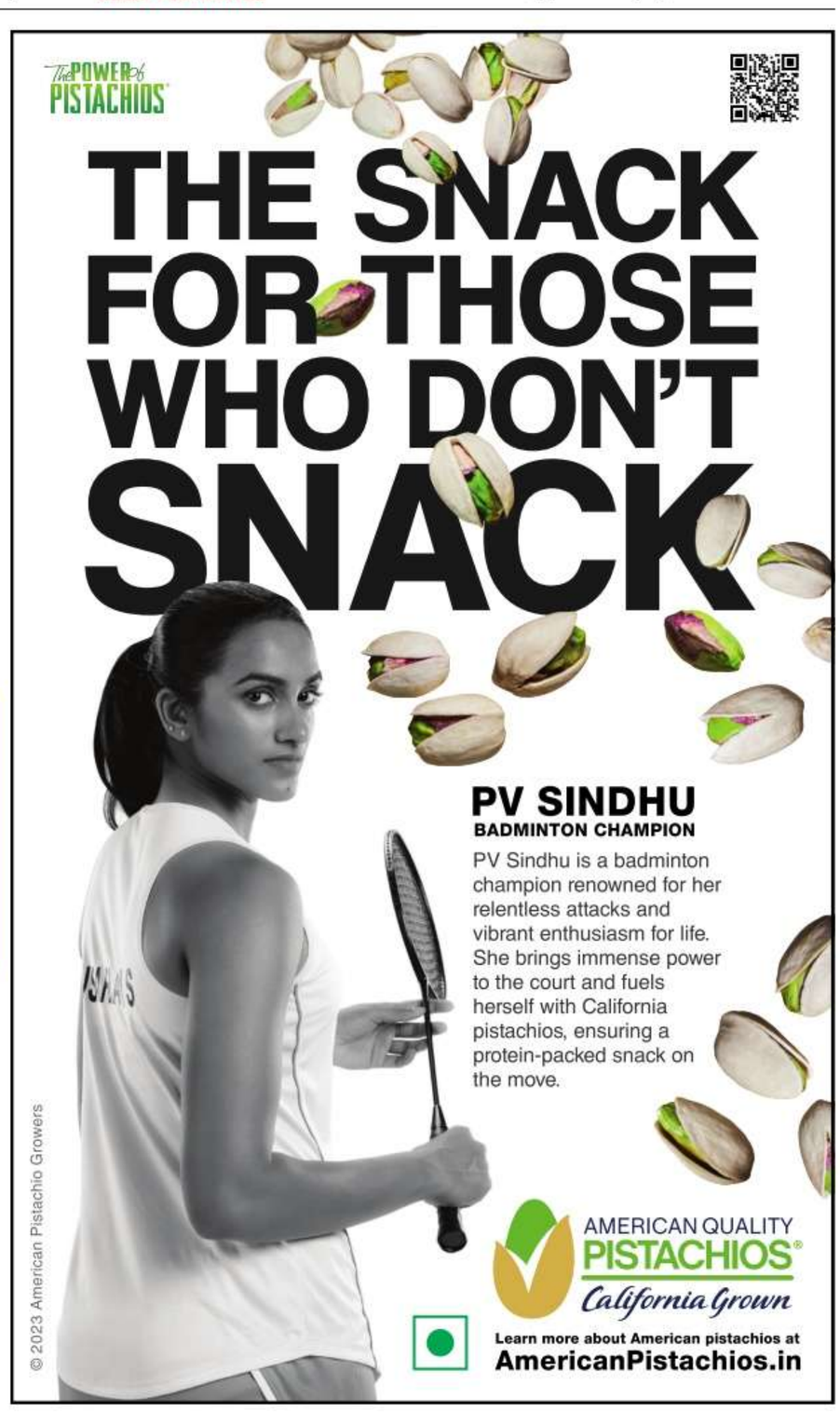

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'Losing a close friend can hurt, but you can try to clear up misunderstanding'

*To help readers cope with their anxieties in these stressful times, TOI has launched **Talk it Out**, a series in which expert counsellors answer your mental health queries. This week's advice is from psychotherapist **Suniti Barua***

My best friend and I had some miscommunication regarding a few issues and we argued a lot, after which she detached herself from me. I wanted to explain the situation and was ready to accept my mistakes and apologise but there's no way left to contact her. What should I do?

— Anonymous

It is important to know that no matter what happens, you can never control another person's actions or decisions. But you can do that for yourself. Write a letter to your friend, explaining your side in detail. Avoid asking her to understand, instead only focus on how much you care for her and to keep the friendship. Do not attach any agenda to this letter (like this is my last hope). Allow her time to go through it and decide. Find a way to deliver the letter to her. Remember many bonds come in phases. Although it is painful at the moment, new and beautiful friendships will be on the horizon soon!

I'm 14 years old. I don't have friends and I don't like to be alone. I try a lot to make friends but I don't know why no one stays with me longer. I get bullied often too. Nowadays, I've started to feel better when I'm alone but my cousins and family think I'm the odd one. Kindly help.

— Anonymous

Confide in a trusted adult when it comes to bullying. It may feel like no one will understand, but this is a time when you need support to resolve it. Journaling is a good way to put out the negative thoughts from your mind. Identify people with whom you can be friends with and create circles of trust. Most often we feel lonely as we put people into our innermost circle that don't fit there and our expectations let us down. Let those people be in the external circles, and maintain the friendship in terms of exchange of fun activities or conversation. With time when you understand and trust them better, allow them to enter your inner circle.

I had developed feelings for my best friend. I told him but he was not ready for a relationship and only wanted physical intimacy. We have moved apart but whenever we meet in our friend circle he never communicates. He has moved on but I'm not over him. How can I break free?

— Anonymous

It is time to put yourself first. Ask yourself why he was important? What did you imagine him to be like vs how was he in reality? This is needed for clarity. When you have clarity you will be able to see the situation for what it is, and soon the pain will subside. All the reasons why you liked him are qualities he will always possess. So it is normal to remember it or desire them. But are they enough to force a connection when it is not serving anyone? Do this exercise for seven days: in your mind, visualise him in front of you, express if you need to, and then cut all cords you may have with him. Don't do it with anger but rather with the clarity that it is time to move forward. Be gentle with yourself and give yourself time.

I'm a 17-year-old girl. Three months ago my boyfriend ghosted me and we haven't talked ever since. He has blocked all my social media accounts. I have no friends at school and I feel extremely alone. I have no company at home either with only my dad and grandparents around and no siblings. My study is also affected by this. I want to change my school next year in the 12th grade. Please help.

— Anonymous

This is a time to seek support from a counsellor at school to support you better through this phase. However, no matter how much you may want to know his reason for ghosting, you may never be sure if the reasons he gives are true. It might only be a concluding statement. So you must decide on your closure. Vent out your feelings with daily journaling and art, have a routine focused on self care. Take time and talk to your father about the decision on changing your school. Remember the decision must be for you, not anyone else. 12th grade is really important so take all the help you can get, such as study groups, library, and tuition.

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Process to get pvt land for road to new hosp in Maidan Garhi begins

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New Delhi: Following a push from the central government to make Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences (CAPFIMS) operational by early next year, Delhi government has started the process to acquire a 2,525 square metre of private land to widen the approach road to the campus.

The land and building department has issued a notification expressing its intent to acquire the land parcel in Maidan Garhi revenue estate and has assigned the responsibility to conduct the social impact assessment to Indian Institute of Public Administration.

Officials said the acquisition of the private land is crucial for widening the approach road from Chhatarpur Road to the CAPFIMS campus.

Officials said DDA had started the process to engage agencies to widen the stretch from Chhatarpur Road to the SAARC univ

The ambitious hospital project comprises a 500-bed general hospital, 300-bed super-specialty hospital, a nursing college and a school of paramedics.

Officials said the private land acquired by Delhi government will be handed over to Delhi Development Authority for the widening of the main approach road. LG VK Saxena had last year directed DDA to explore the possibility of widening the approach road to the institutional area in Maidan Garhi and Satbari where institutions such as SAARC University and CAPFIMS are coming up. DDA had appointed a consultant to prepare a detailed project report for the integrated transit corridor development and street network, a connectivity plan, carry out surveys and feasibility studies. A total of 10.5-kilometres of road network will be widened and built.

Officials said DDA has already started the process to engage agencies to widen the Gaushala Road – from Chhatarpur Road to the SAARC University campus.

Officials said the ridge development board has already given a go-ahead for the project.

The construction of CAPFIMS hospital, said officials, had been in limbo for about 10 years. Sources said the Union home secretary sought the intervention of the LG in June this year to look into the matter.

"The LG had made site visits twice in November and cleared the bottlenecks. Twenty tube wells have been operationalised and DJB is laying the pipeline to meet the daily water requirement of 1,300 KL at the campus. The work will be completed by January 31," said an official.

"DDA will allot land for a sewage treatment plant of 80 million gallon per day capacity and for four underground water reservoirs. Also, 13 waterbodies with the capacity of about 10 crore litres of water will be ready by December 31," the official added.

Officials added that an alternative road plan to access CAPFIMS hospital and the neighbouring institutions will be submitted by DDA by mid-December.

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PM: Ours is not a 'mai baap' sarkar, it serves moms, dads

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We have established a direct relationship, an emotional bond between the Centre and people of the country, the PM said

New Delhi: Taking his pro-poor, pro-women and pro-youth outreach ahead, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said his government is not a "Mai-Baap Sarkar", but a government that serves mothers-fathers. The PM said people have reposed faith in "Modi ki guarantee" which ensures delivery while the opposition has failed to understand that they can't achieve anything by making "false announcements (promises)" & without winning hearts of the people.

Addressing the Vikshit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) virtually, Modi said, "The question is why people are not believing the opposition. Some political parties can't understand that they can't achieve anything by making false promises. You don't win elections on social media; you need to go to people. First you need to win people's hearts and then the election."

"We have established a direct relationship, an emotional bond between the central government and the people of the country. Our government is not a 'mai-baap sarkar' but a government that serves mothers-fathers. The manner in which a child serves his parents, in the same way this Modi works to serve you," he said.

He also slammed the opposition parties alleging that if their governments would have worked with the intent to serve people rather than serving political interests, a large share of the population would not have faced scarcity, problems and pain.

The PM said gone are those days when people needed to "beg" for their entitlements. "Now the government is identifying beneficiaries and taking steps to take those benefits to them. That's why now people say that Modi's guarantee means the guarantee of fulfilment," he said.

The Centre has fanned out 2,000 VBSY vehicles with officials across the country to enrol more eligible beneficiaries under different flagship schemes of the Union government. Modi said since the campaign has started, 35 lakh people have got Ayushman cards (for medical insurance) and over one lakh got or applied for LPG connection under Ujjwala scheme. He said the campaign has become a great medium to reach the people who have not been able to connect with the government schemes till now.

So far the campaign has reached over 40,000 village panchayats and many cities in less than a month where more than 1.25 crore people have connected with 'Modi ki Guarantee' vehicles. "Modi's VIPs are those who are poor, deprived and for whom even the doors of government offices were closed...Every mother, sister and daughter of the country is VIP to me. Every farmer in the country is VIP to me. Every youth of the country is VIP to me," he said.

Highlighting the steps taken for women-led development, Modi said nearly 70% beneficiaries of 4 crore houses made under PM Awas scheme are women and seven out of every 10 Mudra beneficiaries are women.

BJP keeps suspense alive over selection of CMs for 3 states

Seen As Signal To Those Styling Themselves As Rightful Claimants

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BJP president JP Nadda with Union minister Rao Inderjit Singh during the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' programme in Gurugram on Saturday. The leadership's stance reflects the assessment that it was PM Modi's appeal that was central to the saffron party's win in the three states

New Delhi: One week after it trounced Congress in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in what has been billed to be the semi-final for the 2024 contest, BJP leadership continues to sit tight over its choice for CMs of the three heartland states.

As anxiety, even restiveness in a few quarters, continued to rise, the leadership has preferred to be unmoved in what is seen by many as possibly a deliberate signal to those who have styled themselves as rightful claimant and disabuse them of the notions of indispensability.

On Saturday, political circles had looked forward to getting some clues from party chief J P Nadda's virtual address to party MLAs in Rajasthan. Nadda, however, chose to focus exclusively on the party's Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a campaign by the party has launched around PM Narendra Modi's pledge to turn India into a developed nation by 2047 when the country would celebrate 100 years of independence.

The party chief's "message of discipline", sources, said could be meant to put across the simple message about the leadership's priorities and that determination of the claims of the "CMs-in-waiting" could wait for a couple of days. The leadership's stance reflects the assessment that it was PM Modi's appeal that was central to the party's win in the three states.

In Rajasthan, the party's stand has been strengthened by feelers it has got from at least 8 MLAs elected as independents. The eight who entered the fray upon being denied BJP tickets are: Chandrabhan Akya (Chittorgarh), Ravindra Bhati (Sheo), Priyanka Chaudhary (Barmer), Ritu Banawat (Bayana), Yunus Khan (Deedwana), Ganeshraj Bansal (Hanumangarh), Ashok Kothari (Bhilwara) and Jivaram Choudhary (Sanchore). They all were expelled from the party for contesting against official candidates but the party is open to letting them come back.

Their inductions can give the party cushion against any rumblings that its plan to effect a generational shift in Rajasthan, a bold desire that may hurt former CM Vasundhara Raje, may generate.

In Chhattisgarh, the return of former CM Raman Singh looks an unlikely prospect. Unlike in Rajathan, however, the party does not seem to be concerned about his response. The unexpected victory in Rajasthan is attributed almost universally to Modi's appeal and the leadership's moves to encash it.

In Madhya Pradesh too, Shivraj Singh Chauhan remains on tenterhooks despite the party's massive victory.

A meeting of BJP's newly-elected MLAs of Chhattisgarh has been convened on Sunday, while the exercise in Rajathan is likely to be scheduled for Monday.

BSP suspends LS MP Danish Ali for 'anti-party' activities

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Lucknow: Bahujan Samaj Party suspended Amroha MP **Danish Ali** on Saturday with immediate effect for "anti-party activities" amid his growing proximity to Congress. Ali was also removed as leader of BSP in Lok Sabha.

The action comes a day before Mayawati is expected to hold a national-level meeting of party leaders in Lucknow. Ali, meanwhile, described his suspension as "unfortunate" and said he had always worked to make the party stronger and had never done anything against BSP.

A statement from BSP national general secretary Satish Chandra Mishra said, "You (Danish Ali) have been asked several times to restrain from speaking and working against the ideology, discipline and policies of BSP but you are still doing so."

Ali reacted on social media, saying, "I have opposed anti-people policies of BJP and will continue to do so. I have spoken against the loot of public property by capitalists. This is true public service. If doing so is a crime, so be it. I am ready to face punishment. I want to assure the people of Amroha that I will always be at their service." He added that he would always be thankful to BSP president Mayawati for giving him a ticket and helping him become a Lok Sabha member.

The MP in recent past has been growing close to the INDIA bloc while Mayawati has been stressing on maintaining distance from the opposition parties as well as the NDA.

Even in Parliament, the Amroha MP had been vocal in his defence of TMC's Mohua Moitra, who was expelled on Friday from the Lok Sabha for "unethical behaviour".

Ali had also succeeded in rallying opposition support in his face-off with BJP MP Ramesh Bidhuri, whom he has accused of being a "heckler".

Mayawati has repeatedly stressed that her party will contest Lok Sabha elections alone and not in any alliance.

Ali is the second Muslim leader, after Imran Masood, to be suspended for "anti-party acts" in just a few months.

HC collegiums ignoring timeline, yet to decide on 198 vacancies: Govt

Times News Network

New Delhi: In an ongoing tussle between the government and Supreme Court over delayed appointment of judges in high courts, law minister **Arjun Meghwal** informed Lok Sabha on Friday that at least 42 recommendations for appointment of high court judges are currently pending with the apex court collegium for its approval, while 60 others were remitted to the HCs concerned for reconsideration.

No timeline is being adhered to by HC collegiums on initiation of recommendations against vacancies, he said, citing that for 198 vacancies across high courts, collegiums of these HCs haven't made any recommendations, leading to a backlog.

Currently, 29% of judges' posts in 25 high courts are vacant. Against a sanctioned strength of 1,114 judges, there are 324 vacancies as on December 1. During 2022, the government had notified appointments of 165 judges, and 110 in 2023, till December 4.

In a response to a question, Meghwal expressed concern over delayed recommendations by the high court collegiums. "As per memorandum of procedure, initiation of proposal for appointment of judges in high courts vests with the Chief Justice of the concerned high court, who is required to initiate the proposal to fill up vacancy six months prior to its occurrence. However, this timeline is not adhered to by the high courts," he said.

Once the collegiums recommend candidates for judgeship, the government with IB inputs, refers them to SC collegium, which selects and recommends them to the government for appointments. On cases where SC collegium has reservations, these cases are referred back to HCs concerned for reconsideration.

JD(S) expels CM Ibrahim after 'revolt'

Bengaluru: JD(S) on Saturday expelled its suspended state chief **CM Ibrahim** and vice-president CK Nanu from the party on charges of anti-party activities.

The party's executive committee decided to expel Ibrahim & Nanu. Both had criticised party supremo and former PM Deve Gowda's decision to fight polls with BJP. "Though the decision was taken in their presence & in interest of JD(S), Ibrahim and Nanu have been criticising it publicly," Gowda said. Ibrahim even staked right over JD(S), claiming his was the real party, forcing Gowda to suspend him. TNN

2 gunmen who shot Gogamedi arrested near Chandigarh

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Jaipur: Rajasthan police on Saturday arrested both gunmen who shot dead Shri Rashtriya Rajput Karni Sena Chief Sukhdev Singh Gogamedi in Jaipur. DGP Umesh Mishra informed **TOI** that joint teams of Rajasthan police's SIT and Delhi Police's special cell raided a hideout near Chandigarh and apprehended the two shooters — Nitin Fauji and Rohit Singh Rathore. "We received special input about the possible location of the two accused. The teams arrested them, and they are being brought to Jaipur for detailed interrogation," Mishra said.

Earlier, Jaipur police had on Saturday arrested a 23-year-old person from Haryana for providing logistical support to the two gunmen, and facilitating their escape after the murder on December 5.

The arrests came even as the Rajasthan home department forwarded a proposal to the central government that the NIA should take over the investigation, considering that an organised network of gangsters, several of them based abroad, is suspected to be

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involved in the conspiracy.

Outgoing chief minister Ashok Gehlot confirmed that he had signed a document stating no-objection to the NIA probe. Gogamedi's family, community members and senior BJP leaders had demanded that the case be handed over to NIA.

The state police, which has been under intense pressure to crack the high-profile murder case, made headway with the arrest of Ramveer Singh, a native of Mahendragarh district in Haryana. The accused is being interrogated by a police team led by ACP Kailash Chandra Bishnoi.

"After the murder, the accused picked up the two gunmen, Nitin Fauji and Rohit Singh Rathore, on Ajmer Road and took them to Bagru toll plaza on a bike, where he helped them board a Nagaur-bound Rajasthan Roadways bus," said Bishnoi. Ramveer was Fauji's friend and both studied together in school in Mahendragarh. After schooling, Nitin was recruited into the armed forces in 2019, whereas Ramveer moved to Jaipur to pursue BSc and later MSc in Mathematics from Vivek College, said additional DCP (west) Ram Singh.

Tiger sighted at 3,640m, highest point in India yet

ROARING HEIGHTS: Trap cameras at Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary in Sikkim captured the tiger

Kolkata: A tiger has been spotted at an altitude of 3,640 metres (around 11,942 ft) above sea level in a Sikkim sanctuary, making it the highest point at which the animal has been sighted in India, reports **Krishnendu Mukherjee**.

The previous high was 3,630 metres, sighted in Arunachal's Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary.

Trap cameras placed at Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary by scientists of Bombay Natural History Society in collaboration with Sikkim forest department earlier this year captured the image, which was made public this week.

Atharva Singh, scientist at BNHS, said cameras were placed at the sanctuary between December 2022 and February 2023, at different altitudes — from 2,300 metres to 4,100 metres — prior to which sign surveys were conducted across the sanctuary.

"Based on the available evidence, it seems that tigers are using the upper areas of the sanctuary as a corridor to enter the forests of north Sikkim from Bhutan. Previous tiger sightings in the North Sikkim region indicate a potential link between the neighbouring Kyongnosla Alpine Sanctuary and Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary, suggesting the existence of a tiger corridor. To gain a more comprehensive understanding of tiger movement in the high-altitude region of the Sikkim Himalayas, further long-term intensive monitoring studies are required," Singh said, adding that this could be a potential high-altitude tiger corridor.

P Sathiyaselvam, deputy director and head of BNHS Wetlands and Flyways Programme, said the cameras clicked the photographs in February, but they made the pictures public only after checking earlier published records.

"Now, we can say that this is highest point in India where a tiger has been sighted," he said, adding that it's also the first record of tiger from the higher reaches of Pangolakha.

Himadri Sekhar, a scientist, said according to the available records, this is probably the highest altitude tiger sighting in India. "World's highest altitude sighting of a tiger was in Bhutan as per information," he added.

As per reports, Bhutan has the highest altitude tigers in the world, at over 4,000 metres. In 2019, a tiger was caught on camera in Uttarakhand's Kedarnath Sanctuary, at an altitude of 3,400m (around 11,154 ft) above mean sea level.

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Subject : Tender Extension Notice for e-NIT mentioned below :

e-NIT No	Tender Ref ID	Work Description
24/JKPTCL/TLMD-I/SGR/ 2023-24; Dated: 14.11.2023	2023_PDD_236943_1	Replacement of old 132kV and 33kV equipments within the switchyards at Grid Substation Habbak

Due to poor response, the last dates for submission of e-bid and opening of Techno Commercial bids for e-NIT No: 24/JKPTCL/TLMD-I/SGR/2023-24; Dated: 14.11.2023 are hereby extended as under :

1.	Last date for submission of e-Bid	18.12.2023 (02:00 PM)
2.	Last date for submission of Hard Copy of e-Bid in the office of the Executive Engineer TLMD-I, Bemina, Srinagar.	19.12.2023 (04:00 PM)
3.	Date for online opening of Techno-Commercial e-Bid	20.12.2023 (02:00 PM)

All other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
FRESH e-NIT No. 51 OF 2023-24 Dated : 07/12/2023

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Hydraulic Division Uri invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/ of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various Water Supply schemes of Hydraulic Division Uri of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The bidding process shall be completed online on www.jktenders.gov.in in two covers viz. **Cover 1st** consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and **Cover 2nd** consisting of Financial Bid on overall percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr. No.	Particulars of the work	Estimated cost in lacs	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid Validity Period	Time of completion of work (in days)
1	➢ Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting GI Pipes of different Nominal Bores along with pipe fittings and control valves. ➢ Construction of Service Reservoirs (SRs), Slow Sand Filtration Plants. ➢ Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of Hydraulic Division Uri of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.	500/-	02% of the estimated cost Or BID Declaration Form duly notarized	180 days	As per ANNEXURE-I to this bid document.

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The awarding authority is **District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM)**

Critical Dates

i	Publish Date	07/12/2023, 05:00 PM
ii	Document download/ sale start date	07/12/2023, 05:00 PM
iii	Pre- Bid meeting date	08/12/2023, 10:00 AM
iv	Bid submission start date	08/12/2023, 12:00 PM
v	Bid submission end date	13/12/2023, 04:00 PM
vi	Date and time of bid opening	14/12/2023, 12:00 PM

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in
2. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.
3. Queries by email if any should be made at urihydraulic@gmail.com.

ANNEXURE I
SCHEME WISE LIST OF WORKS
Under Tender ID: 2023_IFC_239469_1 to 3

S. No	Name of Water Supply Scheme	Description of work	Jal Shakti (PHE) Division	Estimated cost (in Lacs)	Time of completion (Days)	Class of Contractor
1.	WSS Chotali Symali	Construction of Water Supply Scheme Chotali Symali by way of Construction/ Commissioning and Testing of SRs /Intake Chambers Chain Link Fencing (for providing 100% FHTC) under JJM (for providing 100% FHTC) under JJM (Part-C)	HYDRAULIC DIVISION URI	15.66	90-days	BEE/CEE
2.	WSS Gowalta Uroosa	Construction of Water Supply Scheme Gowalta Uroosa by way of Construction/ Testing and Commissioning of SSFP, SR, Chain Link fencing, and other allied works (for providing 100% FHTC) under JJM		92.31	120-days	AAY
3.	WSS Gowalta Uroosa	Construction of Water Supply Scheme Gowalta Uroosa by way of Construction PST, Chowkidar Quarter, Intake Chambers, and other allied works (for providing 100% FHTC) under JJM		71.75	120-days	AAY

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U'khand could be an example of progress in eco-friendly way: Shah

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Dehradun: Union home minister Amit Shah while addressing the closing ceremony of the Uttarakhand Global Investors Summit Saturday, said, "This event is a beginning of making a state of limitless possibilities. It is my strong conviction that Uttarakhand will set an example for the world on how a small state can progress with industries in an eco-friendly manner without disturbing the natural beauty of the area. That is why PM Modi has said the third decade of the 21st century will be of Uttarakhand."

Shah added that Uttarakhand is the most peaceful and safe state in the entire country. "Uttarakhand has endless possibilities in the fields of tourism, services, MSME, logistics, customised packages, IT and Ayush," the home minister said. He added that he had doubts when CM Pushkar Dhami told him the target of Rs 2 lakh crore set for the summit. "I am pleased to see that the state government signed MoUs worth Rs 3.5 lakh crore for which I congratulate the CM."

Stressing that the investment environment in Uttarakhand was extremely conducive, Shah said, "Uttarakhand has corruption-free governance which is very important for investment." He said that "PM Modi has taken strong steps against corruption and made it certain that development happens at the grassroot level with transparency." Praising the PM further, the home minister said, "In the last decade, India made such progress in every field that left the world amazed. The PM has visionary leadership and the ability to deliver things to the last mile. Due to this, the whole world is looking towards India with great hope. He has given us the target that by 2047, the country should remain first in every field in the world."

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Amit Shah and Uttarakhand CM Dhami during 'Ganga aarti' in Rishikesh

'PM & I kept close watch on Silkyara'

Referring to the recent rescue of 41 trapped workers from the Silkyara tunnel, Union home minister Amit Shah praised CM Pushkar Singh Dhami for his role in successfully conducting the operation, adding that he and PM Narendra Modi were closely monitoring the entire operation, reports **Pankul Sharma.**

13-yr-old killed in fight over car parking: A boy was shot dead during a fight with neighbours over car parking in Bihar on Friday. TNN

Off-duty cop shot at in Srinagar in third such attack since October

Srinagar: Terrorists shot and wounded J&K police constable Hafiz Ahmad in the Hamdania locality of Srinagar's Bemina on Saturday evening in the latest wave of targeted attacks on off-duty policemen, reports **Saleem Pandit**. This marked the third such attack since October 29, raising concerns about the safety of law enforcement personnel and security situation in the region.

Sources said 42-year-old Ahmad suffered gunshot wounds in his abdomen and right arm from close range during the attack while walking home after duty at Fateh Kadal police station, where he's posted. He was initially admitted to Jhelum Valley College of Medical Sciences in Bemina, where medical superintendent Dr Shifa Deva said his condition was stable. Later, he was shifted to the Army's 92 Base Hospital for advanced treatment.

Ahmad is originally from Karnah in north Kashmir's Kupwara district and currently resides in Bemina with his wife and their 14-year-old son. Following the attack, the area has been cordoned off as security forces intensified efforts to catch the assailants. Reports suggested that at least three Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists, including Basit Dar from Kulgam in south Kashmir, are believed to be moving around in Srinagar.

Dar is associated with The Resistance Force and is wanted for the attack on inspector Mansoor Ahmad Wani, who suffered multiple gunshot wounds on October 29 in Srinagar and died on Thursday. The attack was followed by the killing of constable Ghulam Mohammad Dar in Baramulla on November 1.

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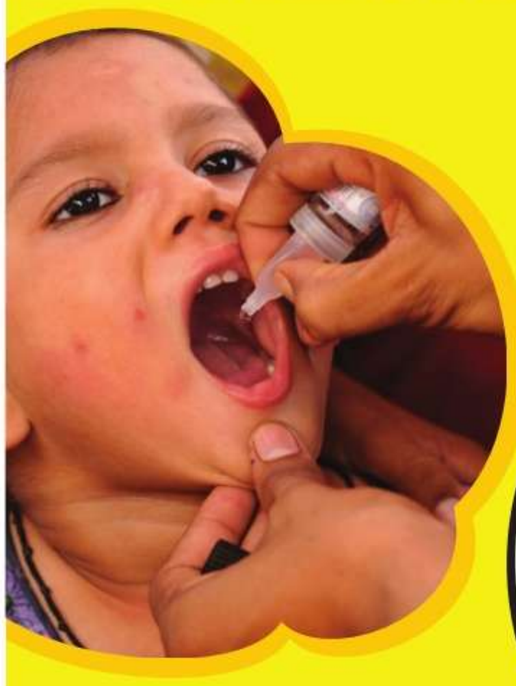

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After Lekhi denial, MEA clarifies on Hamas query

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The external affairs ministry on Saturday clarified that a technical correction will be made mentioning V Muraleedharan's name as the minister who replied to a Parliament question on the designation of Hamas.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi made the clarification hours after Union minister **Meenakshi Lekhi** said she did not approve any answer to the question. Both Lekhi and Muraleedharan are ministers of state in the MEA.

Responding to a post on X, Lekhi on Saturday said she did not approve any answer to the question and said an "inquiry will reveal the culprit".

"We have noted that Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 980 answered on December 8 needs a technical correction in terms of reflecting V Muraleedharan as the minister of state replying to the Parliament question. This is being suitably undertaken," Bagchi said.

The written answer to the unstarred question number 980, uploaded on the Lok Sabha's website, was attributed to Lekhi.

"You have been misinformed as I have not signed any paper with this question and this answer," Lekhi said on X in response to a post on the microblogging site.

The question titled "Declaration of Hamas as Terrorist Organisation" was put out by Congress MP Kumbakudi Sudhakaran. Sudhakaran, who represents Kannur in the Lok Sabha, had asked whether the government has any proposal to declare Hamas a terrorist organisation and if so, the details thereof.

"Designation of an organisation as terrorist is covered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and declaring any organisation as terrorist is considered as per the provisions of the Act by the relevant government departments," the answer mentioned.

Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Priyanka Chaturvedi said on X that "is she (Lekhi) then claiming it is a forged response, if yes this is a serious breach and violation of the rules that prevail. Would be grateful for a clarification from @MEAIndia".

"Asking questions that were submitted through someone else led to expulsion of an MP yesterday (Friday), today a minister denies that reply to a PQ (Parliament Question) was approved by her, shouldn't that be investigated too? Shouldn't it lead to seeking accountability, however innocuous the response from the ministry of external affairs?" she asked on X.

"Who logged in for you?" Congress leader Amitabh Dubey asked in response to Lekhi's post on X.

EAM, Palestine PM discuss W Asia crisis

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Foreign minister **S Jaishankar** spoke to Palestinian PM Mohammad Shtayyeh on Saturday evening.

According to Jaishankar, Shtayyeh expressed deep concern on the situation in both Gaza and the West Bank.

Jaishankar said he reiterated India's long-standing position on Palestine. The leaders agreed to remain in touch.

Jaishankar reiterated India's position in the conversation that International humanitarian law must be respected and that India fully supports dialogue for the 2-state solution, while condemning terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

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India can now influence growth of others: Rajnath

'It Is Trying To Be A Global Growth Engine'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Defence minister Rajnath Singh with Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde, in Mumbai on Saturday

New Delhi: India has shown there is "no irreconcilable trade-off between growth and distributive justice", and the government is making all efforts to further boost the country's position as a global growth engine, defence minister Rajnath Singh said on Saturday.

As the fastest growing major economy in the world, India has now reached a position to trigger a "positive impact" on the growth of other countries, Singh said, addressing the annual general meeting of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

Stressing the government's commitment towards inclusive development, he said, "Our growth model shows that equal opportunities to everyone and the accelerated growth rate can be achieved simultaneously."

Noting that India has also committed that its growth will not be at the cost of environmental degradation, he said, "We've chosen the path of green growth. We signed the Paris Agreement. We've formed the International Solar Alliance. We've taken initiatives to promote clean energy. We have also reduced the emission intensity of GDP."

The minister also listed out government's initiatives and achievements in infrastructure development.

"Till 2014, India had 91,000 km of national highways; today it has increased to about 1.5 lakh km. While India had only 74 airports in 2014, today it has increased twofold. Through PM Gati Shakti Yojana and National Infrastructure Pipeline, we have planned infrastructure development worth up to Rs 100 lakh crore in the country," Singh said.

While the government is making all efforts to further strengthen India's position as a growth engine, the minister said, "You all know that the government cannot do this work alone. For that we also need the support of the wealth creators and thought leaders of this country."

Teen accused of murder goes on to be lawyer, and clears his name

KrishnaChaudhary
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Meerut: Twelve years ago, at the tender age of 18, Amit Chaudhary found himself entangled in a crime he didn't commit. Framed for the murder of two constables in Meerut and wrongly accused of being a gangster, Chaudhary's life suddenly plunged into a dark abyss.

Because the dead were cops, the crime attracted the attention of the then UP CM Mayawati, who ordered the immediate arrest of the culprits. Despite being in Shamli with his sister at the time of the incident, Chaudhary became one of 17 accused in the case, facing stringent charges under IPC Sections 296 (dacoity and murder) and the National Security Act (NSA).

Accused of being part of the notorious Kail gang that had hatched the murder plot, Chaudhary endured two years behind bars, facing charges that threatened to mar his future. Chaudhary, however, made the adversity the catalyst for his remarkable transformation — and escape — and studied law to prove his innocence.

A farmer's son from Kirthal village in Baghpat, he had remained steadfast in his resolve even in jail, resisting attempts by jail inmates to involve him in crimes.

Released on bail in 2013, Chaudhary embarked on a determined journey to clear his name "so that my family could walk with their head high in society". He immersed himself in the study of law, achieving academic milestones that included a BA, LLB, and LLM, eventually passing the Bar Council's exam.

Armed with legal knowledge, he took charge of his own case. "The case dragged on at a snail's pace with no statements recorded. By that time, I had completed all academic and other formalities to join the Bar as a lawyer and pursued the case with a single-minded focus."

He added: "I, as a lawyer, representing my own case, was standing right in front of the officer who stood in the witness box, and yet he could not identify me. This perplexed the judge and convinced her that I was framed wrongly." The court's decision, which came only recently, exonerated 13 individuals, including Chaudhary, stating, "The prosecution has failed to prove the offence of criminal conspiracy to kill... beyond a reasonable doubt."

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E –Auction sale notice under SARFAESI Act 2002

Sale of immovable assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).

LAST DATE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS 11 January 2024 UPTO 4:00.PM

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (hereinafter the Corporation) had taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the following loan account/s with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" for realization of under mentioned dues and applicable interest, charges and costs etc as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the said dues by sale of the said property/ies. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website.

The details regarding E Auction are mentioned below:

Name of the account	Details of the property & SI No.	Demand notice date/ outstanding amount	Reserve price	EMD	Minimum bid increase amount	Date /time of e-auction	Inspection of property
Guarantors of M/s Aristo Texcon Pvt Ltd, Stephen House, Room No. 81, 4, BBD Bag East, 5th Floor, Kolkata -700 001	Duplex show room/commercial unit measuring an area of 3200 sq ft super built up area in the ground floor together with one car parking space on the ground floor out of total bastu land measuring an area of 12 cottahs 6 chattaks at premises No. -271 A, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Road, P.S. Jadvpur, Kolkata-700047 under P.S. Jadavpur, ADSRO- Alipore, KMC Ward No. 100, owned by M/s Krishna Nirman Pvt Ltd. (carpet area of 1020 sq.ft at the ground floor occupied by tenant under tenancy agreement with the secured creditor).	13.4.2017 Rs. 16,58,40,590/- (Rupees Sixteen Crore Fifty Eight Lakhs Forty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Only) as on 13.04.2017. **As per Resolution Plan dated 19.04.2019, approved by the Hon'ble NCLT, Kolkata on 22.08.2019, the claim amount is reduced to Rs. 13,39,29,043/- (Rupees Thirteen Crore Thirty Nine Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand & Rupees Forty Three) only as on 30.08.2018, recoverable from the guarantors/mortgagors**	Rs. 2,32,03,000/- (Rupees two crore thirty two lakhs three thousand only)	Rs. 23,20,300/- (Rupees twenty three lakhs twenty thousand three hundred only)	Rs 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only)	18.01.2024. Between 12.00 Noon to 1.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 Minutes each.	8.1.2024 to 11.1.2024 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.

The details regarding E Auction are mentioned below:

(1) E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" and will be conducted online. The auction will be conducted through the Corporations' approved service provider M/s e-procurement Technologies Ltd at the web portal (https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net), also on Auctiontiger Mobile App. E auction tender documents containing online e-auction bid form, declaration, General Terms and conditions of online auction sale are available on https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net. The prospective qualified bidders may avail online training on e-Auction from M/s e-procurement Technologies Ltd prior to the date of e-Auction. Neither the Authorized Officer/ the Corporation nor M/s e-procurement Technologies Ltd shall be liable for any Internet Network problem and the interested bidders to ensure that they are technically well equipped for participating in the e-Auction event.

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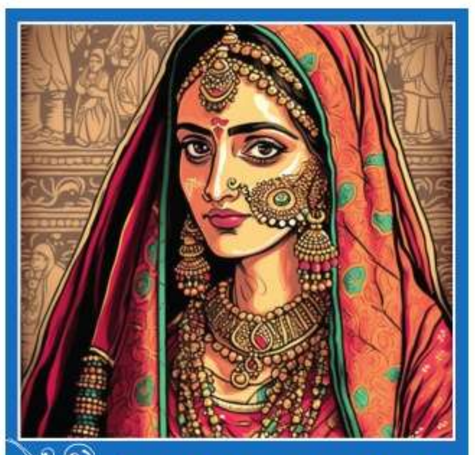

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PQSM4 Kayastha boy,5'9",1987,B.Tech,MBA,living in Paris, France.visiting india soon. neelamsaxena24@gmail.com /9871703407,caste no bar

WSM for Mathur boy fair handsome,Dec94,5'9",IITian Asstt manager MNC 21LPA having low vision,subcaste no bar.Father MP class I officer Contact9131398427

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GUPTA (Vaishy) Boy 33/ 5'8" MBA 58 LPA Associate Director Analytics wrkng in Banglore UP bsd fmly Seeks bride MBA B.Tech 9415558354

HANDSOME Bansal Boy NM, 42 Yrs, 5'4", B.E. (CS), Sr. Mgr. MNC Blore, Pkg. 60L Divorced, Parents Pune Seeks B'ful Wkg. Girl. M: 7744912602

MALE 46/170cm,Agarwal family,Gurugram resident,lawyer, self-practice, financially sound. Seeking alliance from family-oriented educated girl Em: lagnmatrl@yahoo.com

MBA Btech manglik boy 9may1993 5'11 Wkg in Deloitte 26LPA. Own house in Delhi. Fthr retd BSES. Ph: 9953970690, 9654165822

SM4 smart BTech (IT), 5'8"/ 26.12.92, wrkg as a Soft. Engr. in reputed MNC, 32 LPA. Gurgaon based well settled family. Contact- 9968020108

MANGLIK Boy 28 yrs/5'9" B.Tech, MS (IT) Working in MNC Settled in USA Veg. Delhi based looking edu. and good looking girl 9999995907

NOVEMBER 96 Born, 6 Feet Handsome, Aggarwal Advocate at Chandigarh from Affluent Family. Cont: Father 9539239919

SM4 Bansal boy Sep 92/5'11 Chartered Accountant wrkg in MNC Gurgaon 12 LPA, Family based in Saharanpur, seek wrkg edu. girl. Mob:8700423968

HSOME Jain/Goel 5'7/68kg BE(E&C) Sr. Engg Mgr/+75 Lpa US MNC, Live/work in Noida. 21.5.74/4pm/Pnp W: 9958606647, Email: jain1974s@gmail.com

SM for Aggarwal Boy Oct84/5'8 Wkg in TATA Communications Delhi 12LPA, Residing in Greator Noida, Own House Caste No Bar +91 8800771992/91

REMARRIAGE. Male 48/ 171 cm,Aggarwal,UAE res.CA employed.seeking alliance from family oriented educated Em: shubhmatri@yahoo.com

SM4 Aggarwal Oct 87,5'7", fair, B. Tech, M.S boy working MNC Noida, 90LPA, Delhi bsd family, Pref., B'ful, Educated Girl. Contact: 7042631164.

WANTED GIRL
Professional/Qualified Match for Teetotaler Handsome Boy, 78 born, 167cm, from Agrawal Jain Family, MBBS Delhi, MD Medicine, USA. Working as Doctor in USA, Belongs to Doctors Family, Never married. at present in India.
delhi.abc.2011@gmail.com
+91-9650703242
+91-9650510142
+91-9667738113
USA number
+14435976541

ARORA

PQM for Arora Boy, 5'4", Dec 1985, Bcom. Accounting professional, Netherlands Citizen. Parents not alive. Cast no bar W'ap/call: +31622091081

SM4 khatri boy B.E., Dip in Acting . 36 years 5'-6". Engaged in Acting seeking working girl preferably from Mumbai/ NCR. Cast no bar.Mob 9879335569

SM4 Punjabi Arora Boy 183cm, July 1984, BTech (India), MS & MBA (USA). Presently employed in India. Contact-09415279889 email-anilkalra1982@gmail.com

AIRLINE Pilot, 5'7", 33 yrs, 60 lpa, fair, slim boy seeks educated girl. Whatsapp biodata with photos- 8586872743

CANADIAN Citizen Hindu Punjabi boy, ht 5'6" age 35, Sr. Accountant, Seeks beautiful educated bride. Whtsapp- +91 7982825938, +1-5167490164

JAT

SM for H'some Jat Boy 5'9" 82 Born, B.Tech, MBA, IT MNC Noida 30 L p.a Divorce, Short Marriage. Seeks Qualified Girl. Contact : 9911583433

SM4, Feb 1990/6'1 MD (T.Med Std) seeks Tall B'ful Medico Girl. Avoid Baliyan/-Dagar. Contact: 6367514727.

M4 Jat boy 32/6'4" B.Tech MBA oxford london wkg Mnc Burlin, pkg 1.80 Cr, fath retd Col.,reptd fmly,seeks tall fair Edu wkg Girl # 9811705411

JAT H'some Divorcee B.Tech. MBA 34/6'1" Boy settled in France,Canada (PR) Seeks B'ful Educated more than 5'4" Girl Preferably settled in Europe/ Canada from a Reputed family Contact: 9811145537 (Jats only)

SM4 S.Delhi bsd boy 37/5'10 MBA(Symb) wrkd with Big4 in India/Doha. Now in Int'l Bank as VP in Canada (PR) seek wkg prof of rptd/edu fmly. Panwar, Kadyan, Dalal. # 9810280462.

SM4 Conv. Edu Fair W.UP/ Delhi Bsd Jat Boy 31/6' B.tech (DCE) MBA (ISB Hyderabad) Wrking top MNC avoid Dhaka Rana Whatsaap # 9899666197.

JAT V'HandSome BOY 30/180,B.Tech (IIT), MBA (IIM) Job in MNC.Own BiG Income & Properties. Add:.GURGAON Phone No:. 0124-4075510.

RAJPUT

TECH. Qlfd. tall wkg Rajput match for Kumaoni Rajput boy BE, 6'/1993 AVP MNC Blr, 40Lpa Status Fmly.9415404981 Em: kcsrssb@gmail.com

MAIDH Rajput boy,36,5.8,Eng,MS Canada,PR,IT prof, Educated family. Seeks bful slim,IT/Tech job girl. 9971810972

RAJPUT boy Sept'90, 5'11", MBA USA, BE MA Eco BITS Pilani wkg USA seeks edu Rajput girl. Call: 9315938941, W'App: 9868501786.

BY PROFESSION

DOCTORS

SM for Hindu 5'7", 36 MCh Plastic Surgery Mumbai Indore b'sed affluent, Early Marriage, only interested call Caste no bar 9819444565

MEDICO match for tall h,some MD pedia Neonatologist pb Br. boy 87/6,1" Govt job in pun from Dr fmly, uper C.N.B 9872943592, 9815473441

35 yrs/5'8" N.Mglk MBBS MD Psychiatrist, Pvt.Job (Haryana) Seeks Medico match MBBS/ MD /MS/DNB/ McH/DM. Phone: 9518665620, 8168013021

DOCTOR bams,MD,phd working ass. prof. punjab 10L/pa. rajput 1988/ 5'7.qual girl. caste no bar 7975116501,9417271471

SM4 30/170 cm (Both) Doctors Chauhan Boys MBBS MD Pead., MBBS Med.Twin Brothers seeks Doctor Girl. Father Dr. setld Agra 9837037506

WITHIN 32 years, MD/MDS Upper Caste For Bengali / Baidya/5'6"/March 1983 born / MD, DrNB completed / Intensivist Delhi. # 8860437893

MEDICO MATCH
GOOD LOOKING PREFERABLY MD (Radiology) for MS Ortho FIJR Trauma and Joint Rep Surgeon Bachelor 35/5'11", Very Handsome Fair, Slim, Only Child Father Renowned Ortho Surgeon Sole Owner of 100 Bed Multi Super Speciality Hospital at Moradabad UP Mother Pathologist
No Caste Bar
Ph. 98370-57570/ 93680-02297
Income Seven Figures

IAS/ ALLIED SERVICES

SM4 Jatav boy Aug 90/5'5" i'less divorced, Dy.Director (Labour Min.), B.Tech-IIT Delhi, MBA-FMS(DU), only child, engineer parents in real estate, affluent Delhi family, CNB, #9310191938

USA settled Hi-tech Executive, Hi EQ, Ivy MS, PhD & MBA, Divorcee. Kind, generous, empathetic, fit. Speaks Hindi, Tamil. 52 / 171cm. Seeks caring, family oriented, Hi EQ. 8220183117

32/5'5" Lko. based family, Teacher wkng in Govt Inter College. Seeks qlfd girl Caste no bar. Teacher/wkg girl prefd #9621476971, 6392688837

WANTED Educated, B'ful, mannered, sobre girl for MBA Handsome Gupta 48/5'7" 60kg, Pkg 2.50LPM. Div. (very short marriage). 9818474916.

GUPTA Boy 41,6'2", MBA(Fin), Wrkg at senior position & well settled in Mumbai. Seeks btful, Veg, well edu., cultured girl. Contact: 9022226140/ tinattwinkle@gmail.com

SM4 handsome Kayastha boy 84/6'2" BE-IT, MBA, Vice President in US bsd top investment bank, Mumbai. CTC 80.00 lacs. Contact: 8080586600, 9022404996

WORKING girl (professional prefd) for Rajput boy, Oct 95 born/ 5'10"/18 LPA, CA, CFA L1, B.Com, wrkg. in Grant Thornton, NCR. Father- Retd. ACF, M.P. Forest Dept. Rajputs prefd though caste is not a bar. Cont:- Mr R.K Bais # 9993168987

SM for Rajput boy, Dec 88/5'7". Well-educated, self-employed, handsome earnings. Seek well-educated match. M 8860656476

GOVT Empl or Govt Tchr for NCR bsd Class 1 Govt officer, National Awardee, Dbl Gold Medalist, doing PhD, 5'6"/29, own house, Def. Offr fmly, eternalakshat@gmail.com

BRIDE for 32/5'8" fair handsome boy, Freelance consultant in legal, renewable energy, banking real estate Jaipur based. Contact 8003690535

NAIR boy, 34, 174, B.Tech. Working in U.S based company, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. 9446192104

PB. financially sound H'some, NCR based, own house & car, I'less 1981/5'8", 11AM, BHM/MBA, GM,12LPA+perks, athletic physique, 9871564646

SM4 Siwach Jat Boy, 24-5-92, 6'1", Rohtak Based, Wkg as Real Estate, Import Export Logistic Business, Live in Own House Russia Cast No Bar 9215557942

VEGETARIAN Homely Bride for Garg Gotra 30 Yrs, 175Cm Fair Actuarial work in MNC 25 LPA. Whatsapp : 09415082290, Agarwal.

SM4 Handsome Jatav (Kashyap) Boy, 39, 5'7", MSc, working in Pvt.Ltd.Company 11 LPA,Require Working Girl, Caste No Bar. # 9818124519

JULY 74 born/5'7"/Nvr married/ Delhi resident/ Lawyer/ Hindu Jatav Boy/ caste No Bar/ WhatsApp, Call 9911243382

sm4 Verma Captain in reputed airlines April 90/5'11" veg boy Delhi bsd edu. fmly.pref.young girl,edu.fmly veg,upp. cast9bar W'ap 9810752408

BY RELIGION

CHRISTIAN

BOY 29/5'11"B Tech MBA wkg at Bangalore, Bengali CNI Liberal ,wanted bride 24-28yrs with good Science/Tech education.Contact:6289457269

HINDU

BRIDE wanted. For a Bengali Kuleen Kayasth Boy, Age 32, Height 5.75 Well Established Artist, Based in Mumbai. Seeks an Edu. Working Hindu Girl from a Cultured Family. 9826290918 & 7566664313

SUITABLE match for a smart ,handsome SEP88/5'7" Bengali Boy(nofault divorce/issueless) B.Tech Sr. Marine Eng. Officer in Multinational firm.Looking for a beautiful , slim , family oriented and well educated from good status family. Interested send biodata and recent photo.Whatsapp: 8989462391,9425349872

SM for H'some, Garg Manglik boy 75 born/5'8", legally divorce no liability, affluent business. Caste no bar.# 8700538923, Em: umasaplings@gmail.com

SM for London based Kashmiree Hindu boy, 40 years / 5" 11", not married, BTech, MBA, MS (Finance) in Big 4 firm. Seeks qualified girl from any decent family. Email Shekharsaraf14@hotmail.com

PQM4 NYC based H'some Kayastha Boy Master's US Univ 28/5'11" Manager MNC Father Ex Sr Officer PSU Tall B'ful girl reqd Caste no bar 7086007017

MUSLIM

SMART Talented M. Tech Sunni Mansoori Boy/33/5'7"/MNC working NCR seeks well qualified girl. WhatsApp 9499374406

BTECH+ MBA, LKO SUNNI SHEIKH 35/ 5'11,OWN BUSINESS.FATHER RTD SR GOVT OFFICIAL 9559923982

B.TECH Sunni Pathan boy 32+/5'6"/Asst. Consultant MNC in Noida @ 13 LPA seeks Prof. Qlfd. girl preferred working W.App: 9335252561

SIKH

SM4 Tall handsome Sikh widower gentleman ret. from Govt job, age 61 yrs.Gud pension & rentel income.Girl pref. 50/51 yrs wtsup 9899965782

HOMELY slim fair Sikh/Pb for 27/184 h'some, shaven Sikh boy well estd. fmy busi. Fbd no bars # 7678398245, kunaal1.ctpl@gmail.com

GURSIKH Khatri business fmly of S.Delhi,Seeks for V.H-'sm apr94/6'only Son builder teetotaller, Looking V.B'ful tall homely girl # 9310406791.

GENERAL

CASTE NO BAR

PUNJABI Saini handsome boy 92/5'10" Business Graduate Wkg. MNC Gurgaon seeks a beautiful homely girl with family values. Whatsapp 8860950272/pradmat333@gmail.com

SM4 h'some fair B.Tech boy, 5'10"/10.10.1991/ 12:42 pm, wkg IT MNC Gurgaon, 30LPA. Well stld. Punjabi fmly bsd in Faridabad #9990044106

S.M.4 arora boy 89 5'11" Dpharma BDS Wkg MNC medico bank employee teacher BAMS BPHARMA BPT MSc Phd 9729056772

SM Saxena Kayastha anshik Manglik Lko based boy 5'9", 15-2-96 MBA working MNC seeks manglik working girl. Cast no bar call: 7518441216

RE-MARRIAGE

SM4 Delhi bsd Agrwal boy 5'8" 34yrs MBA(USA) legly divorced I-less, Sr. Mngr MNC, 80LPA, Only son,nuclear edu fmly seek wkg & hmly un-married or lgly Div/Widow I-less girl. W'app 9711804036 E: akag6543@gmail.

SC/ST

IIM KOZHIKODE GRADUATE JAN92/5'9 RAVIDASIA WORKING IN REPUTED MNC DELHI BASED 9540117653, 9958700547

SC Balmiki H'Some Boy Sept '80/ 5'6"/ B.Tech Permanet Engg. Delhi Govt. Own Flat Delhi. Divorced/ Issue less Edu. Govt. Servant Family. Seeks Edu/ Wrkg. girl, Caste no Bar. No Dowry. W'App/ Ph: 9868481413/ 9868108636

DELHI bsd Chamar fmly SM4 MBBS MD hsome Dr Sep91 boy wkg SR Gvt hosp,Del. Prfd Del/ Ncr/Hr/Raj bsd MBBS MD/MS IAS/PCS/Gztd Ofcr 9820105997

SECOND MARRIAGE

AGRAWAL 1986/5'9" BTech/ MBA running successful Funded Startup, Delhi Pkg 30L, Son's custody with mother. Qualified match 9811181335

SM4 divorcee Son, 1976/5'10", self employed. Well to do Rajput family of Delhi NCR, father retired Govt. officer. Contact: 9871523912

SM4 I'less Div Nov 78 Born 5'11" PB BR W'Stld in U K looking W'edu girl upper M' Class cast no bar pres'tly boy in India cont /Wht 9810141273

SM4 Pb h'som B.tech MBA 5'6" 36y(2.12.86/12.15pm) Delhi 40+L pa,I'less,divorcee Seek slm wkg /hmly girl (below 35,wt 50-60kg) Caste no bar. W'sap: 9818588088.

VAISH (Agarwal), 35 fair 5'11" Btech MBA wkng Bangalore ,41 LPA issue less seeks Educated fairl Girl. Parents Lucknow based Mob.7497971937

CHHATRIYA Swarnkar 40, 5'11.5" Consultant Doctor D.M. Hepato- Gastroenterology well settled Divorcee 10yrs Daughter seeks Medico match caste nobar 9412169951

WIDOWER

PP Khatri Widower Boy 76 born 5'10" CA MBA Running Own Company High Income Looking Good Life Partner. Caste No Bar. Cont. 8595725194

RELIGION NO BAR

39/5'10 Agarwal unmaried boy B.Tech- IIT ,MBA-IIM Sr. Manager MNC 80 Lpa accept div & widow,Caste No Bar,no dowry .7489923862, 9179132579

PUNJABI unmarried boy 39,5"10" B.TECH- MBA-IIM Sr V President 1 Cr+ Pkg ,no dowry Accept div& wido Cast no bar 9406468858 7987144206

BY LANGUAGE

BENGALI

SM for Delhi based Bengali general boy, 33/5'6", BTech & MBA,wrkg in Telecom MNC in Gurgaon. Contact : 9871087373, gurudassubir@gmail.com

BENGALI Baidya MCA Boy Dec92/5'5 Wkg MNC Delhi NCR seeks Prof. Qual. Probasi Baidya/Brahmin 'Wkg girl debusensharma@gmail.com

SUITABLE Edu. Bengali Brahmin girl for Brahmin boy 27/ 5'11"/ M.Tech (IITM) wkg. Sr. Engr. In MNC (Banglore)Details W'Ap:8130300826

SM4 Baidya Brh boy 33/5'8" wrk in Mer. Navy 65 LPA, seeks W.edu girl. Caste no bar, send BHP on 9987813214/ 9582480181

SM 4 Lko bsd kyst boy 44/5'7" fair Gd Lkg MBA Wked in a Global Travel Co. Hyd now own business Divorcee caste no bar 9453838264/8374196541

COSMOPOLITAN

MATCH for Tall Agarwal 30/6'00"MBA (USA) Own established Industries based in South Delhi. 9654992075, Email: onway08@gmail.com

MBA, B.Tech, Working in Big Tech, 1.55 Cr. PA, Nov 1980 / 5'7", Never Married, CNB Phone: 8750 88 2020

PUNJABI

SM Pref PR UK for 5'8"/28 Data Analyst (MSDA UK) Pb Br h'some boy wrkg UK. Fmly well stld Del/Ncr Fthr Gr-A Govt Officer 9650649012

ALLIANCE invited for handsome Punjabi 28/5'10"MS working in Europe well paid belong to status family. 98113-77714, reach806@gmail.com

NRI match Sikh or Hindu for handsome cleanshaved unmarried Sikh Ramgarhia Dhiman boy, 33, 6'2". B.E. , MBA. Only son. No Bars. E Mail: VARSAT11@GMAIL.COM

SEEKING respectable good natured life partner, divorcee or widow, for caring smart clean shaven tall Sikh divorcee 52 without issue living independently in Thane. Wife preferably a homemaker with small child acceptable. Contact parents: 9820054157.

SM 4 Arora 33/5'7" B.Tech. Double MS. working in U.S.A. Caste No Bar. Mob.: 9415613407, Email: deepakarora1301@gmail.com

SM For Nvr Mrrd H'Some Pnjb Khatri Groom,52/6'1",B.Tech(mech.) Engg. Industry.Seeks for Edu.Good Lkng Nvr mrrd,Home oriented girl,age<45yrs.W/p:7838908220 Em:Leomatch71@yahoo.in

KHATRI handsome boy 29/178/25 LPA /IT at Gurgaon Mehra family in Lucknow seeks Prof Qlfd wrkng & b'ful girl Send BHP: 9140436360

PQM4 B.Tech IIM Punjabi, only son, 8.3.93/6', Product Mgr ICICI Mumbai 24 LPA, Father Doctor, Reputed Family. Contact: 9828153485

PUNJABI unmarried boy 30 Year 5'10" B.Tech MBA-IIM Wkin MNC 35.00 lakh Cast no bar , no dowry Afulent family. # 7987144206, 8889682789

SM for Punjabi Boy, Unmarried 1979/5'9", Graduate, Wrkg as Manager MNC (NCR). Prefer Veg. Family. Contact: 9781054241

PQM4 Pb. H'some boy Dec'91 6'2"/US$ 2LPA/B.Tech(DTU) MS(US) Wkg IT(SFO) visiting Del 4 weeks Caste no bar # 9999195086, 9810003482

SEEKING family-oriented girl for 29/5'10 handsome, post-graduate boy, working in IT-MNC-Corporate, Pune. Family is professional, affluent, and well-reputed. Call or Whatsapp on 9850004766.

WELL edu b'ful girl 4 nvr mrd Pbi h'some boy 9.3.78,5'6" MBA, 80LPA, Wkg Mumbai, upp-mid cl edu Fbd bsd fmly, 8178423326 BP : panchbhoot46@gmail.com

SUITABLE Match for Dogra Brahmin Boy 31yrs 5'8"Btech MS(USA) working with Qualcomm California on H1B Visa contact:9820025623

SM4 PB mglk Tttallr Boy Btech/7.7.85/6.02pm del/5'7" Mngr Nationalise Bank Postd Jodhpur Slry 12LPA wrkg girl prfr #9958141410/ 9873288360

SEEKING Professional qualified girl for Canada based PR 32 yrs 180 cms Handsome Smart Punjabi boy, MBA & Master in Finance. Working in top bank in Montreal. Send details to : ss_ns_21@yahoo.com WA : 9810024869

SM4 H'some Pb Br Boy 5'6" Oct-82 B.Tech MBA Mngr MNC Ggn 40LPA. Seeks Slim b'ful girl, wrkg Del/NCR pref. 9971691935, 9312831787

PB Khatri Mglk Boy Sep 92/5'8 Govt Officer (PSU) Parents Retd Govt Officials, seeks qualified wkg/ non wkg girl, 9350352635, Upper Caste no bar

BY NATIONALITY

NRI/ GREEN CARD

PROF cut surd Lobana 6',1990, MS(CS) from Canada, PR. Parents Class-I (R) settled Chandigarh. Early marriage. 84276-56355

PQM4 Fair Handsome Boy Vaish Gupta FMLY March 90 5'8" MBA (USA) MCA WKG in MNC USA seeks USA bsd Bride PH 9874979365

SM 4, Canadian Ctz, Toronto Stld, Saraswat Brahmin, H'Some, wkg Boy, Dec Visit, 1991 / 5'11 Family Stld Grg Hr. 7827011714

B'FUL PQM for h'some v'fair (Gora) Agarwal boy from status family, Btech CS IIT Kgp. 30/ 5'10"/ USD 3.5LPA @ Google Mountain View, California on L1B visa. Caste no bar. In India till Jan 6. Send biodata, photos, Email:sagarwalmatrimonial @gmail.com, 9837081248.

WEALTHY British born young looking well settled Indian divorcee Businessman 56 Yrs. old good build, handsome, educated fair, tall 175, seeking suitable young Good looking slim fair lady with good family background, what's app details with photo to 7303119001

PQM for Delhi Brahmin Boy 15 10 92 05:14 PM 5'10 B.Tech(EC),MS(BAn) wokg MNC in Dublin Ireland #9718819857

SM4 New Zealand Bsd Div H'Some Sikh Khatri Boy 36. MBA 5'11" Seeks qlfd wkng Girl Ready to Settle in New Zealand. Mobile :9311244800

PUNJABI Arora Boy Aug 92/ 5'8" B.Tech, MS from California working in Amazon USA H1B visa , seek pref USA based girl contact : 9811822995, 8587009164

M4 h'some Singla boy 37/ 5'10" B tech CS wrkg in USA, drawing handsome package Currently in India. Caste No Bar #9417514602, 9417579458

USA bsd MBA/Dr girl 4Gupta boy31/6'VicePresident,JP'MorganBank'NewYork'2cr.MBA'DukeComput'Eng.Toronto,DoonSch'ling,fath'IAS,del'ncr-9971790446

US based brahmin boy, Sept 91/5'7", BS & MS from US, S/W engg on H1B visa, seeks girl working/studying in US.#9389302208

PQM4 Handsome Divorced, Hindu Punjabi Arora boy, 36/5'11", USA H1B Visa, Seek Pref. USA based girl. Contact: 9810384481 WhatsApp only

PQM For Brahmin Boy 1993 5'7",B.Tech(CS),MS (CS),2.50 Cr wrkg MNC in

Man held for a day for touching woman's bottom

Rebecca.Samervel
@timesgroup.com

TIMES VIEW: On the one hand, the court has said that the offence is heinous and that there is clear evidence against the accused. On the other, the accused has been let off with a single day's imprisonment. It is hard to reconcile the contradiction between the pronouncement and the quantum of punishment.

Mumbai: Observing that the offence is heinous in nature and there is no reason to let off the accused on a bond of good behaviour, a magistrate's court sentenced to "rising of the court" a 45-year-old man for repeatedly touching the bottom of a woman on a Churchgate-bound local in 2019.

When an accused is sentenced until the rising of the court, he is held in custody until the day's proceedings end. The woman who was accompanied by her brother caught the accused, Raju Chavan, and handed him over to the police. Metropolitan magistrate B K Gawande said the woman's evidence clearly established that the accused did the act with an intention and knowledge that her modesty would certainly be outraged.

"It is also submitted that no lady will put stigma upon her merely because somebody touched her buttocks and without any reason," the magistrate said. The woman deposed that the incident took place on August 13, 2019, between 9.24am and 9.28am at Bandra railway station. On the day of the incident, her brother and she were travelling from Borivli railway station to Elphinstone by Churchgate fast local train. At Bandra railway station, the woman stood near the door as she was about to get down at Dadar railway station. At that time, the accused stood behind her and started touching her buttocks. The woman shouted, "what is going on". At that time, the accused said, "It was wrong, sorry".

The accused, however, repeated the act after which the woman picked up a quarrel with the accused. Her brother, who was seated in the same compartment, noticed the incident. The siblings then caught hold of the accused and alighted at Bandra railway station. There, they informed the police about the incident. The woman's brother, too, deposed. The magistrate refuted the defence of the accused that some other passenger may have touched her.

The magistrate said that as far as the defence of the accused is concerned, it finds no place in existence of concrete evidence on record.

CBI charges 9 for killing of woman in Manipur

Guwahati: The CBI has submitted a charge-sheet against nine people in connection with the alleged murder of a woman in Imphal East district on July 15, amid the heightened unrest in Manipur, reports **Prabin Kalita**. The charge-sheet was filed before the special judge CBI court in Guwahati, designated in accordance with Supreme Court orders.

The FIR, initially registered at Lamlai police station in Imphal East, outlined that the woman was forcibly detained by a 100-strong mob at Sawombung Gate. She was then abducted in a car towards Keibi village, and her body was later discovered. On Saturday, CBI mentioned that investigation is ongoing, including efforts to identify other people involved in the case.

NHRC notice to Manipur over gunfight deaths

Guwahati: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of media reports on the killing of 13 men in a gunfight in Leithao village of Manipur Tengnoupal district on December 4, just 10km inside the India-Myanmar border. NHRC issued a notice to the Manipur government, urging a detailed report within two weeks, reports **Prabin Kalita**.

Their mortal remains were laid to rest in Imphal East district on Wednesday after their family members identified them on Tuesday.

Manipur student abducted by militants, rescued

Manipur police rescued a 22-year-old student identified as Laishram Chinglen Singh on Saturday and arrested eight suspected cadres of a militant outfit for abducting him for ransom from the hostel of DM College of Science in Imphal on Friday afternoon reports, **K Sarojkumar Sharma**. Preliminary investigations revealed that the abductors were associated with the Imphal valley-based militant group Kangleipak Communist Party, a police officer said. The rescue mission was initiated following a complaint at 1am on Saturday. The abductors had demanded a ransom of Rs 15 lakh, threatening to kill the student if the demand was not met.

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EXTENSION NOTICE NO. 1

Sub : Appointment of Project Management Agency for Project Management and Quality Monitoring of Works under CAPEX Budget for JPDCL Jammu Province of UT of Jammu & Kashmir.

Ref : e-NIT NO : 09 of 2023-24 Dated :14/11/2023

Due to no response to the above cited e-NIT issued vide this office endorsement No.: IT&CD/Tender/J/207-12 Dated : 14-11-2023, the last date for submission of tender, submission of e-Bid on the website as well as opening of commercial and technical bid has been extended as per following details :

1.	Last Date for submission of Hard copies (extended)	22/12/2023 : 04:30 P.M.
2.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time (extended)	23/12/2023 : 02:00 P.M.
3.	Online Technical e-Bid opening date and time (extended)	26/12/2023 : 02:00 P.M.

Rest of the Terms and Conditions shall remain the same.

NO: IT&CD/ExtensionNotice/J/262-266
Dated: 06-12-2023
DIP No:DIP/J-4403-P/23/08.12.2023

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
IT&C Division, JPDCL
Jammu.

JHARKHAND MEDICAL & HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & PROCUREMENT CORPORATION LTD.
MCH BUILDING, RCH CAMPUS, NAMKUM, RANCHI – 834010.
(CIN – U855100JH2013SGC001276)E-mail:jmhidpc2014@gmail.com
Website: https://jmhidpcl.jharkhand.gov.in/ **GST NO: 20AADCJ4293L2ZH, PAN NO: AADCJ4293L**

Bid Ref. No.JMC/NIT-23/XVFC-EQP/47 **Date: 08.12.2023**

Tender for Supply of Diagnostic Equipments Under the XVth Finance Commission Head for different categories of Laboratories.

The **Managing Director, Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Development &Procurement Corporation Limited (JMHIDPCL), Ranchi** hereby invites separate **Technical Bid** and **Financial Bid** (two envelope system) through e-procurement from eligible Manufacturer/ their Authorized Dealer /Distributors/ Authorized Stockiest for health facilities of the State of Jharkhand.
The Bid documents with detailed conditions can be viewed and downloaded through website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in and should be submitted through e-procurement system only. The eligible Bidder(s) willing to participate must be registered in e-procurement portal.

Particulars	Date & Time
Time of Completion	Within 60 days after issue of work order
Date of Publication of Bid	**11-12-2023**
Bid Submission Start Date	**28-12-2023**
Bid Submission Closing Date & Time	**03-01-2024 04:00 PM**
Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposal	**04-01-2024 04:00 PM**
Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	**5000**/- (Online Payment Gateway)
Earnest Money Deposit	**Rs 500,000**/- (Online Payment Gateway)
Contact/ Helpline No. of E-Procurement Cell	**+91-8709368893**
Pre-bid meeting Date & Time	**15.12.2023 at 03:00 PM**

Note: The above dates may change due to declaration of holidays. In the event of any of the dates being declared as a holiday for the office of the JMHIDPCL, the Bids will be opened on the next working day at the appointed time.
JMHIDPCL reserves the right to amend or withdraw any of the terms and conditions contained in the Bid document including quantity/ number of items to be supplied or to reject any or all Bids without giving any notice or assigning any reason. The decision of the Managing Director, JMHIDPCL in this regard shall be final.

Sd/-
Cell Head (Procurement) JMHIDPCL
PR 313079 (Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Dev & Procurement Corp Ltd)23-24*D

OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI
(SANITATION SECTION) KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, PIN-834001
E-Mail :- support@ranchimunicipal.com

Notice Inviting E Tender NIT No. 743/SanitationDate: 08 /12 /2023

Sl. No.	Event	Details
1.	Name of Work	**Request for Proposal (RFP) for "Setting Up and O&M of Material Recovery Facility Cum Mini Transfer Station (MRF Cum MTS) and Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) in Ranchi Area of Ranchi Municipal Corporation including Operation and Maintenance of desired capacity as per MSW Rules 2016"**
2.	Publishing of Tender	For more details and bid documents please visit website: www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in
3.	Project Cost	Project Cost= Rs. 28,88,37,009/- (Rs. 19,28,25,524/- for Construction Rs. 9,60,11,485/- for One Year O&M, inclusive of revenue earned during O&M period)
4.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.28,90,000/- (Twenty-Eight Lacs Ninety Thousand.) shall be paid towards earnest money deposit through online payment gateway of https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
5.	Tender Fee	Rs. 25,000/- +18%GST (i.e., Rs 29,500) (non-refundable) (excluding indirect taxes, services & gateway charges) shall be paid through online payment gateway of https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in
6.	Period of Contract	For Construction: 4 Months for MRF facility and 6 Month for RDF facility. For Operation & Maintenance: 1 Years
7.	Bid Validity	180 Days
8.	Bid Start Date	11/12/2023
9.	Pre-Bid Meeting Date	18/12/2023
10.	Bid Due Date	01/01/2024 at 5:00 PM
11.	Physical Doc. Submission End Date	02/01/2024 at 3:00 PM
12.	Date & Time of Bid Opening	03/01/2024 at 3:00 PM
13.	Place of Tender Opening	Ranchi Municipal Corporation
14.	Officer Inviting	Administrator, Ranchi Municipal Corporation
15.	contact Details	0651 – 2203469

Eligibility Criteria & Project Details: - Interested bidders are advised to go through the NIT and RFP document for information pertaining to Eligibility Criteria and Project related information. Interested Bidder shall submit the Proposal electronically through the website **www.jharkhandtender.gov.in** other important/relevant documents, should be scanned and enclosed with the e-tender as per the guidelines given in the RFP document.
Note:
1. RMC reserves the right to cancel or modify the bidding criteria/process without assigning any reasons and liability.
2. For further detail can be seen on Bid Document uploaded on Jharkhandtender.gov.in.

Sd/-Deputy Administrator,
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi
PR 313114 (Ranchi Municipal Corporation)23-24*D

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

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

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

Tender ID	Name Of Work	Earnest Money Rs.	Last Date	Amount
2023_ TCADM_968669_1	Restoration and Conservation Work for SaukarWada, Sindkhed Raja, Dist. Buldhana.	1,25,312/-	Date: 05.12.2023 TO 12.12.2023	**1,25,31,240/**
2023_ TCADM_968656_1	Restoration and Conservation Work for Lakhuji Rao Rajwada /Jijau Mata Birth place, Sindkhed Raja, Dist. Buldhana	1,50,000/-	Date: 05.12.2023 TO 19.12.2023	**2,74,55,162/**
2023_ TCADM_968646_1	Restoration and Conservation Work for Moti Talab, Sindkhed Raja, Dist. Buldhana	1,50,000/-		**2,95,82,301/-**

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

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

Sd/-
(Amol Gote)
Assistant Director
Department of Archaeology
Nagpur

DGIPR/2023-2024/5502

सत्यमेव जयते

CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR UT
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU.
E-mail ID : jkcivilaviationcommissioner@gmail.com.

NOTICE INVITING e-NIT NO. CAW-09 OF 2023.
JAMMU, 07 Dec 2023.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, proposals are invited from reputed and registered NSOP holder aviation companies having airworthy twin engine Helicopters duly certified and endorsed on its Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP) from DGCA, Government of India for providing the services of **one Agusta AW139 Helicopter and one Agusta-109E Helicopter** on wet lease basis for multi-purpose use of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on "as and when required basis", for the initial period of one year, with an option for renewal/ extension on same terms & conditions for the period of one year after approval is granted by the competent authority.

Scope of Work :

To empanel Valid NSOP Air-Operator having airworthy twin engine Helicopters duly certified and endorsed on its Non-Scheduled Operator's Permit (NSOP) from DGCA, Government of India for providing the services of **one Agusta AW139 Helicopter and one Agusta-109E Helicopter** on wet lease basis for multi purpose use of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on "as and when required basis".

The bidder can bid for empanelment to provide the services of either one or both helicopters and should bid accordingly for all the components of applicable financial bid/BOQ.

CRITICAL DATES SCHEDULE :

Date of Publishing of e-tender Notice	07/12/2023, 06:00 PM
Period of Downloading of Documents	07/12/2023, 06:30 PM
Date of pre-bid Meeting at the office chamber of Director Finance, Civil Aviation Department, room no. 3/50, Civil Secretariat, Jammu or VC link : https://meet.google.com/wsm-vnrs-tfq	11/12/2023, 02:00 PM
Start Date of submission of tender	12/12/2023, 02:00 PM
Last date of Submission	25/12/2023, 06:00 PM
Date of online opening of Tech-Bid	26/12/2023, 02:00 PM

"Instruction for Online Bid Submission"

1. The tender document along with other Terms and Conditions of the NIT and relevant documents can be downloaded from the Union Territory Website http://jktenders.gov.in
2. The tender shall be deposited in electronic format on the Union Territory website http://jktenders.gov.in.
3. The tender uploaded on the website will be opened on 26/12/2023, 02:00 PM or any other subsequent date convenient to the Tenderer/Committee in the Office Chamber of Director Finance, Civil Aviation Department, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Room No. 3/50, Jammu.

3a. The complete bidding process will be online.

4. Submission of hard copy is exempted.
5. Documents required to be notarized for submission may be submitted on the letter head under the signature of the authorized signatory.
6. Cost of the Tender document is Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) in the shape of Demand Draft (non refundable) /Online in favour of Accounts Officer, Civil Aviation Department, J&K, Srinagar. The Bid security amount of Rs. Five Lakhs only (Rs. 5,00,000/-) be submitted in the form of DD/online transaction. Tender Fee can be paid digitally as per below bank details : Bank **details are as :**

a. BANK : J&K Bank, Moving Secretariat, Civil Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir, Jammu.
b. ACCOUNT NUMBER : 0110010100000281.
c. IFSC CODE : JAKA0MOVING.
d. MICR code : 190051062; JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK MOVING SECRETARIAT, address: Civil Secretariat, Jammu & Kashmir; Branch code is Moving, Contact Number : 2455235.

7. Scanned copies of all necessary documents as per tender documents need to be uploaded as part of the technical bid. These documents, in original, may be asked for submission subsequently.
8. The Earnest Money/ Bid Security shall be forfeited if :
   a. Any tenderer withdraws his tender during the period of tender validity or makes any modification in terms and condition of tender; and
   b. The company fails to execute the MOU/Agreement within 03 days after award of LOA.
9. Instructions to bidder regarding e-tendering process : Bidders are advised to get Digital Signature Certificate as per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from approved vendor.
10. Bidders have to submit their bids in two bid format i.e. Technical and Financial Bid online in electronic format with Digital Signature. Financial Bid shall be submitted ONLINE only. No financial bid will be accepted in physical form.
11. Bidders must upload the scanned copy of all necessary documents, like CDR/PAN/Demand Draft (Tender fee) bid security declaration/Registration certificate duly renewed online as per dates mentioned above.
12. The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission due to any reason.
13. The Tender Committee shall reserve the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.
14. The rates offered should be quoted in figures as well as in words inclusive of all taxes and levies or any other charge. Taxes/Charges not mentioned in the offers will not be allowed and will lead to disqualification in Financial Bid.
15. Any erasing/overwriting/mutilation in the tender form will result in outright rejection of the tender.
16. Conditional and ambiguous tender will not be entertained.
17. The terms and conditions as reflected in ANNEXURE "A" of section A, are mandatory and should be read very carefully by the intending tenderers while furnishing their tenders, which are enclosed and shall form a part of this NIT.

Director Finance,
Civil Aviation Department
JAMMU, 07 Dec, 2023.

DIP No:DIP/J-12316/23

CAD-3218
Phone No. : (0674) 2380660, 2380950
Website: www.osmcl.nic.in
Email: admn.osmcl@nic.in

ODISHA STATE MEDICAL CORPORATION LTD.
(A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)
(Assuring Quality, Saving lives)

No. OSMC/2023-24/SER-FIN/02 **Date : 07.12.2023**

NOTICE INVITING PROPOSAL FOR ENGAGEMENT OF TAX CONSULTANT

Sealed proposals are invited from eligible Chartered Accountant Firms for engagement of 'Tax Consultant' of Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., Bhubaneswar. The RFP document with all information relating to the tender process such as Eligibility Criteria, Terms & Conditions etc are available on the **www.oscml.nic.in** which may be downloaded for reference. The RFP should reach the office of the undersigned through registered post/ speed post/ courier only by 3.00 PM on 02.01.2024 and the same will be opened at 4.00 PM on 04.01.2024. A Pre-Bid meeting of the prospective firms will be held on 19.12.2023 by 12.30 PM at Board Room of OSMC. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the RFPs without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
Managing Director
OIPR-10112/11/0036/23-24

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Executive Engineer Electric Division JPDCL Reasi
Mini Secretariat, District Administrative Complex, Reasi
Block II, Hall No-301
E-Mail : jpdclxenreasi@gmail.com
Phone/Fax No : 01991-244098
CIN No : U4030JK2013SGC003898

No:- EDR/TS/1635
Dated:- 06.12.2023

EXTENSION NOTICE

Ref:
1. **2023_PDD_237606_1 (e-NIT No: 55 of 2023-24 Dated: 20.11.2023)**
2. **2023_PDD_237607_1 (e-NIT No: 56 of 2023-24 Dated: 20.11.2023)**
3. **2023_PDD_237608_1 (e-NIT No: 57 of 2023-24 Dated: 20.11.2023)**
4. **2023_PDD_237611_1 (e-NIT No: 58 of 2023-24 Dated: 20.11.2023)**

The responses to above referred tenders are poor ; therefore the above tenders are extended for healthy competition. The last date of submission of e-bid is 13.12.2023 up to 01:00 PM and the techno commercial opening on 13.12.2023 at 4:00 PM onwards. The other terms and conditions shall remain the same.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Electric Division Reasi.
DIP No:DIP/J-4402-P/23/08.12.2023

A-965
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
DEO IRRIGATION PROJECT, KARANJIA
AT/PO : KARANJIA, DIST.: MAYURBHANJ-757037
Tel : 06796-296144, e-mail : cce.dip.dowr@gmail.com
"e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No.: 05/CCEDIP of 2023-24

Name of Work : As per Detailed Tender Call Notice
Total No. of Packages : 03 (Three) Nos. of Individual work
Estimated cost of Package : From 124.77 Lakhs to 515.86 Lakhs
Period of Completion : from 06 (Six) to 09 (Nine) months
Class of Contractor : "B & A" Class
Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding	
		From	To
Chief Construction Engineer, Deo Irrigation Project, Karanjia	05/CCEDIP of 2023-24	11.12.2023 at 10.00 AM	26.12.2023 upto 05.00 PM

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in.**
Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said Website.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Deo Irrigation Project, Karanjia
OIPR - 32337/11/0009/23-24

CAD-3209
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No. HO/ P&C/ EST/E-2522/01/2023/ 38880, **Dated : 06.12.2023**

Invitation For Bids
TENDER REFERENCE NO : P&C/EST/E-160/2023-24

Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO) invites proposals from reputed and experienced Agencies/ Firms/ Companies for the work "Construction of Unity Mall in Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar, Odisha under scheme of Special Assistance to the State for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2023-24. (on Turnkey basis) till handover of the project including Operation and Maintenance for 05 Years"*

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Processing Fee	Period of completion	Operation and Maintenance period	Class of contractor
1	Construction of Unity Mall in Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar, Odisha under scheme of Special Assistance to the State for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2023-24. (on Turnkey basis) till handover of the project including Operation and Maintenance for 05 Years"	Rs. 11,800/- (Online)	24 (Twenty Four) Calendar Months	05 Years	"Super" Class Contractors of PWD & Equivalent Class of other Departments

*Note-1: Earnest Money Deposit will be applicable as per prevailing circular of Govt. of Odisha at the time of bidding.

The Bid document comprising of detailed eligibility criteria, scope of the work, land details, Instruction to bidders etc. can be downloaded from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** from **5:00 PM of Dt. 15.12.2023 to 5:00 PM of Dt. 16.01.2024.**

Sd/-
Chief General Manager (P&C)
OIPR - 14003/11/0307/23-24

सरकार गजट, उत्तर प्रदेश
उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा प्रकाशित

खण्ड 77| प्रयागराज, शनिवार, 18 नवम्बर, 2023 ई. (कार्तिक 27, 1845 तक संवत् संख्या |46

IRRIGATION AND WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, UTTAR PRADESH
FORM -18
[Sub-rule (2) of rule 20]

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION BY APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT/COLLECTOR
[UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION 11 OF THE ACT]
NOTIFICATION
November 01, 2023

No. 280/VIII-S.L.A.O/Moradabad/2023- Under sub-section (1) of section 11 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, Whereas the Government of Uttar Pradesh / Collector (for the purpose of Appropriate Government) is satisfied that a total of hectares of land is required in the Village-Jamalpur, Pargana-Sambhal, Tehsil- Sambhal, District-Sambhal is required for public purpose, namely, project Madhya Ganga Canal Phase 2nd through Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Uttar Pradesh through Executive Engineer, Madhya Ganga Canal Construction Division-9, Sambhal (name of requiring body).

2- Social Impact Assessment study was carried out by the State Social Impact Assessment agency and submits its recommendations to the Appropriate Government which has approved its recommendation on dated.....
3- The summary of the Social Impact Assessment Report as follows:
Social Impact Assessment is not applicable.
4- A total of Zero families are likely to be displaced due to the land acquisition. The reason necessitating such displacement is as under:-
Deputy Collector/Assistant Collector ..... is appointed as Administrator for the purpose of rehabilitation and resettlement of the project affected families.
5- Therefore, the Governor is pleased to notify for general information that the land mentioned in the Schedule below is needed for public purpose.

SCHEDULE

District	Tehsil	Pargana	Village	Plot No.	Area to be acquired
1	2	3	4	5	6
					Hectares
Sambhal	Sambhal	Sambhal	Jamalpur	18	0.0672

6- The Governor is also pleased to authorise the Collector for the purpose of land acquisition to take necessary steps to entre upon and survey of land, take levels of any land, dig or sub soil into the sub-oil and do all the acts required for the proper execution of work as provided and specified under section 12 of the Act.
7- Under section 15 of the Act, any person interested in the land may within 60 (days) after the publication of this notification, make an objection to the acquisition of land in the locality in writing to the Collector.
8- Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, specified in the preliminary notification or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification till such time as the proceedings of land acquisition is completed, without prior approval of the Collector,

NOTE: A plan of land may be inspected in the office of the Collector for the purpose of acquisition.

UPID- 198711 DT 08.12.2023,
www.upgov.nic.in

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Collector, Sambhal

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SM4 B'ful, smart oct.93/5'2", Sanskriti schl,LLM(UK), wkng UK bsd co.,willing to sett.in India/ abroad,vistng india dec., well edu.cult.fmly # 9810766704

PQM 4 B'ful, fair, Oct'94/5' B.Tech. girl wkg in MNC, Noida from reputed fmly of Jhansi, seeks well sttld S'vice boy. # 9415228445; 8081413593

GROOM WANTED

A dignified, elite and well established Industrialist family from NCR, running multi-location manufacturing facilities across India, looking for suitable match for their daughter.

Bisa Agarwal, non-manglik, Mittal Gotra

Girl's Complexion: Very fair (Gora), 30 years, MBA from Singapore

Affluent Business family of high repute (Agarwal/ Jain/ Marwari)

May kindly contact: WhatsApp Message: +91 7011308302 Mail ID: mittalag308@gmail.com

BRAHMIN

SM4 B'ful Brahmin girl M.SC. / PH.D 36yrs/Ht. 5'5" from well settled family. W'ap /pH: 9650379952 , Email : binnakb.07@gmail.com

BRAHMIN Girl 1991/5'2" IIT, MS, Manager, Top MNC, India. Parents Class 1 Govt Officer, MP. Cont: 9424419272/9329883131

BE MS (USA) worked for PWC NYC, USA now MD in fmly business in Delhi. 5'4"/ Oct '86 smart, slim, athletic & fair from renowned Brahmin family seeks preferably Delhi based well educated Brahmin boy of same background only. Call/Whatsapp: 9910990044

KKB girl, 97/5'5", vfair, beautiful, BTech, MBA(Fin) NMIMS(Mum), managing own equity invest portfolio, affluent business family 9824155611

BRAHMIN Girl 31 Y, 5'6", B.Arch(Running own Ethnic wear Studio), seeking well settled/Business class,Upper Cast Hindu family. Mail avanisharma13@ gmail.com

BRAHMIN/ Fair/ Dec'99/ 167cm/ BFT (NIFT) working in Bangalore Needs Suitable Match Preferably Class-1 Officer Mobile- 9651627775

BHUMIHAR Brahmin IAS Officer from MP seeks alliance from highly qualified, well settled professionals for his 1996 born, 5'2", family oriented only daughter, who's done MBBS from Newcastle Medical School, UK, M.Sc. (Clinical Neuroscience) from Kings College, London. Currently working with NHS, London (pursuing specialization in Radiology). Contact with biodata on +919303620300

SM4 Manglik Brahmin Girl 5'3" Nov. 92 CA (Inter) LLB Nadi Madhya. Caste no Bar. # 9311632263

OCT 91 LLM from George Washington University working California any uppercaste boy USA only contact: 9415733447

SARYUPARI Brahmin, 34 MBBS M.D. seeks a suitable, vegetarian, unmarried brahmin groom. Contact: 9453057934, 7235853605

PQM for Brahmin Sarswat Manglik Girl 5'2", M.com,B.com (hons), 6.6.1992 4:10pm,Delhi Upper middle class Contact:- 9910170098,9311356537

PQM4 Kannada brahmin girl 5.1 Dec 90 MS US now wkng in europe seeks w'setld groom pfbly wkg in US/EU call 9869243425

SM4 BTech MTech Brahmin girl 1983/5'5" working Gurgaon MNC. Seeks service class settled match Contact 9216864869

SM4 SPB July 93/5'5", M.Tech, Fair, B'ful girl job in MNC-9LPA, pfrd Govt/Semi Govt/Prfnl. Etc. # 9451619245, 9335101466

BRAHMIN Girl, 1996/ 5'8", BA, LLB, Company Secretary, Currently Law Research Associate NCLT, Known Business Family from Nagpur, MH. All Brahmins accepted. Prefer Metro City based Business/Legal/Corporate Professional. Call: 9371490165.

"BRAHMIN GIRL, 33, 5'4", DM MEDICAL ONCOLOGY, PRACTICE AT JAIPUR, Drs FAMILY. SEEKS, DM, MCH, MD, MS, CONT : 8107034512"

BRAHMIN GIRL 28/10/90 5'-4" B. ARCH.MBA.CPM PRACT. HER OWN OFFICE family seekss.match PREF. B.ARCH/CIVIL ENG. CONT/whatsapp:9837090922

WELL NAMED in SOUTH DELHI BUSINESS FMLY GIRL 24Yr 5.4 inch MBA. Only WELL SETT. SOUTH DELHI or Delhi NCR Bsd FAMILY # 9717762975.

KKB MGLK girl 29/165 cm UGC NET (JRF) Ph.D Scholar (Law) Seeks wrkg Brh. MGLK boy. All Brahmins acceptable Mob: - 8318846105, 9415359048

MATCH for Brahmin Girl, Fair, Slim, March 1993/ 5'5" UGC (NET), PhD (Electronics), Asst. Professor in University. Caste No Bar. Mob: 9354084799

DOCTOR/ professionally qualified match for Saraswat Brahmin post graduate doctor girl Dec 94/5'3". Contact 9414136836.

NCR bsd Reputed gaur brahmin fmly seeking well edu. bride groom for daughter 14.1.90/5'6" B.Tech (I T) M.A, Ph.D (Sociology) # 9818428472

BRAHMIN Vats 30/5'5" settled in London as physiotherapist beautiful requires UK London settled Brahmin veg. boy. #8979218607

PQM for gaur brahmin, nov'93, 5'5", Masters, in btw jobs, father CA, # 9811058744

SM4 1993 born delhi based Gaur Brahmin girl, 5'3"/healthy ,JBT M.com, seeks suitable gaur brahmin match. #9818076955

PQM4 Pb. Saraswat Brahmin 5'6" November 87 M.E. Wkg as JEN in RSEB. Khatri Aroras also welcome Mb: 7597058025

South Indian Brahmin Iyer girl, aged 36 years, good looking and well mannered, MBA from Ross Business School, well settled in bay area, California, USA, and holding senior managerial position at a well diversified global company is looking for a suitable match/groom from USA compatiable to her background. Those interested in her above profile may kindly contact Venkatachalam Iyer directly via phone at **+91 98214 17547** or write to google mail id **sv.venkat22@gmail.com.**

Looking for GROOM

SPB Dec 1991 born, 5'3" b'ful, caring, respecting values, cultured & highly qlfd girl from an affluent fmly from Delhi/ Prayagraj looking for a suitable, teetotaller non smoking, well sttld groom from affluent fmly pref. Brahmin sttld in India or abroad.

Email at: 6mishra.s@gmail.com

Call on: 9971536611

GARHWALI

DOCTOR B'ful Nov'94/ 5'4" BAMS, MD, MO in U'trakhnd Govt. Seeks well Stld. Garh. Rajput boy Pref. IAS/IRS/ IFS/ Def. Engr. M: 9434013152

JAIN

SM 4 Dig. Jain Girl slim b'ful 46/152 B.Com DBM, Non-wkg never married looks much younger, veg fmly belongs to Delhi, now in Mumbai. Jain match. Early marriage. Ph : 022-28816325 WP : 09819598981.

JATAV

TGT-SCIENCE Delhi Govt, B.Ed, M.Sc. (DU) Fair, Beautiful, 1996, 5'6". Doctor parents seek well settled NCR based tall, smart, suitable groom. 8588882399, 8860024840

MBBS PG (Ans)Pains, Jatav 35+/5'4" AP in Delhi, Father Retd. Jt Dir, seeks MD/MS/ Govt officer /PSU Exec, CNB. Cont: 8800944370, 9891895610.

KAYASTHA

BEAUTIFUL Mathur girl, Nov 89/5'5", MBA (HR), currently working from home, belongs to a highly reputed family. Seeking a suitable and well settled match in India or abroad, caste no bar. Contact : 9814142232, 9814607232 Email: mathurmanju5@gmail.com

PQM4 Beautiful, Kayastha, Non Mangalik Shrivastava girl, Aug 89, B.E., MBA, Senior Officer in Bank at Mumbai, 21 lacs p.a pkg, Father Former Hight Court Judge settled in Bhopal M.P., preferred based/transferrable to Mumbai, Caste No Bar. Cont: 7987184505, 9425015986

REQUIRED Groom for Srivastava Girl 28/5'2" B.Tech. Software Engineer in MNC, Hyderabad. Whatsapp- 9450148466, 7005677142

TALL, H'some, B.Tech/ M.Tech, MBA, Boy for MBA girl - fair 5'6/27 Wrkg Mumbai 16Lpa, 9827359752 meetsujata123@gmail.com

SM4 Saxena Girl, Jan93, 5'5", Slim, Fair, Manglik, MBA,Wkg. Banglore, 28LPA, From Bhopal. All Kysth/Upper Caste. 8458905111

SM4 Sri Gori B'ful LKO BSD C'vent Edu Girl Aug 88/ 5'2" MS (Grpic Dsgn Newzeland) Slf Empld Uper Cast No Bar 9452756147

MATHUR Fair, Slim Girl June 94/5'5", B.Tech MS (USA), Working at Bangalore Seeks suitable match from reputed family. Contact : 9717339288

BTECH MBA very fair working in MNC Noida high pckg Dec84 5'3" never married NM early marriage preferred send BHP 9871560645

DECENT match for Srivastav Girl, 1988/5'3", M.A., Ph.D. (BHU), working - Asstt. Professor. Early marriage. Call: 9129872300.

MEDICO groom PG clinical subject for a medico Saxena fair girl 5'3" / 14.10.1989, DNB Ophthalmology wkg as SR in govt hospital. # 9827116322

SRIV.GIRL Nov/ 91/ 5'5" Btech IT, beautiful smart, working in MNC Pune, Veg,No dowry, Contact 9695985686/ 9158637378/ 9783603600/ aparna.26oct@gmail.com

SM4 B Tech CSE fair Kayastha girl 1996 born 5'9" wrkng Amazon 21LPA. Father PSU Retd. M 9968282093

B'FUL Sinha girl 27/5'3" MBA working in MNC Delhi, seeking a suitable & well settled match Caste no bar. M: 8299066419, 9389019510

SUITABLE match for kayastha girl, preferably mathur, Sept 1994 born, 5'3", btech biotech,event manager, fair, Agra. Father, Exec. Engineer Uppcl. # 8218626479

KHATRI

PUNJABI Khatri girl 1989 Interior Designer fair 5'4" Manglik 9897405462, 8755801092 & 1991 UI Designer 5'3" in Delhi/Dehradun.

MATCH for MBA/AVP/45/5'3"/38LPA Nvr married Fair open to relocate India/Abroad sujayaca@ gmail.com , 9415018928

V B'ful fair slim conv.edu LLB Legal Mgr MNC(28/157cm/ 7.6.95/4:58 am Delhi) 23Lpa,Pbi Biz Fam Ggn seek H'sum W.stld Biz/prfl.W'ap/call 9958789508

PQM working in USA for 5' 6" girl jan 1992 born doing post doctoral fellowships in Brown University whats app 9416066221

SM4 b'ful, Punjabi Khatri girl , Jan 94/5'5" C A wkg reptd org. Prof. qual. prefered M :98182 19393

SIKH Arora/Khatri match 4 good looking girl, Dec 91 born 5'5", BTech MS comp science, US H1B visa holder. US resi. or Visa holder. WA 9872811618

WANTED IT engr Khatri Boy from Edu family in Delhi/NCR for MA Psychology girl 5'2"/29 wkg HR ggn, father exporter katyalvinod1964@gmail.com

SM4 fair Khatri girl, Aug. 94/5', B.Tech wkg as Sr. S/W Engineer reptd bank Toronto Canada (PR holder). W'ap / Ph: 9911114266 / 9711165476

KSHATRIYA

SM4 30/5'4" Rajput girl, Sr. development engr, 75Lpa , hyd erabad. Father Retd T.I. police, mother govt teacher. Ph: 9425462488,9425722280

KSHATRIYA Mnglk 1993/ 5'4"/12:58 am, M.A animation isternal internal course Zamidar family. Seeks Groom # 9695468085, 9140431003

WANTED Groom for Convent Educated 5'1"/26 Yrs, MBA, Beautiful Chauhan (Vatsa Gotra) Girl. Father Senior IRS Officer, Only well placed Govt. Servant, Doctors, Engineers & Businessmen Proposal Expected. Mob. 9016217778 (Whatsapp Only) Email: neva1914@gmail.com

KUSHWAHA

MAURYA 5'4"/29+, fair, LL.B (Hons.), 13 lakhs p.a. Corporate Lawyer. Looking for a suitable groom in Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi 9140776730,9106629968

SAINI

SM for Saini girl 5'1"/ 1992 MA(Eng), B.Ed Special Edu. Delhi Ncr based family, seeks Well Educated & settled boy Ph.: 9910218771, 9013760004

SM4 B'ful fair smart N/M 34 /5' B.com PGD in HR central govt job delhi bsed seeks well educated wkng boy rptd fmly prefsaini & others:9625616966

TAMIL IYER

TAMIL Iyer 49yrs/ 5'7", MA. M.Ed, unmarried girl Seeks well settled Delhi Tamil Brahmin Boy. Contact:- 9871197737

VAISH

SM4 unmarried B'ful Gupta girl 78 born/160 cm, M.Lib & Info Sci. wrkg Cntr Govt S.Delhi, 12LPA. 084272-76447. Div./Bureau excuse

SM4 150cm/40 Girl, TV Channel Website, 7 LPA. NCR Boy required. BHP To Email- alok.19d@gmail.com, # 9412207270.

BY COMMUNITY

AGARWAL

MD Path Dr. Garg girl smart b'ful 5'4" 5:44 am 12.06.95 DDN seek Dr/Civil Servnt/Industrlist. # 9634626907,9456319926 Em: jgarg0709@gmail.com

LOOKING for government gazette officer in Uttrakhand for Jain 31/5'4" very beautiful PCS Allied officer, Contact: 9358100071

PQM 4 Slim Fair B'ful Singhal Girl/ Nov 85/5'6" MBA (fin) Prem. Inst. wkg Govt sector 26 LPA. Edu Dli fmly Upr Cast welcome. E: imt611@gmail.com

SM4 for Garg girl, 07.09.95 5'0",Chartered Accountant, Wkg MNC Gurgaon . 9953230188,9953230140, ca.geetg07@yahoo.com

PROFESSIONALLY Qualified Vegetarian Teetotaler Match For very beautiful Mittal girl 29 years/ 5'5", MBA(Finance) from USMS Delhi Working with MNC at Noida. Father Senior Officer Central Govt. PSU. Contact WhatsApp: 8591232435 , mittalmk3@gmail.com

AGWL mglk grl 31yr/5'6" LLM gov. bank Law ofcr pune seek Adv, Lwyr /inhouse /law firm/cl-1 offcr, all india serv., upr cst, parnts Dr 8905541486

SM4 b'ful, fair, Mittal girl 6.7 .90/157cm, B.Tech.wkg MNC Noida, 27lpa, fthr Rtd.Ch.Er. & Advsr. Sci. C. Govt. 9818844 694 (12-6pm), 9990581234

PQM4 B,Ful NM Agarwal girl Masters in Mass Commu, 27/ 5'5" working Delhi PSU, Father Director in Govt Org. Delhi bsd family. Pref NCR Well Settled Boy. Call/WhatsApp 9868152425

PQM4 May 1988 born/5'2"/Msc Rastogi Baniya Girl have own Startup in Gurgaon.W.App: CV 9310827810 Delhi NCR, Prefd. Gurgaon sattled, Caste No Bar.

SM4 Beautiful Gupta girl 1996/ 5'2", M.A, B.Ed English (Hons.), working as a teacher, Delhi. Whatsapp / Call: 9911298432

AGARWAL 26/5'3" B'ful Girl BTech MBA wkng MNC Father Chief Manager in Coal India Ltd seeks H'some Boy (S'class + B'sman) Both Prefd. 7351001184

ARORA

SM4 b'ful, fair, 1986/5ft girl (Nvr marr'd) MBA, father highly r'ptd Chandigarh bsd b'ness man. Pref'd same s'tts fmly. #9855443310, 9779696569

JAT

DELHITE PQM for Mahalwal B'ful, Fair 95 Born/ 5'.7", LLM girl from South Del bsd status fmly (avoid Mahalwal, Khatri Gulia). call/W'app @ 9811910060

RAJPUT

LAW PHD Girl Sep87/5'5 Wkg in Noida College 12LPA. Father Retd V.P HR Seek a qualified suitable boy. 8290353629 arjun.vats29@gmail.com

RAJ, Vfair B'ful N Mgk Nov 87/5'4"wkg MNC at Noida, Fthr Ret. Sr Govt Ofcr seeks PQ wkg N Mglk match,Upper Caste Wel come. # 9718812051, 0120 4994291

B'FULL fair Rajput girl 06.1987/5'3" B.pharmacy (MBA) Project Mngr. wrkg MNC 12 LPA seeks well stld qlfd Rajput boy. # 9717788219

GROOM wanted for 25 years, 5'7, beautiful, fair, B.Sc. Microbiology, Sisodiya Rajput girl. Contact: 9772154000

BY PROFESSION

DOCTORS

"SM4 Super-specialist Doctor Sikh girl. Sept. 89/ 154 cms. Employed as Asstt. Professor (Regular) in AIIMS, Nagpur. WhatsApp. 9811033702.

SM4 Issuless div (very short mrg) SC girl, 43/5'2", MBBS MD wkg NCR 24 LPA,seeks life partner, BHP: 8810478760, caste no bar. E: inboxmetta@gmail.com

KURMI Kshatriya girl, Nov 1993, 5'2" MD Dermatology Fellowship in Aesthetic Derma, SR in AIIMS, seeks preferably medico. W'Ap/ Cal 9839358597

DOCTOR (MS-ENT) daughter May 91/5'3" SR. in Reptd Corp Hospital Delhi from Affluent Gupta Dr Family. DEL/ NCR. Seeks MD/MS/ MCH/ DM Boy, W'Ap: 9820020212, 9930744110

PB Khatri Delhi bsd B"ful Aug'93/5' 2" MBBS. DNB (OBGY) S R in Delhi Govt hosp. Seeks medico./ civil services match. # 9818979871

SM for Smart Beautiful Agarwal Girl MD Path 5'3"/93 working in Hospital Father Doctor Seeks Doctor Boy Mobile :9927507476

BENG kays non-mangolik lady Dr MD/DNB fellowship neonatology 33/5'7" seeks Dr 33/36 in metro city India 9007999713

REQ DM / MD / Civil / Industrialist for slim smart MD radio 96/5'2" girl from high status Aggarwal fmly. Decent marriage. 9811313925

BRAHMIN B'ful Girl, 28/ 5'4", MD Path. Doing SR ship DOCTOR parents at Gwalior want tall h'some MD/MS/DM /MCH/IAS/IPS. # 7477042906

VERY fair, B. ful, Rastogi girl, April 96/5'6" Veg. MDS Student Seeks Doctor Clinical Br. Alliance Delhi NCR Call/W.App: 9711411137.

MEDICO match for Gaur.Br NM,Fair,Slim,Veg,5'3" June 94 born MDS(F) Orthodontics girl from reputed family,Father Retd. class I officer.mob & whatsapp no 6378037879

MBBS, MD (Medi) 4 year S R in Gaestro, fair 35 / 5'2" Shia Muslim girl, working as Assi Prof, Saraswatil MC and Hosp GZB, seeks Bohra, Khoja, Shia Muslim PG Doctor boy. Mob. 9311418111; 9560258118, amtuz.raza@gmail.com

PG doctor boy 4 Gupta Baniya fair veg TT 27/5'1" Govt Resp Med MD girl. PQM4 Engg. veg TT NS Boy 28/5'6"/30+LPA mnc. All upper caste 9457250144

AGARWAL/ Garg girl 30/5' doing MD medicine first year Udaipur. All 3 year fees paid. seeks MD/MS doctor clinical from NCR delhi. 9810180536

AGARWAL PG Doctor M4 V' B'FUL 39/5'4" UnMarried MD(Anaes) Asso. Prof. Govt. Medical College (M.P.) BHP. 9425757702, 7804893356 (W)

ENGINEERS

PQM4 Sindhi Girl 30/5' Software Engineer Amazon (USA). Looking for boy settled in USA, Canada, Pl. Contact- 9425374715

PQM H'sm Boy 4 Bansal Girl 1.4.91/3.26pm Del,5'4" M.Tech comp engr wkg MNC Ggn,Prn -ts Dr.9899711184,47069616,arc hana100.scorpio@gmail.com

BY RELIGION

CHRISTIAN

CNI Slim, b'ful 35/5'3" MBA, wkg MNC, well stld rptd South Delhi fmly seeks well stld/ edu h'sme boy (age 34-40)#991 0488236/rosef727@gmail.com

HINDU

PQ Match for Nai girl, Fair, B'full, April 1985/5'5", M.Sc Phy., B.Ed, P.G.T, Seeking Well Q'fied & stld Boy Upper Caste No Bar #9319998741

SM4 V Fair Beautiful 5'3", 30 Hindu Girl (general) Working in Mumbai seeks tall & handsome boy Indore based family Father Businessman Mother govt job Caste no bar marriage bureau restricted Contact : 9424082583

B.TECH Aug 90/33,5'5" Fair b'ful Bengali hindu girl Wkg Canada Toronto as Mngr. High pkg.seeks educated.suitable settled boy Wkg in canada. M/WA:9477507531

B.TECH slim beauty, 5'2", '89-born, unmarried, Sr Product Mngr (high salary),well settled family seeks groom (35-39, unmarried). Ph. 9831733659, bananisinha103@ gmail.com

SM for 5'1"/1989 born, b'ful, Jatav, PhD life sciences, scientist in Chicago, Father Ex. AirIndia, base Delhi Dwarka. No cast barrier. # 9871278816

MUSLIM

SUNNI Khan 35+/5'2" Ph.D girl from Lucknow based fmly. Father Retd Gaztd Ofcr. Seeks alliance from well educated family. M: 9415543485

MEDICO (MD/MS/IAS/IPS/ IES/Judge) match 4 SM Sheikh fair slim b'ful girl MBBS/ DMRD/DNB 34/5'5".Father Businessman,Farmer.Early Decent Marriage.M : 7017171575

SIDDIQUI, 28/5.5 Fair MNC Working, religious Girl. Send BHP to shahsidlko26@gmail. com 8787251182

USA/SM Parents Seeking for Doctor of Pharmacy Daughter 5'9"/ 23 Yrs, Well Educated. Tall Boy 5'10" & above holding Islamic Values, from Respected Elite Muslim Famly; WhatsApp Photo+ Details +1 (732)-763-7333

BENGALI Sun/Mus girl 31 / 5'2" MBA(HR) Bangalore fml y stld Fbd (Delhi NCR) pref. Sunni Muslim boy from Del/- NCR & Bangalore 8700129490

SHEIKH Siddiqui 1993/5'6", fair,b'ful,Namazi girl of well educated family, BTech, MTech (AMU) wkg as Astt. Professor, Mob(W): 9456228834 , 9411090950

GRADUATE from renound College of DU, MBA(IMT) GZB, Dip. in fashion designing, slim fair Shia Muslim, 36/ 5' 1" Pretty Girl (father rtd High court Judge) seeks a well satelled suitable Shia, Bohra, Khoja match. Mob. 9311418111; 9560258118, amtuz.raza@gmail.com

WELL Settled Sunni Muslim Family Seeks Alliance for their Daughter Well Educated Beautiful Religious 28/5'3" invites Proposals from Suitable Well settled boy Grooms Merits Main Consideration Respond with bio data and Recent Photo Whats up: +91 9599185781, Ph. +81 7041323074

SUNNI Syed Girl 28,5'3" MSc. Maths JMI,MEd. Govt Teacher(JNV) Seeks alliance from syed/sheikh family prfbly Govt Teacher/ Job.UP, NCR. M9260925647, 8009592092

PQ M4 Del bsd vfair,bful slim Ansari grl 30/5'3" MBA Hamdard Wkg MNC. Fathr govt ofcr,Broths wkg MNC. Send B/P. M/W: 8595026071

24YRS, 5'6 b'ful girl, purs. LLM (1st sem) from Indore. Father is renowned property developer. Seeks educated smart sunni muslim groom. M: 9229120300

SIKH

B'FUL, Fair ,'89,5'4", MBA, teaching, cltrd girl frm rputd Bness fmly, seeks Sikh /Sikh cl shvn, qlfd, b'man, profnl, govt job match. 9997844100.

SEEKING well qualified groom for fair slim Aug 1984 born/5'3" Vancouver Canada based Jat Sikh girl working as Finance Manager in a reputed company. Interested may please respond with recent picture, Bio data and contact number on WhatsApp +17783456723 / +919596141520

PQM4 nvr marid,convent edu. smart good looking oct79/5 B.ed Sikh Girl wkng'Reputed School Gurgaon seeks edu.well sett.boy#8368817897 ,9811358656

PQM4 Gursikh ND NT for B'ful Sikh girl 5' 8"/29 yrs. professionally wrkg as Sr. Manager in MNC Ggn. Boy should be tall well qual. working in Reputable Co.or B'ness India or Abroad #9811307321

GENERAL

CASTE NO BAR

SUITABLE match for 30 yrs old, 5'3 PHD(CS), working in MNC, GGN, 60 lpa. Liberal Sikh family. Share details- singh.m1806@gmail.com

4 UM Exec,8fig CTC,158cm,fair healthy, Cultured Mar 78 Upper castle lady,Military fmly,match needed. Caste no bar 9899112052 Alpanavartak@yahoo.com

PQM for well qulfd Girl Apr 88/5'5", wrkng. in MNC in good pkg. Boy prfbly wrkng Delhi NCR, min pkg 20 L.W'App B&P (recent) : 9999687026

WANTED suitable boy for B.Tech girl 38/fair/5'2" Class-I Officer SBI Caste no bar # 9814021272, 7696578042 M: rlsharma033@gmail.com

S/M from Delhi for Slim Educated Working Girl 33/4'9" Boy Non Alcoholic/Smoker Educated Working, Own Residence 9810014159

SM4 Brahmin grl 1991 / 5'3" Gazttd officer (Rajasthan), Pref offcr Central/State/PSU / MNC, family & individual merits 9425014457, 7566662294

MBA, Marketing Dr in MNC, Oct 82/5'3", Divorcee girl, Delhi, Seeks Prof. Qual boy (NCR) , garimasaini@gmail. com , 8178026728, 9811609756

40/5'3, Brahmin , unmarried , AVP MNC GGN, seeks well settled groom Businessman/job, caste no bar. Call/WA+917409955559.

44 yrs, 5ft 1 inch ,Never Married MBA,MCA from Mumbai own house in her name. Whats App no. 9819148761.

MBA, beautiful, fair, smart, Aug 89, 5'2", working girl. Reputed Jaiswal family of engineers, officers. WhatsApp 9336709473, 9871893484.

PQSM 4 Well Qlfd 10+Lpa girl PB KH NM TT Veg 82 born Never Married Wkg as Sr Mgr Top MNC Bank Mumbai Em: 297nmvs19@gmail.com

PUNJABI slim girl PG psychology Sep 95, 5'7" leadership role reputed school Looking for PQM 9958136699(WhatsApp)

MATCH for Gurgaon working HR Girl (39 yrs, 5'4" Rajput) Father Director. 2nd Marriage Boys may also send BHP 9411759460.

MBA Khatri Girl Nov 89/5'3" MNC Delhi 40LPA Mutually separated No Issue Father Army Offr JS Id VWYW8229 WApp 9818617744, 7042845365

WANTED well settled nvr m'rrd/ el. div'cd/ widower groom age bet. 40 - 43 for unmarried srivastava girl, Aug 1983, 5"4" wkg with edu inst. C: srijanashekhar@ gmail.com / 9319522009

NIFT & NID Qulfd,Brahmin Delhi Girl 5'3" / 28/09/1992, Delhi,Conv. Edu, wkng as free lancer 8-12 LPA. Caste no bar. BHP W'ap /call : 98106 57530.

GROOM Based In Germany/Eu, For Bengali Brahmin Girl, 28 Yrs./5'3", Fair, Values Fmly Culture, Ms From Germany, Working As Engg. In Pharma Co. In Berlin. Ph.9471666200.

KAYASTHA, Girl 5'7 1990 Asst Prof Law PSC, requires civil servants, defense, others. 9827060103, 9340816417

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PUNJABI, 34, 175 cms, Businessman, Masters. Lives in Delhi. Parents are Entrepreneurs. Family is financially well off. Looking for a like minded match. Contact: 6366448342

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KAYASTHA, 26, 175 cms, Bachelors from Ivy League University of California. Lives in USA. Father is an Industrialist with a good net worth. Looking for a like minded and well educated match. Contact: 6366448342

PUNJABI, 28, 168 cms, Software Professional, Masters. Lives in Bangalore. Father is a Working Professional. Mother is a Doctor. Family is financially well off. Looking for a likeminded and well educated match . Contact: 6366448342

BRAHMIN, 30, 173 cms, Professional, Masters. Lives in London. Father is a professional and mother is a professional. Looking for a likeminded and well educated match. Contact: 6366448342

ELITE GROOMS WANTED

BANIYA, 32, Entrepreneur, Masters. Lives in London. Parents are Entrepreneurs. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match. Contact: 6366530294

KHATRI, 31, 160 cms, Working Professional. Lives in Delhi. Father is a CA. Family is financially well off. Looking for a suitable match. Contact: 6366530294

KHATRI, 27, 160 cms, Corporate Lawyer, Masters in Law. Lives in Gurgaon. Parents are working professionals. Family is financially well off. Looking for an affable match. Contact: 6366530294

KHATRI, 32, 168 cms, Working Professional, Masters. Lives in South Delhi. Parents are Working Professional. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for a compatible match in India. Contact: 6366530294

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WANTED cultured, well-settled groom frm educated, status family, India/abroad for fair, pretty Gupta girl 27/160 NCR, Post Grad SPA, serving MNC 11 lpa. Father retd publishing editor. Sister working abroad. sg9640650@gmail.com Whatsapp 9868976379

Looking for a suitable match for a Punjabi Arora Khatri girl, 5 ft, 30 years, schooling from Modern School, Vasant Vihar, graduation from DU and post-graduation from London (Master's in Management). She is well settled in her family business (Limited/Listed Company) which is one of the largest in its field. Father and Mother belong to reputed known families with good values and have properties in Delhi, Gurugram etc.

The groom should be from South Delhi/ Gurugram. He should be from a reputed family, professional educated and well settled.

Email at: searchaash@gmail.com

Punjabi, Mumbai, Aug'83 beautiful girl, Vice President with MNC Bank, Divorcee, no issues.

Seeks professionally educated Groom.

vivaah0408@gmail.com

COSMOPOLITAN

MATCH for a very pretty Agarwal 29/5'07" PHD,Father reputed Businessman from South Mumbai Caste No Bar. advt111@gmail.com 8879671714

SM4 Fair, B'ful, Educated 1986/ 5'2" Hindu Arora widow girl. Reputed family. Wkg as HR Mgr Gurgaon. Upper caste no bar. Cont: 8360038825

SC/ST

MBBS Sonkar working girl 5'5"/Dec 92 born seeks Medico match Pref. PG, Caste no bar. Mob. 9455900301, Whatsapp 9670203562

B.TECH, Jatav smart b'ful girl 1989/5'4" i'less divorce, wkg MNC-IT G'gaon, seeks professionally edu. wkg boy (pref. NCR) Ph. 9729494837

SM4 S/C Balmiki Girl Punjabi 5'5" 1.12.91 MBA (D.U) 15 / Lakh. well settled family Delhi/NCR seeks well settled Boy from NCR caste no bar # 9811049905, 9899687263

FAIR beautiful, smart, well educated, 31/5'8" girl B.Tech from NIT wkg as software professional in B'lore Cast no bar. 9981543539/ 9425647840

SM for fair B'full (SC) girl Dec.1988/5'2" B.Tech, MBA wrkg in MNC gurugram 19LPA, # : 99100 61623 / +918368006725

SECOND MARRIAGE

MATCH for SC, b'ful Senior Scientist DRDO, Hyderabad. 43/5'1", BTech, Issuless Divorcee, Fthr rtd Army Ofcr Dehradun based. #9412152690

SM4 Slim b'ful Agrwl I'less Div. girl 1982/5'4"Dentist convent Educated wkg in MNC Seeks H'sm W'edu w'stld Boy. W'app / Call : 9415229805

SM for 36/5'5", Hindu Punjabi Girl issueless divorce due compatibility no kids, V.Fair, B'ful, MBA AVP corp banking, upper cls fmly based in Ggn. Looking for similar back ground match. Contact father at 9654981310/ Matri2024.Kalra@gmail.com

SM for Bansal towards fair 02.12.88 5'2" Divorcee I'Less Girl MPhil Clincl. Psych. Delhi wkg with a Health Care Org. whatsapp:9810106797

SM4 Fair/36/5'5" B.Sc/ MBA Branch Mngr in Nationalized Bank, I'Less Div. Father Retd PCS, SC/ST Catg. seeking for a Govt Job Boy.#9837996045

B'FULL Brahmin girl in Switzerland 37/5'7" divorcee PhD seeks well settled high profile match in Europe. Cont : 9437499378

ENGR Chamar 39/5'2" girl MNC Bank, Europe Div'rce (13 yr daughter) may settle in US, UK, India Trnsfbl. Status fmly. Caste no bar 9935935382

"GAZETTED Lady Officer, Looking for 62 plus Life Partner, pref. Retd. IAS, IPS, Judicial/Army/Gazette Officer, # 9260970012, 9415179385"

IVY MBA 80/5'4", Divorced , Heading South Mbai Firm , seek affluent well settled M'bai boy, rchop80@gmail.com

BY LANGUAGE

BENGALI

SM4, Dutta Oct1991/5.0, Eggitarian Bengali Girl, Uttarakhand base Dbl. MA working as makeup artist ph-6397431334,9456046274.

BENGALI Kayastha girl from Defence background 27/5 ft, M.Tech, PGDM. Settled in Pune. Defence Officers preferred. WhatsApp 7020835371.

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'It Could Be The Highest Seizure Ever'

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New Delhi: New currency counting machines have been pressed into service after the units that were being used broke down, hampering counting of cash seized at various locations, allegedly linked to Congress Rajya Sabha MP Dhiraj Sahu, in the income tax department's search operations in Odisha and Jharkhand.

The total cash seizure, I-T department sources said, could reach the Rs 300 crore mark once counting is completed in the next two to three days.

"This could be the highest ever cash seizure by the department after the Rs 160 crore cash which was seized during search operations in Chennai in 2018," said a source, adding that the final number was yet to be arrived at and searchers are being conducted at various other locations where several rooms and almirahs are still to be examined. Sahu is a three-term Congress Rajya Sabha MP and his family dominates the liquor business in the eastern region of the country.

Currency machines have been flown in from Hyderabad and other cities to step up counting, an I-T department source said, adding gold and silver jewellery weighing nearly 17 kgs have also been seized.

The operations and seizure of such a large quantity of cash has also attracted the attention of Prime Minister Modi who lashed out at the Congress party saying it has exposed the hypocrisy of the opposition party over the issue of corruption.

Cong: No links with Sahu's biz

Congress on Saturday dissociated itself from the recovery of a huge stash of cash from party MP Dhiraj Sahu. Congress spokesman Jairam Ramesh said on X, "Indian National Congress is in no way connected with the businesses of Dhiraj Sahu, MP. Only he can explain, and should explain, how huge amounts of cash have been reportedly unearthed by the income-tax authorities from his properties." TNN

Seizure proof of Cong's graft tradition: BJP

New Delhi: The seizure of cash from some premises linked to Congress MP Dhiraj Prasad Sahu during raids by the income tax department shows how the grand old party has kept the tradition of corruption alive generation after generation, BJP said on Saturday.

Union minister Meenakshi Lekhi said, "The cash seized from Sahu is the biggest haul of cash that has been seized from corrupt persons. This shows how Congress has spread corruption generation after generation and the tradition of corruption has been kept alive." "Rs 300 crore recovered from just one Congress leader and counting is still on. Imagine if all the corrupt leaders of Congress are kept together, how many notes will be recovered," she said. TNN

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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7.	Consultant (Yoga) for YCB	01	Rs. 50,000/-

Note: The number of vacancies may increase of decrease as per requirement. The detailed advertisement with the essential qualifications, experience, date of walk-in-interviews and other terms & conditions of engagement to the above-mentioned posts, and other associated information, etc, may be obtained from the institute's website **www.yogamdniy.nic.in**

Interested candidates possessing the requisite qualifications, experience, etc. may attend the walk-in-interview along with CV, two passport size photographs and related documents along with copies of testimonials duly self-attested on the date of interview. Director, MDNIY reserves the right to cancel the above advertisement or any of the post without assigning any reasons.

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1. Tender Online will be submitted up to 15:00 Hrs on date 29.12.2023.
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Assistant Professor	Electronics & Communication Engineering	1	UR

Web link for online registration, details of posts, qualification, reservation, application fee, general instructions etc. are available on the Institute website **https://recruit.nitttrchd.ac.in.** The last date for online registration is **19th January, 2024 till 5.00 P.M.** Online application link will be available on the institute website from **11th December, 2023.**

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No.- P/Agra/Gaz./Part Time Dental Surgeon/2023 **Dated:** 05.12.2023

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Walk-in-Interview & Medical Examination	Date	Time	Venue
	18.12.2023	10:00 AM	Personnel Branch, DRM Office/Agra

Medical examination of selected candidates will be held simultaneously along with walk-in-interview. Candidate must submit their applications in duplicate on the prescribed and enclosed proforma latest by **10.00 A.M.** on **18.12.2023** at the respective venue mentioned above. The notification can be downloaded from NC Railway website **www.ncrindianrailways.gov.in**>Aboutus>Division>Agra Division>Medical.

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Note :

1. Detailed advertisement containing terms and conditions along with application proforma may be downloaded from Institute' website **https://www.aiimsbilaspur.edu.in**
2. The interested candidates are advised to fill the ONLINE APPLICATION FORM (Link attached) latest by 20.12.2023 till 12:00 Noon.
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S. No	Post	Preferred Specialisation	No of Vacancies	Qualification
1	Assistant Professor (Law)	International Laws, Taxation Laws, Investment & Securities Law, Labour & Industrial Law, Competition Law, CPC, CrPC, Evidence, Bankruptcy & Insolvency Law and Company Law.	01 Post (Open to all)	LLM, NET or SET or PhD
2	Placement Officer	Excellent communication & Interpersonal skills with MBA & with minimum 3 years Industry experience as Placement Officer in College/Institute/ University a Professional who has worked in HR/Talent Acquisition firm	01 Post (Open to all)	Post Graduate in Any Discipline or Any Professional Degree
3	College Director Physical Education & Sports	Preferably Ex-serviceman Sportsman awarded medal at National/& above level.	01 Post (Open to all)	MPEd, NET or SET or PhD OR An Asian Game or Commonwealth Games medal winner who has a degree at least at Post Graduation level.
4	Adm Officer	Preferably Major/Captain Ex-serviceman in acceptable medical category. Desired qualification MBA/PG Diploma. Person should be willing to relocate to Kanhe/Pune.	01 Post (Open to all)	MBA/PG Diploma.

Eligibility requirements prescribed by UGC, SPPU and BCI shall apply. Candidates shall send applications along with detailed Biodata and scanned copies of documents related to qualification/work experience by email at armylawcollegepune@gmail.com with copy at principal.alc@awesindia.edu.in by **18 Dec 2023.** Only short listed candidates will be sent call up for Interview by email. Consolidated pay shall apply on appointment as per AWES norms. No TA/DA shall be admitted for journey to attend interview.

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RSS: Ensuring blood doesn't flow to uphold dharma is the challenge

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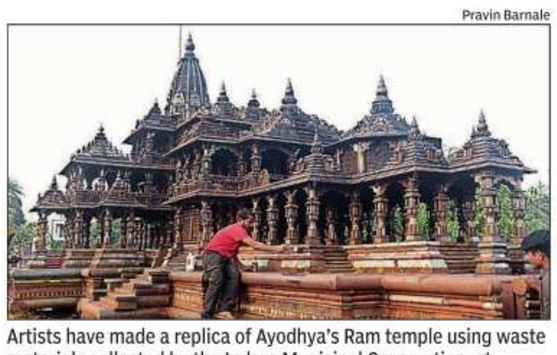

Artists have made a replica of Ayodhya's Ram temple using waste materials collected by the Indore Municipal Corporation, at Vishram Bagh near Ranjeet Hanuman temple

New Delhi: The victory of 'what is just and right' has been marked by violent conflicts and the challenge for the humanity is to ensure that blood does not have to be shed for upholding the "dharma", said RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale.

Addressing the critics of the mass movement for the construction of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, Hosabale said: "Some people have suppressed the facts of history and have not given up on trying to build a different narrative. But one simple fact should silence them, which is that the attempt to rebuild the Ram Mandir at the Janmabhoomi site was not made just once but 72 times over a long period. The society of Bharat had never forgotten its respect for and its right over Ram Janmabhoomi. Every generation kept struggling for this."

He was speaking at the launch of the book "Ram Phir Laute" by journalist Hemant Sharma, the occasion tying in with the excitement in the Hindutva circles over the approaching consecration of Ram Mandir which, the Sangh Parivar maintains, is the correction of a historical wrong of the demolition of the temple at 'Janmasthan'.

Senior BJP leaders and MPs and ministers from Uttar Pradesh were present.

The RSS leader said, "Everyone wants that there should be no bloodshed. In the battlefield of Kurukshetra, Yogeshwar Krishna tried till the last that there should be no bloodshed. But when those on the side of unrighteousness didn't agree, there was bloodshed out of compulsion. For public welfare, we had to tolerate this. Neither Shri Ram nor Bhagwan Krishna wanted bloodshed. The world view of Bharat has always been that 'non-violence is supreme religion'. But for the establishment of religion, many times violence did happen, which is a lesson for us from history that we need to learn to ensure that in future religion can be established without bloodshed."

Urging the people to not just watch the opening of the temple on TV at home on January 22, Vishwa Hindu Parishad's International Executive President Alok Kumar asked each one to consider the temple in their locality as Ayodhya for a day.

"There are some occasions that even the Gods wait to see them —500 years of wait, 20-25 generations of struggle, 74 wars, all for this temple. On January 22, in the presence of thousands of saints and distinguished people of the country, Ram Lalla and his big idol will be consecrated in the sanctum sanctorum built at his birthplace," said Kumar, adding that a similar or the same book is also needed in English to counter the divisive narrative of the "pseudo-seculars".

Ex-OSD of former T'gana mantri booked for trespass, docu theft and destruction

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Hyderabad: A former officer on special duty (OSD) of ex-minister of Telangana Talasani Srinivas Yadav and four others were booked in a criminal case on Saturday for allegedly destroying documents and damaging CCTV cameras and furniture by trespassing into the state's animal husbandry department office here.

Nampally police said a watchman at the office was on his routine rounds on Friday evening when he found the door of ex-OSD Kalyan Kumar's room ajar. Once the watchman entered the room, he was shocked to find the place ransacked and several files strewn on the floor.

The CCTV cameras on the office premises were found broken, while the cables of the digital video recorder (DVR) were disconnected. "On verification, I came to know that Kalyan, computer operators Mohan and Elijah, and attenders Venkatesh and Prasanth came to the office. I suspect that Kalyan, with the help of the other four, might have taken away some documents," the watchman said in his complaint.

When cops landed at the office, they found several documents and papers torn and some stuffed in polyethene bags. "The room was in a mess. When we tried to contact director of animal husbandry Ram Chander, he did not respond despite several calls," a officer said.

Nampally police registered a criminal case under

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IPC sections 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant), 427 (mischief causing damage to the amount of Rs 50), 448 (punishment for house trespass) and 477 (fraudulent cancellation, destruction, etc. of will, authority to adopt or valuable security).

A similar attempt was made by unknown persons allegedly to steal documents from the education department's office in the vicinity of LB Stadium in the city. Police reached the spot on Saturday night but no case was registered yet.

It may be recalled that a group of student union leaders of Osmania University had on Wednesday intercepted a vehicle, which was transporting files and furniture belonging to former excise minister V Srinivas Goud from his office in Ravindra Bharathi. An officer confirmed that furniture & other items had been shifted from the government office.

Telangana BJP MLAs skip oath administered by Owaisi

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Hyderabad: BJP's eight MLAs on Saturday boycotted the oath-taking ceremony in the Telangana assembly to protest AIMIM legislator **Akbaruddin Owaisi** being made the Pro-tem speaker. BJP functionaries accused Congress of appeasement politics and said that the government was trying to create a safety net around itself by keeping AIMIM happy as it had only four MLAs over a simple majority in the House.

Even as Akbaruddin administered oath to newly elected MLAs on the first day of the assembly session, BJP legislators, led by T Raja Singh, refused to be sworn in. While Raja accused Akbaruddin of being anti-Hindu and not respecting other religions, BJP MLAs submitted a representation at Raj Bhavan, alleging that the rules had not been followed (in appointing the Pro-tem speaker).

In their representation, they alleged that the state government violated the norms, procedures, protocols and precedents of the assembly. "As per Article 188 of the Constitution, the seniormost member in terms of number of years in the assembly should be nominated as Pro-tem speaker. Although there are many members who are senior to Akbaruddin, the state government chose to appoint him, which was a clear violation of the norms," the BJP MLAs' representation said.

BJP MLAs said the norms were flouted by the Congress government to pander to certain sections of people in pursuit of appeasement politics. They also urged the government to set aside the appointment of the Pro-tem speaker and withhold the process.

Telangana BJP state chief G Kishan Reddy alleged that Congress entered into a secret understanding with AIMIM.

Communication gap led to Rajasthan loss: Rahul

Counters Gehlot Claim On Polarisation By BJP

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Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge with leaders Rahul Gandhi, KC Venugopal and outgoing Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot at a review meeting on Saturday

New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi praised the welfare schemes of the Ashok Gehlot government, but disagreed with the former CM's argument that BJP polarised the Rajasthan elections which resulted in Congress finishing runner-up.

At the review meeting of the Rajasthan defeat, Rahul is learnt to have argued that if BJP had succeeded in polarising the polls, then Congress would not have maintained its vote share of nearly 40%, and even increased it by a small fraction, which was barely 2% behind BJP. He said it was much better than MP and Chhattisgarh, and the party was not blown away.

Gehlot lashed out at the communal pitch during the campaign of BJP leaders led by PM Modi, and lamented that the rival did not fight the polls by challenging the record of the state government. Rahul agreed with the claim that the state's welfare schemes were path-breaking, but added that Congress failed to communicate them comprehensively to the voters, and could not create a forceful campaign like it was witnessed in Karnataka, barring holding rallies. He is also said to have remarked that bureaucracy had dominated the government.

With Congress delivering its best poll performance as the ruling party in Jaipur in last two decades, many leaders felt that party would have stood a better chance if it had dropped senior leaders and MLAs who were identified by the in-house surveys as facing anti-incumbency, as against the government which was seen as popular.

The Congress Election Committee had witnessed repeated arguments between Rahul and Gehlot over replacing sitting MLAs, but the CM prevailed in retaining most of the MLAs. Of the 23 ministers, 17 lost and only 6, including Gehlot, managed to win. A leader, however, stated that work has to start well in advance if candidates are to be replaced. Another participant demanded that the party should identify the leaders who had recommended individual candidates, and fix accountability.

When asked if there will be changes in the state organisation, AICC incharge Sukhjinder Randhawa said changes are effected only if the party's performance dips — suggesting that Dotasara could continue as the state chief. He, however, said the party will fix accountability.

Gehlot targets BJP for delay in naming CM

Outgoing Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot on Saturday targeted BJP over the delay in announcing the CM picks for three Hindi heartland states — Rajasthan, MP and Chhattisgarh. "For seven days now, they have not been able to select a CM; I want them to take a decision quickly," Gehlot said. He was in Delhi to attend a Congress meeting called for evaluating the party's performance in the polls. "You people are not able to decide the CM for seven days and you talk that there is discipline in our party," Gehlot added. TNN

BJP mulls 2 dy CMs in Raj for caste balance

BJP is considering a formula of having a CM with two deputies in Rajasthan as part of its social engineering to balance political equations and reach out to prominent sections of society — Rajput, Brahmin, Meena, and Jats in the top three posts, while also including a SC (Dalit) woman MLA for speaker's position. BJP aims to finalise a strategy that reflects community representation and addresses political dynamics ahead of LS polls. Sources said that discussions around these are preliminary and subject to approval from central leaders. TNN

Arrested 15 IS men involved in fabrication of IEDs: NIA officials

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The 15 men apprehended are all members of IS' Maharashtra module and were operating from Padgha-Borivali. Under the directions of their foreign handlers, they were allegedly promoting terror and terror-related acts as well as activities of IS. They were actively involved in various terrorist activities, including fabrication of IEDs, as per NIA. "Pursuing the path of violent Jihad, Khilafat, IS, etc., the accused had aimed to disturb peace and communal harmony and wage a war against the government of India," the agency said.

NIA said the 15 accused were motivating Muslim youths to relocate to Padgha village in rural Thane, which they chose to declare as 'Al Sham', to strengthen the 'Padgha base' of IS, as per an NIA statement. This is perhaps the first case where a self-declared "liberated" IS territory in India has come to light, a source told **TOI**.

Bidad-Al-Sham or the 'Land of Sham' or 'The Levant' is often used to describe a land under the rule of Islam.

Mohd Saquib Nachan, 63, the main accused and self-declared head of the IS module, had self-assumed rights of administering the 'bayath' (oath of allegiance to the khalifa of IS) to those persons joining the proscribed organisation.

Apart from Saquib Nachan, the others arrested on Saturday are Hasib Zuber Mulla @ Haseeb Zubair Mulla, Kashif Abdul Sattar Balere, Saif Ateeque Nachan, Rehan Ashfaque Suse, Shagaf Safiq Divkar, Firoz Dastagir Kuwari, Adil Iliyas Khot, Musab Haseeb Mulla, Rafil Abdul Latif Nachan, Yahya Ravish Khot, Razil Abdul Latif mNachan, Farhan Ansar Suse, Mukhlis Maqbool Nachan and Munzir Abubakar Kunnathpeedikal. All the accused originally hail from Thane district.

While Adil Khot was found in possession of the flags, the weapons (guns, knives and swords) were recovered from Firoz Dastagir Kuwan, Razil Abdul Nachan, Zeeshan Ajaz Mulla and Mukhlis Maqbool Nachan. The cash was seized from Saif Ateeque Nachan, Rehan Ashfaq Suse and Atif Nasir Mulla.

NIA had taken over the case relating to the IS module on November 6, 2023. It was previously probed by the Special Cell of Delhi Police, following the arrest of three ISIS terrorists, Shahnawaz Alam, Mohammad Rizwan Ashraf and Mohammad Arshad Warsi.

Shivraj Chouhan 'Ram-Ram' post fuels suspense over next CM

Bhopal: The state BJP has sent out invitations to its newly elected MLAs for the party's legislative party meeting on Monday even as the office of CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan amped up the political atmosphere by tweeting, "*Sabhi ko Ram Ram*", reports **Suchandana Gupta**.

'Ram Ram' is both used as a greeting and to bid farewell. State BJP chief VD Sharma, whose name is among CM hopefuls, said Chouhan's message was about Ram temple.

The suspense on the CM's name continues but there is a strong indication that MP may get a deputy CM this time.

Asked who would be the next CM, Sharma said, "We are a cadre-based organisation and it is always the leadership that take the impartial decisions. Who will be CM, that will be decided by the party leadership at the right time and after reviewing the present situation."

The legislative party meeting on Monday has been brought forward by three hours. The three observers — Haryana CM Manoharlal Khattar, BJP OBC Morcha president K Laxman and national secretary Asha Lakra — are expected to reach Bhopal on Monday.

Disregard letters with political motives: BCI chairman to CJI

▶Continued from P 1

The BCI chairman Manan Kumar Mishra wrote a letter to Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and said such letters come from few senior counsel with "political motives and commercial stakes" and urged him to ignore them.

Earlier SCBA President Adish C Aggarwala had also expressed "full faith and confidence in the neutrality and unprecedented administrative skill" of CJI Chandrachud and said assignment of cases is not open to question on the judicial or administrative side.

"The attempts made through such letters clearly amount to contemptuous conduct and a mischief perpetrated to further ulterior motives and ends. The courts must tackle such attempts with iron hand. Such practice can be curbed by wholly ignoring them and ensuring that the same does not have any impact on the free and fair functioning of the existing system. It must be remembered that such letters come from a few selected quarters represented by a handful of senior counsel with political motives and for commercial stakes," Mishra said in his letter.

The Supreme Court Bar Association President Adish C Aggarwala had earlier expressed 'full faith and confidence in the neutrality and unprecedented administrative skill' of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud

"In the opinion of the Bar, such letters are sent with sinister object and prompting from influential and powerful litigants who are ready to go to any extent to gain any sort of advantage over the other members of the Bar, who are discharging their adversarial functions diligently and professionally," the letter said.

He said the claims were made to "attract cheap publicity without an iota of truth and are completely devoid of any bona fide purpose and the purpose behind such letters is to pressure the judiciary for getting favourable decisions" for their influential clients and interests.

"We also take this opportunity to highlight the need for tackling such motivated and malicious letters in future. It is our belief that such letters represent no part of the common members of the Bar practising before the courts and the entire Bar stands firmly behind the leadership and the direction of the Chief Justice of India. The tireless efforts of our Chief Justice of India today towards access to justice, protecting the interests of the young and common advocates and rationalising the administration of justice, have already started yielding results," he added.

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A TEMPLE BUILT TO LAST AGES

Trustees Say Ayodhya's New Ram Temple Is So Well Made, It Won't Require Repairs Before A Thousand Years

Rajiv Srivastava & Shalabh | TNN

A little over four years after a Supreme Court order paved the way for the construction of Ram Temple at Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya, the first phase of the project is almost ready. It's a Nagara-style temple, designed by a team under well-known architect Chandrakant Bhai Sompura.

The temple's primarily built of pink sandstone and carved marble from Mirzapur and Bansi-Paharpur in Rajasthan. Besides, 17,000 granite stones, each weighing 2 tonnes, have been used in it. "So far, 21 lakh cubic feet of granite, sandstone and marble has been used in the construction of the temple," says Champat Rai, general secretary of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.

Built For Eternity

On experts' advice, steel and ordinary cement have not been used in the temple's construction. The foundation, laid after consultations with IIT Chennai, is 12m deep. The soil used for refilling the foundation can get converted into stone in 28 days, and a total of 47 layers were laid in the foundation. Rai says the temple will not require any repairs for at least 1,000 years and even a 6.5 magnitude earthquake won't be able to shake its foundation.

Interestingly, all the bricks donated during and after the 1992 'Shila Daan', and the stones brought for carving to Ayodhya's Karsevakpuram by Vishwa Hindu Parishad in the past three decades have been used in the temple's construction.

2 More Phases To Go

Construction committee chairman Nripendra Misra had set a December 15 deadline for completing the first phase – the ground floor where the sanctum sanctorum is situated.

The second phase, including the first and second floors, all the murals and iconography work, lower plinth and engraving on around 360 massive pillars, will be finished by December 2024. The first floor will have the Ram Darbar, and each pillar will have 25-30 figures carved on it. Seven temples of Maharishi Valmiki, Vishwamitra, Nishad, Shabri, etc, will also be built outside the parkota (outer wall) next year.

In the third phase, the 71-acre site, including auditoriums and the parkota that has bronze murals and temples of Saptarishis, etc, will be completed by December 2025.

Ram Idol An Enigma

Before the January 22 consecration ceremony, the temple trust will select one of the three idols of Ram Lalla (5-year-old deity) being carved in secrecy at three different locations in Ayodhya. The chosen idol will be installed in the sanctum sanctorum in the presence of PM Narendra Modi, and the public will be able to have darshan of the deity after the morning of January 27.

In an interview to **TOI**, Misra, former principal secretary to PM Modi, had said the three sculptors of the Ram Lalla idols were invited to Ayodhya along with their choice of stone. While one brought white Makrana marble, the other two brought a greyish stone from Karnataka that's popularly known as Krishna Shila.

These and all other types of stones meant for idols were tested at the government's National Institute of Rock Mechanics. Only then were the sculptors asked to start work.

All three idols will be 51 inches tall, with a bow and arrow in hand. Together with the pedestal, the height of each idol would be around 7 feet, which, experts say, is needed for the devotees to have darshan from a distance of 25 feet.

Another optical highlight of the temple is a system to divert and reflect sunlight on the idol's forehead at 12 noon on every Ram Navami. It has been designed by the Central Building Research Institute in Roorkee and the astrophysics institute in Pune.

Photos: Ajay Kumar

Construction work on at the Ram Janmabhoomi temple on Thursday, December 7

Based on NAGARA STYLE of architecture

'Nagara' is a distinct style of temple architecture that emerged in northern India from the 5th century CE onwards. Temples of this type usually don't have elaborate boundary walls or gateways and the sanctum sanctorum is always located directly under the tallest tower. The entire temple is usually built on a stone platform with steps leading up to it. All these features can be found in the new Ram Temple at Ayodhya

THE TEMPLE IN NUMBERS

71 Acres Temple complex area. Main temple occupies 3 acres

Estimated Cost ₹1,800 cr

21 Lakh Cubic Ft Stone used in construction so far

An apparatus of lens, mirror, etc being set up such that **sunrays will touch forehead of Ram Lalla** exactly at 12 noon on Ram Navami every year

Flight of 32 steps of height 16.5 ft leads up to temple after entrance from **Singhdwar**

Graphics: **Sunil Singh**

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51 Inches Height of Ram Lalla idol

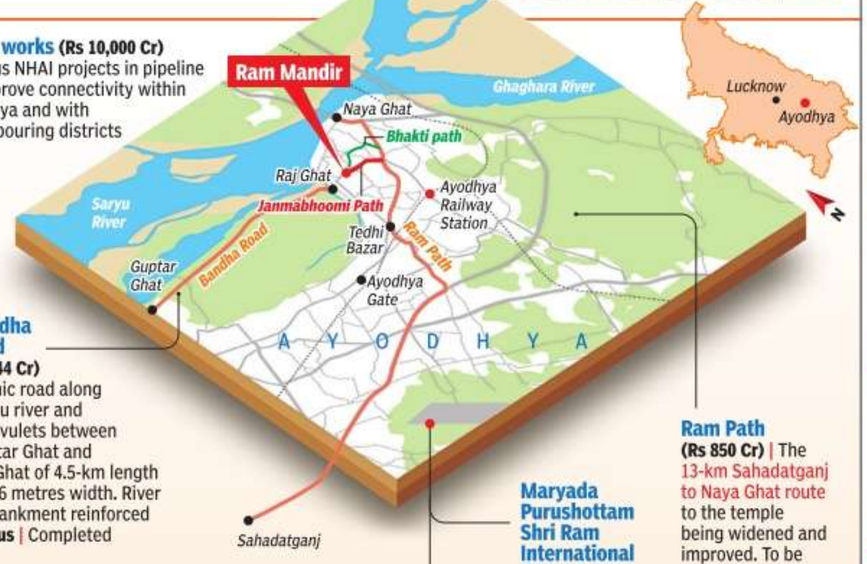
20 Sec Duration a devotee is likely to get for darshan

25 Ft Distance from which a devotee can have darshan

₹50,000 Cr To Build New Ayodhya

Road works (Rs 10,000 Cr) Various NHAI projects in pipeline to improve connectivity within Ayodhya and with neighbouring districts

Greenfield township (Rs 3,000 Cr): Coming up along both sides of Lucknow-Gorakhpur national highway and spread over 1,407 acres with residential, commercial, mixed-use plots. UP housing board has demarcated plots for religious bodies, ashrams, and hotels and resorts
Status | First phase being readied, set for commercial launch



Agencies

Bandha road (Rs 44 Cr) Scenic road along Saryu river and its rivulets between Guptar Ghat and Raj Ghat of 4.5-km length and 6 metres width. River embankment reinforced
Status | Completed

Ram Path (Rs 850 Cr) | The 13-km Sahadatganj to Naya Ghat route to the temple being widened and improved. To be main thoroughfare connecting Lucknow–Ayodhya–Gorakhpur national highway to the Ram temple and also to Saryu ghats. There are two more routes to the temple
Status | Phase 1 nearing completion

Sewerage network (Rs 245 Cr) Spanning 133.5-km, at least 20,000 new houses to have proper sewage system
Status | In final stages

Public amenities, parking (Rs 155 Cr) | Parking lots at four locations with space for 700 four-wheelers. Shops and dormitories to be part of integrated parking complex
Status | 3 ready, fourth in final stages

Ayodhya Railway Station (Rs 240 Cr) | Project planned in three phases, includes elevated concourse for handling increased traffic
Status | Ready but ops yet to commence. Six rail overbridges being built to aid vehicular movement at estimated cost of Rs 550 crore

Agencies

Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram International Airport (Rs 1,362 Cr) Brownfield airport developed in less than three years on 821-acre plot
Status | Commercial ops to start Dec 15, 2024

Temple Museum (estimate awaited) | Suggested by PM Narendra Modi as showcase for history of famous Indian temples
Status | 50-acre plot identified near Saryu river

Mega fountain park (Rs 150 Cr) | Park with multimedia features and fountain shaped like a lotus whose petals will represent seven major rivers
Status | Tender floated

Aero City (Rs 400 Cr) | To come up near airport on 150 acres, comprising hotel complex, wedding venue and ayurveda city.
Status | Process initiated

Tent City | Multiple tent cities planned to house tourists, providing luxury and budget options
Status | Work order issued for six sites

Ayodhya Haat | Ghats of the Saryu to be developed with food kiosks and vending carts and attention to ensuring zero waste is generated
Status | Work order issued

Sandhya Sarovar | Open-air food zone with multiple restaurants, food stalls. Three lagoons/water bodies to be created with boating, ziplining, slacklining facilities
Status | Work commenced

Wax Museum | To come up on 2 acres, museum will be dedicated to key characters from Ramayana and also have statues of famous personalities
Status | Work order issued

Ram Heritage Walk (Rs 9.6 Cr) | Heritage corridor over Ram Path with murals, paintings adorning over 180 walls, covering important events from the Ramayana
Status | Completion in 3 months

Surya Kund (Rs 24 Cr) | Waterbody of mythological significance has been beautified. Laser light show staged in evenings
Status | Completed

Panchvati Dweep | Island to be developed in Saryu river through private participation and per 'Arth Ganga' scheme with only temporary structures
Status | Nod awaited from National Mission for Clean Ganga

DARSHAN FROM JAN 27, 2024

2019

Nov 9 | Five-judge SC bench orders disputed 2.77-acre plot be handed to a trust for building Ram Janmabhoomi temple. Court orders that an alternative 5-acre plot be given to Sunni Waqf Board elsewhere for building a mosque

2020

Feb 5 | Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust set up by Centre per SC order with 15 members: 9 permanent and 6 nominated, all 'practising Hindus'

Feb 6 | Centre makes token Re 1 donation to trust to start construction

Feb 19 | First meeting of trust held in Delhi elects Mahant Nritya Gopal Das as its president and VHP general secretary Champat Rai as secretary. Nripendra Mishra, former principal secretary to PM Narendra Modi, named chairman of temple construction committee

Mar 15 | UP CM Yogi Adityanath leads ceremony to shift Ram Lalla idol from makeshift temple to a prefabricated one

Aug 5 | PM Modi performs Bhumi Pujan for temple; construction starts

2021

Jan 15 | Donation drive begins with former President Ram Nath Kovind. Trust has raised approx. Rs 3,500 cr

2022

June 1 | UP CM Adityanath lays foundation stone for temple's sanctum sanctorum

2023

Oct 25 | PM Modi confirms presence for leading consecration ceremony of temple on Jan 22, 2024

2024

Jan 22 | Consecration ceremony

Jan 27 | Temple likely to be opened to public

December | Second phase comprising first and second floors likely to be completed

2025

December | Third and final phase comprising seven other temples, including to Surya, Shankar, Ganpati, and Bhagwati on four corners of temple complex, outer wall, etc. to be completed

Centuries-old quest to end in six weeks

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When Deven Joshi from Surat last saw the under-construction Ram Temple from behind the security fence in October 2020, only a flag marked the site of the sanctum sanctorum. Last Thursday, his second visit, a magnificent pink stone edifice stood at the spot as over 3,500 men milled around to meet the most-talked-about deadline in India's recent history.

Six weeks from now, on January 22, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will throw open the temple to devotees with the installation of the Ram Lalla idol in the octagonal sanctum sanctorum. Modi had also laid the Ram Temple's foundation stone on August 5, 2020. This time, he will lead its 'pran pratishtha' (consecration) ceremony under the supervision of Pt Laxmikant Mathuranath Dixit, an 86-year-old Vedic Karmkand scholar from Varanasi.

The PM will be accompanied by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and UP CM Yogi Adityanath. CM Yogi has been visiting the town almost every month to review the construction work. He even held a cabinet meeting in Ayodhya on November 9, the 4th anniversary of the Supreme Court verdict favouring temple construction.

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust has sent personal invitations to over 7,000 guests, including 4,000 seers and 3,000 prominent personalities, including cricketers Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli, industrialists Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani and Ratan Tata, and actors Amitabh Bachchan, Arun Govil and Dipika Chikhlia, among others.

Agencies

PM Narendra Modi at the ceremony for laying the foundation stone of the temple on August 5, 2020

Rooms Booked, Tents Spring Up

The present temple will be closed to devotees for two days before the consecration ceremony, and it is expected that over 1 lakh people will pack the twin towns of Ayodhya and Faizabad to attend it. Hotels, guest houses, dharamshalas and lodges in Ayodhya and places up to Lucknow are already overbooked for the second half of January, so hoteliers with rooms to spare are making a killing.

To accommodate visitors, the Ayodhya Development Authority is setting up two tent cities with a combined capacity of 55,000. The first one, spread over 20 acres in Manjha Guptar Ghat, will accommodate around 25,000 people. The second in the Brahma Kund area will have space for 30,000. The temple trust is also setting up a tent city for 25,000 people in Bag Bijaise.

Four venues are being developed to host various events between January 15 and January 22. Top artistes like Anup Jalota, Hariharan, AR Rahman, Kailash Kher and Shankar Mahadevan have been invited to take part during 'Ramotsava', the week-long celebration in the run-up to the consecration ceremony. "Besides bhajans, there will be Ram Katha, Ramlilas of various countries, cultural events based on Ramayana, and Ram Charan Paduka Yatra," a culture department official said.

New Dawn For Ancient Town

For the 25 lakh Ayodhya residents, January 22 means much more than the inauguration. They have endured dug-up streets, and the noise of jackhammers for a year. Their streets were pockmarked with broken houses and shops. Now, they are looking forward to a renewed town with wider roads, walkways, piped water, sewerage, efficient public transport and parking, among other urban necessities.

"Our goal is to shape Ayodhya as the spiritual capital of the world with religious tourism at its core," said additional chief secretary of the housing and urban planning department, Nitin Ramesh Gokarn. "It is going to be a city of celebrations with pilgrim-friendly infrastructure. The townships that come up in the future would be eco-friendly."

The temple inauguration on January 22 will be just the first milestone on a long transformational journey for this ancient city.

Planes, trains, realty boom: Ayodhya enters new golden age

Shalabh & Arshad Afzaal Khan | TNN

A sleepy town until November 2019, when the Supreme Court cleared the way for temple construction, Ayodhya is rapidly growing into a city that can receive 50,000 to 10 lakh visitors in a day. Projects worth Rs 50,000 crore – airport, railway station, new township, roads, star-rated hotels – are in different stages of completion, and many more are lined up. Altogether 37 state and national government agencies and departments are collaborating on 264 different projects. For now, the focus is on works within 5km of the Ram Temple as these have to be finished by December 31.

Access To Temple & Town

Three narrow lanes that led to the temple have been turned into 4-lane roads. Of these, the 13km Ram Path that connects Sahadatganj to Naya Ghat is the longest, followed by the 2km Ram Janmabhoomi Path between Sugriv Quila and the temple. The 750m Bhakti Path from Shringar Hat to Ram Janmabhoomi is the shortest.

These three roads had a melange of government, commercial, religious and residential buildings along them. During road widening their facades were pulled down and remodelled to harmonise their look and feel. Even the streetlights and shop shutters have been designed in line with the overall theme.

As part of beautification and civic upgrades in Ayodhya, facades of shops and buildings on main thoroughfares have been given a harmonised look

Visitors will be greeted by grand welcome gates at the town's six entry and exit points. They'll find new bus shelters, legacy stambhs (specially designed pillars), 3,500 seating platforms with planters, mosaic art on the walls, aluminium murals, and other Ramayana-themed design elements.

When the new temple opens to the public on January 27, Ayodhya will have direct flights to and from Delhi airport. Built in less than three years, the brand new Maryada Purushottam Ram International Airport is modelled on the Ram Temple and will commence operations from December 15. The revamped railway station also takes design cues from the temple and will open in January. Meanwhile, NHAI is improving Ayodhya's road links with neighbouring cities.

More Hotels And Homes

As a global tourism hub, Ayodhya expects to have a floating population of about 1 lakh daily visitors. Where 5,000-odd pilgrims came every day before November 2019, it gets 40,000-60,000 visitors now. This had started telling on the town's resources as, until last year, the local municipal corporation had the capacity to cater to only 35,000 households.

"As an additional floating population of 1 lakh would be added to the city, it was important to renew the city. Electric buses, passenger vehicles, amenities and other resources would be added with time accordingly," said Ayodhya municipal commissioner Vishal Singh.

And because Ayodhya's sanctity could attract senior citizens and families to have a second home here, the Uttar Pradesh housing department has launched a 1,200-acre township which will be developed in phases with a budget of Rs 3,000 crore.

The city now sports specially-designed streetlights and traffic markers

Private Players In, Rates Up

The Ayodhya 2031 master plan forecasts a four-fold increase in population in a decade due to migration.

So, private builders are making big investments in the town. Eight developers have taken land from Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA) to build townships. Senior government officials told **TOI** that 2-3 applications for building hotels and guest houses are received every month and 15 of them have been approved. Altogether, ADA is looking at private investments to the tune of Rs 5,000 crore.

Development projects have driven up land rates in Ayodhya and its twin Faizabad by up to 12 times, depending on the locality and its proximity to the temple. Shreyansh Singh, a 32-year-old realtor in Sahadatganj, says, "Plots for resale located 10-12km away from the temple along Ram Path now cost Rs 2,000 to Rs 2,600 per square foot. Five years back, nobody would have offered even Rs 500 per square foot for plots in these localities."

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6th Floor, Block No. 1 and 2, Udyog Bhavan, Sector-11, Gandhinagar-382011, Gujarat, India. **Phone : +91 - 079-29750500 CIN : U45209GJ2016SGC085839**

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.	**28-A, B & C-2023-24-WV**

Name of work with its location : A. Annual P.Way zone for maintenance of track work in the section of SSE/P.Way/HNZM under ADEN/HNZM for the year 2023-24 **Similar nature of work:-** Any type of track work.

B. TRR (P) 5.180 TKM location at km 2.860 to 5.0 South & North Line (UP/DN) DLI-DEE in the section of SSE/P Way/DEE under ADEN/DEE **Similar nature of work:-** CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ballast screening/regulating machinies & TTR by T-28.

C. TRR(P) 60 KG 15.538 KM from (UP Line KM 1494/0 to 1500.823 and DN Line KM 1481.755 to 1482/0, 1501.12 to 1507.98 & 1513.208 to 1514.986) between PWL-JNC section UP & DN line work the section of SSE/P way/FDB under ADEN TKD and from (GAL DN km 1523.471 to 1524.428 & III line km 1518.59 to 1519) between HNZM-JNC in the section of SSE/P Way/NZM under ADEN/HNZM. **Similar nature of work:-** CTR/TRR/TFR/TTR including raising of track screening, distressing of track, pre & post works for track maintenance machine like tamping machines/ballast screening/regulating machinies & TTR by T-28.

Approx. Cost of work	**A.** Rs. 8499741.37	**B.** Rs. 9859761.93	
	C. Rs. 22374063.06		
Earnest Money Deposit	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 201025//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)		
A. Rs. 170000.00	**B.** Rs. 184800.00	**C.** Rs. 250900.00	
Completion period of work	**A.** 09 Months	**B.** 06 Months	**C.** 06 Months
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 02.01.2024 Opening of tender at 15:00 hrs. On 02.01.2024		
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**		

No. 128-W/280/OET/2023-24/W-V/NIT-28-A, B & C Date: 08.12.2023 3871/2023

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

No. CEN-2023-24-22 **Date: 06.12.2023**

Dy. Chief Engineer/Const /North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 15.00 hrs. on 01.01.2024. The details of the tenders are as under: -

S.N.	Tender No.	Name of Work
1	CEN -2023 -24-22	Project Supervision Services (PSS) for "Manikpur-Khairar doubling Project including all Bridge, Civil works, P.way, Signalling, telecommunication, Electrical, quality control, planning, and execution Manikpur-Banda-Khairar section Uttar Pradesh.

Approx.cost of work (Rs.) : 9,93,22,624/-, **Bid Security (Rs) :** 646600/-, **Completion Period :** 30 Months, **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 01.01.2024, 15:00 hrs., **Date of Opening of Tender :** 01.01.2024, 15:30 hrs., **Type of Tendering:** Open Tender (Two Packet System)

Note:- 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Webite **www.ireps.gov.in** up to 15.00 on the due date of tender opening i.e. 01.01.2024. **2.** Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **3.** The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per Appendix-5 of RFP in favour of FA & CAO/C/NCR/PRYJ as given in Tender Document and shall be valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period. **4.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight way ignored and shall not be considered. **5.** Joint Venture (JV)/Consortiums/MOUs shall be considered for the tender having cost more than 10 Cr. **6.** Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **7.** The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document in standard format for all items without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **8.** Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). Only those documents which are declared explicitly by the tenderer as "documents supporting the claim qualifying the laid down eligibility criteria", will be considered for evaluation his/their tender. In case of any wrong information submitted by the tenderer, the contract will be terminated, Bid Security (BS), Performance Guarantee (PG and Security Deposit (SD)) of contract will be forfeited and agency will be banned for doing business on entire Indian Railways for five (5) years. **9.** GST Act & rules issued from time to time by the Government authorities shall be applicable. **10.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of **IREPS** may be approached. **11.** Tender online can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on 01.01.2024 and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. on same day. **1997/23(AN)**

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OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI

(Transport Cell)
Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001
E-mail ID-support@ranchimunicipal.com

Tender Notice No:490/Trans. Date:-09/12/2023

Notice Inviting E-Tender (2nd Call)

1.	Work Item Title	Request for Proposal for Selection of Fare Collection Agency and Service Provider for Implementation of Automatic Fare Collection System for city bus service for RMC
2.	Bid Validity days	180 Days
3.	Contract Period	10 Years
4.	Location	Ranchi
5.	Pin Code	834001
6.	Pre Bid Meeting	16/12/2023 at 11:30 AM
7.	Pre Bid Meeting Address	Office of Administrator, Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi
8.	Bid Opening Place	Office of Administrator, Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi
9.	Tender Fee	Rs 25,000+18% GST (Through online payment gateway of jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
10.	EMD Fee	Rs 25,00,000/- (Through online payment gateway of jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
11.	EMD Exemption Allowed	No
12.	Tender Publishing date on Website (jharkhandtenders.gov.in)	11/12/2023
13.	Bid Submission Start Date	11/12/2023
14.	Bid Submission End Date	01/01/2024 till 5:00 PM
15.	Technical Bid Opening Date	02/01/2024 at 5:00 PM
16.	Inviting Officer	Administrator, Ranchi Municipal Corporation
17.	Inviting Officer Address Phone/email :	Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Kutchery Ranchi. Email- support@ranchimunicipal.com

Tender Fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is to be paid through online mode as per instruction of IT Dept., Govt. of Jharkhand letter No. 120 dated 03.10.2023.

Further detail can be seen on Jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Administrator,
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi

PR 313123Ranchi Municipal Corporation(23-24)#D

INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India)

Head Office : A-13, Sector-1, Noida-201 301 (U.P.)
Phone 0120-2474050 & 2544036, Fax 0120-2522969

Notice Inviting Tender No. IWAI/KOL/NW-44(ICHAMATIRIVER)/SWARUPNAGARBRIDGE

Tender for Design & Construction of Single Lane Bridge at Swaroopnagar, (WB) across Ichamati River (NW-44) including Approach Road and RE wall on EPC mode.

e-Bids from prospective applicants for the above tender are invited as per the following salient dates. Date of download of Tender documents starts from **08.12.2023 at 1500 Hrs.** Last date of online submission of e-tender: **28.12.2023 at 1500 Hrs.** Date of opening: **29.12.2023 at 1530 Hrs.** Tender criteria & other details are available at IWAI's website i.e., **www.iwai.nic.in** and **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.** **Member (Tech)**

ट्रूप कम्फर्ट्स लिमिटेड
Troop Comforts Limited

भारत सरकार का उपक्रम, रक्षा मंत्रालय
A Govt. of India Enterprise, Ministry of Defence
कार्पोरेट मुख्यालयः जीटी रोड, कानपुर (उ.प्र.) 208013
Corporate HQRS : G.T. Road Kanpur (U.P.) 208013

Bid No. GEM/2023/B/4085457 has been published on GeM regarding Hiring of Consultancy Services for Business Growth of TCL with Bid end date as 19/12/2023 time 12:00 PM. Please visit GeM for more information and apply.

(संजय गुप्ता)
कार्य प्रबंधक
कृते ट्रूप कम्फर्ट्स लिमिटेड

KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED

No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560079, Phone: +91-80-29619801
Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com

No:KSMSCL/DRUGS/RETND/ECRP-I & II/VTM & RAT KITS/140/2023-24 Dated: 08.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: 1. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/RETND/ECRP-I & II/VTM & RAT KITS/140/2023-24, Dated: 08.12.2023. (IND-0070)

Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:

1. Tender for the supply of VTM & RAT Kits under ECRP-I & II (IND-0070)

Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 08.12.2023.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/-
Managing Director
KSMSCL, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/RO/2477/2023-24

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG-E-2023-170, **Description of work: Khairar- Manikpur section:-** Replacement of channel sleepers on girder bridges-462 Nos.

Approx Cost : 16775102.09, **Earnest Money:** 233900.00

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter : 06 Months **Date of closing Tender : 04.01.2024 at 15:00 hrs.**, Tender online can be submitted up to **15:00 hrs** on **04.01.2024** . For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** **1992/23(P)**

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

No. CEE/T&P/SEE-1/2/EE-T2/T4(R)/T6/T7/AEE-T3/T4/T13/P1/2023-24/9188-215 Dated : 08.12.2023

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following Works/Goods against following Enquiry Numbers:

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/SS/ WORK_ INDENT370 Establishing 2X10MVA, 110/11kV Sub-station at **Yarehalli** and Construction of 110kV LILO line from 110kV Shivamogga-Neralekere (SBT-2) line to the proposed 110kV substation at Yarehalli for a distance of **1.51kms** in Tarikere Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/TL/WORK_ INDENT371 Reconductoring of existing 66kV Coyote conductor by HTLS Conductor (Ampacity equivalent to Drake ACSR) of 66kV DC line from 220kV **Yachenahally sub-station to 66kV Channarayapatna** S/s (Line-1 & Line-2) for a distance of **4.791kms** along with replacement of 66kV class CTs by higher capacity at 220/66kV Yachenahally S/s and 66kV Channarayapatna on **Total Turnkey Basis.**

3) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_ INDENT369 Establishing 1x8MVA, 66/11 kV substation at **Madapura (Jamburu)** and construction of 66kV LILO line using Coyote Conductor from proposed 66kV Suntikoppa-Hangalshettyhalli SC line to proposed 66/11kV Madapura sub-station for a distance of **1.524 km** in Somavarpet Taluk, Kodagu District on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

4) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/UC/WORK_ INDENT372 Strengthening of existing 66kV **Sarjapura-Attibele** SC line by replacing existing SC coyote line & stringing of 2nd circuit on existing DC towers using **HTLS conductor** (physical properties of ACSR Coyote & ampacity equivalent to ACSR Drake) from 220/66kV Sarjapura sub-station to CTT by the side of NH-7 for a route length of **11.834km** & running 66kV 1000sq.mm SC UG cable from the existing CTT by the side of NH-7 to the existing 66/11kV Attibele sub-station for a route length of **4.772km** along with construction of 66kV TB each at 220/66kV Sarjapura & 66/11kV Attibele sub-station in Bengaluru district on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

5) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK_ INDENT373 Construction and conversion of transmission Lines between **Neelagunda, Punabhaghatta,** Uchangidurga and Bilichodu and construction of terminal bays at Neelagunda and Mellekatte in Davangere Taluk & District on **Total Turnkey Basis.**

No. CEE(T&P)/SEE-2/EE12N/KCO153/2023-24/9216-21 Dated : 08.12.2023

6) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/EL/WORK_INDENT374 Upgradation of **existing SCADA system** in KPTCL and ESCOMs for monitoring and real time operation of the Grid covering all 400kV, 220kV, 110kV, 66kV, 33 kV, IPPs and Major Generating stations conforming to KPTCL specifications on **Total Turnkey basis.**

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **13.12.2023 at 15:00hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **28.12.2023 for Sl. No. (1) to (5) & 04.01.2024 for Sl. No. (6) at 15:00hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.

All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy.
Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL,
3rd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560009.

OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI

(Transport Cell)
Kutchery Road, Ranchi-834001
E-mail ID-support@ranchimunicipal.com

Tender Notice No: 489/Trans. Date:-09/12/2023

Notice Inviting E-Tender (3rd Call)

1.	Work Item Title	Selection of Bus Operators for Procure, Own, Operate, Maintain and Transfer a fleet of 24 Nos. AC Electric and 220 Nos. Non-AC Diesel buses for the City of Ranchi.
2.	Bid Validity days	180 Days
3.	Contract Period	10 Years
4.	Location	Ranchi
5.	Pin Code	834001
6.	Pre Bid Meeting	16/12/2023 at 11:30 AM
7.	Pre Bid Meeting Address	Office of Administrator, Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi
8.	Bid Opening Place	Office of Administrator, Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi
9.	Tender Fee	Rs 25,000+18% GST (Through online payment gateway of jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
10.	EMD Fee	Rs 1,00,00,000/- (Through online payment gateway of jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
11.	EMD Exemption Allowed	No
12.	Tender Publishing date on Website (jharkhandtenders.gov.in)	11/12/2023
13.	Bid Submission Start Date	11/12/2023
14.	Bid Submission End Date	01/01/2024 till 5:00 PM
15.	Technical Bid Opening Date	02/01/2024 at 5:00 PM
16.	Inviting Officer	Administrator, Ranchi Municipal Corporation
17.	Inviting Officer Address Phone/email :	Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Kutchery Ranchi. Email- support@ranchimunicipal.com

Tender Fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is to be paid through online mode as per instruction of IT Dept., Govt. of Jharkhand letter No. 120 dated 03.10.2023. Further detail can be seen on Jharkhandtenders.gov.in Sd/-

Administrator,
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi

PR **313121** (Ranchi Municipal Corporation) 23-24 (D)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Notice No.2023-Dec-01 **Dated 07.12.2023**

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), North Central Railway Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only **(E-Tendering)** for the following works. The details of the tender are as under:

SN	Tender No.	Description of work	Approx Cost Rs.
1	2023-Dec-01-01	Repair and maintenance associated works/ activities for one year in jurisdiction of SSE/Works/Line/MTJ under ADEN-II/MTJ. **Part-B:-** MTJ-Items required for petty repairs in jurisdiction of SSE/Works/Line/MTJ under ADEN-II/MTJ	8184029.84
2	2023-Dec-01-02	Construction of RCC boundary wall at various remaining locations to prevent trespassing & encroachment in BFP-MTJ section on GD/GQ route.	**Approx Cost Rs.** 58159088.49
3	2023-Dec-01-03	**A-** MTJ-AH: TRR(S) 3.800 Kms of loop line at MTJ, BSA, PRK and misc. works **B-** MTJ AWR: Jadoli ka Bas-Provision of Goods Siding. **C-** Deep screening work between MTJ AWR Section at Station BEDM, BINR, JBS, RAH & OTD	**Approx Cost Rs.** 6641366.64
4	2023-Dec-01-04	**A-** Mathura -Kosi Kalan: Cess Repair-40 Km. **B-** Construction of Cess Road between BTSR VRBD in MTJ-PWL sec.	**Approx Cost Rs.** 39348582.86
5	2023-Dec-01-05	**(A)** Carrying out survey work of existing track including leveling and preparation of L-section as per requirement of site Engineer in Mathura-Palwal, MTJ-AWR & MTJ-AH section under Sr. DEN-I/Agra. **(B)** Providing facilitation services for land acquisition under jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-I/Agra	**Approx Cost Rs.** 2611887.10
6	2023-Dec-01-06	Provision of Type-II quarters (08 units) in South Colony, Agra Cantt against abandoned Type-II quarters RB-II-251 (Block of 08 units) in North Colony at Agra Cantt Station.	**Approx Cost Rs.** 19623332.63
7	2023-Dec-01-07	Sale of abandoned light repair shed building in DEMU shed Campus at Agra Cantt on as and where basis including wood serviceable, galvalume sheet and ferrous materials including disposal of unserviceable materials as directed by Engineer in charge".	**Approx Cost Rs.** 1037869.06

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **"www.ireps.gov.in"** Tenders can only be submitted through web portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** **up to 15.00 hrs. on 29.12.2023** **2001/23(K)**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Expression of Interest (EOI) for writing original Text Books

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) invites Expression of Interest from Faculty Members to write original text books for 3rd year UG and Diploma subjects as per the model curricula published by the Council. The list of the subjects and the authors/ reviewers willingness form is available at **https://forms.gle/iturpdspqtTLjLmD8**

Interested Faculty Members are requested to submit their willingness on or before **31st December 2023.**

Advt. No.: TLB/AICTE/12(01)2023 **Member Secretary**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Afjal @ Imran** S/o Israt Ali R/o H.No. 131, Pocket-13, Sector-A-6, Narela, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence FIR No. 205/20 dated 10.05.2020 u/s 376/323/506 IPC P.S. Narela, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Afjal @ Imran** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Afjal @ Imran** absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Afjal @ Imran** accused of FIR No. 205/20 dated 10.05.2020 u/s 376/323/506 IPC P.S. Narela, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **04.03.2024.**

By Order: Sh. Viplav Dabas
Addl. Distt. & Session Judge
Fast Track Court, Room No. 204,
2nd Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/14119/ON/23

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS KATHUA

E-mail : sspkathua@jkpolice.gov.in
Fax/Phone No. : 01922-234010

LOOK OUT NOTICE

On 29-11-2023, one Rakesh Kumar S/O Hans Raj R/O Sahar Logate District Kathua lodged a written report at PS Kathua stating therein that on 28-11-2023, his wife namely Ekta Devi age about 32 years is missing. The complainant tried his best to search his wife but all in vain. On this, missing report vide DD No. 25 dated 29-11-2023 has been entered at P/S Kathua.

During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate missing individual, whereas she is still un-traced.

As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individual is being shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about her whereabouts may inform us accordingly. The informer will be rewarded suitably :-

DESCRIPTION ROLL

- Name — Ekta Devi
- Husband — Rakesh Kumar
- Permanent Address — Sahar Logate
- Present Address — Sahar Logate
- Tehsil — Kathua
- Police Station — Kathua
- Age — 32 years
- Height — 05 Feet
- Complexion — Wheatish
- Built — Normal
- Face — oval
- Eyes — Black
- Languages known — Dogri, Hindi

PHOTOGRAPH

Any information related to the whereabouts of the subject may be communicated on following contacts :-

1. DPO Kathua - 01922-234010 (Phone/Fax)
2. dpokathua@jkpolice.gov.in (Mail ID)
3. PCR Kathua - 01922-234311 (Phone/Fax)
4. Police Station Kathua - 01922234310

Sr. Superintendent of Police, Kathua.

DIP No:DIP/J-12314/23/08/12/2023

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"

Notice is hereby given to all user of Railway line and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of North Central Railway, that the 132 kV TR line shifting work is in progress in connection with ROB at LC No-9 & 10 (Between Phaphund-Pata Railway Station) at between Loc 1103/3-5 to 1105/11-12. This TR Line will be shifted in between Tower No 243 to 257 Near Kinno Village, Kejari Village, Shiganpur Village, Pata Plant Tehsil & Distt. Auraiya Uttar Pradesh. This 132 kV TR Line will be energized on 30.12.2023 or after the date. From the same date, the TR line shall be treated as live line at all times and no unauthorized person shall attempt to access or act on this TR line.

Date of Energization : 30.12.2023

Section	Tower No/KM/Location/Chainage	
	From	To
Shifting of 132 kV Railway Transmission line in connection with construction of Road over bridge at level crossing No-9 & 10 between Kanpur to Tundla Section of Prayagraj division of North Central Railway.	Tower No-243	Tower No-257

1994/23 (D)

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const.
North Central Railway, Kanpur

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UJVN LIMITED

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Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website:www.ujvnl.com

Letter No:1207 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Date: 08/12/2023

Office of the Executive Engineer, PCM(GV), Mayapur, Haridwar invites sealed & separate tenders from interested bidders. Brief summary of tenders are given below:-

1. Tender Notice Reference:
NIT No.- 12/2023-24/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur:- M&R Work of Mayapur Colony for the year 2023-24.

NIT No.- 13/2023-24/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur:- Providing Approach Road for New Type-IIIrd Residential Building at Mohammadpur.

2. Estimated Value of Tenders:- Rs. 9,99,980.15 and Rs. 7,44,267.40 respectively, excluding GST.

3. Date of availability of bid document on website:- .08.12.2023 from 13:00 Hrs.

4. Last Date for Submission of Tender:- 29.12.2023 upto13:00 Hrs.

For eligibility criteria and full and further details kindly visit our website. The tender can be downloaded from our website i.e. **http://ujvnl.com** and tender cost shall be paid at the time of submission of the tender.

Executive Engineer, PCM (GV),

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 16/2023 **Dated:** 07.12.2023

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

S.N.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	EMD (Rs.)
1	13235353A	Fire Extinguisher capacity 04 KG. As per attached specification as Annexure A-1	82 Nos	50,710/-
2	13236536A	Lead Acid Secondary Cell 2 volt 300 AH low maintenance confirming to IRS:S-88/2004 with latest Amendments	510 Nos	88,880/-

Tender Opening Date: 04.01.2024, Note: (1) The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on **IREPS** Website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in (2)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender, For this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with **Class III Digital Signature** certificates issued by **CCA** under **IT Act-2000**. **(3)** Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/ letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. **(4)** Documents being attached should be signed on their body. **(5)** Allocation for "Cost of Drawing" is Z-650 and for "Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)" is Deposit Misc. Stores-**00844517**. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the **IREPS** website may be approached. **2000/23 (P)**

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Ref. No. 1763/I1-02(xix)-2/ITCO/URRDA/23 Dated: 06-12-2023

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)
e-Procurement Notice- 20/2023-24

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of **Chamoli & Haridwar** for **02** number of packages with estimated cost totaling to **Rs. 14.84 Crore** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent*.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: **06-12-2023.**

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in **www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in.** The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with **CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD/MBD, only up to or before the time and date of the submission of the Bids (for World Bank funded works) and on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid (for Regular PMGSY Works),** either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement:
19-12-2023, 01:00 PM

For further details please log on to **www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in**

Chief Engineer
URRDA, Dehradun

**Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.*

Note: For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, Dasarahalli Division, MEI Layout, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bagalagunte, T.Dasarahalli, Bengaluru - 560 073

No: BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/11/2023-24 **Date: 08.12.2023**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Two Tender Document System) (Through **GOK KPP Portal** only)

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Name of the Work	Amount Put To Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
Providing Manpower Doddabidarakallu MSW Processing Plant, Bengaluru.	**205.00**	**3.08**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the kpp portal of Government of Karnataka from **15.12.2023**. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **08.01.2024** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Pre-Bid for 2 Cover tender meeting will be held on **22.12.2023** at **11:30** am in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, MEI Layout, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru - 73. (4) Technical Bids will be opened on the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP on **09.01.2024** at **4:30** pm. (5) Financial Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP on **10.01.2024** at **4:30** pm. (If Possible) (6) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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Executive Engineer - Dasarahalli Division

After US vetoes UN truce push, Israel hits north & south Gaza

Deaths Cross 17k | West Bank Toll 274 | Hostage Dies In Captivity

Deir Al-Balah, Gaza Strip: Israel is pounding the north and the south of the Gaza Strip with airstrikes and artillery on Saturday, a day after the United States vetoed a UN resolution demanding an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres for the first time invoked Article 99 of the UN Charter, which enables a UN chief to highlight threats he sees to international peace. He warned of a "humanitarian catastrophe" in Gaza. But US deputy ambassador Robert Wood said on Friday that halting military action would allow Hamas to continue to rule Gaza and "only plant the seeds for the next war."

An Israeli man who was taken hostage by Hamas militants has died in captivity, his community announced Saturday. His captors said Sahar Baruch was killed during a failed rescue mission by Israeli forces early Friday. The Israeli military has only confirmed that two soldiers were seriously wounded in an attempted hostage rescue and that no hostages were freed.

Baruch, 25, was among about 240 people taken hostage during Hamas' Oct 7 attack on southern Israel, in which militants from Gaza also killed about 1,200 people. Baruch's brother was killed in the attack on their community, Kibbutz Be'eri. More than 130 hostages remain in captivity.

The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza said the death toll in the territory has surpassed 17,400 over the past two months, with more than 46,000 wounded. Two hospitals in central and southern Gaza received the bodies of 133 people killed in Israeli bombings over the past 24 hours. Seventy-one bodies were brought to the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Hospital in Deir al-Balah. In the southern city of Khan Younis, Nasser Hospital received the bodies of 62 people, the ministry said.

In West Bank, Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man on Saturday and a second Palestinian man died from wounds he sustained in an Israeli raid the day before. The deaths brought to 274 the number of Palestinians killed in the occupied territory since the start of the war two months ago. Most of the Palestinians were killed during shootouts that the Israeli military says began during operations to arrest suspected militants. AP

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PROTESTS AMID A CENSORSHIP: Climate activists raise banners and the colours of the Palestinian flag, during a joint 'climate justice' and 'ceasefire now' march, demanding an end to the violence in the Gaza Strip, at the United Nations climate summit in Dubai on Saturday. Protesters were told they could not say "from the river to the sea", a slogan previously prohibited by the UN over the days of COP28. Protestors got around rules banning national flags by instead wearing keffiyehs and holding signs depicting watermelons — symbols of Palestinian resistance

US 'responsible for bloodshed' of Gaza children after UN veto: Mahmud Abbas

Ramallah, Palestinian Territories: Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas said Saturday the United States was "responsible for the bloodshed" of children in Gaza after it vetoed a UN Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire in the territory. "The president has described the American position as aggressive and immoral, a blatant violation of all humanitarian values and principles, and holds the United States responsible for the bloodshed of Palestinian children, women, and elderly in Gaza" due to its support for Israel, said a statement from Abbas's office. Abbas said that the "US policy makes it complicit in the crimes of genocide, ethnic cleansing, and war crimes committed by the Israeli occupation forces against Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank, and Jerusalem". AFP

Using emergency authority, US set to provide tank shells to Israel

Washington: The Biden administration has used an emergency authority to allow the sale of about 14,000 tank shells to Israel without congressional review, the Pentagon said on Saturday.

The state department on Friday used an Arms Export Control Act emergency declaration for the tank rounds worth $106.5 million for immediate delivery to Israel, the Pentagon said in a statement.

The shells are part of a bigger sale that was first reported by *Reuters* on Friday that the Biden administration is asking the US Congress to approve. The larger package is worth more than $500 million and comprises of 45,000 shells for Israel's Merkava tanks, regularly deployed in its offensive in Gaza, which has killed thousands of civilians. Rights advocates expressed concern over the sale, saying it doesn't align with Washington's effort to press Israel to minimize civilian casualties. REUTERS

Ousted in 1999 for opposing Kargil, claims Pakistan ex-PM Nawaz Sharif

Lahore: Pakistan's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif on Saturday said he was ousted from the government in 1999 by then General Pervez Musharraf for opposing the Kargil misadventure, as he underlined the importance of having good relations with India and other neighbours.

The three-time prime minister questioned why he was ousted from the office of the prime minister prematurely. "I should be told why I was ousted in 1993 and 1999. When I opposed the Kargil plan saying it should not happen... I was ousted (by Gen Musharraf). And later what I said proved right," Sharif said here while speaking to the aspirants of his party tickets.

SEEKING DOSTI, AGAIN: Sharif said it was only during his tenure that two Indian PMs had visited Pakistan — "Modi sahab and Vajpayee sahab had come to Lahore," he said

The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader said on all three occasions being the premier, he was delivering but he was sent packing and that he did not know why. "I want to know why I was ousted every time," he asked.

Sharif also spoke about the visit of two Indian prime ministers to Pakistan only when he was the prime minister of Pakistan. "We have delivered on every front. During my tenure as PM, two Indian prime ministers visited Pakistan. Modi sahab and Vajpayee sahab had come to Lahore," the former prime minister said, stressing improved relations with India and other neighbouring countries. "We will have to improve our relations with India, Afghanistan, and Iran. We need to make more stronger relations with China," Sharif said.

He regretted that Pakistan lagged behind its neighbours in economic growth and development.

Lashing out at Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party's jailed former chairman Imran Khan, Sharif said he did not know why an inexperienced man was given the reins of the country. "The economy witnessed a downfall during Imran Khan's government (2018-2202). Then the Shehbaz Sharif government took over in April 2022 and rescued the country from default."

Sharif reiterated his demand for accountability of former military generals and judges for ruining the country by ousting his government in 2017. PTI

Texas SC pauses woman's bid to abort fetus with abnormality

The Texas Supreme Court temporarily blocked a pregnant woman from obtaining an emergency abortion on Friday, shortly after the state's attorney general requested the block. The legal battle is a major test case since the US Supreme Court overturned the nationwide constitutional right to abortion last year, enabling states like Texas to pass near complete bans.

The Texas court halted a lower court ruling allowing the emergency abortion, responding to a petition from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton earlier in the day. "Without regard to the merits, the court administratively stays the district court's December 7, 2023 order," the late Friday ruling said.

The woman, Kate Cox, 31, of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, sought court authorization for the abortion because her fetus was diagnosed on Nov 27 with trisomy 18, a genetic abnormality that usually results in miscarriage, stillbirth or death soon after birth.

Cox, who is about 20 weeks pregnant, said in her lawsuit that she would need to undergo her third caesarean section if she continues the pregnancy.

That could jeopardize her ability to have more children, which she said she and her husband want.

"While we still hope that the Court ultimately rejects the state's request and does so quickly, in this case we fear that justice delayed will be justice denied," said Molly Duane, senior staff attorney at the Center for Reproductive Rights. REUTERS

CHINESE COAST GUARD USES WATER CANNON ON THREE PHILIPPINE VESSELS

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In this image taken from video provided by the Philippine Coast Guard, a Chinese Coast Guard ship (right) uses a water cannon on a Philippine Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources vessel as it approaches Scarborough Shoal in the disputed South China Sea on Saturday. The Philippines and its treaty ally, the United States, separately condemned the high-seas aggression by the Chinese, together with suspected militia ships that repeatedly blasted water cannons to block three Philippine fisheries vessels. The noontime assault caused "significant damage" to the communication and navigation equipment of one of the three ships, Filipino officials said. They said without elaborating that suspected militia vessels accompanying Chinese coast guard ships used a long-range acoustic device that could impair hearing, causing "severe temporary discomfort and incapacitation to some Filipino crew."

EU strikes deal to regulate AI tech

The European Union reached a hard-fought deal on what is poised to become the most comprehensive regulation of artificial intelligence in the western world. Thierry Breton, the bloc's internal market chief, said the deal strikes a balance between fostering innovation and protecting the rights of people and companies. "We do not want any mass surveillance in Europe."

After more than 37 hours of negotiations this week, delegates from the European Commission, the European Parliament and 27 member countries agreed to a set of controls for generative artificial intelligence tools such as OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's Bard — the kind capable of producing content on command.

The negotiators agreed to allow some live scanning of faces, but with safeguards and exemptions, Breton said.

The deal would prohibit biometric scanning that categorizes people by sensitive characteristics, such as political or religious beliefs, sexual orientation or race. Officials said this was one of the most difficult and sensitive issues in the talks.

The proposed legislation would impose financial penalties on companies that violate the rules, with fines up to €35 million, or 7% of global turnover, depending on the infringement and the size of the company.

The draft legislation still needs to be formally approved by EU member states and the parliament. BLOOMBERG

At Calif fundraiser, Biden mocks Trump

Las Vegas: President Joe Biden kicked off a three-day, star-studded fundraising trip in California on Friday by mocking Republican front-runner Donald Trump for claiming he would be a dictator just on his first day in office if he became president again.

Trump said on Tuesday he will not become a dictator if he becomes US president again, except "on day one."

"Thank God, only one day," Biden quipped.

He blasted Trump — his predecessor and likely 2024 challenger — as a do-nothing politician. "Trump just talks the talk. We walk the walk," Biden said at a hall for unionized carpenters.

In Vegas, Biden said he's "putting high-speed rail on the fast track." The president showcased $8.2 billion in new federal funding for 10 major passenger rail projects across the country. He also emphasized the fundamental differences between Trump and himself, a sign that his policy speeches are taking an ever greater political bent with the election now roughly 11 months away. REUTERS & AP

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ALL SET: President Joe Biden in Las Vegas on Friday

Mahsa's family banned from flying for EU prize

Paris: The family of Mahsa Amini, the Iranian Kurdish woman who died in custody, have been banned from travelling to France to collect a top rights prize awarded posthumously. Amini died aged 22 on September 16, 2022, while being held by Iran's religious police for allegedly breaching the Islamic republic's strict dress code for women. Her family and supporters say she was killed. Iranian authorities claim she died in custody from a previously undisclosed medical condition.

In October, the European Union awarded its top rights honour, the Sakharov Prize, to her and the global movement her death triggered.

On Saturday her family's lawyer in France, Chirinne Ardakani, said Amini's parents and brother had been "prohibited from boarding the flight that was to take them to France". She said their passports had been confiscated. AFP

Nobel winner's kids fear they may never meet mom again

Oslo: The children of jailed Iranian Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi, 51, fear they will never meet their mother again. Her twins, Ali and Kiana Rahmani, 17, who live in exile in Paris, will accept the award in Oslo and give the Prize lecture on her behalf. REUTERS

China startup pulls off 2nd methane-fuelled rocket launch

Beijing-based startup LandSpace Technology successfully sent a second rocket powered by a methane-based fuel into space. The rocket, ZQ-2, carrying three locally made satellites, took off Saturday from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. LandSpace sent the world's first methane-fuelled rocket into orbit in July. SpaceX and others are in a race to develop rockets that can use methane-based fuel, which has potential to be cleaner and safer than solid propellants, liquid hydrogen and other fuels currently used. BLOOMBERG

How Sunak went from Rwanda plan critic to staking future on it

In the spring of 2022, Rishi Sunak, then UK Chancellor of the Exchequer, pored over details of a tough new immigration policy devised by then PM Boris Johnson and home secretary Priti Patel: to deport asylum seekers to Rwanda. Sunak and his Treasury team didn't think much of the policy, privately raising concerns with Downing Street and Cabinet colleagues about whether it would work and if it provided value for money, six people involved in the discussions said.

Sunak also had objections on ethical grounds, they said.

Now Prime Minister, Sunak has adopted the Rwanda plan as his flagship migration policy as he seeks to stave off pressure from the right of his governing Conservative Party and find divisions to close a 20-point polling deficit with the Labour opposition. That means his political fate may now hinge on making work a policy he never loved — something members of his own government fear may turn out to be a political miscalculation.

The signs aren't good. The government has paid Rwanda $301 million so far, and no deportations have yet taken place. The UK courts have ruled the plan unlawful, and the two senior ministers in charge of the policy left the Cabinet demanding a harder line still.

With a first vote on legislation to implement the policy due in the House of Commons on Tuesday, Sunak is spending the weekend trying to quell rebellions from both the right and centre of his party that pull him in different directions. Some Tory lawmakers are plotting to oust him. Allies of Liz Truss have held talks with colleagues about writing letters of no confidence, and some want Simon Clarke, a right-wing backbencher, to challenge him, people familiar with those conversations said. Truss's spokesman said she's not plotting, while Clarke said he wants the government to succeed.

Yet even some of Sunak's own inner circle wonder how he finds himself in such a mess. His critics say the answer lies in the journey he has taken, hardening his position on immigration in an effort to satisfy few Tories.

Record levels of net immigration haven't helped. In the Treasury, he pushed for more foreign graduates to be allowed to stay post-study, for migrant workers to be able to bring dependents, and for a lower salary threshold to enable more foreign workers, all in pursuit of economic growth.

Sunak's office declined to comment on his past views. The PM this week announced a clampdown on legal migration, including a higher salary threshold and less leeway to bring dependents, in an effort to deliver a record cut to net migration. BLOOMBERG

Ryan O'Neal, star of 'Love Story,' dies at 82

Los Angeles: Ryan O'Neal, the heartthrob actor who went from a TV soap opera to an Oscar-nominated role in *Love Story* and delivered a wry performance opposite his charismatic 9-year-old daughter Tatum in *Paper Moon*, died Friday, his son said.

"My dad passed away peacefully today, with his loving team by his side supporting him and loving him as he would us," Patrick O'Neal, a Los Angeles sportscaster, posted on Instagram. No cause of death was given. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2012, a decade after he was first diagnosed with chronic leukemia. He was 82.

Ryan O'Neal was among the biggest movie stars in the 1970s, working across genres with many of the era's most celebrated directors including Peter Bogdanovich on *Paper Moon* and *What's Up, Doc?* and Stanley Kubrick on *Barry Lyndon*. He often used his boyish, blond good looks to play men who hid shadowy or sinister backgrounds behind their clean-cut images. He maintained a steady television career into his 70s in the 2010s, appearing for stints on *Bones* and *Desperate Housewives*. His longtime relationship with Farrah Fawcett kept him in news. They had a son, Redmond.

With his first wife, Joanna Moore, O'Neal fathered actors Griffin O'Neal and Tatum O'Neal. He had son Patrick with his second wife, Leigh Taylor-Young. AP

AROUND THE WORLD

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A CHRISTMAS STORY: George, Charlotte and Louis — children of British prince William and wife Kate Middleton — attend the 'Together At Christmas' Carol Service' in London on Friday

Archaeologists discover 3 skeletons, 'prison bakery' in ancient Pompeii

Archaeologists excavating the ancient Roman city of Pompeii have uncovered a "prison bakery" where slaves and blindfolded donkeys were kept locked up underground to grind grain for bread, officials said this week. Underneath a house in the ruins they found "a cramped room with no view of the outside world and with small windows high in the wall, with iron bars, to let the light in", the Archaeological Park of Pompeii said. They also discovered "indentations" in the floor "to coordinate the movement of the animals, forced to walk around for hours, blindfolded". Three skeletons were discovered in one room of the bakery, showing that the house was inhabited.

Seoul says Japan inaction means 'comfort women' court ruling upheld: A South Korean court ruling in favour of a group of 16 women who were forced to work in Japanese wartime brothels was confirmed on Saturday by Japan's decision not to appeal the verdict, Seoul's foreign ministry said. An appellate court in South Korea last month ordered Japan to compensate the 16 "comfort women". "Comfort women" is a Japanese euphemism for those forced to work in its wartime brothels during its 1910-45 colonisation of the Korean peninsula and has been a point of contention for decades.

A Tyrannosaur and last meal found fossilized: Some 75.3 million years ago, a dinosaur swallowed the Cretaceous equivalent of a turkey drumstick — the hind limbs of two, small feathered dinosaurs are visible beneath its ribcage. It would turn out to be the predator's final feast. Within days of eating that haunch, the dinosaur — a juvenile Gorgosaurus that stood 5 1/2 feet tall at the hip — ended up dead in a river. By a stroke of geological luck, sediments rapidly covered much of the carcass and protected the dinosaur, and its dinner, from decay. The fossil was unveiled Friday in the journal Science Advances.

9-letter Hollywood landmark a blockbuster, hits 100

Hollywood: The landmark word has loomed over Tinseltown since before movies started talking, becoming a symbol of the entire film industry. For the first time in decades, the Hollywood sign — at least a little bit of it — was illuminated on Friday to celebrate its 100th birthday.

The nine-letter sign is officially a centenarian but, as with many an aging grande dame in Hollywood, looks as fresh as ever. Like the actors and actresses it looks down on, the sign has been in its fair share of films. Directors who want to let their audience know a movie is set in Los Angeles have an easy establishing shot, while a filmmaker who wants to signify the destruction of America can set their special effects team loose on the sign. It has also seen real life tragedy: British-born actress Peg Entwistle took her own life by plunging from the top of the letter H in 1932.

The sign, a must-see for any film buff or tourist visiting Los Angeles, initially read "HOLLYWOODLAND", having been constructed in 1923 as an advertisement for an upscale real estate development. During its first decade, it was routinely lit by thousands of bulbs, with "HOLLY", "WOOD" and "LAND" illuminated in turn as a beacon of the desireable homes on offer below. By the 1940s, the letters were looking a little ragged. The *Los Angeles Times* reported vandals or windstorms had damaged the H, before locals decided they had had enough and asked the city to tear it down.

The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, recognising that they had a blockbuster trademark on their hands, offered to fix it up. But the last four letters had to go — the sign was to represent the whole town, not just a fashionable property patch, and by 1949, the newly restored sign simply read "HOLLYWOOD". Three decades of baking sun and occasional storms took their toll on the 50-foot (15-meter)-high wooden letters. Eventually, the first O reduced to a lower case "u" and the final O toppled down completely.

Enter one Alice Cooper — the chicken-bothering father of shock rock — who led a campaign to restore the sign to its former glory, donating $28,000. Eight others, including actor Gene Autry, Playboy founder Hugh Heffner and singer Andy Williams, kicked in the same, each sponsoring a letter. (Cooper is the first O, Autry the second L, Heffner got the Y and Williams snagged the W).

The replacement letters are a tad more compact, just 44 feet high, but made of steel, although they remain characteristically off-kilter.

The Hollywood Sign Trust said last year the repainting it carried out in time for the 100th anniversary used almost 400 gallons (1,500 litres) of paint and primer. Friday night's lighting was purely symbolic, Hollywood Sign Trust chairman Jeff Zarrinnam said, with just a little stretch of the second L cutting through the gloom. Unlike most global landmarks, the Hollywood sign is not usually lit up at night, partially because of objections from people who live nearby. AFP

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SHINING LIGHT: The Hollywood Sign initially read "HOLLYWOODLAND", set up in 1923 as an advertisement for a realty project

Why West's local food fad can't save the planet

SWAMINOMICS

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The current climate summit in Dubai, called COP28, will once again call for a wide range of measures to save the earth. Because of the political difficulty of implementing measures like a big tax on petrol and diesel, some western activists are campaigning for buying food and other goods locally, and not from distant countries like India and China that entail thousands of miles of transport. Called locavores, they seek to cut "food miles". This may seem intuitively attractive, but makes neither economic nor environmental sense.

Just consider locavorism within India. Should Punjabis grow coconuts and Keralites grow wheat to cut transport costs? Absolutely not. The yield of coconuts will be dismal in Punjab and of wheat in Kerala. The agroclimatic conditions are totally wrong. It will take five times as much land to grow the wrong crops in the wrong place, so the attempt to save food miles requires an enormous diversion of land and water from productive purposes to unproductive ones, and that requires a huge number of extra calories. This will not only be very expensive, its net calorie usage will be higher than that of carrying wheat to Kerala or coconuts to Punjab because efficient transport systems use astonishingly few calories per kilo. Of course, many Indian transport systems are inefficient, but the solution is not locavorism but transport improvement, which is anyway an urgent climate necessity.

If locavorism is adopted on a large scale, agricultural production will fall so much that India will have to import all food. That, of course, will increase food miles. Moreover, shortages galore will spread, and prices will skyrocket. Some years ago, Stephen Budiansky said sarcastically in The New York Times: "It is sinful in New York to buy a tomato grown in California because of the energy spent to truck it across the country: it is virtuous to buy one grown in a lavishly heated greenhouse in, say, the Hudson Valley."

US locavores argue that it takes 36-97 calories of fossil fuel to transport one calorie of lettuce from California to New York. This is highly misleading since it ignores the fact that, as food, lettuce has very few calories. But growing lettuce takes 11,000 calories per kilo, and transporting it across the US requires just 2% to 6% extra using refrigerated trains.

Budiansky calculates that one tablespoon of diesel (around 100 calories of fuel) is enough to move one pound of rail freight over 3,000 miles (around 4,800 km). Truck transport takes thrice as much, 300 calories, for the same job. Still, that's peanuts compared with energy used in cultivation. Just driving 10 miles to a local farmers' market can require 14,000 calories of fuel. Personal transport is very inefficient compared with bulk transport.

DON'T BE LOCO: COP28 is discussing reforms of global food systems but the western argument for locavorism is actually protectionism in disguise

The US moves agricultural produce right across the continent. Yet on an average transportation accounts for only 14% of the total energy consumed by the US food system. Chile, a major exporter of off-season fruit and vegetables to Los Angeles, and thence to the whole US, sends produce by sea transport which is astonishingly cheap. A Chilean economist told me that the cost of transport by sea from Peru to California was "peanuts".

Some think that modern agriculture is too energy intensive. Certainly, major cost-cutting is feasible. But Budiansky calculates that most calories used in the food system are in homes. Home storage, preparation and appliances account for 32% of food system energy, the largest component by far. Just running a refrigerator for a week can consume 9,000 calories. Cooking, dishwashers, freezers, and additional appliances all soak up energy. More than charity begins at home.

Sadly, locavorism is one more form of disguised protectionism. It protects farmers in rich countries from more efficient farmers in developing countries. It hurts not only Third World farmers but rips off local consumers through bogus claims of saving the planet.

There is indeed a case for buying locally grown food. It can be fresher. Since local fruit and vegetables are harvested when ripe, and not artificially ripened, they can be tastier than produce grown in distant places. Well-off folk are happy to pay a premium for fresh, tasty, local produce. But let no one think that buying locally will reduce food miles or save the planet. The very opposite is true.

The best use we can make of our limited land, water and agroclimatic conditions is for each area to specialise in what it produces best, and then spend the very modest amounts of energy needed to transport it to consumers. This specialisation raises yields and reduces shortages. It saves huge areas of forest and grasslands from having to be diverted to agriculture to feed the population. It raises farm incomes, increases farm labour demand and wages, and reduces poverty. It even helps save the planet. ■

As a teen, Spiderman really resonated so Pavitr to Peter Parker is full circle

*We can roll our eyes at the plethora of superhero multiverses, but it is undeniably cool to have an Indian Spiderman, Pavitr Prabhakar. Writer **Nikesh Shukla**, who has just helmed the latest run of 'Spider-Man: India', is in Delhi for Comic Con. At the bustling event full of young people in cosplay, Shukla spoke to **Ketaki Desai** about writing the comic, and the limits of representation politics*

FOR THE RECORD

■ What was the process of writing 'Spider-Man: India' like for someone who's been a lifelong fan?

It was constantly looking in the mirror and pinching myself and asking, is this happening? It was one of the greatest honours of my life. There was something about Peter Parker that really resonated with me. He was a kid whose entire life was dictated by shame and guilt. He had the whole world on his shoulders and every time he tried to do something right, he made things worse for himself and that's how every teenager feels. Me and my best friend Junaid would sit in the back of the comic shop on Saturdays and read comics and buy one each so we could swap. I never had full runs of comics, so I would have part one to three, but not part four for some reason, so I started writing my versions of how these stories would finish on notepads. Writing Spiderman fanfiction is what taught me to write. Now I got to write a Pavitr storyline, which was great, but also, I've been given a Peter Parker storyline to do, which is a full circle moment for me. It's for teenage Nikesh.

■ In the essay collection you edited, 'The Good Immigrant', various writers take on race, immigration and issues of identity and belongingness. How have things changed since the book?

What's happening in the UK today when it comes to immigration is far more perplexing than anything, I could have ever imagined. We have these far-right policies in which refugees are constantly demonised and threatened with deportation. It is disgusting. What makes it more so is that the last two home secretaries have been of South Asian descent. We're told we must celebrate multiculturalism because Rishi Sunak, Priti Patel, Suella Braverman have ascended to the highest office, but look at what they're doing. 'The Good Immigrant' talked about representation and identity, but now I see that representation politics is not enough. Representation is not liberation. It means people like Braverman enact some of the most racist policies I have ever seen. That chant that you hear in protests all over the world, that none of us are free till all of us are free, is important.

■ Tell us about your memoir written in the form of letters for your daughter.

The starting point of that book was how do I raise my child to be joyful in a world that feels so bleak? My answer to it — spoiler alert for the book — is that all you can do is be present in what's immediately around you. Working on 'Brown Baby' in the early days of the pandemic, I got to focus on my street and my kids and my immediate surroundings and do good work there, because that's where I had the power and influence to do so in that moment. Social media made me less present in the world. As a writer, my job is not to look down at my phone, but to look up and bear witness to the world around me. I was just spending too long looking down at what Charlie Brooker refers to as my black mirror. It's easier to find joy when you look up.

■ In it, you also discuss your relationship with food, particularly in the context of grieving your mum. In what ways do grief and food intersect for you?

There's a specific moment where food became a time machine for me. We were packing up my childhood home when I came across old Tupperware boxes of my mother's cooking in the freezer. I hadn't really thought up until that moment that I'll never have my mum's cooking again. After she died, the kitchen became a museum — this is where my mum held court. I defrosted the Tupperware box and the smells filled the kitchen. I could hear the echoes of my mum shouting over Hindi songs on the radio, and I was transported. Ever since then, I've been trying to replicate those dishes because in our household, food was love and a way to communicate love.

■ You turned down an MBE a few years ago. Could you explain why?

This is a great moment to say rest in peace to the wonderful poet Benjamin Zephaniah, who famously turned down an OBE. Not long before that, a guy called John Pandit from a band I was obsessed with called Asian Dub Foundation turned down an MBE. Both were big heroes of mine. There is integrity in saying no. When the offer came in, it was from the Prime Minister's office, who at the time was Boris Johnson, which made it easier. When it came down to it, I don't want what those letters mean after my name.

■ All kinds of content has blown up in India, but we don't really have a definitive superhero property. Why do you think that is?

Listen, people, come and find me. I've got loads of ideas. (laughs)

Statutory warning: Romanticising brutish majnus can be injurious to women

POLITICALLY INCORRECT

SHOBHAA DE

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report for 2022, there has been a 4% surge in crimes against women. Delhi has the highest number of such crimes followed by Mumbai. Cruelty by husband or his relatives, like in the past years, accounted for a majority of the cases at 31%. Women's rights activists stress the 'normalisation' of such crimes, despite laws being in place and greater awareness among women. A recent high-profile case made headlines when the wife of a Mumbai industrialist went public with allegations of physical abuse and assault, mental and emotional trauma against her husband of 30-plus years. Ironically, the NCRB report comes close on the heels of a big-ticket movie release in which the superstar hero is shown mouthing offensive anti-women dialogues and displaying obnoxious alpha male behaviour, which includes slapping his lady love to show her he means business.

Of course, this is not the first film to endorse, applaud and condone a male protagonist who controls and humiliates the women in his life 'for their own good'. But this is the first such film in recent memory that blatantly celebrates the subjugation of women and glorifies a man who resorts to unspeakable violence in the name of daddy love. The fact that the film has been declared a hit, and male audiences are going back for more says a lot about us. Even some filmmakers have jumped in to support the right of directors to make any kind of film they want.

But they are missing the point. Romanticising male Neanderthal behaviour in a country where women continue to suffer daily abuse as their lot in life has a corrosive, long-term impact besides being the height of insensitivity. After all, the power exerted by popular cinema over mass behaviour is incontrovertible. There is nothing heroic about brutes who terrorise women. There is nothing "cool" about a hero who refers to male pubic hair as a turn-on for women, and demonstrates how to have sex in an airplane in a graphic and highly glamourised scene.

TROUBLING TREND: Clones of the misogynistic 'Animal' are already on the cards

Comparisons to Hollywood films are also specious. In 1991, the world was shocked by 'The Silence of the Lambs', a cinematic masterpiece that won two Oscars for Best Director and Best Actor. Dr Hannibal Lecter (played by the incomparable Anthony Hopkins) is a psychopathic serial killer whose services are sought by a rookie FBI agent (Jodie Foster) to track down another murderer who targets and skins female victims. Billed as a 'horror thriller', the Jonathan Demme-directed film went on to become a classic in this genre. The major difference between 'Silence' and 'Animal' is that its protagonist was not hailed as a hero. What he stood for was condemned and considered reprehensible.

Yes, cinema accommodates all sorts of characters and that is its special appeal. We have seen so many avatars of our much-admired heroes — from besotted lover boys, jilted Majnus, avenging angels, angry young men, die-hard patriots to self-styled martyrs. We have also seen the worst of our traits captured accurately by gifted filmmakers. But not all characters or directors are equal. To bring in cult director Quentin Tarantino into the debate is irrelevant — his audience is different. His ode to violence is situated in its own universe. And that is precisely my beef with the present film — there seems to be an absence of a moral compass at play here. No higher purpose than an obsessive need to win daddy's love at whatever cost. Rarely have we seen a film with such a twisted, grotesque male mindset that unapologetically diminishes women and gloats about it openly.

"Men are like this only," argument is also no justification in our context. The film's success is troubling. Clones of this genre are already on the cards. If more and more men in our already patriarchal society take their cues from the staunchly anti-women hero, there's more trouble ahead when NCRB tabulates its next figures. The vulnerability of women cannot be this glibly trampled on. Surely, some accountability is required. Calling out this level of negativity is not an attempt to curtail anybody's creative freedom. It is just a cry from the heart to stop and ask ourselves why the film is a hit. The answer may leave us more shocked than the lead actor's nudity. ■

From best friend to foe: Canine terror can't continue unchecked

THE UNDERAGE OPTIMIST

CHETAN BHAGAT

There are two kinds of people in this world: dog people and not-dog people.

The first kind loves dogs; they enjoy having them around, petting them, feeding them, and taking care of them, even if they are on the road. Their pets respond with both devotion and unconditional love which is why George Eliot wrote that we love dogs because "we long for an affection altogether ignorant of our faults."

On the other hand, not-dog people are the opposite. Dogs make them scared and anxious. When not-dog people spot strays, they do their best to avoid their nipping and tripping ways.

Both sets of people are right in their own way. While canines make excellent pets, they can bite when provoked or if they are aggressive by nature. They also carry rabies, a deadly disease that is still prevalent in India. It causes 20,000-25,000 deaths annually, mostly due to stray dog bites. Last week, one rabid dog bit 29 people in the space of two hours on the roads of Chennai. Even outside of rabies, packs of stray dogs have mauled little kids, injured adults, and caused various kinds of harm. The recent high-profile case was that of Parag Desai, founder of Wagh Bakri Tea, a Rs 2,000-crore company. Desai, aged 49, died of head injuries from a fall sustained while running away from street dogs. Desai died because he lives in a country with one of the highest, unchecked stray dog populations in the world. There are lakhs, if not millions, of Indians who face anxiety, fear, and nervousness as they walk on the street every day.

Take the case of Carter Road promenade, a rare two-km walking and running path in otherwise cramped Mumbai. It has a great setting by the sea, but the track is now spilling over with street dogs who roam in packs. Running is impossible, and even some walkers avoid it because of the fear of dogs. Consider the hidden health costs of people who quit their morning exercise due to the fear of stray dogs.

In Delhi, Nehru Park, located in prime Chanakyapuri is probably one of the most beautiful city parks in the country. It has a specially rubberized 2.7-km walking track loop, which passes through lovely green stretches. A few years ago, there were probably five dogs in the park. Now, there are fifty. You cannot run. You must be careful while walking. Imagine spending tens of hundreds of crores to construct and maintain parks, only to render them unusable because stray dogs roam the area. The dog-people may say the strays won't do anything but ask the family of the 20,000 people who died of rabies just last year. Ask the millions of walkers who carry a stick on their morning walk, or quit walking altogether, or scooterists who have horror stories of dogs nipping at their heels. Maybe they will tell you a different story?

DOGGED CHASE: No matter how much we love dogs, letting them roam the streets and terrorise pedestrians and scooterists can't be allowed

Let's admit it. We need to do something about India's stray dog menace. We can't aspire to be a global power and developed country and have the largest stray dog populations in the world.

Which brings us to the other important question — how to ethically, and humanely tackle this problem. How do we reduce and remove stray populations without inhuman eradication or culling of one of the most affectionate animals on the planet?

There are ways to do it right. It involves vaccinations, sterilizations, adoption mechanisms, stricter pet ownership and even stricter pet abandonment laws. It's more expensive to do this rather than indiscriminate culling, but we need to do what it takes. We also need an education campaign on how people can prevent themselves from being bitten by dogs.

We need to tell people who love strays about the harmful effects on the strays themselves. While the animals may somehow get food, they do not have a decent quality of life. They are prone to disease, injuries, road accidents, infections, extreme weather, and all kinds of difficulties that come from living on the street. Letting millions of strays roam isn't animal welfare. It's a sign of half-measures. It might assuage your guilt to feed them, but then shouldn't you also care about what kind of a life they have? Meanwhile, we have created a serious danger in our public spaces.

No matter how cute or affectionate a creature is, if it has potential to cause human harm, we must do something about it. And if we truly care about street animals, we will never let them live on the streets anyway. ■

INBOX

Right to fight terror with brute force

Apropos of the column 'Political problems cannot...' (ATM, Dec 3), I disagree with the writer's assessment that terrorists are dissidents and should be won through political settlements. According to me, terrorists are foot soldiers trained and armed by some nations and pushed into enemy territory to kill innocent people. It is a good strategy on the part of the nations at the receiving end to deploy their intelligence agencies in such countries and strike at the very root of terror, forcing the perpetrators to run for cover in their homeland. Terrorism can only be eliminated if the concerned nations stop promoting it.

—S Nimbark, Ahmedabad

Political fix to terror

This refers to the column 'Political problems cannot...' (ATM, Dec 3). Terrorism can't be solved by killing terrorists. Instead, it demands a political solution, which can't be achieved through military means or assassinations. Has Israel been able to solve the terror-related problems through secret killings by Mossad? Discussions between the warring factions are key.

— Aranya Sanyal, Siliguri

Need for green finance

This refers to Samir Saran's column 'Controversies aside, COP28...' (ATM, Dec 3). The COP 28 seems to have broken past barriers on climate change conversations by pushing Global South to the forefront. However, there is a need for greater access to green finance, without which acceptance and promotion of renewable technologies would be a far-fetched reality.

— Sohini Mahapatra, Pune

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Chennai: What the overflowing water and anger tell us about need to adapt

BY INVITATION

MRIDULA RAMESH

Truth, like beauty, lies in the eye of the beholder. So, it was with the floods that hit Chennai last week. A person in Madipakkam has a different tale than someone in T Nagar; a knowledge worker in Kottivakkam has a different story than a corporation worker on duty after the floods who, in turn, has a different story from the auto driver whose vehicle has been submerged. The story told by each political party on what happened was different. And yet, all these stories share a core of truth.

The rainfall *was* unusually heavy: between December 3 and 4, many places in Chennai received about half a metre of rainfall — a deluge by any account. The gradual discharge of water from several of Chennai's major reservoirs averted a rupture or a rapid release of water. A warning the day before to stock up on supplies helped prevent some of the hardship. There was a sense of schadenfreude this time, since the rich and famous were not spared. Crore-patis lit candles out of fear of being electrocuted if they turned on the generator. Film stars were tweeting about their lack of food and water and pleading for help. Murky water entered fancy drawing rooms in posh neighbourhoods. And, as usual, schools were closed — the predictable, first line of action of every political leader across India. Water has drained away in most places leaving behind a foul smell in damp homes and debris of fallen branches, leaves and muck along the pavements as a ghoulish commemoration of a catastrophe.

WARMING BELL: Unwise urban planning is partly to blame for Chennai's woes but climate change increasingly hits at these faultlines

But here the commonality ends. For daily wage earners, the flood meant both lost income and often, lost assets — both with lingering consequences. For the well-heeled, it was an inconvenience — unpleasant but fleeting. The blow fell harder in neighbourhoods that were once lakes or built over flood plains. Here denizens have been enduring the indignity of going without food, water or a hygienic way of relieving themselves. For example, much of present-day Velachery was formerly a lake. Ditto Madipakkam and Pallikaranai. Those lakes were designed by our forefathers to occupy the lowest lying area in a neighbourhood to collect India's traditionally volatile rainfall. We chose to ignore this wisdom when we built over them. You reap what you sow: these were some of the worst-affected neighbourhoods, where water stagnates days after the rain has stopped. The airport transformed into a minor sea — unsurprising since it lies within the Adyar river's flood plain. The answer to why certain neighbourhoods took so long to drain out will differ on who you ask.

But hidden in the anger of the stranded and desire to get on with it of the free, there is a deeper truth that we miss. Cyclones become stronger as the oceans that birth them warm up. Despite thousands attending annual COPs, greenhouse gas emissions are still rising, meaning oceans will warm further, making cyclones even deadlier. The seas around the Indian coast are warmer in El Nino years, and when the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is in its positive phase. This happened in 2015 and repeated this year. El Ninos and IODs recur every few years. Taken together, episodes of intense rainfall like that on Monday evening will likely become far more frequent. If we don't change, houses will be submerged, education and the economy will suffer. The takeaway for Tamil Nadu, is simple: when the race is to triple the economy by 2030, having your prize stallion (Chennai) fall sick before the start of every second race will not help you achieve your goal. Soon, insurance companies may stop issuing flood insurance. People choosing where to set up their company, from where to source their components or which job to take, could pass over Chennai. 'Good riddance', some die-hard Chennai-fans might mutter, pointing out Bengaluru's floods and Delhi smog. This helps me make my next point.

Unwise urban planning is partly to blame for Chennai's repeated water problems. But the warming climate increasingly hits at these faultlines. Not just in Chennai, but across the country. Given how much India has been hurt this year (Uttarakhand, tomato prices, Sikkim, Chennai), the lower priority given to adaptation is puzzling. Perhaps that's because the dominant narrative in the global climate discourse is reducing carbon emissions. Adaptation, until recently, was almost an afterthought. To wit, this year's celebrated loss and damage agreement was a measly $700 million for the entire world — just a touch more than what Chennai's CM asked to deal with damage from one flood in one city. The palpable outrage of the masses only adds urgency to adapt. I've witnessed many a disaster, but this level of fed-up-fury is new. In keeping with the global climate narrative, our country has made significant strides in expanding renewable energy and electric vehicles. But Chennai's flooding asks for adaptation to move up, if not top, the country's climate action agenda. When you're diabetic, you only have two options: adapt or perish. Climate change works along similar lines. ■

IT'S RAINING MEN: WHY ALPHA MALES ARE IN CINE SPOTLIGHT

Macho action movies dominated the box office this year while female-led films have been releasing only on OTT

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GUNNING FOR SUCCESS: While 'angry young men' of '70s fought for change, now increasingly there's violence for the sake of violence

Men in thick, flowing beards. Shotguns that seemingly come with infinite shells. Fights on top of helipads, trucks, bridges. A background score that drowns out everything else. And, a box office register that doesn't stop ringing for angry young bros.

This roughly sums up the year's blockbusters. Of course, nothing matches the misogyny of Sandeep Reddy Vanga's A-rated 'Animal'. It has the male character cracking jokes around menstruation, gratuitous violence and even the hero asking a woman to lick his shoes to prove her love for him.

"Like revenge tourism, 2023 was the year for revenge movie-watching in India," says Girish Johar, Mumbai-based producer and film business expert. "Action has always been a safe bet. However, after the pandemic, filmmakers and producers know they need big-scale, larger-than-life films to pull audiences out of their homes. Other types of films, they prefer to watch on OTT," he adds.

The statistics bear this out. The top seven grossers in 2023 all belonged to the action genre, including 'Jawan', 'Pathaan', 'Gadar 2', 'Jailer', 'Leo', 'Animal' and 'Tiger 3'. 'Rocky aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani', which took the eighth spot, stood out as one of the only rom-coms that emerged a hit. There were several female-led films such as Kareena Kapoor Khan-starrer 'Jaane Jaan', Sonakshi Sinha's 'Dahaad', and Tabu-led 'Khufiya' but they did not hit the theatres and were directly released on OTT platforms.

ADRENALINE RUSH

Through the years, Hindi cinema's male protagonists have shown several shades. The 1950s showed a tempered masculinity, gentled by the trauma of independence and partition, hopeful about the future. Think of Guru Dutt's romantic artist — philosophical and doubting. Raj Kapoor's tramp is bewildered by industrial modernity, Dev Anand is a louche charmer. None of them is particularly muscular, some even have an androgynous quality. In these early movies, there was a resistance to social norms, a questioning and conflict around tradition, even as many films implicitly reaffirmed gender conventions.

Of course, the straitjackets of virtue and good-girlism confined women. They were usually props and symbols, whether as deified mothers and bhabhis, vamps and 'items', or even 'heroines': love interests with no independent character arcs or complexity. But the men had range.

The '70s moved from Rajesh Khanna singing about lost love, to Amitabh Bachchan's smouldering rage at unfulfilled promises to the working classes. In the '80s, this subaltern male anger turned into a darker thing, with lawlessness and vigilantism as central themes. It was pretty much standard to show stalking and harassment as a prelude to love. The movies lingered over rape, showing it as a titillating spectacle, and as a method to teach other men a lesson, as a loot of izzat. The post-liberalisation era saw themes of love and rebellion emerge, with romantic heroes grabbing the spotlight. However, a 2002 study of Hindi movies from the late '90s said moderate sexual violence against female characters was "depicted as fun, enjoyable, and a normal expression of romantic love". Now, a new hypermasculine ideal has gathered strength.

While the depiction of violence in films isn't new, the present surge marks a 'shift' in the use of it, says Geetanjali Chadha, professor of gender and cinema at Ashoka University. "During the 'angry young man' era, the violence had a purpose. It was more about the difference between the rich and the poor, and made the audience root for the underdog. Today, it's closely tied to nationalism, strength, and glamour. The women too are no longer passive, often playing a key role in accepting it," she says.

Economics plays a role too, points out Shrayana Bhattacharya, economist and author of 'Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh', which analysed the moviegoing experience in India through the lens of gender and class. "Because men hold 82% of the country's income, movies that depict strong men may do better at the box office than those that depict more vulnerable men or stronger female parts," she explains.

SHRINKING SPACE

However, while the action genre means good business, it has also raised questions about the shrinking space for women moviegoers and women's stories. Paridhi, a 22-year old from Delhi, says the rise of such 'alpha male' characters, shrinks her options. "The problem is not with violence, but the glorification of it. I also went to watch 'Pathaan' and 'Jawan' in the theatres, but with 'Animal', the clips really made me uncomfortable. Looking at its collections, other male actors will definitely gravitate towards this genre too."

However, Nikhil Taneja, co-founder of youth-centred media organisation Yuvaa, and host of the podcast 'Be A Man, Yaar', says he isn't convinced that hypermasculinity is the only thing that works. "There's a space for alternative conversations, even in action films. In 'Pathaan', for instance, SRK has a female boss, and is saved by a female spy. In 'Jawan', he has an army full of young women," he points out.

However, he adds that it's important to understand why many young males today are tilting towards 'alpha male' content, espoused not only by films like 'Animal' and 'Kabir Singh', but also podcasters such as Andrew Tate.

"I have interacted with over 15,000 students across campuses in the last four years for research work. While women dealing with various forms of patriarchy are often able to find sisterhood and community, men have told me they lack positive communities to talk about loneliness, which leads to bitterness, anger, and violence," he says. In a scenario like this, they often turn to characters they can relate to, or those who vindicate their emotions, he says, adding that therefore, filmmakers should have a certain degree of accountability of what they're putting out there. "Toxic characters should be represented on screen, but they have to be self-aware and have context. For instance, in films like 'Darr' and 'Anjaam', everyone knew SRK was the bad guy and he met his fate in the end. However, in some films being made today, if the directors put a cool background track as the character commits violence, they make it a character worth aspiring for. Men look at it and think it's cool."

Jasmeet Reen, writer of the critically acclaimed 'Darlings', feels that artistic freedom is paramount, and the audience can be the only judge. Her Alia Bhatt-starrer depicted a woman breaking free of a marriage filled with physical and psychological abuse. Some scenes were graphic, and the writer grappled with how to depict them. "Every filmmaker has their own ideology which, whether they like it or not, reflects in their films. If I'm making 'Darlings', what I feel, what my ethics are, what I feel about sexism, what I feel about gender, what I feel about violence, it will show in the film. It also means that everybody has a distinct voice and I cannot control how other people should tell their stories," she says.

50 SHADES OLDER: Time to gin and bear it, babumoshai

Mrs. Funnybones

TWINKLE KHANNA

At the start of my 50th year on this watery planet, I grew weary of women my age talking about ageing gracefully. 'Grace counts in ballet, and ageing is a battle! But...thanks to the ageing process, I can't quite remember if I read this somewhere or made it up just now,' I told a friend who, along with emptying her bank account while replenishing her dermatologist's, was busy equating grace with being frozen in time, starting with her forehead.

I felt I had finally reached the midpoint between growing and slowly dying. This could be likened to balancing on top of a bell jar. Having clambered up one side, the only thing left to do was slide down the other, either with a sudden crunch, or a slow glide accompanied by an orchestra of creaking joints and leaking valves.

This epiphany didn't arrive with a bang. Instead, it was ensconced in a bubble of calm. This summer, on the family WhatsApp chat, I boasted, 'It is true that you get wiser as you get older. I have stopped getting annoyed and seem to have a lot more patience. Or perhaps it's all the yoga. It's finally kicked in because I almost feel like a yogi now.'

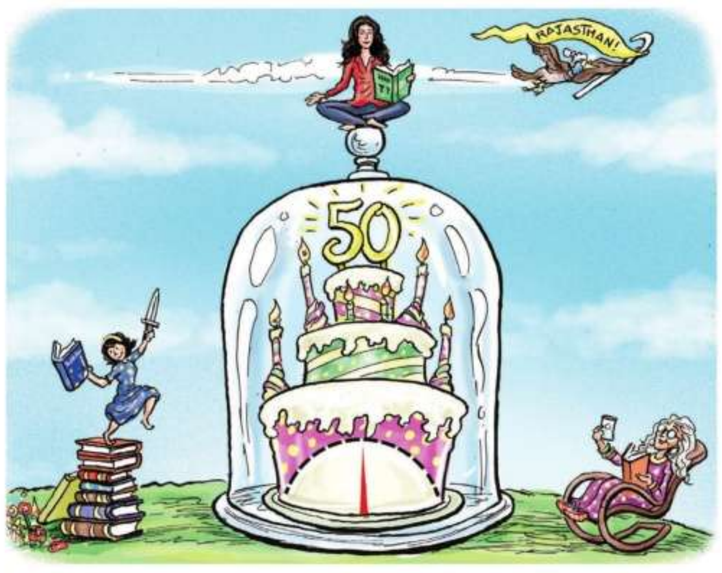
My iridescent bubble popped as soon as I had a routine blood test that stated my testosterone had plummeted to zero. The side effect of this perimenopausal fluctuation was a lack of aggression along with lethargy. In other words, I had hormonally acquired the ability to sit in one place and do nothing, not that different from a yogi after all.

age because of the value placed on our appearance. Men, or at least most Indian men, start off life looking like the back of a dented bus and continue in that manner, just gathering a few more dents. Their self-esteem and power aren't contained within tight skin and pouty lips.

Leaving this superficial war fortified by marketing campaigns and evolutionary cues, I decided to list other advantages of ageing. I started with the fact that I was not freezing in the London winter because my hot flashes seemed more efficient than any Marks and Spencer thermal vest. Crossing middle age also meant that I was past the stage where you tend to know a little about everything but not enough about anything, including yourself. It is also a time when you have given up worrying about love, are yet to worry about health and even work has stopped giving you sleepless nights.

The next chronological stop, though, seemed more daunting. I had started discovering that ageing works like Mr India's watch. One minute you are invisible and the next, you disappear. As your eyesight worsens, it's other people who have problems

Chad Crowe



This news hit me harder than finding grey hair in my eyebrow. For a large part of my life, I had been energetically coasting on such high levels of testosterone that in the '90s, when woke was just the antonym of sleep, I used to make jokes like, 'I am more of a man than most men I meet, and with the balls as well.' Now, I was left with low energy and a few leftover jokes.

There were other distinct disadvantages to this getting older business. Like the Bluethroat birds who migrate from Alaska to Rajasthan in winter, it really starts going all south after a certain age. Hair shifts from your head and appears on your chin. The fat from the cheeks sinks to form squishy jowls. Breasts start reaching out to embrace your knees.

Not wanting to face reality, and thanks to my worsening eyesight, not having to see it in the mirror as well, I tried ignoring the fact that my 'big birthday' was around the corner. When that didn't work, I began pre-empting it by telling people I was 50. On one occasion, my daughter corrected me, 'No, Mama you are still 49.'

Taking a sip of my drink, because why grin and bear it when you can use gin and bear it, I told her, 'This about-to-turn-50 business is like a railway journey, even if it's to Ulhasnagar and not a destination you particularly want to reach, you still want to just get there and get off the train.'

I was clearly having an existential crisis because I sat with a calculator one evening and created a rough timeline. If I lived to a decent 85, I had to first minus the 50 years that I had already spent. Then I had to multiply 8 hours a day into 365 days into the approximate 35 years left, because that's the time I would spend sleeping, and then minus that sum from my timeline, which left me with a mere 24 years of living ahead.

I only felt better when I recalled a famous dialogue recited by someone whose eyes crinkled just like mine, 'Babumoshai, zindagi badi honi chahiye, lambi nahi.'

It took a few months, but I began realising that this sliding down the bell jar, swift or slow, wouldn't be much fun if I kept moaning about it.

Perhaps it is tougher for women to

Rather than moaning about it, I decided to list out some advantages of ageing, starting with the fact that I was not freezing in the London winter because my hot flashes seemed more efficient than any thermal vest. Crossing middle age also means that you have given up worrying about love, are yet to worry about health, and even work has stopped giving you sleepless nights

seeing you and when you start using a hearing aid, they are the ones who turn a deaf ear to what you say. Hitting my sixties and seventies, I suppose the greatest benefit would be achieving liberation from societal norms. No one can tell you what to do: young people don't notice you, people your age are just trying to find a sitting position that does not ache, and the older people who have always told you what to do are now all dead.

It may be time to appreciate that each stage of life is different. As a teenager, the notion of time was like looking up at the night sky, vast, infinite, twinkling with distant possibilities. Now it was like a boiled sweet stuck inside a cheek, the one you keep poking with your tongue as it shrinks in size. Or a chewing gum that is losing flavour, or a half-eaten lychee that is more seed than flesh. I am also starting to realise that all my metaphors are about food because who knows when it will end up replacing sex as the primary source of pleasure.

More than the actual ageing process, I suspect we are scared by the prospect of it. It reminds me of getting ready to swim, hesitating on the dock while anticipating the chill of the river water. Till you jump in, startled by the splash, water going into the nose, and then with a few kicks and strokes, you get accustomed to the temperature. Ageing, I have slowly come to believe, is only a battle if you try to fight the current.

Bringing the courtesan back to centre stage

A growing number of shows, documentaries and projects are trying to highlight the cultural contributions of India's forgotten tawaifs

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Show 'O Gaanewali' aims to tell audiences about the oft-ignored contribution of tawaifs to musical genres thumri and dadra

When Indian classical dancer Manjuri Chaturvedi went to visit an ill Zareena Begum at her home in Old Fatehganj in Lucknow, nothing had prepared her for what she saw. Begum, a courtesan who had once performed in grand mehfils for the nawabs of Awadh, was bed-ridden in a small house that had a tin shed. She had just one wish: to wear a Banarasi saree and sing on stage, once again.

Chaturvedi kept her promise and organised Begum's performance in 2009, in front of a packed auditorium in Delhi. However,

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the incident opened her eyes to a larger socio-cultural reality. "I was flatly told on my face by sponsors that we won't sponsor tawaifs on stage. It made me question if I as an artist can be respected, then why not Zareena ji," Chaturvedi says.

As she researched more about tawaifs, she realised that these women don't exist in the history of our performance arts. "They have been conveniently removed from academies and auditoriums." It was then that the seed of the Courtesan Project was born. The 90-minute production incorporates a kathak dance by Chaturvedi and theatrical storytelling performances by other artists who narrate stories and anecdotes from the lives and times of the tawaifs.

Chaturvedi is one of the many filmmakers, artists and historians who are challenging the mainstream perception of tawaifs and throwing light on their role as cultural torchbearers. A big-budget Netflix show helmed by Sanjay Leela Bhansali on the lives of courtesans of Heera Mandi in present-day Lahore is in the works.

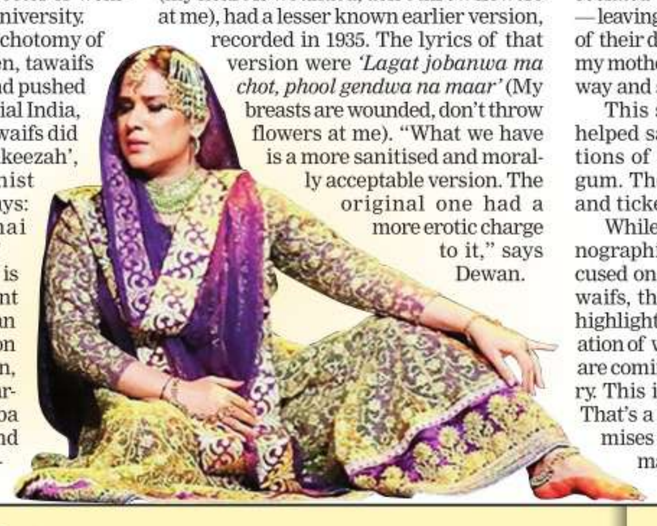
Besides the judgemental gaze, what has also been forgotten is the contribution to dance forms and Indian musical genres such as thumri, dadra, and later ghazals. Courtesans like Gauhar Jaan and Begum Akhtar paved the way for women in showbiz. "When the first gramophone company came, it was tawaifs like Gauhar Jaan who came forward to record. The men were apprehensive about the new technology but tawaifs were willing to take risks," points out Rekha Pande, former director of women's studies at Hyderabad University.

However, in the forced dichotomy of good women and bad women, tawaifs were boxed into the latter and pushed to the margins. In post-colonial India, Bollywood's portrayal of tawaifs did not help. In the 1973 film 'Pakeezah', for instance, the protagonist played by Meena Kumari says: "Har tawaif ek laash hai (Every tawaif is a corpse)."

"In these films, the tawaif is portrayed as the embodiment of fallen womanhood and is an object of pity. Her redemption is in the hands of a good man, and possible only through marriage," says filmmaker Seba Dewan. It is this shame and erasure that Dewan challenged in her documentary 'The Other Song' (2009), and the book 'Tawaifnama', which followed in 2019.

The erasure was not just limited to the tawaifs' families, but also people in the broader music and dance space. "No one was willing to speak about them. Tawaif was not a polite word to use, and made people grossly uncomfortable," Dewan adds.

Like their lives, their music had also been sanitised. Her documentary followed the journey of one thumri by Rasoolan Bai, a famous tawaif singer from Benaras. Her song, which later became famous as *'lagat karejwa ma chot, phool gendwa na maar'* (my heart is wounded, don't throw flowers at me), had a lesser known earlier version, recorded in 1935. The lyrics of that version were *'Lagat jobanwa ma chot, phool gendwa na maar'* (My breasts are wounded, don't throw flowers at me). "What we have is a more sanitised and morally acceptable version. The original one had a more erotic charge to it," says Dewan.



Thumris are at the centre of singer Avanti Patel's musical show 'O Gaanewali'. Since its launch in March 2022, it has had 20-25 shows across five cities across India. "I wanted to speak about the representation of tawaifs and courtesans in the history of thumri," says Patel.

There's also a deliberate attempt to move away from the glamourised portrayals in Bollywood films. "When you google Rasoolan Bai, for example, you'll find a woman wearing a plain saree with almost no jewellery. Not all of them wore anarkalis and gold necklaces, as films have made us believe," Patel explains. The most satisfying part is when members of the audience write down lists of names they want to go back home and listen to, the singer adds.

A new memoir too is attempting to focus on the everyday life of courtesans. Written in first person, Manish Gaekwad's 'The Last Courtesan' narrates the life of his mother Rekhabai, who was trafficked as a child and trained as a nautch girl. However, it focuses as much on her grit and joys, as her struggle.

"Telling this story was more important for my mother. She has been wanting to tell it to the world for a very long time, but because she never went to school, she'd never got an opportunity. She felt that if her story could help somebody shape their own decisions and live on their own terms, then it would be valuable," Gaekwad says. For a long time, he adds, cinema in India has focused on either the glamour and riches associated with the tawaifs, or their tragedies — leaving little scope for intimate portrayals of their daily lives. "The memoir was about my mother growing up as a girl, making her way and surviving in this world," he says.

This spotlight, Chaturvedi adds, has helped salvage the stories and compositions of many tawaifs like Zareena Begum. The sponsors are warming up too, and ticketed shows often run housefull.

While written history is filled with ethnographic accounts by men who often focused on the physical attributes of the tawaifs, these performers are successfully highlighting their art. "The younger generation of women, musicians and performers are coming out and saying this is our history. This is the history of our art practice. That's a really big thing, because it legitimises a tradition which was for so long made illegitimate," says Dewan.

AI dominates 2023 Word of the Year choices

Every year, dictionaries reveal the one word that either best captures the zeitgeist or a defining trend. This year, artificial intelligence is a running theme across the words chosen by linguists

GETTING REAL LIKE TAY TAY: Taylor Swift's statements about seeking her authentic voice and self also inspired the choice. She, or rather her fans who call themselves Swifties, have also made it to the Oxford shortlist

Authentic | Merriam Webster

- "We see in 2023 a kind of crisis of authenticity," editor at large Peter Sokolowski told The Associated Press. "What we realise is that when we question authenticity, we value it even more." While the blurring of lines been fake and fiction because of generative AI has something to do with increased interest in the word, celebrities like Taylor Swift and Prince Harry speaking about authenticity also has a role to play to in the choice
- Runners-up include **rizz** (slang for "romantic appeal or charm"), **kibbutz** ("a communal farm or settlement in Israel") and **deepfake** ("an image or recording that has been convincingly altered and manipulated")

AI | Collins dictionary

- Collins defines artificial intelligence, for which AI is the now-familiar abbreviation, as "the modelling of human mental functions by computer programs".
- Other contenders include **de-influencing** (when people use their platforms not to sell things but "to warn followers to avoid certain commercial products, lifestyle choices, etc") and **nepo baby** (someone "whose career is believed to have been advanced by having famous parents")

Hallucinate | Cambridge dictionary

- This specifically refers to the following sense of the word: When an artificial intelligence hallucinates, it produces false information. "The team... recognised that the new meaning gets to the heart of why people are talking about AI. Generative AI is a powerful tool but one we're all still learning how to interact with safely and effectively — this means being aware of both its potential strengths and its current weaknesses," they write.

Rizz | Oxford dictionary

- Oxford's word of the year is the Gen Z-inspired 'rizz'. It's defined as slang for "style, charm or attractiveness," or "the ability to attract a romantic or sexual partner". While the word, which is short for charisma, has been around for a while, it went viral after actor Tom Holland said he has "no rizz whatsoever" in a video. It won the public vote over terms like **situationship** and **Swiftie**.

HUNTED DOWN AT HOME

Man Utd Lose 0-3 Against Bournemouth

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TAKE THAT: Bournemouth's Dominic Solanke scores as a hapless Harry Maguire looks on

Manchester: Manchester United fell to their 11th defeat of the season after losing at home to Bournemouth 0-3 in the English Premier League on Saturday. Goals from Dominic Solanke, Philip Billing and Marcos Senesi sparked loud jeers inside Old Trafford as Erik ten Hag's team missed out on the chance to move level on points with defending champion Manchester City.

The latest loss — a seventh in the league — came a day after Ten Hag was named manager of the month for November. It also followed a morale-boosting win against Chelsea in midweek after reports of player unrest in the locker room. Despite a troubled campaign so far, United went into the game just three points off fourth-placed City.

But a mistake-ridden performance against Bournemouth highlighted the problems within United it was roundly beaten. Bournemouth had won three of its last four games and was unbeaten during that run. That was a warning to United of the threat posed by Andoni Iraola's improving team. But the home team looked ill-equipped to handle the visitors' quick attacks and was behind in the fifth minute.

Bournemouth punished United for sloppy play at the back as Lewis Cook capitalized on a loose pass by Bruno Fernandes, charged into the box, and played a low cross to the near post. Solanke was the sharpest to react and finished coolly with a side-footed shot.

The forward came close to adding a second when hitting the post in the 38th, while United's best chance in the first half came from a Harry Maguire header that was tipped over by goalkeeper Neto. AGENCIES

Eintracht crush Bayern 5-1 in first league defeat of the season

Frankfurt: Eintracht Frankfurt pulverised Bayern Munich 5-1 with a three-goal first-half performance on Saturday to snap the champions' unbeaten run in the Bundesliga this season.

In an explosive first half, Eintracht overran Bayern and exposed their error-prone backline, scoring three times in 24 minutes.

The Bavarians, who did not play last week after their league match against Union Berlin was postponed due to snow, looked far from fresh and were in disarray, with coach Thomas Tuchel unusually substituting both his fullbacks at halftime.

"We are frustrated and disappointed with our first defeat. We underestimated a lot of those half chances," Tuchel said. "Those half chances led to a lot of goals today. We did not do anything we had set out to do. We were lacking intensity after not having played last week. It did not seem so in training," he added. REUTERS

Betis hold leaders Real to 1-1 draw

Seville: A stunning goal from Real Betis' Aitor Ruibal cancelled out Jude Bellingham's strike for Real Madrid early in the second half to earn the home side a 1-1 draw in LaLiga on Saturday.

Carlo Ancelotti's side remain top of the table with 39 points, one ahead of Girona, who face third-placed Barcelona on Sunday.

Bellingham gave the visitors the lead with a fine low finish following Brahim Diaz's brilliant chipped pass on the edge of the box eight minutes after halftime.

Betis bounced back in the 66th minute when Ruibal equalised with a long-range rocket into the far corner.

The home side's Isco went close against his former team right on the 90-minute mark, but his header hit the post, much to Madrid's relief. REUTERS

Salah nets 200th goal in Liverpool's win

London: Mohamed Salah netted his 200th goal for Liverpool and Harvey Elliott scored a stoppage-time winner as Liverpool came from behind to beat 10-man Crystal Palace 2-1 and go top of the Premier League table after a rip-roaring clash on Saturday.

Liverpool top the standings on 37 points, one ahead of Arsenal who face Aston Villa later on Saturday, after a game that centred on the sending-off of Eagles forward Jordan Ayew for a second yellow cards after an innocuous infringement in the 75th minute.

Referee Andrew Madley was in the thick of things throughout the game, doling out eight yellow cards to the home side and denying them a penalty in the first half after being called to the sideline in a VAR review. AGENCIES

Ronaldo marks his 1200th game in style

Cristiano Ronaldo celebrated his 1,200th professional match with a goal and an assist as he helped his Saudi League side Al-Nassr to get a 4-1 win over Al-Riyadh on Friday. "Cristiano Ronaldo has now played in 1,200 professional matches," the Saudi League posted on the X platform, as the former Real Madrid player moved closer to Peter Shilton who leads the list of male players with most official appearances.

The 38-year-old Ronaldo opened the scoring shortly after the half-hour mark when he tapped in a cross from Sadio Mane, who had had a goal disallowed in the first minute of the game.

The Portuguese strengthened his status as the league's top scorer with his 16 goals from the season's 16 matches and helped his team to bounce back following a 3-0 defeat to leaders Al-Hilal last Friday. "Three more points!" Ronaldo posted on social media. "Thankful to all my team mates who helped me reach my 1,200th match. What a ride but we're not done yet!"

Three minutes into first-half injury time, Ronaldo assisted on his countryman Otavio's headed goal. REUTERS

Juve back on top after win against Napoli

Turin: Juventus delivered an efficient performance as they moved back to provisional top spot in Serie A on Friday, securing a 1-0 home win against a wasteful Napoli thanks to a header from Federico Gatti.

Six minutes into the second half, Juve broke the deadlock when Gatti collected an Andrea Cambiaso cross at the back post, outjumping his marker to head it into the back of the net.

Napoli had numerous opportunities but Khvicha Kvaratskhelia missed a huge chance, while Juventus goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny made several saves to thwart the visitors' clear scoring chances.

Juve top the standings with 36 points, one ahead of Inter Milan who host lowly Udinese on Saturday.

"We did well in the first half, moving the ball side to side, then in difficult moments the team becomes a block of granite," Juve manager Massimiliano Allegri told DAZN.

"I have a group of players who work hard. We need to slow things down, not always try to make it one-touch football. We should control the ball better in some moments of the match." REUTERS

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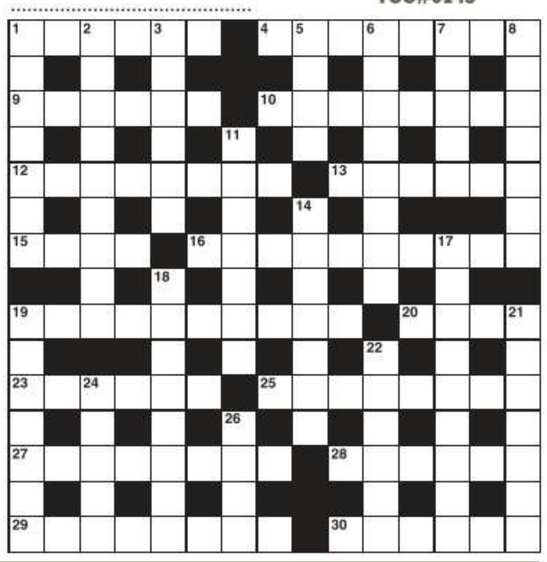

CRYPTIC CLUES

Across
1 Cuban leader - a revolutionary sort (6)
4 Bad reaction after suspension? (8)
9 A piece of land away from home (6)
10 A new stricter limit (8)
12 Work shop? (8)
13 Old coin embedded in a vegetable (6)
15 It features in botany and arithmetic (4)
16 Accomplished boxers hope they won't have to be (7,3)
19 Unhealthy antagonism? (3,7)
20 He has writing dictated by the height of fashion (4)
23 It may be picked by a criminal (6)
25 Stage one perhaps in the development of man (5,3)
27 Pound note put back in share account (8)
28 Absorbent soup or stew (6)
29 Half inclined to stay away - the fly one (5-3)
30 Each issue is individual (6)

Down
1 Music room (7)
2 Jammed cylinder (5,4)
3 One way of underlining a decision (6)
5 Tip-top (4)
6 Got together and tucked in (8)
7 Dainty fabric for dress Olive ordered (5)
8 What Luther refused to do about a pamphlet (7)
11 Attack by a saint about one who became one (7)
14 Stone jar with nickel lining (7)
17 Rock musicals about workers (9)
18 Try to get in the act though very unpopular (8)
19 Reveals I have a thousand shares (7)
21 The second mate's boy (7)
22 Toss a coin with me for profit (6)
24 She gets letters from Alice (5)
26 Swell to fortissimo (4)

QUICK CLUES

Across
1 Insubstantial (6) 4 In an emergency (2,1,5)
9 Improvement (6) 10 Behind closed doors (2,6)
12 Useless material (4,4) 13 Become monarch (6)
15 Stratagem (4) 16 Firmly established (4-6) 19 Serving as magistrate (2,3,5) 20 Descent by parachute (4)
23 Opposite (6) 25 Highly respected (2,6)
27 In unison (2,3,3) 28 A white fur (6)
29 Pleasant fantasy (8) 30 Optimistic (6)

Down
1 Fill with water and sink (7) 2 While being conveyed (2,7) 3 Astute (6) 5 Armoured fighting vehicle (4)
6 Minister of religion (8) 7 Audacity (5)
8 Impetuous person (7) 11 Eagerly sought after (7)
14 Name expressly (7) 17 Sky-blue semi-precious stone (9) 18 Caribou (8) 19 Casually thoughtless (7)
21 Ostensible reason (7) 22 Be of good heart (4,2)
24 Intimate companion (5) 26 Long heroic story (4)

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THE SPEAKING TREE

Mind, Don't Pollute!

Stubble burning is just one of the many reasons for environmental pollution, our minds too add to it by spreading emotional impurity, says SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR, showing us ways cleanse our inner landscapes

ARUNDYUTI DAS

Have you walked into a room and felt angry or restless for no reason? Today, awareness is being generated about the need to keep the outside environment clean. But we have not given attention to one aspect, and that is the environment within — the emotional impurity which we carry around. When there is so much negativity within, and we keep encouraging it without applying the detergent of knowledge to purify our minds, the polluted mind continues to create more pollution around.

The mind has both positive and negative thoughts. The key lies in the knowledge, awareness, and understanding of the nature of things — discerning what is positive or negative. This awareness can significantly impact the quality of one's thoughts and vibrations.

Negative feelings of hatred, anger, jealousy are the root cause of all misery in the world, whether they are economic, political, or social in nature. We need to attend to the mind that is at the root of pollution, whether physical or emotional. It's natural for a mind to become unhappy or to get negative thoughts from time to time. But we must learn to clear them away and come back to harmony immediately. That is why practices like meditation, yog, and breathing techniques are available to us. Through them we can create positive, harmonious, and joyful vibrations within us and around.

HEAL YOURSELF

Emotions are intertwined with individuals, objects, events, and experiences. Clinging to objects, people, or relationships obstructs one's sense of freedom. Just examine why do our spirits go down? Often, it is because somebody said something unpleasant. They were carrying this rubbish that they needed to let go and you were there, ready to catch it. And once you have caught it, you hold on to it so passionately! Wake up! Do not allow anyone to take away your smile! Nobody can feel bad or good all the time; these feelings come like waves. But it is important not to identify with them.

Positive emotions make you more attuned to truth, bringing a gentle awareness and deep meditation. But the same emotions, when they are negative and hardened, ruin your mind and body. Emotions can be your enemy or your friend.

Each emotion is associated with a distinct sensation in the body. Often, we become engrossed in thoughts or feelings, and fail to notice these sensations. We make affirmations like: "Oh! I will not do this. I will do this." But, when the storm of emotion rises in us — we find ourselves lost.

How has the ocean become an ocean? It has accepted the lowest. All rivers from mountain tops flow down to the ocean. The ocean is full. The humblest is the greatest. If you can willingly embrace a low point when you're not feeling well, you are the richest person on earth.

Have you ever loved your low feelings? You have always fought with them. Just close your eyes and go into that low. Do not do any action but just agree. You will start rising in no time. Depression and low feelings cannot touch you. They can do nothing to you. However big the clouds are, they cannot overshadow the sun. It could be the darkest day, but it is still a day; the clouds can never make it night. It is the same with any emotion. When clouds of emotions are present, don't be afraid. Just go deep, observe, and you will see a lot of sensations rising. Some fears will come up. Fear is just a sensation in the body. Agree to it, "All right, let it be. I will dive into it today." An amazing thing will happen within you, a phenomenon.

If you try to fight with your feelings, they take a longer time to clear. There is only one way, 'Let go' or 'surrender'. That which you cannot handle, keep it on a plate and offer it to the divine or a higher power — that is surrender. ■

Sword of honour for farmer's son at IMA passing out parade

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Dehradun: Never say die. That would be Gaurav Yadav from Alwar in Rajasthan, who won the coveted Sword of Honour and the Gold Medal for 'Officer Cadet Standing First in Order of Merit' at the passing out parade at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) in Dehradun on Saturday.

Son of a small farmer in Jojor-Baas village, Yadav sought inspiration from his elder brother Vineet Kumar who is serving as a Naik in the Army after failing to crack the National Defence Academy exam. He learnt the 'dos and don'ts' in the NDA exam from Vineet and managed to crack that exam in his last attempt only to go on to win the President's Gold Medal at the academy's 143rd course last year.

Yadav told **TOI** that he was "determined to don the olive green uniform since class 6 after seeing the village boys running long distances to prepare for the army recruitment test." "Before my last attempt, I had also cleared the IIT entrance test. I lied to my family that I failed in it and went on to join a college in Delhi University for a few months before finally tasting success at NDA. I told my family about the IIT results only after entering the NDA," he said. Yadav would be joining the famed 1/11 unit of the Gorkha Rifles regiment to which Captain Manoj Pandey was also attached while making the supreme sacrifice during the Kargil war.

Among the other award winners were Sourabh Badhani who won the silver medal for the 'Officer Cadet Standing Second in Order of Merit' and Alok Singh who won the bronze medal for the 'Officer Cadet Standing Third in Order of Merit'. The Silver Medal for the 'Officer Cadet Standing First in Order of Merit' from the Technical Graduate Course was presented to Ajay Pant. The Bangladesh Medal for the 'Officer Cadet Standing First in Order of Merit' from friendly foreign countries went to Sailesh Bhatta from Nepal.

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A newly inducted officer with his family on Saturday. A total of 372 cadets, including 29 from 12 friendly countries, graduated from IMA

From INA to Army, he keeps alive family legacy of 4 generations

Dehradun: Brigadier Debkumar Sen and Aparna Sen were justifiably proud as they saw their only child continue their family legacy by becoming a fourth-generation Army officer, reports **Shivani Azad**.

Lt Arjun Sen, an academically brilliant student, chose to forego lucrative opportunities in the corporate world and pursue a Master's degree abroad. He opted to follow in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, grandfather, and father.

"My great-grandfather Dr RC Sen served in the Indian National Army as a medical officer; my grandfather Major Gen (retd.) DK Sen served in the Indian Army as a doctor. My father, Debkumar Sen, is in the 74th Medium Regiment Artillery, the same unit which I've joined," Lt Sen, 23, said after the pipping ceremony.

"I'm a fourth-generation Army officer, and this makes me extremely proud. Where else could I have gone? It flows in my blood," he added.

Charity school training helps U'khand boy become officer

Dehradun: Among the cadets commissioned into the Indian Army on Saturday, 22-year-old Pankaj Joshi, hailing from Kapkote in Bageshwar, stood apart. The son of a farmer who made it to the military as a first-generation officer in his family, his parents attributed the success to the formative years of education Pankaj received at a charity school in the remote district of Uttarakhand, reports **Shivani Azad**.

Pankaj told **TOI**: "I received my primary education at a charity school named Maa Thakurer Joy Shishuleela in Kapkote. The school is run by two people from Bengal. There, as children, we were taught how to think, not what to think. That experience shaped my approach towards life." He added that his schooling at Sainik School Ghorakhal significantly contributed to his further development.

Pankaj's father Bhanu Prakash Joshi said, "I think what he learnt as a child in the school was invaluable. It had a profound impact on him. The family is already celebrating the prospect of yet another student from the same primary school in Kapkote graduating from the academy."

Mukti Bahini fighter's kin 1st IMA graduate from B'desh

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Dehradun: Mohammed Abir Hassan, 23, of Bangladesh, was beaming with pride while graduating from the Indian Military Academy (IMA) as he became the first officer cadet (OC) from his country to achieve the feat. He was among the 29 OCs from 12 friendly countries to graduate from the academy on Saturday.

Hassan's late grandfather Mohammed Taju Mia, fought for the country's independence in 1971 as a fighter of Mukti Bahini, a 'guerilla resistance movement' comprising members of the military, paramilitary and civilians in the then-East Pakistan against the Pakistani forces.

He told **TOI**: "My dream came true today. What has added to my joy is that I'm also the first in my family to become an army officer. If alive, my grandfather would have been proud of me."

The young officer from Dhaka, however, expressed a little disappointment as his family members couldn't visit Dehradun to witness the moment due to his sister's class 12 exams.

"I managed to speak to them yesterday over the phone. I will celebrate this success once I return home," he added.

Defence attache at the Bangladesh high commission, Brig Mohammed Hafiz-Ur-Rehman, present at the event, termed it "a matter of immense pride for our country". "The fact that he has become the first from Bangladesh to graduate from IMA would prove to be another step in strengthening our friendly ties with India. We're hopeful that there will be more cadets in future," he said.

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KLOPP'S LIVERPOOL SCORE A 'LUCKY' WIN OVER PALACE, GO TOP OF EPL TABLE

RONALDO MARKS HIS 1200TH GAME IN STYLE WITH A GOAL AS AL-NASSR BOUNCE BACK

GALLERY

India rout Canada 10-1 to reach quarters of men's junior hockey World Cup

Kuala Lumpur: India produced a blistering game to trounce Canada 10-1 to enter the quarterfinals of the Men's Junior World Cup hockey at the National Hockey Stadium here Saturday. The win propelled India to the second position in Pool C, enough to earn them a last eight berth. For India, Aditya Arjun Lalage (8th, 43rd), Rohit (12th, 55th), Amandeep Lakra (23rd, 52nd), Vishnukant (42nd), Rajinder (42nd), Kushwaha Sourabh Anand (51st) and Uttam Singh (58th) found the target. Jude Nicholson (20th) scored for Canada.

Bengal, Kerala storm into Vijay Hazare Trophy quarters: Captain Sudip Kumar Gharami and veteran Anustup Majumadar made contrasting hundreds to guide Bengal to an eight-wicket over Gujarat and into the quarterfinals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy in Rajkot on Saturday. Gharami anchored the chase with a 132-ball 117 and Majumdar cracked an 88-ball 102 as Bengal hunted down Gujarat's 283 for nine, which was built around a century by Priyank Panchal. In another match, hundreds by openers Krishna Prasad (144 off 137 balls) and Rohan Kunnummal (120 off 95 balls) powered Kerala to a 153-run win over Maharashtra. Prasad and Rohan stitched together 218 runs for the first wicket as Kerala posted 383 for 4 in 50 overs. Maharashtra were bowled out for 230 in 37.4 overs.

Evert will miss Aus Open while being treated for cancer recurrence: Tennis Hall of Famer Chris Evert said Friday her cancer has returned and she will not broadcast the Australian Open for ESPN while undergoing treatment. "While this is a diagnosis I never wanted to hear, I once again feel fortunate that it was caught early," Evert said in a statement released by ESPN. "Doctors found cancer cells in the same pelvic region. All cells were removed, and I have begun another round of chemotherapy."

Prepare turners at your own peril: New Oz skipper Healy dares India: Newly appointed Australia women's team captain Alyssa Healy has dared Indian team management to prepare rank turners during their upcoming tour of the country, "at your own peril" as the visitors too boast of a potent slow bowling attack. "I'm actually really intrigued to see as to what sort of wickets they prepare. I think we've got a really, really good spin attack. So do that at your own peril," Healy was quoted as saying by 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

Pakistan's match against PM XI ends early after electrical storm and rain: Pakistan's preparations for its three-Test series against Australia ended a day early after a strong electrical storm hit the region around Canberra's Manuka Oval. Winds from the storm on Friday night blew off the protective covers over the pitch and exposed it to driving rain.

No neutral athletes in Paris 2024 in track and field, says Coe: World Athletics president Sebastian Coe said Friday that there would be no Russians or Belarusians competing as neutrals in the athletics at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. "You may well see some neutral athletes from Russia and Belarus in Paris, it just won't be in athletics," Coe said.

McIlroy sad to see Jon Rahm depart, but Ryder Cup a must: While Jon Rahm's departure to LIV Golf on Thursday rocked the PGA Tour, Rory McIlroy said that move doesn't hold as much water as what happened back in June. "Jon is going to be in Bethpage in 2025," McIlroy said, referring to the Long Island course that will host the Ryder Cup. There's absolutely no question about that -- I certainly want Jon Rahm on the next Ryder Cup team."

SAI warns air weapons shooters of action after injuries to marksman: The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has warned shooters training at the National Centre of Excellence and those under the come-and-play scheme at the Karni Singh ranges to not use air cylinders more than 10 years old, failing which strict action could be taken against them. AGENCIES/TNN

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: India vs SA, 1st T20I, 7.30 pm (Star); India Women vs England, 3rd T20I, 7 pm (Jio); **FOOTBALL:** ISL, NEUFC vs Hyderabad FC, 8 pm (Jio); EPL, Luton Town vs Man City, 7.30 pm; Tottenham vs Newcastle, 10 pm (Star); La Liga, 6.30 pm (Jio)

UNCAPPED KASHVEE & VRINDA MAKE IT BIG

Annabel Sutherland Is Most Expensive Overseas Player; Chamari Athapaththu Goes Unsold

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Mumbai: Like in the case of the IPL, the BCCI's Women's Premier League (WPL) too is beginning to make millionaires out of unknown domestic cricketers. On Saturday at the WPL-2 mini-auction here, the uncapped Indian pair of Kashvee Gautam and Vrinda Dinesh hit the jackpot when they were snapped up for a whopping Rs 2 crore by the Gujarat Giants and Rs 1.3 crore by the UP Warriorz respectively.

The only other player apart from Kashvee who attracted a bid of Rs 2 crore was Australia's Ireland-born pacer Annabel Sutherland, who was bought by the Delhi Capitals. For someone who went unsold in the last auction, it is indeed a surprise that Gautam's bid was even higher than what the Mumbai Indians paid for Indian captain Harmanpreet Kaur — Rs 1.8 crore — at the inaugural auction.

Trooping in with the biggest purse after offloading more than half of their squad, the Gujarat Giants went flat out to secure the 20-year-old seam-bowling allrounder Kashvee, who plays for Chandigarh in domestic cricket.

At the senior women's T20 trophy last month, Kashvee picked up 12 wickets in seven games at an economy rate of 4.14. She played for India 'A' in the recently-concluded home series against England 'A'. In June, she was part of India's victorious Under-23 squad at the ACC Emerging tournament in Hong Kong.

The 22-year-old Vrinda, who went for 13 times her base price, has scored runs for Karnataka consistently over the past two seasons. Like Kashvee, she was a part of the India 'A' squad that played three home games against England 'A'. Earlier this year, she played a key role in Karnataka's run to the final of the Senior Women's one-dayers, notching up 477 runs in 11 innings at 47.70 , including 81 in the semifinal against Rajasthan."It is a huge message for all the women cricketers that if we work hard, we will also get a similar price in future. It is very encouraging for all young women players," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said. "It (WPL) will be more successful this time. The biggest thing that you saw today was that two uncapped players have got such big amounts, especially Indian players. The franchises have shown a lot of interest for the Indian players, which is a big thing."

Mysteriously, for the second successive auction, Sri Lankan captain Chamari Athapaththu (base price Rs 30 lakh), who was the player of the tournament in this edition's Women's Big Bash League and the WBBL's second highest run-getter, went unsold.

The other overseas player to make a killing was South African pacer Shabnim Ismail, who went to the Mumbai Indians for Rs 1.2 crore.

WPL-2 TO BE HELD IN ONE STATE IN FEB: JAY SHAH

Mumbai: Amid buzz that the WPL could be held across two venues — Mumbai and Bengaluru — in February next year, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on Saturday, "We will start the tournament most probably in the second or third week of February. As far as the venue is concerned, it will be held in one state only so that it is better logistically."

At the WPL-2 auction, former India captain and Gujarat Giants mentor Mithali Raj said that she believed that it would be a boost for women's cricket if the tournament is held across multiple venues. Shah, however, said, "Logistics are very important for us this time. Next time we can figure it out. We can do it either in Bangalore or Uttar Pradesh also. We have so many venues, even in Gujarat, where we have Ahmedabad. Rajkot and after a few years Baroda can build their own stadium. Basically it is a joint call between the franchises and the BCCI," Shah said. -Gaurav Gupta

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AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Chandigarh pacer **Kashvee Gautam**, 20 years old, and Karnataka batter **Vrinda Dinesh**, 22, both uncapped, walked away with top honours at the WPL auction in Mumbai. Kashvee was bought for attracting bids of Rs 2 cr by Gujarat Giants while Vrinda went to UP Warriorz for Rs 1.3 cr. Both Vrinda and Kashvee had recently featured for India 'A' in their three-match series against England 'A'.
- Australia's allrounder **Annabel Sutherland** was the most expensive overseas player, going to Delhi Capitals at the joint-highest bid of Rs 2 cr.
- The big surprise was Sri Lanka captain **Chamari Athapaththu** missing out for a second-time running after failing to attract a single bid. Some others who went **unsold** were **Deandra Dottin**, the former West Indies captain, and Australia allrounder **Kim Garth**, who were only three players in the highest price bracket (Rs 50 lakh). Among the **capped Indian players** who did not find any takers were Priya Punia, Devika Vaidya, Punam Raut and Sushma Verma.
- **Ekta Bisht (Rs 60 lakh)** attracted the highest bid among capped India players.

India batters fail miserably

England Clinch T20I Series With A Game To Spare

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Mumbai: England came up with another clinical display with the ball as they beat India by four wickets at the Wankhede Stadium here on Saturday to clinch the three-match T20I series 2-0. Around 25,000 turned up for the second match of the series but were left disappointed when India, who were put in to bat, were dismissed for 80 — their third lowest total in T20Is.

KK Choudhary

SHODDY DISPLAY: Smriti Mandhana is dismissed in Mumbai on Saturday

England also stuttered while chasing a below-par target but got over the line in the 12th over thanks to small but useful contributions by Alice Capsey (25, 21b; 4x4) and Nat Sciver-Brunt (16, 13b; 2x4, 1x6).

The win came courtesy the England bowlers, who were always on the money, rarely bowled loose — or wide — and kept India's batters in check.

Off-spinner Charlie Dean (2-16), who came in place of left-arm medium-pacer Mahika Gaur, set the England's bandwagon rolling when she trapped the dangerous Shafali Verma (0) leg-before on the second ball of the match. The English bowlers never looked back thereafter and kept picking wickets at regular intervals. Dean returned three overs later to trap Smriti Mandhana (10, 9b) plumb in front. The Indian opener went back to a fuller delivery and paid the price. That lack of application by Indian batters continued. Soon after India were reduced to 28-3 with Nat Sciver-Brunt (1-15) making skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (9; 7b) the third Indian batter to be caught leg-before.

Brief scores: India 80 in 16.2 overs (Rodrigues 30; Dean 2-16) lost to **England 82/6** in 11.2 overs (Capsey 25; Sharma 2-4) by 4 wickets.

Pandya may return for Afghan series

Shami Could Be Fit for SA Tests, Says BCCI Secretary

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Mumbai: Allrounder Hardik Pandya, who has been away from action after sustaining an ankle injury during the World Cup, could potentially return to international cricket during the three-match T20I series against Afghanistan at home, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said on the sidelines of the Women's Premier League-2 auction here.

"We are monitoring it on a day-to-day basis. He is at the National Cricket Academy. He is working very hard and we will let you know in due course the moment he is fit. He could be fit before the Afghanistan series also," Shah said. The BCCI secretary also informed that pacer Mohammed Shami, who is out of the white-ball leg of the South Africa tour due to an ankle injury, could return for the two-Test series in SA that starts from January 26.

"Shami should be ready for the South Africa series. He is not at the NCA yet but will go there. We are confident he will recover in time," Shah said. Shami has an ankle injury and the BCCI previously had said that the pacer is "currently undergoing medical treatment and his availability is subject to fitness." Shah revealed that the board is "monitoring" Rishabh Pant's recovery at the NCA.

RINKU SINGH GETS CONFIDENCE BOOST FROM DRAVID

Durban: Rinku Singh said head coach Rahul Dravid had asked him to play his natural game and bat at No.5 or No.6. "Getting the opportunity to work with Rahul Dravid sir was a good feeling. He told me to continue playing the way I do and continue believing in myself," Rinku told bcci.tv. "(He told me) to keep playing at No. 5 or 6. He said, 'Keep pushing yourself and believe in yourself'. I have been playing for UP since 2013 at No. 5 or 6. I keep telling myself, the more I can keep myself calm, the better it is."

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Can new-look India ace SA T20 test?

Durban: A young Indian team will be asked tough questions when it faces a sturdy South African side in a three-match T20I series starting here on Sunday. The Suryakumar Yadav-led side beat depleted Australia 4-1 on fabulous batting tracks at home but even the most partisan Indian fan would agree that there was so much less at stake in a series that was held within 72 hours of the World Cup.

The South Africa series in that context is the last big international T20 series that India play followed by one against Afghanistan in mid-January. Even without their pace bowling mainstays Kagiso Rabada (rested), Anrich Nortje and Lungi Ngidi (injured), the Proteas at home will be more than a handful.

India are carrying 17 players for the T20 series and only three of them — Shreyas Iyer, Mukesh Kumar and Ishan Kishan — are also part of the 50-over format. Yashasvi Jaiswal has already shown that he belongs at this level and Shubman Gill is now one of the first picks across formats, while Ruturaj Gaikwad — after his 52-ball-100 — will be that much difficult to ignore. And herein lies the problem as Ishan Kishan isn't a great option beyond No. 4 if the troika of Jaiswal, Gill and Gaikwad bat. And at No. 4 is India's No. 1 T20 batter and skipper Suryakumar Yadav, who is the only automatic choice as far as T20 World Cup is concerned. The Indian bowling attack was put to the sword by Australia in most games but in South Africa, the length will be doubly important as the younger crop might find it enticing to dig it in due to the extra bounce. PTI

15 Runs needed by Suryakumar Yadav (1985 runs at 44.11, including three hundreds & 16 fifties in 55 innings) to become the fourth Indian batter after Virat Kohli (4008), Rohit Sharma (3853) and KLRahul (2265) to complete 2,000-plus runs In T20Is.

SURYAKUMAR YADAV

4 The last four T20Is played at this venue resulted in defeats for South Africa — by 2 runs to England on Feb 14, 2020, by 111 runs on Aug 30, by 8 wickets on Sept 1 & by 5 wickets on Sept 3 — all to Australia in 2023. —Rajesh Kumar

TEAMS: **India:** Suryakumar Yadav (c), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tilak Varma, Rinku Singh, Shreyas Iyer, Ishan Kishan (wk), Jitesh Sharma (wk), Ravindra Jadeja (VC), Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Mohd. Siraj, Mukesh Kumar, Deepak Chahar. **SA:** Aiden Markram (c), Ottniel Baartman, Matthew Breetzke, Nandre Burger, Gerald Coetzee (1st, 2ndT20Is), Donovan Ferreira, Reeza Hendricks, Marco Jansen (1st and 2nd T20Is), Heinrich Klaasen, Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Andile Phehlukwayo, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs, Lizaad Williams.

NZ edge B'desh in 2nd Test to level series

Dhaka: New Zealand beat Bangladesh by four wickets on the fourth day of the second test on Saturday to level the two-match series at 1-1 as Ajaz Patel ripped through the Asian side with six wickets before his batting colleagues secured victory. Chasing 137 to win on a treacherous track at Mirpur's Shere Bangla Stadium after Bangladesh's Zakir Hasan hit a battling 59, the tourists rode on Glenn Phillips' unbeaten 40 and Mitchell Santner's 35 not out to prevail.

"It was a bit of scrap," New Zealand skipper Tim Southee said. "It's nice to come out on the right side of it. The guys trusted their ways. The way Phillips and Santner play, it's on the attacking side to the other players. And they did that." Phillips was dropped on nought by skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto but maintained his composure after the Black Caps were reduced to 69-6 before tea to build a seventh-wicket stand of 70 and earn his team a first test win in Bangladesh in 15 years.

"We pride ourselves on fighting till the end and we did that," said man-of-the-match Phillips. "Our spinners did incredibly well, also Tim. The Bangladesh boys came back with intent. To bring that back and to chase 137 was pleasing. The intent was there... Mitchell batted really well. He's got amazing hands, such a fluent player. Credit to him and all the boys."

Bangladesh had resumed on their overnight score of 38-2 but lost wickets cheaply in the morning as spinners Patel (6-57) and Santner (3-51) took advantage of the turn on offer to heap pressure on the batsmen. E

Brief Scores: New Zealand 180 (Phillips 87, Mehidy 3-53, Taijul 3-64) and 139 for 6 (Phillips 40*, Santner 35*, Mehidy 3-52) beat Bangladesh 172 (Mushfiqur 35, Phillips 3-31, Santner 3-65) and 144 (Zakir 59, Ajaz 6-57, Santner 3-51) by four wickets

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RIP& ZIP: Ajaz took six wickets

Ashwini-Tanisha pair in Guwahati Masters final

Guwahati: India's Tanisha Crasto and Ashwini Ponnappa continued their impressive run and stormed into the women's doubles final of the Guwahati Masters super 100 badminton tournament here on Saturday.

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The second seeded Indian combination, which finished runners-up at the Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament series last week in Lucknow, beat third seeds Debora Jille and Cheryl Seinen of the Netherlands 21-12 21-12 in a 36-minute semifinal clash. PTI

From batting with a coconut petiole to WPL, Sajana living the dream

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Kochi: Minnu Mani broke the glass ceiling a year ago by becoming the first cricketer from the adivasi community in Wayanad in Kerala to enter the Women's Premier League. Minnu hasn't looked back since and is now a regular in the Indian T20 side.

The path laid out by Minnu found new takers on Saturday as her statemate, Sajana Sajeevan, became the second cricketer from the Kurichiya tribe to enter WPL as she was bought by Mumbai Indians for Rs 15 lakh at the auction in Mumbai.

Though Sajana was part of the auction pool last year, she had found no takers. "I was upset when I was not picked by the franchises at the last WPL auction. But I knew that if I kept working hard, my talent would be recognised. I attended their trials some days ago and I am so happy that a team like Mumbai Indians have bought me. Now the onus is on me to showcase my talent to the world," the 28-year-old batting allrounder told **TOI**.

As a kid, Sajana started playing cricket for fun with friends and cousins with a bat made out of a coconut petiole and a plastic ball in the paddy fields near her home in Chottakadavu on the outskirts of Mananthavady. But till she was 17, Sajana didn't know women's cricket existed.

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THE BIG BREAK: Sajana

"I only saw boys playing cricket and I played with them because I liked the game. It was only when I joined GVHSS, Mananthavady after class 10 that I realised that there is a women's cricket team and I didn't think twice before joining it," Sajana said.

It didn't take long for Sajana to make rapid strides in her game and within a year she made her state senior team debut. Sajana was soon made the Kerala U-19 captain before being elevated to the same role of the senior side a year later. She has been an integral part of the Kerala women's team growth in the last decade. The eldest daughter of autorickshaw driver Sajeevan and panchayat ward councillor Sarada, Sajana dreams of playing for India. "Minnu has shown us the way. I am told by fellow players that Mumbai Indians is a wonderful franchise."

Wrestling fed elections on Dec 21

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New Delhi: The long-awaited Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) elections will finally take place on December 21. The returning officer, Justice (retd) Mahesh Mittal Kumar, issued a fresh notification on Saturday announcing the date after the Supreme Court vacated the stay order challenging the conduct of the elections.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court had stayed the elections on August 11 – a day prior to the scheduled polling – acting on a petition filed by the Haryana faction over voting rights.

On November 28, the apex court cleared the way for the holding of the elections, arguing that the proper course would have been to allow the election to be conducted and make the process subject to the outcome of the pending writ petition.

Due to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)-appointed ad-hoc committee's failure to hold elections on time, the sport's global governing body – United World Wrestling (UWW) – had suspended the WFI in late August, which resulted in Indian wrestlers being forced to compete as 'neutral athletes' at the Belgrade World Championships in September and the other UWW-sanctioned ranking series and international events. The WFI is still under suspension from the UWW.

The elections were delayed several times as the country's prominent wrestlers, including Bajrang Punia, Vinesh Phogat and Sakshee Malikkh, brought up serious charges of alleged sexual harassment against the WFI's outgoing president, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

As Singh is not eligible to contest after serving his three terms as president, his loyalist Sanjay Singh is pitted against former Commonwealth Games gold medallist wrestler Anita Sheoran for the president's post.

Neeraj, Jena look to open athletics season with Doha or Rabat DL

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New Delhi: Reigning Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra and Asian Games silver medallist Kishore Jena are likely to open their crucial athletics season with either Doha or Rabat Diamond League (DL) events in May next year. While the Doha meet is on May 10, Rabat will host the Diamond League on May 19.

Neeraj and Jena's participation will mark the start of their competitive preparation for the Paris Olympics 2024. The Diamond League season will kick off in China's Xiamen on April 20. It's been learnt that Neeraj will be participating in fewer tournaments -- preferably 3-4 – in the run-up to the Paris Games to keep himself injury-free.

As per the training-cum-competition plan submitted to the office of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS), Neeraj will train at the North-West University in Potchefstroom from December 5, 2023 to February 29, 2024 for a period of 85 days before shifting his base to Turkey. After participating in athletics meets in Europe, he will directly fly out to Paris a couple of days in advance before returning for the Diamond League Finals in Brussels, scheduled on September 13 and 14.

While Neeraj has planned to train abroad for Paris, Jena – who produced his personal best of 87.54m to win silver at the Hangzhou Asiad – has decided to prepare for the Olympics in India, either at NIS Patiala or Reliance Foundation-run high-performance athletics centre in Bhubaneswar.

Similarly, Hangzhou Asiad women's javelin throw gold medallist, Annu Rani, has planned to train in Germany for the Paris Games and will leave for her exposure trip abroad next month.

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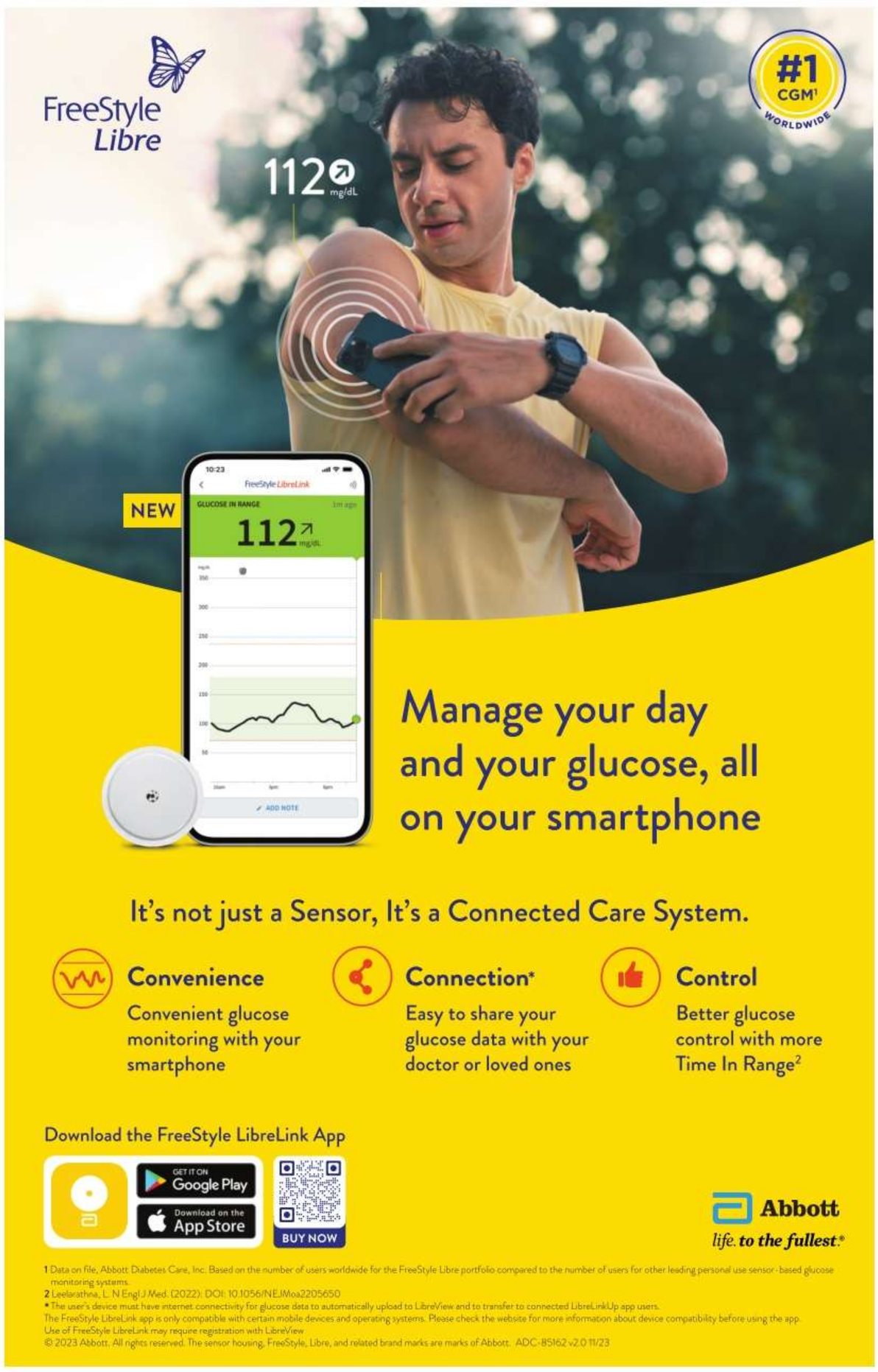
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Opec leader's leaked letter creates COP28 shockwaves

Says Block Any Formula Targeting Fossil Fuels

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Dubai: A leaked letter from Opec secretary general Haitham Al Ghais, urging 13 of its member countries to proactively reject any text or formula that targets energy i.e. fossil fuels rather than emissions, has sent shockwaves at COP28. Al Ghais reportedly said in the letter the "undue and disproportionate pressure against fossil fuels" may reach a tipping point with irreversible consequences.

It has not only left many European countries and small island nations, pitching for phase out of fossil fuels, "stunned" but also rattled civil society members. The letter was reportedly written at a time when the countries have been brainstorming over the right language or formulation to deal with fossil fuels in the draft negotiation text.

The 13 Opec members are: Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Libya, the UAE (host of COP28), Algeria, Nigeria, Gabon, Angola, Equatorial Guinea and Congo. It is not yet clear how they will respond during the negotiation over the remaining three days of the summit.

Veteran negotiators at COP28 said the push to wean the world from fossil fuels had gained so much momentum they had poked a powerful enemy — the oil industry. "They're panicking," said Alden Meyer, an analyst with think tank E3G. "Maybe the Saudis can't do on their own what they've been doing for 30 years and block the process."

COP28 director general Majid al-Suwaidi downplayed the Opec letter, saying the team running the summit has been meeting with negotiators to get an ambitious deal. The oil cartel has no formal link to the climate talks.

(With inputs from AP)

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Climate activists gather for a joint 'climate justice' and 'ceasefire now' march, demanding an end to the violence in the Gaza Strip, at the United Nations climate summit in Dubai on Saturday

Equity & justice basis of global climate action, asserts India

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Dubai: As countries fine-tune the negotiation text to be adopted as the outcome of the UN climate summit (COP28) early next week, India on Saturday pitched for "equity and climate justice" as the basis of global climate action and said it can be ensured only when the developed countries take the lead.

"As we gather here in Dubai for COP28, India looks forward to the Global Stocktake's (GST) outcomes and hopes that they will provide meaningful and relevant inputs for deciding on enhanced climate action," said environment minister Bhupender Yadav while delivering the country's statement at the high-level segment of the summit.

His remarks assume significance as it gives an indication of India's stand, both in terms of raising the floor on climate finance above the current $100 billion annual target as a new collective quantified goal (NCQG) and seeking carbon space to grow on the basis of equity while adhering to all principles (Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities) and processes of the UN climate convention. India will have the same approach (CBDR-RC, equity and climate justice) while taking its stand on the negotiation text, specifically in terms of coal use and continuation of the fossil fuel subsidies, at a time when developed countries have been making efforts to water down the principles of the Paris Agreement.

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"The resource mobilisation under NCQG must be guided by the needs and requirements of the developing countries... It is of paramount importance to repose our trust and confidence in the principles and processes of the convention and its Paris Agreement," said Yadav.

Referring to India's 'third national communication' based on greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory of 2019 along with initial adaptation communication, the minister also underlined how the country has been consistently contributing towards climate action while also prioritising the development and well-being of citizens. "In our endeavour to decouple economic growth from GHG emissions, India has successfully reduced the emission intensity vis-à-vis its GDP by 33% between 2005 and 2019, thus achieving the initial nationally determined contribution (NDC) target for 2030, 11 years ahead of the scheduled time," said Yadav.

He further shared that the country has achieved 40% of electric installed capacity through non-fossil fuel sources, nine years ahead of the target for 2030. "Between 2017 and 2023, India has added around 100 GW of installed electric capacity, of which around 80% is attributed to non-fossil fuel-based resources," he said.

AC driver cabins must for trucks from Oct 2025

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New Delhi: From October 2025 onwards, all new trucks will be required to have factory-fitted AC cabins for drivers as the road transport ministry has made this mandatory. The government finally notified the implementation date after several back and forth exercises in the past five years.

In a gazette notification issued Friday night, the ministry said, "...the vehicles manufactured on or after the October 1, 2025 shall be fitted with an air-conditioning system for the cabin of vehicles of N2 and N3 category". It said testing of the cabin fitted with air-conditioning system will be as per the notified automotive standards.

N2 and N3 categories of vehicles are commercial trucks.

The norm will also pave the way for truck manufacturers to sell the chassis with the cabin having AC systems. At present, vehicle body builders fit the cabin. Since the AC system will require modifications, including of the vehicle dashboard, these would have to be fitted in by the manufacturers themselves.

In a survey of truck drivers across 10 states in 2020 by a non-profit organisation, almost half the respondents admitted to driving vehicles even if they are feeling fatigued or sleepy.

House arrest curtails liberty, must be part of total custody period: HC

Disagrees With ED, Gives Bail To Hawala Operator

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Mumbai: Observing that house arrest curtails the liberty of a person, the Bombay high court released hawala operator Mohamed Farooq Shaikh on bail noting that he has spent a substantial part of the sentence prescribed for money laundering in custody.

"...according to us, house arrest is ultimately the arrest of a person, whereby his liberty to be a free person is ultimately curtailed by operation of law," said Justices Ajay Gadkari and Shyam Chandak on Monday, adding that "prolonged custody amounts to infringement of Article 21 (Right to Life)...of an accused."

They disagreed with the Enforcement Directorate's advocate Hiten Venegavkar that the period of house arrest cannot be considered for computing the total period of Shaikh's custody and it must be excluded.

Shaikh was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate on April 23, 2018 in a Rs 2,253 crore money laundering scam. In June 2019, the high court directed him to be kept in house arrest as his wife was unwell. On the ED's appeal, the Supreme Court in July 2019 continued the high court order.

On April 28, the SC dismissed the ED's plea to vacate the interim order. Shaikh moved the HC to quash the Enforcement Case Information Report.

Senior advocate Rajiv Chavan, for Shaikh, said he is in custody for more than five years and eight months for an offence punishable with maximum 7 years. He said the trial court has not framed charges and the trial is unlikely to complete in near future. He urged for bail pending hearing of the petition. Taking note of the situation at the trial court, the judges said the period of incarceration "has exceeded a substantial part of the prescribed sentence" and he "has already completed three-fourth of his sentence, if convicted and sentenced..." The judges directed Shaikh's release on Rs 1 lakh personal bond.

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Mohamed Farooq Shaikh, who was arrested in a money laundering scam in April 2018, argued that he had been in custody for more than five years and eight months for an offence punishable with maximum 7 years

Suspended Punjab IG booked in fake encounter case

Suspended inspector-general Paramraj Singh Umranangal and two other policemen in Punjab — one now deceased — have been booked in a nearly 30-year-old case of fake encounter of a man from Gurdaspur, according to the final report submitted by the special investigation team before the Punjab and Haryana HC, reports **Ajay Sura.** The charges against the cops are mainly fabrication of evidence.

Seized MDMA turns out to be urea

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Bhopal: In a major setback to Madhya Pradesh Police, the central forensic science laboratory in Delhi has said that there were no narcotics in the 'MDMA drugs' seized by Gwalior police last year that led to the arrest and detention of an individual. This is the second blow to the state police in the case. In April 2023, the Madhya Pradesh high court had ordered the DGP to pay Rs 10 lakh compensation to the accused, Rohit Tiwari, for wrongful confinement.

Tiwari was arrested on September 6, 2022, by Morar Police under the NDPS and Arms Acts. The prosecution claimed that Tiwari was arrested by SI Sumitra Tigga and her team on specific information about contraband and that the cops had seized "720 gms of 'MDMA', two pistols and bullets" from them.

The 'MDMA drugs' seized by Madhya Pradesh Police last year were first tested by the central forensic science laboratory in Bhopal and then the central lab in Delhi. Both labs found no traces of drugs in the samples

The sample was sent to the central forensic science laboratory, Bhopal, which said there was no MDMA and that the powder was urea. Tiwari's counsel said that he was falsely implicated and had been in custody since his arrest. The high court granted him interim bail for two months. The counsel then sought compensation for Tiwari for violation of his personal liberty due to the police's wrongdoing.

The Gwalior bench of the high court ordered that Tiwari be released on bail and ordered the DGP to pay Rs 10 lakh compensation to him within two months for wrongful confinement. The high court instructed the DGP's subordinate officers not to repeat such an irregularity in the future. "The DGP is free to recover the amount from the erring officials," the high court said.

After the high court ordered compensation, police sent seven more samples to the central forensic science laboratory in Delhi. The report was received on Friday and has been submitted in court. Sources say that the Delhi lab has not found any drugs in the samples.