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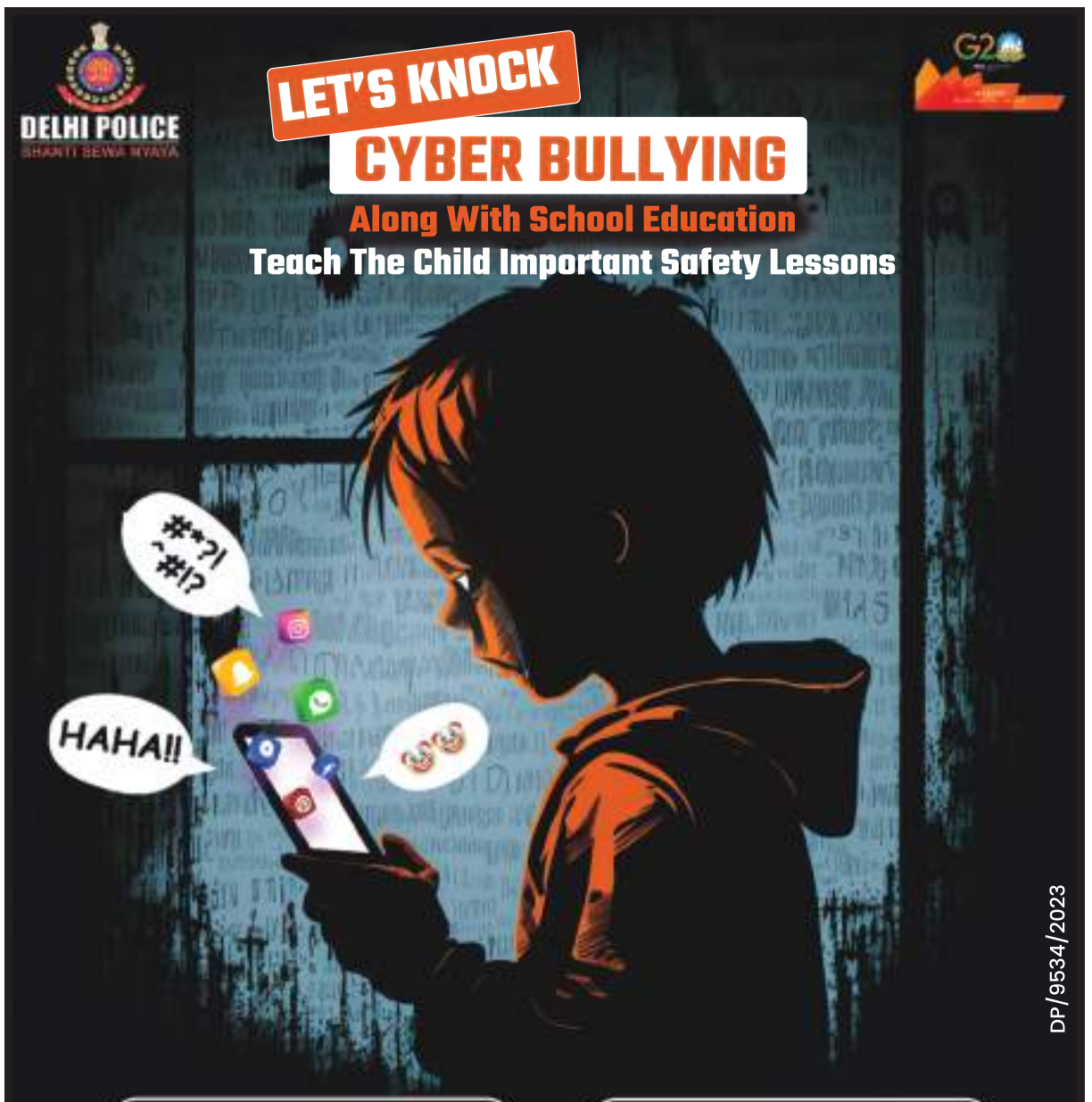
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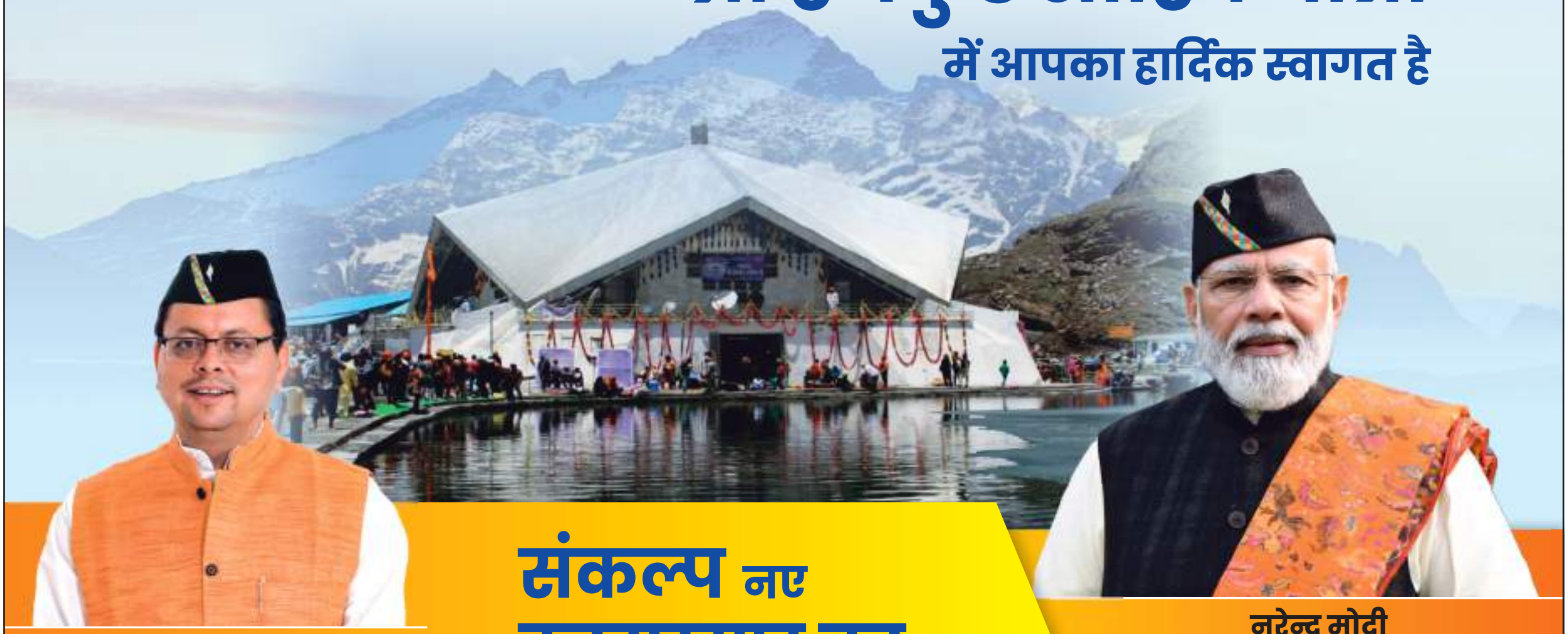
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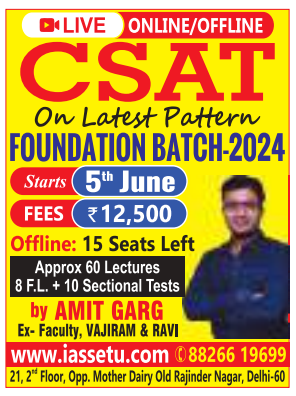
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KEJRIWAL CALLS MEETING TODAY

SC empowered Delhi govt, Centre gets ordinance to put bureaucrats over CM

Sets up Authority chaired by CM with two Central officers, all matters to be decided by 'majority of votes'

JATIN ANAND & MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

SETTING THE stage for a renewed confrontation with the Delhi Aam Aadmi Party Government, the Centre Friday promulgated an ordinance to create a National Capital Civil Service Authority that will have the power to recommend the transfer and posting of all Group





Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal; L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena

A officers and officers of DANICS serving in Delhi.

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023, is seen as a bid to nullify last week's ruling by a Constitution bench of the Supreme Court that handed over the reins of "services" to the Delhi Government. The court had then underlined the importance of the people's mandate in a democracy expressed through an elected government.

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How it flies in face of SC ruling on people's will

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

A NEW statutory body to handle transfer and posting of bureaucrats in the national capital that gives veto to two senior bureaucrats over the elected Chief Minister — the Centre's ordinance promulgated Friday is in the teeth of the Supreme Court verdict.

While Parliament has power to bring in a law to nullify the effect of a court ruling, the ordinance raises questions over the manner in which it addresses the key principles enunciated in the Supreme Court ruling.

The Constitution bench ruling re-interpreting Article 239AA, the

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10.8% OF CURRENCY

RBI withdraws its highest-value Rs 2,000 notes, sets Sept 30 as deadline for exchange

Exchange of currency allowed from May 23; limit of Rs 20, 000 at a time

GEORGE MATHEW & RITU SARIN
MUMBAI, NEW DELHI, MAY 19

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) Friday announced the withdrawal of its highest value currency note, Rs 2,000, from circulation, adding that the notes will continue to be legal tender. It said the existing Rs 2,000 notes can be deposited or exchanged in banks until September 30, but set a limit of "Rs 20,000 at a time".

The central bank advised the public to deposit Rs 2,000 notes — introduced during demonetisation in November 2016, when Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were withdrawn — into their bank accounts and/ or exchange them into notes of other denominations at any bank branch. It also

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE ₹2,000 NOTE



- Rs 2,000 notes will remain legal tender
- Notes can be deposited/ exchanged from May 23 to Sept 30, up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time
- Exchange facility at any bank branch, and 19 regional offices of RBI
- Banks to stop issuing Rs 2,000 notes with immediate effect

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SC defers survey of 'Shivling' at Gyanvapi, CJI says must 'tread a little carefully'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

A WEEK after the Allahabad High Court ordered a "scientific survey", including carbon dating, of a "Shivling" said to have been found at the Gyanvapi mosque complex in Varanasi, the Supreme Court on Friday deferred the implementation of the order. "These are matters where one has to tread a little carefully," Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said.

Issuing notice on an appeal filed by the mosque management committee challenging the HC order, a three-judge bench presided by the CJI said: "Since the implications of the High Court order would merit closer scrutiny, we direct that the implementation of the directions in the HC order shall stand deferred till the next date".

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PM In Hiroshima

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives in Hiroshima to attend the G7 Summit, Friday. *PTI* P8

HINDENBURG REPORT

Sebi draws a blank in Adani probe, says SC expert committee

No regulatory failure, says panel, Sebi 'suspected wrongdoing' by FPIs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, MAY 19

THE SIX-MEMBER expert committee, appointed by the Supreme Court to probe allegations of stock market manipulation and regulatory failure in dealing with allegations relating to the Adani Group, has said that market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) "had drawn a blank" in its investigation into alleged violations in money flows from offshore entities into the conglomerate.

Stating that there was no evidence of a "regulatory failure" on the part of the Sebi, the committee said the market regulator's investigations on the foreign portfolio investors' economic interest in the Adani group could be "a journey without destination".

The committee, in its 173-page report, said that the market regulator "suspects wrongdoing" on the ownership of foreign

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EXPLAINED

'No abusive trading'

THE SC panel said that trading related to Adani stocks generated 849 alerts which resulted in four reports to SEBI — two before and two after the Hindenburg Report. An analysis of these did not find a pattern of artificial trading and "there was no coherent pattern of abusive trading that has come to light".

Move confirms note was needless, Sept deadline creates some confusion

UDIT MISRA
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

THE RBI's announcement that it's pulling the plug on the Rs 2,000 currency note brings the curtains down on its flawed introduction — as well as its pointless existence.

The central bank's order has also created confusion because on the one hand, the RBI says that the Rs 2000 note will continue to be legal tender and while stating this it does not mention a deadline. However, elsewhere, it states that the facility to exchange these notes is open only until September 30.

It is unclear what this means for the status of the Rs 2,000 note on October 1.

If the RBI itself will stop exchanging the Rs 2,000 note, will it still be legal tender in practical terms from October 1 onwards? Can one still use it for buying goods and services? Can people refuse to accept it?

If none of this is true, then what is the point of having a deadline?

Here's a brief recap of the troubled history of the Rs 2,000 currency note.

- The introduction of the Rs 2,000 note was self-contradictory as an idea by itself. The

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Centre blinks on forex credit card: No tax at source for transactions below Rs 7 lakh

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

AFTER WIDESPREAD criticism over the recently notified tweaks in usage of international credit cards, the Finance Ministry Friday said international debit and credit card transactions up to Rs 7 lakh per financial year will be excluded from the limit under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) and, hence, will not face any levy of Tax Collected at Source (TCS) until this monetary limit.

"Concerns have been raised about the applicability of Tax Collection at Source to small transactions under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme from July 1, 2023. To avoid any procedural ambiguity, it has been decided that any payments by an individual using their

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AN EXPRESS INVESTIGATION- PART II

Off the radar, easy to get and assemble: why it's easy for bombs to be Made in Bengal

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA, ATRI MITRA & SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, MAY 19

SITTING UNDER a tree at his home in West Bengal's Birbhum, the 48-year-old holds up his arm, missing from the elbow down. It's a "hazard" of his trade, he explains, as he discusses "Peto" and "Lal Sada" — names that crude bombs go by in the state.

The man, who spoke on the condition that he not be named, goes by the moniker "Ustad" or "Shilpi" (artist), a term commonly used to describe those who make crude bombs, the ubiquitous symbol of how pervasive and entrenched is the crime-politics nexus in the state.



At an illegal bomb manufacturing unit in Kolkata. *Partha Paul*

Bombs have become fodder for a range of criminal activities: from local gangs settling scores to rival political party workers in a turf war. Leaving in their wake a trail of tragedy, as reported by *The Indian Express* Thursday — several children killed or maimed by these bombs which

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Rlys Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to be guest at Express Adda today

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

INFRASTRUCTURE HAS and continues to be a very important piece in the BJP-led NDA government's agenda. As the Minister for Railways, Electronics & IT and Communications, Ashwini Vaishnaw, is handling key projects in all three of his portfolio ministries, and has made a mark in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Cabinet in less than three years.

Vaishnaw, an IIT engineer with a Wharton MBA, with rich and varied experience in both the government and the private sector, will be the chief guest at the Express Adda on Saturday.



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In Kerala, teacher waits for Roll No. 166, V-P Dhankhar

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SHAJU PHILIP
CHAMPAD (KANNUR), MAY 19

FIVE DECADES after he cleared class 12 from Sainik School, Chittorgarh in Rajasthan, the student with roll number 166 will reach North Kerala's Champad village on May 22 to revisit his beloved maths teacher. The student in question is Jagdeep Dhankhar, then a boy from Kithana village in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district, who is coming to meet 83-year-old Ratna Nair as the Vice-President of India.

On the day he was sworn in as the 14th Vice-President, Dhankhar promised Nair that whenever he visits Kerala next, he would drop by her residence. But Nair is torn between meeting her student from the 1960s and the protocol of a VVIP visit.

"He had invited me to attend his swearing-in ceremony (on August 11 last year). Only two of his school teachers are alive now. I could not fly to Delhi because of health issues," she says.



For the last 55 years, Ratna Nair watched her student's ascent from a distance — from lawyer to MP to V-P

"That evening, I called to inform him why I couldn't attend, and gave him my heartfelt congratulations. Jagdeep told me it doesn't matter, and that he would come to meet me during his next Kerala visit. Then, I said I am telling his excellency, the V-P of India, my congratulations; it is not with any ill-feeling that I called him Jagdeep. He told me, 'Madam, to you, I am Jagdeep, not the V-P of India. You are my teacher. It is your right to call (me by my name)'. I told him I have to differentiate between my duty and my right. As a citizen of the

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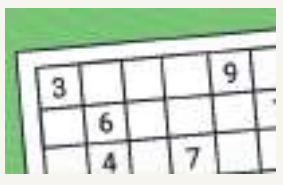
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The new Karnataka CM, MBA graduates to help investors, and SC on Jallikattu

In 3 Things today, we discuss why did the Congress choose Siddaramaiah, why is UP recruiting MBA graduates, and what did the SC say about Jallikattu.

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Ordinance to put bureaucrats over CM

The authority will be chaired by the Delhi Chief Minister and will include the Chief Secretary and the Principal Secretary, Home, and "all matters required to be decided by the authority shall be decided by majority of votes of the members present and voting."

This, effectively, means two bureaucrats, appointed by the Centre, could over-rule the elected CM. In case the LG differed with the recommendation made, the ordinance said, they were empowered to "return the recommendation to the Authority for reconsideration" and, in case of difference of opinion, "the decision of the Lieutenant Governor shall be final."

The ordinance gave more teeth to the L-G not only in terms of the transfer and posting of officials and vigilance matters related to them, but also in terms of governance in Delhi designating the individual occupying the post as "administrator" acting "in his sole discretion" in matters beyond the purview of the Delhi Assembly.

The ordinance gives sweeping powers to Secretary of the Department to the Council of Ministers: "In case the Secretary to the Council of Ministers is of the opinion that the proposal considered and decided by the Council of Ministers is not in accordance with the provisions of the law... it shall be the duty of the Secretary to the Council of Ministers to bring it to the notice of Lieutenant Governor for taking a decision thereon."

"We will have to examine the ordinance. Without going into its merits, it is clear that it is the sign of a poor, bad graceless loser. Whether into what extent constitutional principles can be diluted by the ordinance will have to be examined. Whether Parliament as a whole will at all approve this ordinance is another aspect," said senior Congress leader Abhishek Singhvi, who appeared for the Delhi government in the matter in Supreme Court.

Singhvi said that the "ordinance (has been) drafted by persons blissfully ignorant of law." Underlining that the power over the Chief Secretary was given to the Delhi Government by the Constitution Bench, he tweeted: "(this was) diluted by ordinance. Federalism, part of basic structure, decimated. Answerability of civil service to political executive turned upside down. CM to preside over own minority!"

Singhvi's tweets were retweeted by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Delhi Cabinet Minister Atishi termed the ordinance "a clear cut case of contempt of court."

A senior AAP leader said the ordinance was a way to subvert the democratic process. "This turns the Constitution and the SC Constitution Bench verdict on its head. Where in the world is it possible that the democratically elected government is not responsible for the decisions pertaining to the state? It is in extremely poor taste and shows the desperation of the Centre vis-a-vis the Arvind Kejriwal government. Can an ordinance simply reverse the democratic process?" he said.

The AAP expressed an apprehension that an ordinance would be brought Friday morning before its ministers marched to the L-G's office demanding that decisions taken by it regarding the transfer and posting of officers be cleared and sent to the Centre for action.

"The Modi Government has gone against the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court's Constitution bench," Atishi said. "The SC had directed that the elected government be given powers to take decisions independently, as per its will, as per the principles of democracy. The Centre's sole motive to bring this ordinance is to snatch powers from the Kejriwal Government."

• How it flies in face of SC ruling on people's will

provision that deals with the governance structure of Delhi, underlined the principles of federalism, participatory democracy and collective responsibility.

"An unaccountable and a non-responsive civil service may pose a serious problem of governance in a democracy. It creates a possibility that the permanent executive, consisting of unelected civil service officers, who play a decisive role in the implementation of government policy, may act in ways that disregard the will of the electorate," the apex court had stated.

"If a democratically elected government is not provided with the power to control the officers posted within its domain, then the principle underlying the triple-chain of collective responsibility would become redundant. That is to say, if the government is not able to control and hold to account the officers posted in its service, then its responsibility towards the legislature as well as the public is diluted," the ruling added.

• Teacher waits for Roll No. 166

country, duty comes first," she recalls. She says she would like to give Dhankhar a gift and cook a meal for him, but realises protocol has to be followed.

Dhankhar joined the school in 1962 in class 6 while Nair joined a year later. He cleared class 12 in 1968. While most students opted for services, Dhankhar forayed into the legal profession.

The duo have never met in person for the last 55 years, though Nair watched her student's ascent from a distance — from a lawyer to legislator to Lok Sabha member to Union minister. It was when Dhankhar became the Governor of West Bengal in 2019 that the two reconnected. After he was picked for the post, Nair made a call from her village home to Raj Bhavan in Kolkata and introduced herself. Ten minutes later, she got a call back and was connected to Dhankar. "When he was informed that a woman from Kerala had called, he was certain it was Ratna Nair," she recalls, adding that he also shared his personal number with her.

"In a residential school, children are with us for around nine months in a year. We teachers are exclusively responsible for bringing them up. Students like Jagdeep believe that their alma mater and its teachers are responsible for what they are now," she says.

"He was an outstanding, well-disciplined student... I had taught his elder brother too. His father used to come to the school every month and ask how his sons were doing." Nair, a postgraduate, taught at the Chittorgarh school for 30 years. In 2002, she retired from Navodaya school in Kannur, where she had worked as principal for three years.

• RBI withdraws Rs 2,000 notes

advised banks to stop issuing Rs 2,000 notes with immediate effect. "In order to ensure operational convenience and to avoid disruption of regular activities of bank branches, exchange of Rs 2,000 banknotes can be made up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time, at any bank starting from May 23," it said. "To complete the exercise in a time-bound manner and to provide adequate time to the members of public, all banks shall provide deposit and/or exchange facility for Rs 2,000 banknotes until September 30, 2023," it said.

"Deposit into bank accounts can be made in the usual manner, that is, without restrictions and subject to extant instructions and other applicable statutory provisions," the RBI said.

The facility for exchange of Rs 2,000 notes, up to the limit of Rs 20,000 at a time, will also be provided at the 19 regional offices of the RBI having issue departments from May 23.

When contacted by *The Indian Express*, a top RBI official said: "This is a routine exercise and a similar withdrawal of currency notes which had been printed before 2005 was done in 2013-2014. So nothing more should be read into this move this time around too. This is what other countries, including the US do from time to time." Asked why, the RBI official attributed the move to several reasons. "One, there was the issue of soiled Rs 2,000 notes lying with the RBI. The other was that Rs 2,000 notes are not popular and they are just lying around. They have run their life cycle. Even at the peak of their being in circulation, they did not comprise much of the currency in circulation and, at present, are only 10%-11% of the total currency. When the demonetization of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes was done in 2016, they comprised 80% of the total currency in circulation. So there is a huge difference."

Asked if the Finance Ministry had been consulted, the official said: "Such a decision would not be made by the RBI alone."

The RBI said about 89% of the Rs 2,000 denomination notes were issued prior to March 2017 and are at the end of their life span of four-five years. "The total value of these banknotes in circulation has declined from Rs 6.73 lakh crore at its peak as on March 31, 2018 (37.3% of notes in circulation) to Rs 3.62 lakh crore constituting only 10.8% of notes in circulation on March 31, 2023," it said.

• Move confirms note was needless

Prime Minister had shocked the nation by announcing demonetisation (de-recognising the high-value notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1000) arguing that it is in these high-value currency notes that bulk of the black money and money for terrorism is stored. To introduce a currency note of Rs 2000 defied this logic. The truth is — and the RBI is on record about this — most of the black money is stored in other assets like gold or property, not currency.

■ To compound matters, the disbursal of Rs 2000 notes was riddled with glitches. These notes were first "notified" under Section 24 (2) of the RBI Act. But soon it was realised that it was the wrong section. It is Section 24(1) of the RBI Act that gave the Centre the authority to issue banknotes, forcing the required modification in announcement. These notes were of a different size and as such could not fit into existing ATM machines; this forced all ATMs to be re-calibrated and ended up further delaying the "remonetisation" exercise while the whole country stood in endless queues.

■ The Rs 2000 notes did not have any of the highly anticipated security updates. Not surprisingly then, they were easy to replicate. As early as November 26, 2016, there were reports of counterfeit Rs 2000 notes. That the old currency notes were easy to counterfeit was one of the key reasons why the country was subjected to that shock on November 8.

■ Lastly, the Rs 2000 note failed in one of the fundamental purposes that money must serve: There are three fundamental roles of money — and think of a currency note issued by RBI versus a lovely cabbage that one grows in one's kitchen garden as you read this. Firstly, it should be a store of value.

That is to say, the value of Rs 100 stays Rs 100 from one day to another. A cabbage loses value much faster than a currency note. Second, it should be a unit of account. That is to say that the price of a new laptop can be quoted in a currency note, but not in terms of a cabbage.

And three, it should be a medium of exchange. A Rs 100 note can be easily exchanged for a pen. It is in the third role that the Rs 2000 note failed rather miserably, especially in the beginning when it was introduced.

That's because everyone in the market had Rs 2000 notes but no one could break it and use it for buying things. As a medium of exchange it was of very limited use, especially at a time, and for an economy, where small transitions, often below Rs 500 and even Rs 100 were commonplace.

The RBI has stipulated that any exchange of Rs 2000 note cannot exceed Rs 20,000 at a time. This means that if a person has saved up Rs 2 lakh in these notes — say for organising a marriage — they would have to stand in line 10 times (outside one of the 19 regional offices of RBI in the whole country) just to get back the full value of their own money.

But since demonetisation was widely seen among Indians as a masterstroke, it is hardly surprising that the government now expects Indians to yet again stand in queue.

HC forms panel to push policy on rare diseases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DELHI, MAY 19

THE DELHI HC recently constituted a five-member 'National Rare Diseases Committee' to implement the National Rare Disease Policy-2021 in an efficient manner and to "ensure that the benefits of the policy reach the ultimate patients of rare disease".

A single judge bench of Justice Prathiba Singh in its May 15 order observed, "During the hearings before the Court, it is realised that there is a need for some urgent steps to be taken in close coordination between the medical community, the providers of therapies for rare diseases and the governmental agencies. Under the current framework, the centres for excellence are not centrally coordinated, leading to lack of timely availability and adequate therapies for patients with rare diseases — mostly children".

The HC said that the committee shall comprise of Dr Nikhil Tandon (Prof AIIMS); Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, or his nominee member; Director General, Indian Council for Medical Research; Drug Controller General of India; and Dr Madhulika Kabra, Professor, AIIMS.

The observations were made in a batch of pleas pertaining to children suffering from rare diseases.

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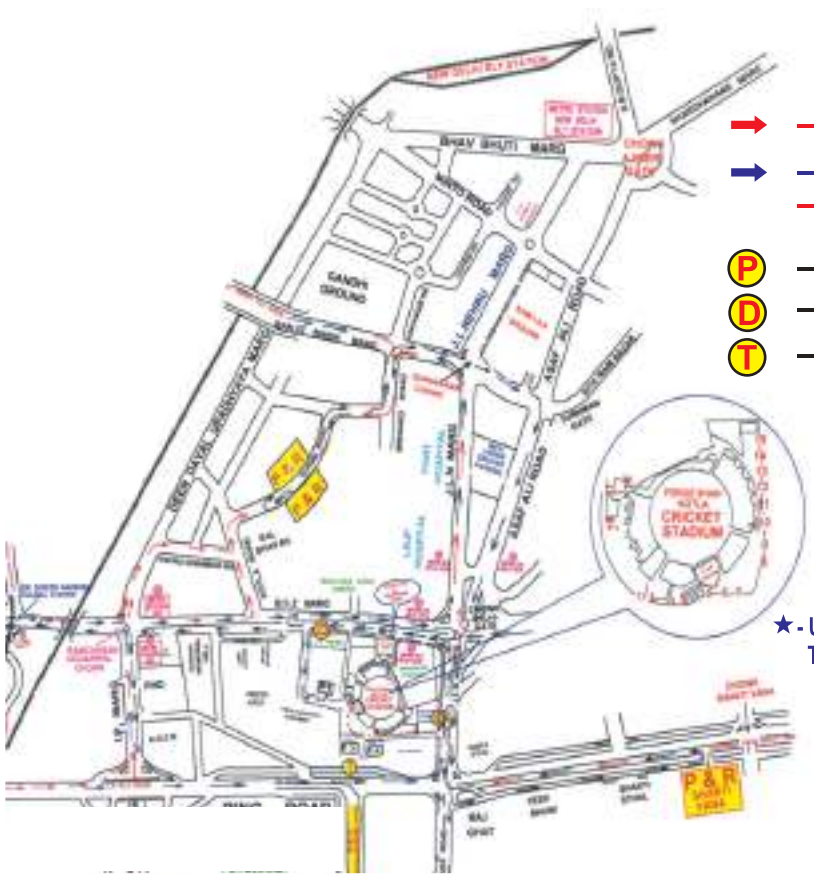
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There will be diversion of traffic for half an hour after conclusion of the match. No heavy vehicles and buses shall be allowed on Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, Delhi Gate to J.L.N. Marg, from Darya Ganj to Bahadurshah Zafar Marg and from Guru Nanak Chowk to Asaf Ali Road, People are requested to avoid following roads from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the match day respectively when the spectators would be coming to the stadium and congestion is expected.

- Raj Ghat to JLN Marg.
- J.L.N. Marg from R/A Kamla Market to Raj Ghat.
- Asaf Ali Road from Turkman Gate to Delhi Gate.
- Bahadurshah Zafar Marg from Ram Charan Agarwal Chowk to Delhi Gate.

ENTRY TO THE STADIUM

(I) Gate Nos. 1, 3, 6, & 8 are located on the southern side of the Stadium & entry to these enclosures are from Bahadurshah Zafar Marg.
(II) Gate No.10, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15 are located on the Eastern side of the Stadium on the road and entry is from J.L.N. Marg Next to Ambedkar Stadium Bus Terminal.
(III) Gate Nos. 16, 17 & 18 are located on the Western side of the Stadium & entry is from Bahadurshah Zafar Marg near Petrol Pump.

PARKING

Labeled Vehicles

Limited parking is available for labeled vehicles in the proximity of the Stadium. Display of car parking label on windscreen is mandatory. Vehicle number must be written on the parking label. Those who do not display parking label with vehicle number will not be allowed in the proximity of the stadium.

Car parking label holders are advised to take Ring Road, J.L.N. Marg, Asaf Ali Road Bahadurshah Zafar Marg. 'U' turn at Delhi Gate is allowed. Entry to parking lots P-1, P-2, P-3 & P-4 shall be from Bahadurshah Zafar Marg only beyond the Petrol Pump.

General Vehicles

No vehicle shall be allowed to be parked on Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, Jawaharlal Nehru Marg & Ring Road from Rajghat to I.P. Flyover (both the carriageways) on the match day. Vehicles parked on these roads shall be towed away and prosecuted as per law.

PARK & RIDE

For spectators, unlabeled vehicles 'park and ride' facility has been created at the following places:-
• Mata Sundri Parking • Shanti Van Parking • Under Velodrome Road

All the spectators coming in their vehicles shall reach these Park & Ride sites, and avail "Park & Ride" facility or walk down to reach stadium.

BUS — All buses will start their service 3 hours before the match and will continue till one hour after the start of match. The bus service from the stadium to their respected destinations will start as soon as the game ends and will continue for one hour after the match.

TAXI — Spectators using app based taxi and other taxis should use the service lane on Ring Road between I.P. flyover & Rajghat crossing for pickup and drop service & away free shuttle.

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Father of witness in Kerala train arson case found dead in hotel

Mohd Shafik and his son had come to Kochi from Delhi to record statement in connection with the April incident

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOCHI, MAY 19

A 45-YEAR-OLD Delhi resident, father of a witness in the recent Kerala train arson case, was found hanging in a hotel room here on Friday, police said.

Police said Mohammed Shafik and his son reached the state on May 16 to give a statement in connection with the train arson incident that happened at Kozhikode in April.

"He (Shafik) and his son reached the state to record their statement in the case. The statement recording was complete and they were planning to go back to Delhi. But his son saw him hanging inside the bathroom," a senior police official told PTI.

Police said the witness was summoned by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) as part of its probe. The witness had appeared before the agency on May 17 and 18.

The case, registered under various sections of Indian Penal Code, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Railway Act and Explosive Substance Act, was recently taken over by the NIA's Kochi unit.

Three people, including a baby, died in the train arson incident in Kozhikode district.

On the night of April 2, accused Shahrukh Saifi had allegedly set his co-passengers on fire onboard the Alappuzha-Kannur Executive Express train when it reached Korapuzha bridge near Elathur in Kozhikode. Nine people had suffered burn injuries in the incident while three, including the toddler, were found dead on the tracks. Police suspect they fell while trying to escape from the fire.

Man tries to extort Rs 2 cr from builder, says needed cash for surgery

New Delhi: Delhi Police have arrested a man for allegedly attempting to extort Rs 2 crore from a GK-based builder, officers said Friday. Police said the accused is a heart patient and had demanded the amount to pay his medical bills.

Police said they received a call on May 10 from a builder who alleged he had received a text on his phone in which he was threatened that he would be killed if he did not hand over Rs 2 crore to the sender by 4 PM. An hour later, the complainant received another message, stating that he "will be responsible for his deeds" since he had not replied to the earlier message.

A case was lodged and probe initiated into the case. The accused, Bhupender, was held in Mehrauli on May 17.

"He is a heart patient and has undergone a bypass surgery. He was in need of money to pay his medical bills," said police. **ENS**

PLEA FOR REGULARISATION OF COLONIES

No punitive action in Sainik Farms till Dec 31, HC told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

WHILE HEARING a plea pertaining to regularisation of colonies at Sainik Farms, the Delhi High Court was informed Friday that the Centre, Delhi Development Authority (DDA), and Delhi government will not be taking any "punitive action" till December 31.

A bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad was hearing a 2015 plea moved by one Ramesh Dugar, convenor of the area development committee at Sainik Farms, for regularisation of colonies in the area.

During the course of the hearing, the HC said that "it is for the Government of India to take a call" on the issue.

The court, however, noted that the Centre was clear that for repairs, whether minor or major, "not a brick more" can be laid in these colonies.

The bench, however, told Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre, "You have to take a decision whether you are regularising them or not... please try to resolve it at the earliest", and listed the matter in August.

Bhati had submitted that for repair and construction, there is no provision under the existing law to grant any permission. The ASG further said there was a meeting of a high-powered committee that took place Thursday.

Perusing through the minutes of the meeting, the HC noted that they "reveal that the Government of India/Delhi Development Authority/Delhi government will not be taking any punitive action till December 31, 2023" in respect of these colonies. The Centre said it shall expedite the matter of taking a policy decision in respect of these colonies.

The court did take note of the fact that householders should know what their future is, since they had spent a "huge amount of money" in constructing these homes.

The Centre in August 2022 had opposed any order for permitting residents of Sainik Farms to undertake any repair of their properties, submitting that though the residential area may have legal protection against demolitions, it is still a "purely unauthorised colony".

The Centre had previously told the court that there are 69 affluent colonies and 1,797 non-affluent colonies. A decision has been taken that the process of regularisation of non-affluent colonies will be undertaken first and only after the process is complete, affluent colonies will be looked into, it had submitted.

OBITUARY



Lt Col Raj Saran (Retd)
(10 Jun 1934 -18 May 2023)

The 9th Gorkha Rifles fraternity expresses deep sorrow on the sad demise of Lt Col Raj Saran (Retd), the ninth Commanding Officer of 4/9 Gorkha Rifles (CHINDITS) on 18 May 2023. He was commissioned into 4/9 GR on 11 Dec 1955 and commanded the CHINDIT paltan from 09 Jul 1973 to 13 Nov 1977, later superannuated on 30 Jun 2009.He will always be remembered for his passion and love for his bn & the regt, and also his sterling will power. We stand together with the family in this hour of grief and pray foreternal peace to the departed soul.

Maj Gen Alok Kacker, AVSM, Col 9 GR and
All Members of 9th Gorkha Rifles Family

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
DIVISION BENCH – I, CHENNAI
CA(CAA)/5(CHE)2023
In the matter of Companies Act 18 of 2013,
In the matter of Sections 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and
In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation of
Raya Foods Private Limited (Transferor Company) with
Kovilpatti Lakshmi Roller Flour Mills Limited (Transferee Company)
Raya Foods Private Limited
having its registered office at 8th Floor, Time Square,
62/4, A.T.T. Colony, Balasundaram Road, Coimbatore – 641018, Tamil Nadu, India
...First Applicant/Transferor Company
AND
Kovilpatti Lakshmi Roller Flour Mills Limited,
having its registered office at 75/8, Benares Cape Road, Gangaikondan,
Tirunelveli – 627352, Tamil Nadu, India ...Second Applicant/Transferee Company

ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS AND THE UNSECURED CREDITORS OF KOVILPATTI LAKSHMI ROLLER FLOUR MILLS LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that by an Order dated 10th May 2023, the Chennai Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal ('Tribunal') has directed separate meeting(s) to be held of the equity shareholders and the unsecured creditors of Kovilpatti Lakshmi Roller Flour Mills Limited ('the Company') for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving with or without modification(s), the Scheme of Amalgamation of Raya Foods Private Limited (Transferor Company) with Kovilpatti Lakshmi Roller Flour Mills Limited (Transferee Company).

In pursuance of the said Order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that separate meeting(s) of the equity shareholders and the unsecured creditors of the Company will be held through Video Conferencing ('VC')/ Other Audio-Visual Means ('OAVM') on Thursday, 22nd June 2023 at 12.00 O' clock in the noon (IST) and 2.00 PM (IST) respectively at which time the said equity shareholders and the unsecured creditors are requested to attend their respective meetings.

Copies of the said Scheme of Amalgamation and of the statement under Sections 230 & 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') are posted on the website of the Company at www.klrf.in, website of Link Intime India Private Limited (LIIPL), Registrar & Share Transfer Agents (RTA)/ e-voting agency at instavote.linkintime.co.in and on the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and can also be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the company at 75/8, Benaras Cape Road, Gangaikondan, Tirunelveli – 627352, Tamil Nadu, India or at the office of its counsel M/s. G. Sivashankaran & S. Sathyaganesh, Advocates, 9/2 First Cross Street, Seethammal Colony, Alwarpet, Chennai – 600018.

The Company has engaged Link Intime India Private Limited as the agency to provide e-voting and other facilities for the meeting. Since the meetings are being held through VC/OAVM pursuant to directions of the Hon'ble Tribunal in accordance with the framework prescribed under the MCA Circulars and SEBI Circulars, physical attendance of members / unsecured creditors in their respective meetings has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies will not be available for their respective meetings and hence the Proxy Form was not annexed to the individual notice sent to the equity shareholders/ unsecured creditors.

The Tribunal has appointed Mr. V. Nallasenapathy, Advocate as the Chairperson (Chairman) of the said meetings. The above-mentioned Scheme of Amalgamation, if approved by the equity shareholders / unsecured creditors in their respective meeting(s), will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Hon'ble Tribunal.

The Company has completed the dispatch of Notice of the meetings along with the explanatory statement and annexures thereto on Friday, 19th May 2023 to those members holding shares of the Company as on Friday, 12th May 2023 and to all the unsecured creditors to whom balance is due as on Monday, 16th January 2023 through email / registered post in accordance with the directions of the Hon'ble Tribunal.

In compliance with Section 108 of the Act read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended from time to time and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the members / unsecured creditors are provided with the facility to cast their votes on the resolution as set forth in the Notice using remote electronic voting system (remote e-voting) provided by LIIPL. Additionally, the Company is also providing the facility of voting through e-voting system during the meeting ("e-voting"). Detailed procedure for remote e-voting/ e-voting is provided in the individual notice sent to the equity shareholders/ unsecured creditors.

The Hon'ble Tribunal has appointed Ms. Deepa Mariappan, Advocate as Scrutinizer to scrutinize the voting process in a fair and transparent manner. The cut-off date for e-voting and time period for the remote e-voting of the aforesaid meetings are as under:

Equity Shareholders Meeting	
Cut-off date for e-voting	Thursday, 15th June 2023
Remote e-voting start date and time	Monday, 19th June 2023 at 9.00 AM (IST)
Remote e-voting end date and time	Wednesday, 21st June 2023 at 5.00 PM (IST)
Unsecured Creditors Meeting	
Cut-off date for e-voting	Monday, 16th January 2023
Remote e-voting start date and time	Monday, 19th June 2023 at 9.00 AM (IST)
Remote e-voting end date and time	Wednesday, 21st June 2023 at 5.00 PM (IST)

The remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the said date and time and the module shall be disabled by LIIPL thereafter.

Those equity shareholders/ unsecured creditors, who are present in the meeting through VC/OAVM facility and had not cast their votes on the resolution through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting system during the meeting. An equity shareholder / unsecured creditor may participate in the meeting even after exercising his right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the meeting.

A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting at the said meeting. The voting rights of equity shareholders shall be in proportion to the shares held by them in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date.

A person who is an unsecured creditor of the Company as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting at the said meeting. The voting rights of unsecured creditors shall be in proportion to the outstanding amount due by the Company as on the cut-off date. A person who is not a equity shareholder / unsecured creditor of the company as on the cut-off date should treat this notice for information purpose only.

Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after the Notice has been sent electronically by the Company, and holds shares as of the cut-off date, may obtain the login id and password by sending a request to coimbatore@linkintime.co.in. However, if he/she is already registered with LIIPL for remote e-voting then he/she can use his/her existing User ID and Password for casting the votes.

In case the email ID of equity shareholders / unsecured creditors is already registered with the Company/RTA/Depositories, log in details for e-voting are being sent on the registered email address. Equity shareholders / unsecured creditors who have not registered their email address with the Company can cast their vote through remote e-voting or through the e-voting system during the meeting by following the procedure as set out in the Notice. Equity shareholders who wish to register their email address may follow the instructions set out in the detailed notice.

If any equity shareholders/ unsecured creditors have any queries relating to remote e-voting, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and InstaVote e-voting manual available at https://instavote.linkintime.co.in under Help section or send an email to enotices@linkintime.co.in or contact on:- Tel +91 22 4918 6000. In case members have any grievances regarding login/ e-voting, they may send an email to instameet@linkintime.co.in or contact on: - Tel: +91 22 4918 6175.

This public notice is also available in the Company's website viz. www.klrf.in and on the website of the stock exchange where the shares of the Company are listed.

Dated at Coimbatore this 19th day of May 2023

V Nallasenapathy
Chairman appointed for the meeting

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Extract of the Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31 March 2023

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		Quarter ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)#	Quarter ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)#	Year ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)	Year ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)	Quarter ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)#	Quarter ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)#	Year ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)	Year ended 31.03.2022 (Audited)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Total income from operations	41317.86	34357.96	163769.77	121174.55	44252.92	37085.07	176206.93	132669.28
2	Net profit before tax (before exceptional items)	6855.62	6448.96	24067.09	19325.33	6026.30	6022.13	24330.59	20520.91
3	Net profit before tax (after exceptional items)	6855.62	6448.96	24067.09	19325.33	6026.30	6022.13	24330.59	20520.91
4	Profit after tax	5672.32	5618.30	17196.73	16281.99	4871.55	5199.51	17121.35	16960.29
5	Profit after tax attributable to owners of the parent company					4860.67	5166.50	16912.55	16675.90
6	Profit after tax attributable to non-controlling interest					10.88	33.01	208.80	284.39
7	Total comprehensive income after tax	5583.41	5559.29	17121.03	16194.34	4734.62	5148.48	16918.35	16873.04
8	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of share ₹ 10/- each)	9696.67	9696.67	9696.67	9696.67	9696.67	9696.67	9696.67	9696.67
9	Other equity excluding revaluation reserve as per balance sheet	129193.21	118970.85	129193.21	118970.85	137326.50	125677.07	137326.50	125677.07
10	Not worth*	138069.76	127982.41	138069.76	127982.41	146280.48	134656.61	146280.48	134656.61
11	Paid up debt capital	184997.65	184594.60	184997.65	184594.60	219805.18	209555.26	219805.18	209555.26
12	Debenture redemption reserve	5014.61	5643.18	5014.61	5643.18	5851.65	6421.72	5851.65	6421.72
13	Earnings per equity share (of ₹ 10/- each) - (not annualised) (including net movement in regulatory deferral account balances): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	5.85	5.79	17.73	16.79	5.01	5.33	17.44	17.20
14	Earnings per equity share (of ₹ 10/- each) - (not annualised) (excluding net movement in regulatory deferral account balances): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	5.48	5.58	18.34	15.33	4.71	5.12	17.87	15.66

*Excluding Fly ash utilization reserve and items of Other comprehensive income.

Figures of last quarter are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the published year to date figures upto the third quarter of the current/previous financial year.

Note :

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MOVE COMES DAYS AFTER SC SERVICES VERDICT; ATISHI SAYS CONTEMPT OF COURT

Centre's ordinance fraud, deceit: AAP

MALLICA JOSHI & JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

FRAUD AND DECEIT is what the Aam Aadmi Party called the Ordinance passed by the Ministry of Law and Justice, a day after Arjun Ram Meghwal took charge of the ministry, post Kiren Rijiju's removal as law minister.

The Ordinance makes the provision for the creation of a new authority called the National Capital Civil Service Authority, which essentially takes away the powers of the elected government in Delhi with regard to transfer and posting of officers. It also gives the Lieutenant Governor the final say in these matters in case of a difference of opinion with the new Authority.

The Ordinance also says Secretaries will have the powers to "bring it to the notice of Lieutenant Governor for taking a decision thereon" any proposal that she/he believes is not in accordance with the provisions of the law.

"The Centre's ordinance reeks of malice. This is a case of fraud, cheating, and deceit and does not suit it. The Centre has not only cheated the Delhi government and people of Delhi but also the Supreme Court's Constitution bench and Constitution of India. The people of Delhi elected CM Arvind Kejriwal to power thrice with a landslide mandate. But the Centre in its lust for power is disrespecting such a huge mandate to puppeteer the bureaucracy of Delhi. Centre has snatched away the elected CM's powers and placed them in the hands of the selected L-G. This ordinance is an attempt to not only unjustifiably empower the L-G to do transfer posting against the will of the government but also impede upon the ongoing works of the government. This kind of fraud and deceit has never taken place in the history of the country, our citizens don't deserve to be undermined like this," said Services Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj.





CM Kejriwal; L-G Saxena

Minister Atishi said the Centre was scared of AAP and SC: "The Centre's ordinance is a clear contempt of the verdict of the Supreme Court's Constitution Bench. The SC said in its verdict that the elected government should have the power to take decisions. This is democracy and this is what respecting democracy means. The Centre has brought this Ordinance because it is scared of the fear of defeat and the fear of giving power to Arvind Kejriwal's government."

As per AAP sources, the Delhi government will move contempt proceedings against the Centre soon.

Meanwhile, a senior bureaucrat said the timing of the Ordinance was also crucial. "The Supreme Court is on vacation Saturday onwards and it is unlikely that the vacation bench will take up this matter. The Ordinance is essentially giving veto power to the central government. Even the constitution of the new Authority is problematic since it has two officers appointed by the Centre and one representative of the elected government (CM). Where in the world does it happen that matters of transfers and postings of bureaucrats will be decided by them?" he said.

Another bureaucrat said the Ordinance goes against the basic structure of the Constitution. "A representative government in a federal set up is part of our basic structure? This goes completely against that. This is a violation of these principles," the officer said.

Referring to the structure of the Authority, a bureaucrat questioned the effective power the CM effectively had as part of it: "It is headed by a CM who seems to be chairperson only in name. His decisions will be vetoed every chance by centrally appointed officers; and even if they do make it beyond that point, by the centrally-appointed LG."

The Delhi BJP, meanwhile, welcomed the Ordinance. "Delhi is the capital of the country, the whole of India has the right over it and for quite some time, the administrative dignity of Delhi has been hurt by the local Arvind Kejriwal government. Ambassadors of every country of the world live in Delhi and the dignity of India gets tarnished all over the world because of administrative mishappenings...," said state unit president Virendra Sachdeva.

'Minister detained and forced me to sign doc': Services secy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

SECRETARY (SERVICES) Ashish Madhaorao More has accused Services Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj of allegedly detaining, intimidating and forcing him to sign a document earlier this week.

More is the first officer against whom the AAP-led Delhi government had issued transfer orders after the Supreme Court ruled in its favour regarding control over the bureaucracy last week.

Dismissing the allegations, Bharadwaj said the conduct of the officer is "on record".

In the complaint to Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar, a copy of which has also been marked to the Principal Secretary to the L-G and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, More has requested for security. He filed the complaint on May 16 after the Civil Services Board (CSB) met to discuss and approve his transfer from the department.

More alleged Bharadwaj called him to his chambers asking for files pertaining to previous years, including one related to CSB notification issued in 2014 that, according to the complaint, was with Special Secretary (Services-1) YVVJ Rajasekhar. More claimed he was detained for an hour and "threatened". Rajasekhar, also the special secretary (Vigilance), was recently divested of all the roles assigned to him by Bharadwaj.

More said Kinny Singh, Special Secretary (Services-II), and Deputy Secretary (Services-1) Amitabh Joshi were also called to Bharadwaj's chamber and asked about the files. He claimed when he requested Bharadwaj to allow him to go, the minister accused him of "not following the directions of the elected government".

In his complaint, the officer said the minister also asked Joshi about the file with notification on the constitution of CSB. When Joshi told Bharadwaj the file was with Rajasekhar, More alleged the minister asked the official to write on a piece of paper that "only one copy of the notification... is available and the file concerned is with Rajasekhar...," according to the complaint.

More said Bharadwaj asked the three of them to take turns to sign the statement. When he refused, More claimed Bharadwaj behaved with him in a "physically aggressive way" and threatened to end his career.

Bharadwaj responded: "It is a complaint and he can allege anything, even that it was a physical assault... The conduct of the officer is on record; he said he will follow the transfer order but then he absconded, switched off his mobile, WhatsApp, and went incommunicado."

Meanwhile, after allegedly not getting any response from the L-G over More's transfer, Bharadwaj wrote a letter to him, stating, "A lot of work is held up due to that." Later on Friday, the L-G approved the government's proposal to assign additional charge of the Services department to IAS officer A K Singh, hours after a meeting with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

BRIEFLY

Delhi prisons installs nets to prevent items being thrown from outside

New Delhi: The Delhi Prisons department Friday said it is installing polypropylene nets to cover all three jails in the city to prevent throwing of any banned items from outside. A senior jail official said central jail numbers 8, 9 and 4 of the Tihar prison are being covered with such nets to prevent any person from throwing any contraband, phone or sharp items inside. "Mandoli jail has already been covered with nets while 70% net coverage has been completed in Rohini jail," said the officer. Meanwhile, quick response teams have also been deployed inside the high-security wards of Tihar jail, deputed to deal with cases of any inmate violence, days after gangster Tillu Tajpuriya was stabbed to death by fellow inmates of the rival gang, outside his cell.

19-yr-old held for cheating man of Rs 45k

New Delhi: A 19-year-old has been arrested for allegedly cheating a man of nearly Rs 45,000 on pretext of making him invest in crypto trading. DCP (North) Sagar Singh Kalsi said on February 21, the victim joined a Telegram group in which he found that by investing in Crypto and Bitcoin in marketing and mutual funds, he would get very high returns. "A number was provided in the group for those who were interested in investing. He joined the given number and started getting messages on WhatsApp. The person identified himself as Bonesh Meena and asked the complainant to pay Rs 10,000 on the given UPI ID," said the officer. **ENS**

MURDER-SUICIDE AT SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY

Woman complained in March of harassment by accused, college counselled them: Police





On Thursday, Sneha was shot dead allegedly by her classmate Anuj who died by suicide later.



The incident took place at the university on Thursday; (below) at the Dadri police station

AISWARYA RAJ
GREATER NOIDA, MAY 19

A MURDER and a suicide at Shiv Nadar University's Greater Noida campus has led to the convocation scheduled for May 26 being cancelled and students leaving for home in droves.

On Thursday, Sneha Chaurasia (21) was shot dead outside the dining hall allegedly by her classmate Anuj Singh who died by suicide later. A senior police officer said the duo were in a relationship and Anuj was angry that Sneha ended it and was with someone else.

In a 23-minute video recorded purportedly before the incident, Anuj had said she had filed complaints against him with college authorities stating that he was harassing her. SHO of Dadri police station Sujit Kumar Upadhyay said the woman had sent an email to the university in March stating that Anuj was allegedly harassing her. The university had called the duo for a counselling session after which they allegedly seemed to have reconciled, he said.

Police said Sneha had not spoken about this to her parents.

Police said they are also probing how Anuj came to possess a country-made pistol — the murder weapon — and smuggled it inside the university. "There is serious negligence on the part of the varsity," said a police officer.

However, the university spokesperson denied the allegations. "The victim was first spotted lying on the ground by some of the students. Since none of them knew what was happening, they didn't realise that she had been shot. Within a few minutes, a doctor at the site (campus health centre) identified bullet wounds as the cause of injury. We had narrated this to the police clearly. At no point did the university authorities try to mislead or misinform any officials regarding the cause of the death," he said.

Sneha was later taken to a private hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival.

Asked why Anuj was not kept under the watch of authorities after he allegedly shot Sneha, the spokesperson said they got an email from him titled 'Suicide Note' at 1.20 pm. "On receiving the note, the administrative head immediately initiated a hostel-wide concerted effort to locate Anuj. All possible resources were mobilised and he was found lying unconscious within 10 minutes from the time of being first reported," he said.

The spokesperson also said a high-profile committee has been formed to probe the incident and how the student got the gun and brought it to campus.

Police said an FIR has not been registered yet since a complaint was not filed. "We will record statements of witnesses and file an FIR as and when we get the complaint," said police.

Police said Anuj's phone has been recovered but they have not managed to unlock it.

Meanwhile, a day after the incident, the campus wore a deserted look. Arham, a first-year engineering student, said: "The convocation has been cancelled, everyone has been asked to return home." An official from the college administration said the convocation has been postponed and the date is yet to be decided.

'How can a man roam about with a gun?': Woman's father

AISWARYA RAJ
GREATER NOIDA, MAY 19

A DAY after Sneha Chaurasia (21), a student of Shiv Nadar University in Greater Noida, was shot dead on the varsity premises, allegedly by a classmate who died by suicide the same day, her father Friday said he will file a police complaint against the university for alleged failure in security on the campus.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Sneha's father Raj Kumar Chaurasia said, "I was informed by the university that my child had gotten into an accident. I quickly left Kanpur and, upon reaching, came to know what had happened. The college said they will conduct an inquiry. How can you let a man roam around with a gun? Where is the security? It is a university, it is supposed to protect its students. They have these many guards, and the boy managed to shoot her, that too, twice."

Chaurasia said his daughter had never spoken about Singh to the family. "I don't know him. Our daughter spoke to us last around 12 pm (Thursday). We will pursue the case. We need to know how he got the gun."

"We will file a complaint against the man (the accused) and the college authorities. The incident is happening right under their CCTV, how could they not know or check?" said Chaurasia who reached Noida Thursday and took his daughter's body back to Kanpur for the last rites on Friday.



Gajendra Yadav

Kishan Chaurasia, Sneha's uncle, said she was an athlete and a dancer: "She was very talented, would dance and was good at sports. She was the only child of her parents."

Police said Anuj purportedly sent a video clip to the university authorities around 1.20 pm Thursday in which he claimed he was in a relationship with Sneha but they were no longer together. In the 23-minute video, he said he was "broken inside" and "could not trust anyone", adding he had been "diagnosed with third-stage brain cancer" but had not told his parents. In the video sent out minutes before the crime, Anuj spoke about "punishing the woman" and sought the forgiveness of both their parents.

Meanwhile, Anuj's family said they were unaware of the alleged relationship or that he was distressed, adding he had visited his home in UP's Amroha 20 days ago. "He stayed for five days and seemed very normal. He told us he was planning to go to the US for higher studies and that the university was sending him abroad for a year. Apart from that, everything seemed fine. He had even joined us in farming activities," said Anuj's uncle Jaiveer Singh.

On Anuj's statements regarding "brain cancer", Singh said his nephew was physically fit and did not suffer from any ailment. "He was good at sports. If he had any illnesses, the symptoms would have shown. It is shocking he did this. We were informed that he was not well and on reaching here, we came to know of the suicide. Much later, we were told he shot a girl dead. We don't know anything about how he got the gun. All his claims in the video about issues in the family are not true. In the video, he talks about his elder sister's death. He only has a younger sister," Singh added.

On reports that Sneha had earlier filed a harassment complaint against Anuj, Singh said the university should have informed the parents if "something was happening with the students".

'L-G cannot stultify govt': SC on 'delay' in appointment of DERC chairperson

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

STATING THAT the Lieutenant Governor "cannot stultify a government like this," the Supreme Court Friday, while expressing its disapproval over alleged delay in clearing the proposal for appointment of the chairperson of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC), directed that the appointment be made within two weeks. "You cannot stultify a government like this," said CJI D Y Chandrachud while presiding over a three-judge bench hearing the issue.

In a plea, the Delhi government had stated that the file recommending the appointment of former Madhya Pradesh High Court judge Justice Rajeev Shrivastava as DERC chairperson had been sent five months ago but was yet to be processed.

Appearing for the Delhi government, Senior Advocate A M Singhvi told the bench, which also comprised Justices P S Narasimha and K V Viswanathan, that the file was being delayed with the L-G insisting that under the Electricity Act, 2003, views of the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court needed to be obtained for the appointment. Singhvi said only the Chief Justice of the HC where the judge is working or had worked needed to be consulted for the purpose.

Defending the L-G's position, Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi asked what can a new Chief Justice say on the matter if the person being considered is a former judge who has retired some years ago.

The CJI referred to a situation where a judge of the Madras High Court is recommended and asked how the consultation can then be with the Delhi HC Chief Justice.

Rohatgi argued that the two Constitution bench judgments laying down the law related to administration of Delhi allowed the L-G to refer issues where there is a difference of opinion with the elected government to the President of India. The bench, however, said this must be exercised in exceptional circumstances.

Rejecting the L-G's argument, the SC said in its order: "Section 84 of Electricity Act, 2003, provides for appointment of chairperson and members of state commission. Subsection (2) of section 64 .... The substantive part of sub section (2) indicates the state government may appoint any person as chairperson from 'amongst persons who is or has been a judge of High Court'. However in terms of the proviso, an appointment under the subsection has to be made only after consultation with the Chief Justice of that High Court. The express 'of that High Court' makes it abundantly clear the consultation has been made with the Chief Justice of the High Court from which the, or as the case may be, former judge is drawn".

BID TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY

Capital gets its 16th automated driving test track at Lado Sarai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

IN A bid to enhance road safety and improve driving standards in the national capital, Delhi Transport Commissioner Ashish Kundra inaugurated the 16th automated driving test track at Lado Sarai Friday.

The first ADTT came up in March 2019. With the addition of the 16th ADTT, Delhi now has a total of 13 ADTTs and three Integrated Driving Test Tracks (IDTRs) across the city.

In a statement, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot stated, "At times, we do hear from people that to get a driving licence in Delhi, one really needs to be skilled in driving. It has ensured that Delhi roads will be safer to drive in the coming years. This shall also strengthen the vision of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of fewer road accidents in Delhi and reduction in the number of fatalities due to it."

"In 2021, Delhi had gone faceless for all of its services barring actual driving tests and fitness of vehicles. I would like to congratulate the CSR division of Maruti Suzuki for its collaboration with the Transport department in constructing and maintaining these scientifically designed driving test tracks. Delhi is committed to revolutionising complete transportation along with the usage of technology to have more efficient systems all around," he added.

On an average, daily tests at ADTTs is 150-170 per day, specifically at facilities that operate during the day only. However, at test centres that provide both day and night facilities, the number of tests conducted increases to 180-210 on a daily basis.

Looking ahead, the Delhi government has also partnered with educational institutes to set up eight test tracks on their premises, six of which will be ready by June, the statement said.

These six ADTTs are scheduled to be fully operational by the end of June.

GOING AUTOMATIC

13 AUTOMATED TRACKS

3 INTEGRATED TRACKS

■ ADTT offers night driving test facilities at three locations: Mayur Vihar, Shakur Basti, and Vishwas Nagar



The automated driving test track inaugurated at Lado Sarai, Friday. *Praveen Khanna*

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- State with the lowest maternal and child mortality rate.
- ₹5,55,330 Cr allocation for health sector in the last five years.

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- Selected as one of the 52 must-visit places in 2023 by The New York Times.

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- 'Vayoshreshtha Samman' for best elderly care in 2021.
- ₹11,600/month as social welfare pension to 62 lakh beneficiaries.
- Distributed land titles to 2.99 lakh landless people.
- 3.39 lakh houses for homeless families under the LIFE Mission Housing Project.
- Allocated healthcare aid from CMDRF to 6.8 lakh people.
- Near-universal coverage of the Public Distribution System that serves 95 lakh ration card holders.
- Distributed 3.5 lakh priority ration cards.

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- Recognised by Reserve Bank as the State with the highest daily wages.
- Founded India's first Welfare Fund for MGNREGA workers.
- 1.3 lakh MSMEs were set up in one year, bringing in an investment of ₹8,400 Crores and generating 3 lakh jobs.
- Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) was ranked as the world's best public business incubator by UBI Global.
- Ranked first in Asia in Affordable Talent in Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER).
- 2,06,910 new appointments in government service through the Public Service Commission.

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- India's Smart Policing Survey 2021 ranks Kerala Police as the best in delivering corruption-free services.
- One of the least corrupt States in India according to the survey by the Centre for Media Studies.

DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



WARM WELCOME

FORMER MINISTER of State for Law and Justice S P Singh Baghel on Friday took charge as MoS, Health and Family Welfare, in the presence of Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan. The minister was greeted with a bouquet at his office. While Baghel was seen in a white jacket, Mandaviya donned an orange stole over his signature half-sleeve jacket for the ceremony. After the event, Baghel called on Kiren Rijiju who was moved from the Law Ministry to the Ministry of Earth Sciences and Arjun Ram Meghwal, who assumed the charge of Law Ministry.

'AYURVEDIC' FARE

A GASTRONOMICAL experience based on Ayurveda has been organised on the sidelines of the Indian Museum Expo at Pragati Maidan by the Ministry of Culture. Before being served the 'thali' or set meal, one is asked to fill in a questionnaire to ascertain the vata (wind), pitta (fire) and kapha (water) doshas of the person. Being steered by several reputed chefs, the feature might turn into a 'museum of food' at one of the government-run museums in Delhi — the National Gallery of Modern Art or the National Museum. This would be a part of the government's concerted approach to promote traditional Indian wellness practices, that include Ayurveda.

Cong's Bengaluru guest list: AAP, BRS omitted, Mamata to send junior

MANOJ C G
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

AMID TALK of Opposition unity, the Congress has not invited either Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal or his Telangana counterpart K Chandrashekar Rao for the swearing-in of its Karnataka government on Saturday in Bengaluru. While the party has not reached out to the BSP's Mayawati, BJD chief and Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik and YSRCP supremo and Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy either, that was expected as the three parties have stayed away from any Opposition grouping.

Kejriwal's AAP and KCR's Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) of late have been attending Opposition meetings and are seen as part of attempts to build a common anti-BJP front.

However, the Congress had to factor in other compulsions. Inviting the BRS to share a platform with it at a time when the Telangana Assembly elections – where the two parties are direct rivals — are due in a few months would not have been good optics.

The BJP, which has been leaving nothing to chance to usurp the Opposition space in Telangana, would have gone to town with any BRS-Congress unity picture emerging from Bengaluru.

With the AAP too, the Congress shares a bitter relationship, in Delhi and Punjab. In the recent Jalandhar bypoll, the AAP wrested the seat that had been long held by the Congress. The Delhi unit of the Congress has always been opposed to any truck with the AAP even if, at the Central level, they have found common ground on issues.

What will hurt the Congress more is the decision by Trinamool Congress chief and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, who had been sent an invite for the oath-taking ceremony, to stay away. Neither is Mamata sending her two leaders in Parliament, Derek O'Brien or Sudip Bandyopadhyay.

In a tweet, O'Brien said: "The CM designate of Karnataka Mr Siddaramaiah & his other colleagues called to personally invite... CM Mamata Banerjee for swearing-in tomorrow. She conveyed her best wishes & designated @kakoligdastidar, TMC Deputy Leader in LS, to attend ceremony."

Incidentally, while Mamata had welcomed the Karnataka verdict and congratulated the people of the state for defeating the BJP, she had avoided a mention of the Congress. Later though, indicating a shift in her stand on Opposition unity, the TMC chief had said that the party was ready to support the Congress in seats where it was strong, if it did likewise.

In the case of Kerala CM and CPI(M) Politburo member Pinarayi Vijayan, though, the Congress is in a bit of a jam. Pinarayi is a bitter critic of the Congress, which is the CPI(M)'s main rival in Kerala, a stand that has not altered despite his party's growing proximity with the Congress elsewhere.

As the Left questioned the exclusion of Pinarayi from the Congress's list of guests for the Bengaluru swearing-in, sources in the Congress tried to argue that the party had invited "heads of parties" and hence, from the CPI(M) side, reached out to its general secretary Sitaram Yechury.



Karnataka Deputy CM-designate D K Shivakumar oversees preparations for the oath-taking ceremony in Bengaluru on Friday. *PTI*

28 ministers likely to be sworn in today, Cong aims for caste, regional balance

JOHNSON T A
BENGALURU, MAY 19

AFTER THE exercise to choose Karnataka's CM dragged on for five days following the declaration of the Assembly election results on May 13, the Congress is expected to avoid delays in the induction of a state Cabinet by administering the oath of administration to as many as 28 ministers along with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D K Shivakumar on Saturday.

The CM-designate and the Deputy CM-designate returned to Delhi on Friday to finalise the list of ministers who will be sworn in. "As many as 28 ministers could be sworn in along with the CM and Deputy CM. The party does not want to delay the government formation anymore. The lists are being finalised and will be cleared by the high command," Congress sources said on Friday evening. "Around four Cabinet berths may be kept vacant for induction later."

With the state Congress divided into the Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar camps, the party high command will decide the candidates proposed by the two leaders to be ministers based on caste, regional representation, and merit yardsticks. The Congress is expected to wipe the slate clean and induct a new ministers at the end of 30 months when Shivakumar is expected to receive the CM's baton from Siddaramaiah as per an internal agreement, according to Congress sources.

The Congress won 135 seats in the 224-member Assembly and some senior leaders have called for decisions on ministers to be based on the communities that strongly supported it in the elections. There is, however, strong lobbying from MLAs across the board for representation in the Cabinet.

On Friday, the supporters of MLA Yashavantraygoud Patil gathered outside the Congress office in Bengaluru and raised slogans in the legislator's favour. "There has been no representation for our region in the Cabinet for many years. Our MLA has won thrice in a row. He should be rewarded," a supporter said.

As many as 20 Congress MLAs aspiring for a ministerial position were camping in Delhi as of Friday and trying to meet AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge.

Turkey, Saudi skip registration for Srinagar G20, China stays away

DIVYA A
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

THREE DAYS before the G20 tourism working group meeting begins in Srinagar on Monday, three countries – China, Turkey and Saudi Arabia – had not registered till Friday.

A PTI report from Beijing quoted Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin as saying: "China firmly opposes holding any form of G20 meetings on disputed territory... We will not attend such meetings."

There was no official word from Turkey or Saudi Arabia.

However, Union Tourism Secretary Arvind Singh said the window to register would remain open till the morning of May 22.

Besides India, the G20 includes Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States, and the European Union.

Officials confirmed that delegates from the remaining countries have signed up for the three-day event.

Besides G20 members, delegates from guest countries and several international organisations have also been invited. These include Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and the UAE. Officials said that barring Egypt, all other countries have registered to send their delegates.

The Srinagar G20 meet will be the first major international event in Jammu and Kashmir since August 2019, when the state was divided into two UTs — J&K and Ladakh — and its special status under Article 370 of the Constitution was revoked.

On the sidelines, a major event will also be held to highlight film tourism, which the UT administration has been promoting in a big way in the last few years. While the inaugural day is devoted to cultural events, the deliberations will be held on the second day. Another side event highlighting eco-tourism has also been planned.

This is the third meeting of the tourism working group, after the ones held in Rann of Kutch and Siliguri/Darjeeling. Besides Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy and MoS Jitendra Singh, the event will see the presence of G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant and G20 Chief Coordinator Harsh Vardhan Shringla, officials said.

Singh said that the discussions of the first two tourism working group meetings will be taken further during the third meeting as well before the drafting of the final ministerial communique. The fourth meeting of the tourism track group, in Goa next month, will be followed by a ministerial meeting.

Meanwhile, ahead of the meeting in Srinagar, officials said security arrangements are being supervised directly by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the city has been spruced up to host the delegates. A visit to one of the Smart City projects in Srinagar is also likely to be included. Officials said that hotel staff and emergency-service providers have also been sensitised.

'Typical of self-styled Vishwaguru': Opp tears into BJP over Rs 2,000 note recall

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

THE OPPOSITION reacted sharply to the RBI's decision to withdraw Rs 2,000 denomination banknotes from circulation and asked all to exchange them by September 30, 2023.

Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram said on Twitter that he would "not be surprised if the government/RBI re-introduced the Rs 1000 note as well".

He said: "As expected, the government/RBI have withdrawn the Rs 2000 note and given time until September 30 to exchange the notes. The Rs 2000 note is hardly a popular medium of exchange. We said this in November 2016 and we have been proved correct. The Rs 2000 note was a band-aid to cover up the foolish decision of demonetising Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes which were popular and widely exchanged currencies. A few weeks after Demonetisation, the government/RBI were forced to re-introduce the Rs 500 note. I shall not be surprised if the government/RBI re-introduced the Rs 1000 note as well. Demonetisation has come full circle!"

Jairam Ramesh, the Congress general secretary communications in-charge, tweeted: "Typical of our self-styled Vishwaguru. First Act, Second Think (FAST). 2000 rupee notes introduced with such fanfare after that singularly disastrous Tughlaqi firman of Nov 8 2016 are now being withdrawn."

Senior Congress leader Pawan Khera said: "The ghost of 8th nov 2016 has come back to haunt the nation once again. The greatly propagated move of demonetisation continues to be a monumental disaster for this nation. The PM sermoned the nation on the benefits of the new 2000 notes, today when the printing is stopped what happened to all those promises?"

Delhi Chief Minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal also hit out at the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central government. "First they said that by bringing 2000 note, corruption will stop. Now they are saying that by banning 2000 note, corruption will end. That's why we say, PM should be educated. Anyone can say anything to an illiterate PM. He doesn't understand. The public has to suffer," he wrote on Twitter.

Speaking to PTI, AAP MLA and Delhi vigilance minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said: "I hope the decision was taken by the experts."

Sharing his "first thoughts" former BJP MP Baijayant Jay Panda tweeted: "Since people have until September 30th to turn them in, no one can complain of inconvenience". He added, "This is even more so because of the widespread prevalence of simple, easy digital transactions now. Honest, tax paying citizens & businesses should have no issues with this. But what about those who had again started hoarding and dealing in huge amounts of cash, far beyond normal requirements?"

BJP leaders have been pushing for the withdrawal of the Rs 2,000 note. On December 12, 2022, Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Modi had told the Upper House: "While Rs 2,000 note was introduced by RBI to replace the demonetised Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes at a faster pace in 2016, their printing has (been) stopped in the last three years due to several challenges associated with circulation… Instances of hoarding and black marketing of Rs 2000 notes are emerging."

Public image of BJP changing: Sharad Pawar

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PUNE, MAY 19

WITH EFFORTS being made for an alliance of all like-minded political parties at the national level, NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Friday said the public image of BJP is changing and people will now refrain from voting for the party. Pawar will attend the swearing-in ceremony of Siddaramaiah as Karnataka Chief Minister in Bengaluru on Saturday.

"The public image of BJP is changing after the Karnataka assembly elections. People will not vote for the BJP now onwards and it has begun from the Assembly elections in Karnataka," Pawar told reporters after addressing a gathering of Democratic Party of India in the city.

"The Congress has got a thumping victory in the Karnataka Assembly elections. I have been invited by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge for the swearing-in ceremony and I will be attending it," he said.

The NCP chief said efforts are on to forge an alliance of like-minded people at national level. "Many political parties are giving favourable response. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar recently declared that a meeting of leaders of various political parties will be called soon and all will attend it," he said.

On seat-sharing arrangement between Shiv Sena, Congress and NCP for Lok Sabha elections, Pawar said there has been no discussion on it so far and the decision will be taken in a joint meeting.



NCP chief Sharad Pawar in Pune on Friday. *Pavan Khengre*



Security personnel stand guard ahead of G20 events in Srinagar. *Shuaib Masoodi*



Kiren Rijiju arrives to take charge as Union Minister of State for Earth Sciences, in New Delhi on Friday. *Praveen Khanna*

'Reshuffle part of PM's vision': Kiren Rijiju joins new ministry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

TAKING CHARGE of the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences on Friday, former Law minister Kiren Rijiju said that a reshuffle was a part of the Prime Minister's vision of assigning responsibilities. Thanking the

Prime Minister for "assigning a very important ministry to him", Rijiju said that the ministry will play a crucial role in the 2047 "vision of a developed India".

When asked what mistakes he may have made, Rijiju said, "There has been no mistake made. You think (this transfer) has happened because of a mistake. Reshuffling, or being given different responsibilities is the government's prerogative and the Prime Minister's vision of whom to give what responsibility."

On comments made by the Opposition on his transfer, Rijiju said, "The opposition is meant to attack, not give compliments. If there is a statement against me from an Opposition party – there is nothing new in that."

Rijiju on Friday said that his priority will be to execute the Deep Ocean Mission, a flagship scheme of the Prime Minister for exploration of polymetallic nodules containing rich minerals.

The minister said he will see that each decision of the ministry will have some bearing on the common man, as he always believed in making things simple and accessible.

Rijiju also presided over a brief presentation by senior officials of the ministry, including the IMD and announced that in the coming days, he will work out to recalibrate the entire "weather forecast system". The minister also added that since his school days, he had a deep interest in Google Earth, climatology, oceanography and cartography and he will enjoy performing his new role.

PM in Japan for G7, may meet Quad leaders, Zelenskyy on the sidelines

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

IN THE first visit to Hiroshima by an Indian Prime Minister since India conducted nuclear tests in 1974, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached the Japanese city on Friday for the G7 leaders' summit.

Besides bilateral meetings with various leaders on the sidelines of the summit, diplomats are working towards scheduling Modi's meeting with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is also expected in Hiroshima, and a Quad leaders' meeting with US President Joe Biden, Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Modi is also scheduled to meet British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, French President Emmanuel Macron, South Korean Prime Minister Han Duck-soo and Vietnam Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh.

Before leaving for Japan, Modi said: "My presence in this G7 summit is particularly meaningful as India holds the G20 presidency this year. I look forward to exchanging views with the G7 countries and other invited partners on challenges that the world faces and the need to collectively address them. I would also be holding bilateral meetings with some of the leaders attending the summit." In an interview to Tokyo-based newspaper Nikkei Asia, Modi said he would "amplify the voices and concerns of the Global South" countries at the G7 summit, and "foster synergy" with the broader G20 he is hosting later this year.



PM Narendra Modi in Hiroshima, Japan. *PTI*

He said he was looking forward to discussing global changes and challenges in areas such as energy, digital technology and supply chains. "I will emphasise India's role as a reliable partner in addressing these challenges," he said.

Modi said that India and Japan's shared values of democracy, freedom and the rule of law have brought them closer. "We now see a growing convergence in our political, strategic, security and economic interests," he said in the interview.

On the Russia-Ukraine war, he said: "India stands on the side of peace, and will remain firmly there. We are committed to supporting those who face challenges in meeting their basic needs, especially in the face of rising costs of food, fuel and fertilisers. We maintain communication with both Russia and Ukraine... Cooperation and collaboration should define our times, not conflict."

Asked if India could play the role of mediator, he said the country's position on the Ukraine conflict "is clear and unwavering".

On India's participation in different groupings like the Quad and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Modi said New Delhi has never wedded itself to security alliances. "Instead, we engage with a wide range of friends and like-minded partners around the world based on our national interests," he said.

The Quad countries' collective focus is on "fostering a free, open, prosperous and inclusive Indo-Pacific region," he said. On the other hand, the SCO plays a significant role in India's engagement with the "important" Central Asian region. "Participating in these two groups is not contradictory or mutually exclusive for India," he said.

"As a member of the Global South, our interest in any plurilateral setting is to serve as a bridge between diverse voices and contribute to a constructive and positive agenda," Modi said.

CBI notice stops Abhishek's Jana Sanjog Yatra in tracks

Kolkata: A day after a single bench of the Calcutta High Court dismissed Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's petition and allowed the central agencies to interrogate him, the CBI on Friday summoned the MP to appear at its Kolkata office in connection with the school jobs scam on Saturday.

Soon after getting the CBI notice, Banerjee halted his public outreach campaign 'Jana Sanjog Yatra' at Sonamukhi of Bankura district and headed to Kolkata.

Before leaving Bankura, he said, "They want to stall this campaign. As soon as I entered Bankura, I was served a notice... They told me to appear at the agency's Kolkata office at 11am tomorrow. I promise I will resume the yatra with double strength once I am back from Kolkata."

He added, "I dare the CBI to arrest me if they have any proof of corruption against me." **ENS**

Dalit farmer dies by suicide, kin allege inaction by police in daughter's 'rape'

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, MAY 19

Three youths who allegedly abducted the girl and a relative of the main accused have been named in an FIR

A 44-YEAR-OLD Dalit farmer in Pilibhit district died by suicide on Tuesday night after the police allegedly refused to take action in a case related to the alleged abduction and rape of his 15-year-old daughter. The girl (15) was allegedly abducted on May 9 by three men and taken to a place where she was allegedly raped by one of them.

She had returned the next day, after her father submitted a complaint at the local police station, but no FIR was registered, the family has alleged.

Speaking to mediapersons after his father's suicide, the farmer's son told mediapersons, "Three-four youths kidnapped my sister, and they kept her for one night… We went to get a case registered, but the police didn't take action. No one heard our pleas. We had submitted a complaint on May 9 night. My father killed himself on May 17."

The latest complaint submitted by the girl's brother says, "On May 9, three men abducted my sister. They took her to a relative's house and locked her in a room and one of them raped her. A relative of the main accused then dropped her at our village and put pressure on us to not lodge a case. The accused also said that if we pursue the case, they will get us framed in a false case. On May 16, they even filed a false complaint against my father in which they claimed that the youth (main accused) had consumed poison. Troubled by this, my father killed himself on May 17. My father was forced to commit suicide by the four people."

A total of four people — the three youths who allegedly abducted the girl — and a relative of the main accused have been named in the FIR. The case, lodged on Wednesday evening, against the four has been lodged under IPC sections 363 (kidnapping), 376 (rape), 306 (abetment of suicide), 342 (wrongful confinement), 120-B (criminal conspiracy), and under relevant sections of the POCSO Act and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The accused belong to the OBC community.

Asked about allegations levelled by family members that the farmer died by suicide over "inaction" from police, Pilibhit Superintendent of Police Atul Sharma said, "We got information about a suicide on May 9. The local police reached the spot and conducted an investigation. It was found that a week or 10 days days ago, the man's minor daughter had disappeared and the family had informed the local police. Within 24 hours, the girl and the youth she had gone with were brought to the police station by a relative of the girl. We have been informed that both sides reached a compromise. We have now been told that the two sides had an argument later. That may have been the reason the man ended his life. All reasons are being taken into consideration."

He said that a complaint was submitted by the family after the suicide and a case has been lodged. "Regarding allegations that a case was not lodged earlier over the disappearance of the girl, I have told the Additional SP to investigate the issue, and he has been told to submit a report within 24 hours. Any officer found guilty of laxity... They will face strict action from me," added Sharma.

Bareilly court rejects anticipatory bail plea by aide of Atiq's brother

Bareilly: A local court rejected the anticipatory bail application of Abdul Samad alias Saddam, the brother-in-law of slain gangster-politician Atiq Ahmed's brother Ashraf, Bareilly prosecution officer said on Friday.

Saddam is alleged to have been involved in the conspiracy to kill advocate Umesh Pal, who was shot dead on February 24.

Sessions judge Vinod Kumar Dubey on Thursday rejected the bail plea of Saddam, who has five cases registered against him in Bareilly and carried a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh on his arrest, district prosecution officer Sunit Kumar Pathak said.

The court was told that Saddam was likely to bribe jail officials with gifts to get special facilities, Pathak said.

Ashraf, who is a former MLA, and Saddam used to conspire to kill police officers, threaten witnesses, and collect extortion while in Bareilly jail, the officer told the court during the bail hearing. **PTI**

HC rejects plea against MoS Home's acquittal in student leader murder case

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, MAY 19

THE LUCKNOW bench of the Allahabad High Court on Friday dismissed an appeal against the acquittal of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra 'Teni' and others in a 2000 case related to the murder of a Lucknow University student leader in Lakhimpur Kheri district.

Mishra, who represents the Lakhimpur Kheri seat in the Lok Sabha, and others were acquitted in the case by a local court in 2004 for "lack of evidence".

"The appeal filed by the Uttar Pradesh government against the acquittal has been rejected by a division bench of Justices Attau Rahman Masoodi and Om Prakash Shukla," said Additional Government Advocate Arunendra Singh.

Rajeev Gupta, brother of the deceased Prabhat Gupta, said, "We will move the Supreme Court against the HC judgment."

Prabhat was shot dead when he was going to a market in Tikonia area of Lakhimpur Kheri district on July 8, 2000, the prosecution said. His father Santosh Gupta lodged a complaint against four persons, including Mishra, at the Tikonia police station in the district. Gupta alleged that Ajay Mishra and Subhash, alias Mama had opened fire on Prabhat who died on the spot.

Ajay Mishra's associates Shashi Bhushan, alias Pinki and Rakesh, alias Dalu had allegedly threatened to shoot anyone coming to the rescue of Prabhat, it was alleged.

The incident was witnessed by his son Sanjeev and one Vinod, the complainant had claimed.

The police had filed a chargesheet against Ajay Mishra, Subhash, Rakesh and Shashi Bhushan, saying the murder was a fallout of political rivalry. Santosh Gupta had alleged that Ajay Mishra nursed a grudge against his son over the panchayat elections since he was associated with the Samajwadi Party.

The state government then filed an appeal challenging the judgment of a Lakhimpur Kheri court acquitting all four accused, including Ajay Mishra, in March 2004.

Santosh died during the trial of the case and an application was filed to declare his surviving legal heirs as revision petitioners.

Also, Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra is the prime accused in the killing of four farmers and a journalist in Lakhimpur Kheri in October 2021 during the farmers' agitation against the Centre's now repealed farm laws. Ashish is out on bail.

Punjab: Booked in assets case, senior excise dept official goes on the run

Vigilance bureau says searches on

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH MAY 19

A SENIOR officer of the excise department is absconding after Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) registered a disproportionate assets case against him Friday, an official spokesperson said. Raids are being conducted to arrest the accused officer, Joint Director (GST) Balbir Kumar Birdi, a resident of Lamba Pind in Jalandhar.

A case was registered against Birdi for amassing assets more than his known sources of income after it was found that from April 1, 2007 to September 11, 2009, the officer spent a total of Rs 5.12 crore while his actual income from all sources was Rs 2.08 crore. The expenditure was 145.40 per cent more than his total income, the spokesperson said.

During an in-depth investigation, it was found that the officer had created more moveable and immovable assets than his actual income by allegedly misusing his official position.

"In this regard, a case under Section 13(1)(b) read with 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered at VB Police Station, Jalandhar Range," the spokesperson said, adding the bureau is conducting raids to arrest the accused.

The spokesperson added that Birdi and other officers and employees of the excise department in collusion with some transporters and industrialists, had carried out a scam in GST collection. A case was registered against them under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B and sections 7, 7-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act in August 2020 at VB police station, Flying Squad-1, SAS Nagar.

Birdi had later joined the probe under the orders of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Further investigation in that case was under progress.

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S.N.	Scope of the Transmission Scheme	Capacity/ Km
1	400 kV D/c Khandukhal (Srinagar) – Rampura (Kashipur) line (Twin HTLS*)	194 KM (Approx)
2	1x80 MVAr switchable line reactor at Rampura (Kashipur) end on each circuit of Khandukhal (Srinagar) - Rampura (Kashipur) line	Switching equipment for 420 kV 80 MVAR switchable line reactor –2 nos. 420 kV, 80 MVAr Switchable line reactor- 2 nos.
3	1 no. of 400 kV line bay at Rampura (Kashipur) S/s	400 kV line bay -1
4	Upgradation of existing 400kV bays at Khandukhal (Srinagar)	Upgradation works for 400 kV line bays -2
5	Upgradation of existing 1 no. of 400 kV diameter comprising line bay and ICT bay along with associated Tie bay at Rampura (Kashipur)	Upgradation works for 400 kV line bay – 1 nos. Upgradation works for 400 kV ICT bay – 1 nos. Upgradation of Tie bay -1 nos.

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Sl.No	District	Tehsil	Villages
1	Pouri	Sri Nagar	Khandukhal, kandi. Sawandu, GondiLagaSawandu, Del, Kanda Malla, Kanda Talla, kandoli, Badula, Saplana, Girgaon, JogiyanaLagaGirgaon, KotiLagaGirgaon.
2	Pouri	Pouri	Kuriyalimalli, Ashnoli, Chhatkot, Amkot, BhitaiMalliRewadiBichali , BachhelaDandariTalli, dhobal, kamandguth, Dandal Gaon Chandrol Rai GoonthRayiBichaliBichaliGadoli, Dobila, BhimaliMalli, RachhuliPasud, Maso, Silet, Bamana Gaon, Malnao, There, Gadnidla, Michoda, Sujan Gaon, Saguda, Michoda, Khanda Talla Khanda, Ritholi, Nagar, Badiyal, Gadlinga, Badiyal, Surasu, Sural Gaon Lagla Dunk, Dunk, Rigwad Gaon, Laga Kanda, KamadGuth.
3	Pouri	Satpulli	Malethi, Ulkhet, HandullaTalla, Handulla Malla,
4	Pouri	Lansdowne	Pundiyar, Manjkot, Kimar, Mahar Gaon, Dangwal Khet, Bhuwali, Kota, Lamrada, Shaili, Dound, Jaletha, Luetha, Barswar, Gawari, Jadalgaon, Paligaon, Kota, Umarikhet, Kalsi, Dabra.
5	Pouri	Kotdwar	Aldawa, Saidpur, Jhawara, Jhamargadi, Talli, Jhamargadi, Malli.
6	Bijnor	Nagina	Anduwala, Anup Nagar, Aurangabad urfLalwala, AurangjebpurShahali, Bansuwala, Bawan Sarai, Bhajrawala, ChaharwalaDamodarwala, Islamabad, IslampururfKutubwala, Jahanabad, Kayamnagar, Dodrajpur, Kunjeta, Manauwarpur, SaidMitthopur, Mirjalipur, ChauharurfBhojwala, Mohammadpur, GarhiMurtajabadurfGuleriya, RaghodasPur, Rahmapur, Usmapur Ram Nagar, Dabba, RasulpurMithey, Sadatpur, Garhi Shah alipur, Kotra, Sulema shikohPur, Sundar wali, Tara Pur, Umarpur, Barekhera
7	Bijnor	Dhampur	Abhairajpur, AkbarpurJaminMaan, AllahapurMokham, AurangShahPur Narayan, Badshapur shah mohammad, Badshapurlaxmi Sen, Bahadur Naga, Fatehpur Jamal urf Manohar wali, Firozpur Amrolgair, Ahatmali, Harkishanpur, Harpur (Afzalgarh)Harpur (Dhampur), HaziPurMukat, Rai Jafarabad, JagjeevanPur, Khujistabad, Kotra Tappa Haveli, Mohammad alipurLalmani, Mohammadpur Jamal, Mohmmadpur Rajouri, Murad Nagar, Nagla Manak, NawadaHakimpur Gopal, Nawada Saidpur Jalal, Sadatabad, Suawala
8	Moradabad	Thakurdwara	Faijullaganj, Farid Nagar, MalpuraLakshmipur, Mohammad Ganj, Raghuwala, Ramnawala
9	Rampur	Swar	Patti Kalan
10	Udham Singh Nagar	Kashipur	AmiyaWala, Asalatpur, Baberkhera, Banskhera Kalan, Banskhera Khurd, Barkhera Pandey, Barkhera Rajpoot, Barkheri, Basai, Chanakpur, DabhauraAihatmali, DabhauraMustakam, Devi Pura, Dhakia Kalan, Dohri Wakil, Girdhai, Jagannath pur, JaitpurGhasiwala, Kanak Pur, Kharmasi, Kharmasha, Kundesari, Mahua DabraHaripura, MurliwalaNagaria Sultan, Pachchawala, Patti Bhazar, Shah Ganj , Shiv Lal PurDhullu, Sitaram Pur, Talabpur.

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At UN meet on disaster risk reduction, India says time to focus on funding, early warning

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FOR FAR too long the world has focused on financing disaster response and it is time to pay attention to funding disaster risk reduction (DRR) and developing early warning systems, India said at a meeting to review the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction at UN headquarters on Thursday.

Headed by P K Mishra, principal secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Indian delegation emphasised that the issue of disaster risk reduction is getting the requisite attention in the global policy discourse as both G20 and G7 have accorded priority to this issue, the Prime Minister's Office said.

"In India, we accord high importance to disaster risk reduction issues…We have brought about landmark changes in our financing architecture to support the entire spectrum of disaster risk management needs — disaster risk mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and reconstruction. Our state and local governments have access to about $6 billion for disaster risk mitigation over five years (2021-2025). This is in addition to a resource of $23 billion meant for preparedness, response and recovery," Mishra said, addressing the UN gathering at the Midterm Review of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030).

During an 'India-Japan Side Event' at the UN on 'The Roles of States for Promoting Investments in Disaster Risk Reduction Towards Resilient and Sustainable Future', India underscored the need to evolve a financial architecture that can address the entire spectrum of disaster risk reduction needs in a balanced way and specify the role of the State in strengthening early warning systems in times of disaster.



Principal Secretary to PM, P K Mishra, at the UNGA meet on Thursday. *ANI*

"We must pay adequate attention to financing disaster risk mitigation and disaster preparedness. This is not only a matter of making a larger quantum of resources available. We have to also contend with complex issues," Mishra said during the event.

He posed questions to the gathering for which he said there were no easy answers. "How do we increase the absorptive capacity to effectively utilise resources allocated for disaster risk mitigation? What kinds of institutional mechanisms, technical capacities and expertise do we need to develop for it? How are we going to measure outcomes? How do we balance risk mitigation financing for extensive risks (high frequency, moderate impact events) and intensive risks (low frequency, high impact events)? How do we target our assistance to the most vulnerable?" he asked.

India said in just over a decade, it had been able to reduce the loss of lives from cyclones to less than 2%. It said it is now developing ambitious mitigation programmes to reduce the risk of losses from all hazards.

"We are working assiduously to improve access to early warning. We are implementing a Common Alerting Protocol, which will integrate alert generating agencies with disaster managers and telecom service providers...," Mishra said.

WANKHEDE PLEA IN HC QUOTES SRK TEXTS

'I beg you man, please don't let him be in that jail... It will break him'

Ex-NCB officer says actor's messages to him 'nowhere' corroborate CBI's charge of extortion to favour Aryan

OMKAR GOKHALE
MUMBAI, MAY 19

SEEKING THE quashing of the CBI FIR against him, former Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) zonal director Sameer Wankhede in his plea in Bombay High Court has claimed that text messages sent to him by Shah Rukh Khan and his replies "nowhere" suggest that he made extortion dem and to favour the actor's son Aryan Khan in the 2021 Cordelia cruise drug bust case.

Denying allegations of demanding money in exchange for Aryan's release as "blatantly false", Wankhede has presented screenshots of alleged messages sent by Shah Rukh to support his claims. The messages were sent between October 3 and October 15, 2021, when Aryan was in custody.

"I beg you man, please don't let him be in that jail. These holidays will come and he will break as a human being. His spirit will be destroyed because of some vested people. You promised you will reform my child and not put him in a place where he may come out completely battered and broken. And it's no fault of his. ...But please send my son home. You also know in your heart it's been a bit too harsh for him by now. Please please I beg you as a father," said one of the messages purportedly sent by Shah Rukh.

Another purported message read, "If in any way without losing your integrity as an officer of law, you can help with whatever manner possible please. I will always be indebted..."

Wankhede's plea stated, "Allegations pertaining to the arrest of Aryan Khan being only an attempt for demanding money in exchange of his release are blatantly false and can be clearly seen from the messages sent by Mr Shahrukh Khan himself during the time Aryan was in the custody of NCB. Mr Shahrukh Khan has, vide his messages, clearly portrayed that he has no grievances against the Petitioner and has only requested to be kind to his son."





Shah Rukh Khan; Sameer Wankhede. *File*

He claimed that Shah Rukh praised his integrity and also expressed his "anguish" over "political involvement in the matter".

As per the chats attached in the petition, Wankhede said he wanted to look towards Aryan with a reformatory approach, but "unfortunately" his attempt to do so "was being maligned by some dirty persons with malafide and vested interests".

To this, the actor allegedly responded, "...But my son is not part of that please. You also know that. You know his part is minuscule in it. All he needs is reformation... Please man I beg you there is nothing from my side that is participant in the vested interests. I went out of my way and without even knowing them called and begged them not to involve my child in their politics. The people here and also the person in the North. I spoke as a father to them and even chided them that they are harming my kid in their selfish interests." Wankhede submitted in court, "The said conversation nowhere suggests that either in the message of Shahrukh Khan or in the reply of the petitioner that there was either a demand made or caused to be made for extending a favour or advantage to Aryan."

Wankhede said it was always Shah Rukh who initiated the conversation and he only responded. "Needless to say, Mr. Khan himself in all fairness was being persuasive in his conversation.... A suggestion of reformation was suggestive of Aryan Khan having engaged in some act of omission or commission under the NDPS Act of which Shahrukh Khan was aware...," the plea claimed. "... If at all there was any semblance of truth in the wild and false allegations of demands being made, then the message of Khan would have made, if not a direct, at least an indirect reference to such a demand...," the plea stated.

Aryan, who was arrested by the NCB on October 3, 2021 after the raid on the cruise ship a day before, was granted bail by the Bombay High Court on October 28. But his name was not included in the list of the accused in the NCB chargesheet for lack of evidence.

Bengal: HC stays single bench order terminating jobs of 32,000 teachers

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A DIVISION bench of Calcutta High Court Friday passed an interim stay on an earlier single judge bench order, which terminated the jobs of around 32,000 teachers in West Bengal government-aided primary schools, till the end of September or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

On May 12, the bench of Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay had ordered the cancellation of appointment of around 32,000 candidates, who were recruited as primary teachers in 2016 on the basis of the 2014 Teacher Eligibility Test (TET). The bench had also directed the West Bengal Board of Primary Education to conduct a fresh recruitment exercise within three months.

The order came on a writ application filed by some petitioners, who qualified in TET 2014 and participated in the 2016 recruitment process, but did not get the jobs. They had alleged irregularities in the recruitment process.

Passing the interim stay on the termination of jobs Friday, the division bench of Justices Subrata Talukdar and Supratim Bhattacharya, however, said the fresh recruitment process ordered by the single judge bench will continue.

The interim stay came on an appeal file by the West Bengal government and some of the affected teachers. Challenging the single bench order, the teachers said the termination of jobs without giving the affected parties a meaningful right to defend prima facie required judicial intervention. After hearing the matter, the division bench ordered, "There shall be an interim stay on termination of jobs till the end of September 2023, or until further orders, whichever is earlier."

The court said the petitioners before the single bench had accrued a cause of action with the discovery of fresh materials by the board. As a result, it said, the single bench was within its jurisdiction to inquire into the aspects connected with the discovery of the fresh materials.

It said the single bench, however, had a duty to extend the right of hearing to the appointees, who are the appellants before the division bench. "It is trite that justice delayed is justice denied, and conversely, justice hurried is justice buried," the division bench said.

Passing the interim stay, the court directed that the matter will be heard again in the first week of September. It directed the parties to exchange affidavits within eight weeks, with the first four weeks being for affidavits in opposition to the appeal and the next four weeks for affidavits in reply to those.

On May 12, while ordering termination of their jobs, Justice Ganguly had said that these teachers will continue to work for next four months but will get a salary equivalent to para-teachers. After Friday's order, these teachers will get normal salaries up to the end of September. **WITH PTI**





SC Gets 2 New Judges

Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud administers the oath of office to senior advocate K V Viswanathan and Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra (left) as judges of the Supreme Court, during a swearing-in ceremony on Friday. *ANI*

TEST SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MAY 21 ACROSS COUNTRY

CUET-UG: Exam postponed in Manipur and J&K, says NTA

To be held May 26 onwards in J&K, from May 29 in Manipur

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NEW DELHI, MAY 19

THE NATIONAL Testing Agency (NTA) on Friday deferred the second edition of the Common University Entrance Test-Undergraduate (CUET-UG) to May 26 in J&K, and to May 29 in Manipur. The exam is set to be held across the country from May 21-31.

The agency said the decision on Manipur was taken in view of the law and order situation following the recent violence in the state. For J&K, the agency said, the move came as it looks to find ways for applicants to take the test without travelling outside the UT.

Several aspirants from J&K, as well as from Jharkhand, had expressed concern over being allotted examination centres in far away places despite having opted for those closer home.

Nasir Khuehami, the National Convenor of J&K Students Association, told *The Indian Express* it was impractical for many students from the UT to reach the allotted centres. "Several students…who opted for Srinagar as the centre of choice have been allotted centres in Panchkula (Haryana) and Punjab. Students from the marginalised communities are affected the most as they cannot shell out too much money to travel that far," he said.

In a statement issued late on Friday, the NTA said: "Being sensitive to the needs of candidates and to facilitate the students of J&K, the NTA is exploring the possibility of creating temporary centres in Kashmir. In view of the above, it has been decided that the CUET (UG) – 2023 will now be conducted from 26 May 2023 onwards in the UT..."

"NTA has sent an email to each candidate...attaching the public notice about rescheduling of CUET (UG)- 2023 for the candidates of UT of J&K," UGC chairman M Jagadesh Kumar tweeted.

In another statement on Manipur and Jharkhand, the UGC said: "Though all measures have been taken for allotting the candidates to their preferred cities, there are some candidates who have been allotted to a city in a neighbouring state. However, we have announced the city information slip in advance to give them time for making travel arrangements… As far as Manipur is concerned…NTA has carefully reviewed the law-and-order situation in consultation with the State Administration and contacted candidates by telephone for asking their preferred city…"

"Some candidates who were not in Manipur or wanted to take the examination in another State/City are being allocated to other cities, i.e. Delhi, Guwahati, etc.... After contacting the State administration, the NTA has been advised to keep all examinations in the State of Manipur from May 29 onwards," it added.

Orissa HC orders fresh merit list for recruitment of ASOs

SUJIT BISOYI
BHUBANESWAR, MAY 19

THE ORISSA High Court on Friday scrapped the merit list prepared by the Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) for recruitment to the posts of 796 assistant section officers (ASO) in the state Secretariat.

Hearing a petition that alleged irregularities in the preparation of the merit list, a bench of Justice Aditya Kumar Mohapatra directed the OPSC to prepare a fresh merit list within two months on the basis of the total marks obtained by candidates in the written examination.

The recruitment examination was conducted on August 27, 2022 and the results were announced on November 7. More than 1.48 lakh candidates appeared in the written examination and 2,408 of them secured the requisite qualifying marks in each subject. The OPSC then shortlisted 1,104 candidates on the basis of aggregate for document verification and computer skill test, which was approximately 1.5 times of the 796 vacancies for which the examination was held.

Alleging irregularities in the selection process after announcement of the merit list, some of the aspirants who could not make it to the final list challenged the result in the High Court. They objected to the OPSC's decision to introduce "qualifying marks" (a minimum score), known as sectional cut-off, in each paper to determine the merit list. The minimum qualifying marks was 40% for general category and 30% for aspirants belonging to socially and educationally backward classes (SEBC), Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST).

Rajat Kumar Mishra, one of the petitioners, said the OPSC is not authorised to introduce sectional cut-off marks for different subjects as it is not in accordance with the Odisha Secretariat Service (method of recruitment and conditions of service) Rules, 2016.

OPSC sources said it will take a call after examining the order.

Rajasthan man killed by wife's family over interfaith marriage in MP

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NEW DELHI, MAY 19

A 36-YEAR-OLD man from Rajasthan was allegedly beaten to death by his wife's family over their interfaith marriage in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa district earlier this week, police said.

Police said Rajendra Saini was allegedly beaten to death on Monday after he tried to convince his in-laws to let his wife, Amreen, return as she had been staying at her mother's home for the last two months following a fight with him.

Three members of woman's family — father Mumtaz Khan (55), mother Munni Khan (52) and brother Salman Khan (19) — have been booked under sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC, police said.

Saini had met Amreen Khan (20) at a construction site in Khandwa after which their relationship started, his family members said. The two had to face pressure over religion following which they decided to get married at a Jaipur court.

"They were barely making ends meet. There was a lot of pressure on them," said Rajendra's brother Kishore Saini.

"It was a love marriage and there was a lot of pressure on them. She had fought with him over some issue and decided to return to her family. Her husband was trying to convince her to return when the incident took place," said investigating officer SI Hari Kishan Soni.

"We have questioned the family members and based on their disclosure statements we are preparing our case. No one from the locality is ready say anything regarding the murder and the events leading up to it. The family has been sent to judicial custody now," the SI said.

2 aides of Canada-based terrorist held at airport

Chandigarh: The NIA on Friday arrested two wanted close associates of Canada-based designated terrorist Arshdeep Singh Gill, alias Arsh Dalla, after they landed at Delhi's IGI airport from Philippines early in the morning.

They were identified as Amritpal Singh alias Ammy and Amrik Singh, both hailing from Punjab. An NIA court in Delhi had earlier issued non-bailable arrest warrants against the duo in a case related to the unlawful and violent activities of banned organisations in India. They also have several criminal cases registered against them in Punjab, the agency said, adding it had filed a suo motu case last year under various sections of the IPC and UAPA.

The NIA said its probe had revealed that the two had entered into a conspiracy to raise funds for the banned organization Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), and also smuggle arms from across the border. **ENS**

Double delight: 25-year-old from Chhattisgarh climbs Everest, Mt Lhotse

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
RAIPUR, MAY 19

"I WAS at the top of the world, literally! It felt great. My dream is to scale the seven highest peaks in the world out of which I have already climbed four," said Yaashi Jain while speaking with *The Indian Express* over the phone from Kathmandu, after the 24-year-old scaled the world's highest peak, Mount Everest (8,848.86mts) and Mt Lhotse (8,516 mts) in a span of 26 hours on May 17 and 18.

Jain said she is the youngest woman in India to have set this record and the Nepal government will soon be giving her a certificate for achieving the rare feat.

Unlike many who hunt for jobs, this youngster from Chhattisgarh after completing her B-Tech began her conquest of scaling the seven highest peaks in the world. Speaking with a sore throat on Friday after returning to Kathmandu from Mount Lhotse, Jain said she was part of a group of five people including four Indians who scaled Everest.

The small group began their journey on May 12 and scaled the highest peak while carrying bags weighing 10-15 kgs. They carried easy to make food like upma, poha, cornflakes, several litres of water and a gas burner for melting the water they had carried which turned to ice. Jain, whose voice sounded choked due to the high altitude and wind, said, "The climate was harsh. It was around -45 degree Celsius. As we were reaching the top, the sun was rising and I could see an orange line above the mountain. I felt very happy. It was the best moment of my life," said Jain, who had also tried to scale Everest in 2021 but had to pull back due to the harsh climate.

Her father, Akhilesh Jain, 53, a banker in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, said, "I am very happy. I am proud to be her father. She was preparing to climb Everest in 2020 but the pandemic hit and a year passed by. She was inspired by a TV show on mountaineering when she was 15 and was inspired by Arunima Sinha (first female amputee to have climbed Everest). I told her I will fulfil her dream but first she needs to complete her studies, which she did. After this, I searched on the Internet and got her admission for a mountaineering course. Her journey began in 2016."



After completing her BTech, Yaashi Jain began her conquest of scaling the seven highest peaks of the world.

Before Everest, Jain has climbed Mount Elbrus (5,642mts) in Russia and Europe, Mount Kilimanjaro (5,895mts) in Tanzania and Mount Aconcagua (6,961 mts) in Argentina. However, it's just not the grit and years of hard work that is required to scale Mount Everest but a strong financial backing is required as well. In Jain's case, it was her father who stood like a rock behind her and ensured financial issues did not come in the way of his daughter's dream.

Her father said, "We spent around Rs 35 lakh. In the past, too, we spent several lakhs. We also gathered money through crowdfunding where the government, friends and some citizens from Chhattisgarh helped us. I have also taken a loan. I have two daughters and I just want to fulfil their dreams. But I must say that our government must encourage women who create world records by reserving government jobs for them. Otherwise, it is difficult to even think of pursuing a career in mountaineering and achieve such feats."

Govt panel recommends overarching agency to grade varsities, including IITs

SOURAV ROY BARMAN
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

A UNION government committee has recommended that the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) be brought under the ambit of a proposed overarching agency that will be tasked with grading all higher educational institutes and courses across the country by the end of this year.

According to the report of the committee, led by IIT council standing committee chairperson K Radhakrishnan, the recommendation has received "in-principle" approval from the IITs, which have so far never been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), which is the existing agency that grades India's colleges and universities.

"Currently, IITs follow their internal systems for periodic peer evaluation and assessment of programmes. For bringing in all IITs under the ambit of the unified accreditation process and-principle adoption of the National Credit Framework, a presentation of the proposed reforms was made to the Council of IITs in its 55th meeting held at IIT Bhubaneswar on 18 April 2023," states the report, made public on Friday.

Led by Radhakrishnan, who is also the chairperson of the IIT Kanpur Board of Governors, the committee had IIM Ahmedabad Director Bharat Bhasker and Vice-Chancellor of Assam's Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankaradeva Viswavidyalaya Mridul Hazarika as members.

Set up in November 2022, the panel also held consultations with the UGC, AICTE among other bodies. The committee has noted that the report will now be circulated among all the 23 IITs, and taken up in the next meeting of the IIT council, which is the apex consultative body of the premier engineering institutes.

The committee has also made several other recommendations, including the adoption of an "adapted Binary Accreditation System". Currently, NAAC follows an eight-point grading system under which institutes are rated A++, A+, A, B++, B+, B, C and D based on data submitted by institutes and their verification by expert teams during campus visits.

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Key proposals

THE COMMITTEE has suggested that under the new system, institutes be certified as "Accredited" or "Not Accredited (for those who are far below the standards for accreditation)". A separate category of "Awaiting Accreditation" will cover institutes which are "close to the threshold level" or accreditation. The committee has also proposed that the entire accreditation process be made less dependent on inspections by teams of experts by adopting the mechanism of "crowdsourcing", noting there are "concerns on subjectivity in the processes".

This is important as a committee set up by former NAAC chairperson Bhushan Patwardhan had flagged irregularities in the prevailing system, particularly with respect to such expert teams.

Before resigning on March 5, Patwardhan had written to UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar expressing apprehension about the "possibility of vested interests, malpractices, and nexus among the persons concerned...leading to the awarding of questionable grades".

The idea now is to get the inputs submitted by the institutes vetted by a "carefully chosen set of audience with diverse association with the concerned institutes" which may "include students (including PhD and postdoctoral scholars), faculty, staff, alumni, official visitors such as selection committee members, employers of the students, internal experts and agency-appointed experts".

To be sure, the committee has also observed that even with the implementation of "rigorous crowdsourcing, a physical/virtual verification of data by experts on a smaller sample is recommended".

But it has added that in the event of "inconsistencies between the claims (made by institutes) and expert review", strict punitive measures be taken.

Lastly, the Radhakrishnan committee, which held six meetings between November 2022 and April 2023, has proposed that instead of having separate bodies for accrediting institutes and courses, one overarching agency be set up. The proposed National Accreditation Council (NAAC), envisaged by the NEP, should also subsume the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), which ranks higher education institutes.

The educational system should make transition to the proposed accreditation regime by December 2023, the committee has added, suggesting that the broad recommendations be accepted and enforced by the end of the year even if the NAC is set up later.

The "low level of willingness of higher educational institutes to volunteer for this process continues to be a cause of concern", it observed, while also flagging the "cumbersome and tiresome process" for collection of information sought by NAAC and other agencies.

Bengal firecracker unit blast: main accused dies in Odisha hospital

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THE MAIN accused in the Egra blast case, Krishnapada Bag alias Bhanu, succumbed to injuries at a private hospital in Odisha's Cuttack around 3 am on Friday. He was the owner of an illegal firecracker unit in Khadikul village of Egra in Purba Medinipur, where a blast killed nine persons on Tuesday.

According to police sources, Bhanu suffered 80 per cent burns in the blast and fled to Odisha, where he was admitted in a hospital.

He had been detained by the CID on Thursday but his statement could not recorded owing to the serious nature of his injuries, the sources added.

The police registered an FIR against Bhanu, his son and nephew in connection with the blast.

His son would be brought to West Bengal and produced in court, police sources said. Bhanu's son Biswajit Bag and nephew Indrajit Bag were arrested on Wednesday.

After the blast, opposition parties criticised the role of the state administration while Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee later said she has no problem with an NIA probe in the case.

Meanwhile, the National Human Rights Commission has sought a report from the state government on the Egra explosion, to be submitted within four weeks.

The commission has sought information from the state chief secretary and DGP regarding the incident.

After primary investigation, the CID added new sections in Egra Blast Incident. Three new clauses have been added with the permission of the court. IPC 302 (murder), IPC 307 (attempt to murder) and Section 9B of The Explosives Act 1884 were added. But, no section of the Explosive Substances Act 1908 has been added.

"If Explosive Substances Act 1908 will be included then, NIA can suo motu take the case. Basically, to stop NIA from the case seemed this act was not included," a senior police official said.

Complainant in partner-swapping scandal killed in Kerala, husband main suspect

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 19

A 26-YEAR-OLD woman, who was a complainant in the sensational partner-swapping sex scandal of 2022, was found murdered under the Manarcad police station limits in Kottayam on Thursday.

Police said they suspected the husband of the victim behind the murder. The victim was identified as Kathiramoottil Juby, mother of two kids aged six and three.

"The incident happened between 8 am and 11 am. The children had gone to a neighbouring house. On return, they found the mother in a pool of blood. Police were alerted by local people. Prima facie, it is suspected that her estranged husband was behind the murder. We have launched a search to trace him," police said.

The woman was a complainant in a partner-swapping scandal, FIRs regarding which were registered at various police stations in Kottayam, Alappuzha and Ernakulam.



A farmer burns wheat stubble in a field on the outskirts of Amritsar, Friday. *PTI*

Text: Anju Agnihotri Chaba

Allahabad HC declares appointment of UP Police's ADG prosecution illegal

ASAD REHMAN
LUCKNOW, MAY 19

THE ALLAHABAD High Court on Friday declared the appointment of senior IPS officer Ashutosh Pandey as Additional Director General (ADG) and head of the Uttar Pradesh Police's Prosecution Directorate as "illegal" and "without authority of law".

The court also directed the state government to ensure that the ADG prosecution is appointed "according to the provisions of Section 25A (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) within six months" starting Friday.

In a concurring judgement, a bench of Justices Jayant Banerji and Surya Prakash Kesarwani said, "…We issue a writ of quo warranto declaring that the appointment of respondent no. 5 (Ashutosh Pandey) as Addl. Director General of Police Prosecution, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow as Head of the Directorate of Prosecution is without authority of law, illegal and contrary to the statutory provisions of Section 25A (2) of the CrPC. The respondent Nos.1 and 2 are directed to ensure that Director of Prosecution under Section 25A(2) Cr.P.C. is appointed within six months from today."

The bench was hearing a petition filed by lawyer Kishan Kumar Pathak who submitted that "sub-section (2) of Section 25-A provides for eligibility of director of prosecution and deputy director of prosecution". On Pandey's appointment, the court said that "he does not possess the eligibility/necessary qualification" for appointment as the "head of the Directorate of Prosecution". The court also said that it is admitted that Pandey has not been in practice "as an advocate for at least 10 years" and that "his appointment has been made without concurrence of the Chief Justice of the High Court".

"The petitioner is a practising advocate and has satisfied the court by drawing attention to the relevant facts and the relevant provisions of law…" said the court.

JUNEJA REPLACES ASHUTOSH PANDEY

Hours after the Allahabad High Court's order, the state government posted 1992-batch IPS officer Dipesh Juneja as Prosecution Directorate ADG in place of Ashutosh Pandey, who has now been posted as ADG of police's State Special Investigation Team (SSIT). Juneja holds a law degree.

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• Centre blinks on forex credit card

international Debit or Credit cards upto Rs 7 lakh per financial year will be excluded from the LRS limits and, hence, will not attract any TCS," it said.

Existing beneficial TCS treatment for education and health payments will also continue, it said, adding that the necessary changes to the Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transactions) Rules, 2000 will be issued separately.

On Tuesday, the Centre amended rules under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), bringing international credit card spends outside India under the LRS. As a consequence, spending on international credit cards would have then attracted a higher rate of TCS at 20 per cent from July 1.

Now, with Friday's decision, the 20 per cent TCS rate is likely to be levied on card transactions beyond Rs 7 lakh.

Under LRS, all resident individuals, including minors, can remit up to US $250,000 (approximately Rs 2.06 crore) abroad per year without prior approval from the RBI. The government, in the notification allowing credit card spends under LRS, had said the decision was taken in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The move generated a lot of criticism as it was seen as posing a significant compliance burden on both card-issuing banks and consumers. Also, experts raised concerns that even though taxpayers can claim refunds on the TCS levy at the time of filing their returns, this could result in their funds being locked until the refund is initiated by the tax department.

In a detailed set of Frequently Asked Questions issued Thursday, the Finance Ministry said the RBI had written to the government on more than one occasion pointing to the need to remove the differential treatment between usage of international credit cards and debit cards, which are already counted under the LRS.

An arbitrage between international credit and debit cards for overseas travel, individuals exceeding LRS limits making use of the exclusion of credit cards under it and international credit cards being issued with limits in excess of the present LRS limit of US $250,000 were some of the reasons being cited by the government for having undertaken the latest tweaks in rules for credit cards spends outside India.

The use of an international credit card to make payments towards meeting expenses while overseas was so far not covered under the LRS. International debit cards, however, were already covered under the LRS limit.

Also, all current account transactions such as drawal of forex undertaken on international credit cards within India were subject to Rule 5 of the FEM (CAT) Rules, 2000 and covered under LRS.

In the May 16 notification, credit card spends outside India were brought under the ambit of the LRS by omitting Rule 7 of the Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transaction) Rules, 2000. Spending on international credit cards was earlier excluded from LRS by way of Rule 7.

• Ashwini Vaishnaw to be guest at Express Adda today

semi-high speed and self-propelled train. At present, as many as 17 of the Vande Bharat showpiece trains are running. He is also working on rolling out India's first hydrogen-powered train by the end of the year.

Vaishnaw — who recently returned from a trip to the US where he met leaders of some of the biggest tech companies in the world, including Google and Intel — is overseeing big-ticket projects in his other ministries as well. As the Communications Minister, he deftly handled the sale of spectrum and introduction of 5G, avoiding controversies, and has overhauled the right of way regime to ensure that telephony equipment can be set up across the country at a record pace.

In IT, he has rolled out a $10-billion incentive package to kickstart semiconductor production in India. Once up and running, these fabs could play a major role in increasing India's local production capacity significantly while cutting down the reliance on semiconductor imports from elsewhere. A renewed $2 billion policy to boost local IT hardware production has recently received the Cabinet's nod.

Aside from the focus on infrastructure, as India looks to set the narrative while charting its own path in technology regulations — including a new IT Act and the data protection Bill — that impact some of the most consequential companies and have a bearing on fundamental rights such as freedom of speech and right to privacy, all eyes will be on how Vaishnaw navigates technology policy decisions to find a balance between citizen rights and innovation.

Vaishnaw is incharge of overhauling two major laws that will pave the way for reforms in the telecom and tech sectors. Under him, the draft Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022 has been released that aims to replace colonial-era rules governing telecommunications in India. The IT Ministry is currently working on the draft Digital India Act, which will replace the two-decade-old Information Technology Act, 2000, India's core law for the Internet.

Over the past couple of years, Vaishnaw has emerged as the government's principal spokesperson on its 'good governance' agenda. With less than a year to go for Lok Sabha 2024 elections, his voice is keenly sought and heard.

At the Adda, Vaishnaw will be in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, Indian Express Group, and Anil Sasi, National Business Editor, The Indian Express.

Previous guests at the Adda include Union Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways and MSMEs Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Health Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri, election strategist Prashant Kishor and oncologist and author Siddhartha Mukherjee.

• SC expert panel on Adani probe

portfolio investors (FPIs) but it was unable to pinpoint the violations.

The committee was headed by Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre (retd.) and included Justice J P Devadhar (retd.); KV, Kamath former MD, CEO and Chairman of ICICI Bank; OP Bhatt, former SBI chairman; Nandan Nilekani, chairman Infosys; and lawyer Somasekhar Sundaresan.

The panel said there was an evidence of a build-up in short positions on Adani Group stocks ahead of the report of US-based short seller Hindenburg Research and profiting from squaring off positions after prices crashed post-publication of the damning allegations. On January 24 this year, Hindenburg Research had released a 106-page report, accusing the Adani group of "brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud". The Adani group had denied the allegations.

While questions were raised over regulatory failure, the committee has said that it could not arrive "at a finding of a regulatory failure on the legislative side" and asserted that Sebi has been intervening to regularly "raise the bar" in its stipulation of desirable conduct. On the mandate relating to regulatory failure, the committee said it looked into minimum public shareholding, disclosure of transactions with related parties and stock price manipulation.

On the matter of minimum public shareholding — "overseas entities" ownership and ultimate beneficial ownership — the committee said that while Sebi found 42 contributors to the assets under management of the 13 overseas entities holding Adani Group stocks (that included 12 FPIs), the market regulators in the seven jurisdictions where the 42 contributors are located have not provided any details to Sebi.

"It has been a long-standing suspicion of Sebi that some of the public shareholders are not truly public shareholders and could be fronts for the promoters of these companies," it said.

Despite pursuing various routes through the Enforcement Directorate and the income-tax department, Sebi has not determined the ultimate ownership of these 13 entities. While the FPIs in question made declarations of the beneficial owner by identifying the natural persons controlling their decisions, a 2018 law had done away with the very requirement to disclose the last natural person owning any economic interest in the FPI.

Sebi has been investigating the ownership of the 13 overseas entities since October 2020.

"The investigation and enforcement have moved in the opposite direction, stating that the ultimate owner of every piece of economic interest in an FPI must be capable of being ascertained. It is this dichotomy that has led to Sebi drawing a balance worldwide, despite its best efforts," it said. "Without such information, Sebi is unable to satisfy itself that its suspicion that has been aroused can be put to rest…The securities market regulator suspects wrongdoing but also finds compliance with various stipulations in attendant regulations. Therefore, the record reveals a chicken-and-egg situation."

The panel said that 849 alerts were generated by the system regarding Adani stocks, and were considered by stock exchanges resulting in four reports to SEBI — of which two were well prior to the Hindenburg Report and two after January 24, 2023.

It said the report did not find a pattern of artificial trading or "wash trades" among the same parties multiple times. "In one of the patches where the price rose, the FPIs under investigation were net sellers. One investing entity that had purchased across the patches had purchased far more of other securities. In a nutshell, there was no coherent pattern of abusive trading that has come to light".

"Suffice it to say, it would not be possible to return a finding of regulatory failure on this count since SEBI has an active and working surveillance framework to take notice of high price and volume movements," the panel said.

As directed by the Supreme Court, the expert committee had a mandate to provide an overall assessment on the factors that led to volatility in securities market, suggest measures to strengthen investor awareness, investigate whether there has been regulatory failure in dealing with the alleged contravention of the laws pertaining to the securities market in relation to the Adani Group Companies and to advice on strengthening the statutory and regulatory framework and secure compliance with the existing framework for the protection of investors. **(WITH PTI)**

• SC defers survey of 'Shivling'

While a trial court had earlier rejected a plea by the Hindu side for a scientific survey of the "Shivling", the Allahabad HC, on May 12, had ordered the survey.

Appearing for the UP government on Friday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta expressed concern about likely damage to the structure if the survey was carried out, and agreed that it should be put on hold till the SC takes a view.

"One of my concerns as an officer of the court is that while doing the exercise which we are called upon to do — carbon dating etc — if there is some damage to the structure, which one side says is a Shivling, and the other side says is a fountain, … we will have to see how it can be done. Your Lordships can consider that it may await Your Lordships' adjudication," Mehta told the bench, which included Justices P S Narasimha and K V Viswanathan.

Appealing against the HC order, Senior Advocate Huzefa Ahmadi said the direction came even as a judgment on an appeal filed by the mosque committee, challenging the maintainability of the suit by some Hindu women seeking the right to worship at the disputed premises, is pending.

He said that as per the HC order, the carbon dating and scientific survey was supposed to start on May 22. "Let them not (do it) during the holiday," Ahmadi said. The SC will be on summer recess from May 21 to July 2. The CJI then asked the SG if he would like to take instructions. "Let's examine it a little carefully," he said.

Appearing for some of the Hindu parties, Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain submitted that before passing the May 12 order, the HC had sought a report from the Archeological Survey of India (ASI). Four ASI experts had given a report where they said the structure would not be damaged, he said. "I think what the SG is saying is assuming that the carbon dating has to be carried out, there may be such implications in regard to the manner in which it is carried out," the CJI responded. "We may also find out if there is some other technology etc," said Mehta. Jain said he was only suggesting that the court could call for the ASI report. "We are not averse to calling for a report from the ASI... The SG's submissions... let them consider the situation. Obviously, they are going to consult the ASI in the meantime...," the CJI said.

• Off the radar, why it's easy for bombs to be Made in Bengal

they mistook for playthings.

Bomb-making is a thriving cottage industry, its raw materials easy to access and procure. Priced at an average of just over Rs 150 per bomb in rural areas, it's "cost-effective" too.

Said the 48-year-old bomb-maker in Birbhum: "Bombs are a far better choice than guns and bullets. You lob one as a warning or deterrent; its sound reaches far and wide, it scares everyone quickly and effectively… As a weapon, too, it is effective as the splinters do the job, they target many in one go," he added.

He recalled spending his 20s as an "apprentice" to another bomb-maker. "About 25 years ago, I got an order for making bombs. Once I finished, there were some leftover chemicals. The person who gave me the order insisted I don't waste anything and make another one. I told him it will be unstable. He did not listen. While I was wrapping the jute strings, it exploded and took away my left arm. But this is an occupational hazard," he said.

The type and make

While the crude bomb called "Peto" is most commonly used, it has versions like the "Lal Sada" (named after the colours of chemicals used). Some have no shrapnel, and are meant for "area domination" and sending a message with a loud bang and smoke. Then there are those filled with ball bearings, nails, even shards of glass, which make them lethal.

"Peto is when you mix chemicals such as dust of *sora* (niter), *gandhak* (sulphur), and barium wrapped in a paper with jute strings. In advanced versions which are more lethal, we use a small metal box, like the container of a popular brand of *zarda* (chewing tobacco), or a small glass bottle, like a popular brand of digestive tablets," said a 50-year-old bomb-maker from his home in North 24 Parganas.

In "advanced" versions, including Lal Sada, ball bearings, nails, shards of glass are added. The lethal mix is packed into metal boxes or wide-mouthed glass bottles. Then there's the bomb which works more like a hand grenade as it requires a pin to be removed before it is lobbed.

"A small glass vial filled with glycerine is placed inside the metal box filled with chemicals, nails and other materials. The glass vial is sealed but a wire is placed in its mouth, which extends out of the metal box. Once you pull the wire, the glycerine vial is opened and you throw," said a 22-year-old helping the older "expert".

"Either your employer gives the ingredients or asks you to procure them. There is a chain, and those who supply to us charge more than the open market since they know what we will use it for. But many of the chemicals are readily available," said the bomb-maker. Bomb-makers say the raw materials can be found in wholesale markets dealing in chemical substances.

Economics, risks

The bomb-makers say they are hired not just by local strongmen but also a wide spectrum of political parties. Whenever they are given an "assignment", the employer provides the raw materials as well as a place to make the bombs. This way, the bombs don't have to be transported or carried, which involves risks such as explosions or drawing attention from the police. On an average, each crude bomb costs about Rs 450-500 in urban areas and Rs 150-200 in rural areas.

"However, when we get an order to make bombs in bulk, which is especially during pre-poll season, we enter into a verbal contract. A master's fee is about Rs 8,000-10,000 depending on the number of bombs or three-four days' work (minus food). The fee has actually reduced since there are so many in the trade nowadays," said an expert in South 24 Parganas district. "We prefer to be given a secluded spot with a water body nearby."

Most bomb-makers do odd jobs on the side such as farming or working as labourers, while the more skilled are employed throughout the year. In some cases, the families of bomb makers also make firecrackers before Kalipuja and Diwali. Asked how he feels about those who die or are maimed as a result of the bombs, he said: "We, too, have families and we feel sad when we see such things on the TV. But why don't you ask those who throw the bombs or abandon them? Why blame us? This is my profession."

Birbhum, Purba Medinipur and Barrackpore industrial belt and South 24 Parganas are districts reporting the most number of incidents involving bombs.

WhatsApp chat, 12 audio recordings behind raid on Haryana CBI judge, his suspension

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IT WAS a WhatsApp chat and 12 audio recordings that landed Panchkula CBI judge Sudhir Parmar in trouble and led to his suspension, the first information report (FIR) filed by the Haryana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has revealed.

On the basis of this chat and recordings, the ACB lodged an FIR against Parmar, his nephew, a real estate developer, and others under several sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and on conspiracy charges under the Indian Penal Code on April 17 this year. Parmar was subsequently suspended by the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

According to the ACB, a reliable source gave information alleging that Parmar favoured a real estate developer and his brother, and the owner of another real estate company, who were all facing Enforcement Directorate (ED) cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and Central Bureau of Investigation cases in his court. The ACB said in the FIR that the source disclosed instances of "grave misconduct, abuse of official position and demand/acceptance of undue advantage/ bribe from the accused in cases pending in his court".

The Indian Express could not verify the authenticity of the alleged WhatsApp chat and audio recordings independently. Parmar was not available for comment. In response to the ACB's application to a local Panchkula court, Parmar has given his consent for recording his voice samples.

According to the ACB FIR, its source provided screenshots of a WhatsApp chat between Parmar and another person "wherein he (Parmar) demands Rs 5-7 crores for helping" the owners of the real estate company in ED cases and "requests the other person chatting with him to receive bribe money on his behalf from them". The ACB alleged that "in the same chat, the other person states that Rs 5 crores have already been given to Parmar by the accused" in a case related to the realty giant.

Citing its source, the ACB has said in its FIR that before his posting as special judge of the CBI/PMLA court at Panchkula in Haryana, Parmar was posted as additional sessions judge/additional district judge at Gurgaon "whereby abusing his official position of being a judge, he got in contact with the owners of real estate firm and the realty giant and got undue favour by getting appointed his nephew as a legal advisor in the real estate firm at a package of approximately Rs 12 lakh per annum".

Subsequently, the ACB, referring to recordings numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, alleges that "when Sudhir Parmar was transferred as special judge of CBI/ED at Panchkula, the annual package of his nephew was straightway hiked to Rs 18-20 lakh and Sh. Sudhir Parmar being CBI/ED special judge, in connivance with the accused persons started favouring them for the sake of illegal gratification through his nephew".

Referring to Recording No 5, the ACB alleges: "Parmar is asking someone for Rs 1.5 crores (50-50 lakh per head) as illegal gratification for meeting accused persons".

In recordings numbered 6, 7 and 8, the ACB says, Parmar is allegedly speaking with a real estate developer and says "he always speaks with him and other accused of the real estate firm and real estate giant through mobile phone or WhatsApp/Facetime from the phone of his nephew".

In audio recordings 9, 10 and 11, ACB claims, "Parmar, during conversation with an unknown person, admits/claims that he did not let (the real estate developer) become an accused in ED cases". According to the ACB, in recording No 7, the special judge states that "he met wife of an accused and accused's brother-in-law and assured them that although he cannot release the accused on bail in PMLA case, yet he would favour him dealing with him in the court in a respectful manner and not harass him by issuing frequent warrant/notices, or denying permission to visit abroad and make him feel at home while in court".

Bengaluru: ED seizes Rs 8.26 cr from education firm, says linked to China

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BENGALURU, MAY 19

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has seized Rs 8.26 crore from the premises of an education firm that the agency alleged was being controlled by people in China.

The seizures were made from Pigeon Education Technology India Pvt. Ltd. under Section 37A of the Foreign Exchange Management Act,1999.

According to the ED, the company is providing online education under the brand name of 'Odaclass'. Earlier, the ED had conducted search and seizure action against the company and found that it is owned by Chinese nationals and all the affairs of the company, including financial decisions, are being taken by some persons sitting in China, the agency said.

During investigation, it was ascertained that the company has siphoned Rs 82.72 crore to China and Hong Kong in the name of advertisement and marketing expenses on the instructions of Chinese director Liu Can, the ED said. The company allegedly could not produce proof of receipt of service on its part and proof of advertisement published against the said expenses. The ED in April had raided the firm's office.

Rs 2.31 crore of cash, gold bar seized from govt building in Jaipur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, MAY 19

TOP OFFICIALS of Rajasthan on Friday said that state government employees have found unclaimed cash amounting to Rs 2.31 crore and 1 kg gold bar at Yojana Bhawan, a government building. The police have detained 7-8 persons in this connection.

Addressing a late night press conference along with the Chief Secretary Usha Sharma and DGP, Jaipur Police Commissioner Anand Srivastava said the Additional Director of the IT Department informed the police that they had found cash and a gold bar in their basement. He said that no one has claimed the money or gold. "We have detained the persons who had access … these are from the department, or have to do with the maintenance, are storekeepers," he said.

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1.	सिवान जिलान्तर्गत पचरूखी थाना में मॉडल थाना (जी+3) आउट हाउस का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	मुजफ्फरपुर प्र0 कैम्प हाजीपुर	555.71	1111500	10111	As per eproc 2	14 माह
2.	गया जिलान्तर्गत बहेरा ओ0पी0 थाना में मॉडल थाना (जी+2) आउट हाउस का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	मगध प्र0 कैम्प डेहरीओन सोन	446.70	893400	10000	As per eproc 2	14 माह
3.	भोजपुर जिलान्तर्गत नारायणपुर थाना में मॉडल थाना (जी+3) आउट हाउस का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	पटना	560.77	1121600	10000	As per eproc 2.	14 माह
4.	सिवान जिलान्तर्गत जाम्हो बाजार थाना में मॉडल थाना (जी+3) आउट हाउस का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	मुजफ्फरपुर प्र0 कैम्प हाजीपुर	563.54	1127100	10000	As per eproc 2.	14 माह
5.	सिवान जिलान्तर्गत जी0बी0 नगर थाना में मॉडल थाना (जी+3) आउट हाउस का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	मुजफ्फरपुर प्र0 कैम्प हाजीपुर	568.40	1136800	10000	As per eproc 2.	14 माह
6.	पूर्णियाँ जिलान्तर्गत मोहनपुर ओ0पी0 थाना में मॉडल थाना (जी+2) आउट हाउस का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	पूर्णियाँ	460.20	920400	10000	As per eproc 2.	12 माह
7.	मधेपुरा जिलान्तर्गत शंकरपुर थाना में मॉडल थाना (जी+3) आउट हाउस का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	पूर्णियाँ	553.75	1107500	10000	As per eproc 2.	14 माह
8.	पश्चिमी चम्पारण जिलान्तर्गत बेतिया में क्षेत्रीय विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला (जी+2) का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	मुजफ्फरपुर प्र0 कैम्प हाजीपुर	511.30	1022600	10000	As per eproc 2.	12 माह
9.	सहरसा जिलान्तर्गत सहरसा में क्षेत्रीय विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला (जी+2) का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	पूर्णियाँ	485.30	970600	10000	As per eproc 2.	12 माह
10.	दरभंगा जिलान्तर्गत दरभंगा में विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला (जी+2) का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	दरभंगा	463.43	926900	10000	As per eproc 2.	12 माह
11.	मुंगेर जिलान्तर्गत मुंगेर में क्षेत्रीय विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला (जी+2) का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	भागलपुर	470.53	941100	10000	As per eproc 2.	12 माह
12.	बेगुसराय जिलान्तर्गत बेगुसराय में क्षेत्रीय विधि विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला (जी+2) का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	दरभंगा	477.75	955500	10000	As per eproc 2.	12 माह
13.	पश्चिमी चम्पारण जिलान्तर्गत बेतिया में संयुक्त भवन (जी+4) का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	मुजफ्फरपुर प्र0 कैम्प हाजीपुर	534.87	1069800	10000	As per eproc 2.	16 माह
14.	दरभंगा जिलान्तर्गत दरभंगा में संयुक्त भवन (जी+4) का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	दरभंगा	548.00	1096000	10000	As per eproc 2.	16 माह
15.	मुंगेर जिलान्तर्गत मुंगेर में संयुक्त भवन (जी+4) का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	भागलपुर	530.53	1061100	10000	As per eproc 2.	16 माह
16.	बेगुसराय जिलान्तर्गत बेगुसराय में संयुक्त भवन (जी+4) का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	दरभंगा	531.56	1063200	10000	As per eproc 2.	16 माह
17.	सीतामढ़ी जिलान्तर्गत सुप्पी थाना में थाना भवन, आउट हाउस का विद्युतिकरण सहित निर्माण कार्य। (पुर्ननिविदा)	दरभंगा	641.12	1282300	10000	As per eproc 2.	14 माह

10. इस निविदा की अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी एवं आवश्यक शर्तें अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के सूचना पट एवं बेवसाईट **www.bpbcc.co.in** पर देखा जा सकता है तथा ई–निविदा–पत्र **www.eproc.bihar.gov.in** से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है ।

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मुख्य अभियंता, पटना

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नगरीय प्रशिक्षण एवं शोध केन्द्र व स्थानीय निकाय निदेशालय,
सेक्टर–7, गोमतीनगर विस्तार, शहीद पथ,
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Govt. of Bihar
Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.
A Government of Bihar Undertaking

NOTICE INVITING RE- E-TENDER NO. 04/RFP/2023-24

File. No: **09/Engg/2023/423/ENGG/2023**

(Through e-procurement mode only – www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

1. Chief Engineer, BSTDC invites **Request for Proposal** for operation & comprehensive maintenance of multimedia laser show integrated with musical dancing fountain at Mangal Talab, Patna Sahib, Patna, Bihar from eligible experienced Firms/Contractors/ agencies/ Bidders for the execution of work as given below: -

Sl. No.	State	Name of Project	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of RFP Document (Rs.) (Non-Refundable)	Bid Processing Fee (Online Payment)(Rs.) (Non-Refundable)	Operation & Maintenance Period (In months)
1	Bihar	OPERATION & COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE OF MULTIMEDIA LASER SHOW INTEGRATED WITH MUSICAL DANCING FOUNTAIN AT MANGAL TALAB, PATNA SAHIB, PATNA, BIHAR.	2,00,000.00	10,000/-	590/-	60 (Sixty)

1. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting : **Date 15.06.2023 Time 3.00 PM**. BSTDC office, Hotel Kautilya Vihar, Beer Chand Patel Marg, Patna-800001
2. Date of downloading of bid document : **From 14.06.2023 to 23.06.2023 up to 3.00 PM** Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
3. Last Date and time for Submission of hard copy of bid : **Date 26.06.2023 Time 3.00 Pm.**
4. Time and Date of opening of Technical bids : **Date 27.06.2023 Time 3.30 Pm.** Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
5. Place of bids validity : Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6. Period of bids validity : 120 days
7. Officer inviting bids : Chief Engineer, BSTDC
8. For participating in E – tendering process, the contractor shall have to get themselves registered to get user ID, Password and Digital signature. This will enable them to access the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and download/participate in E – tender. All tender queries related to this tender shall be communicated at contactbstdc@gmail.com
9. (i) **Bid Processing fees and Bid document cost to be paid through online mode i.e. internet payment gateway (Credit/Debit card), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS.**

(ii) Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-Proc2.0 portal www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in before the date & time specified in the NIT. The department does not take any responsibility for the delay/Non availability of internet connection, Network Traffic/Holidays or any other reasons".

10. The detailed eligibility criteria can be seen in the RFP document. The RFP documents can be obtained through website
11. **Earnest Money should be paid through online mode i.e. internet payment gateway (Credit/Debit card), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS or by BG in favour /pledged Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (BSTDC Ltd), and hard copy shall be paid in the form as explained in the terms and conditions available in Tender free view at the website. Original earnest money shall be submitted to the office of Executive Engineer, Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (BSTDC Ltd), 3rd Floor, Tourist Banglow, Beerchand Patel Path, Patna– 800 001, till last date and time of Opening Technical bid, failing which the tender will be rejected.**
12. All the information/corrigendum/addendum related to the project shall be published on the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in . The authority shall have the right to reject the bid partially or fully without assigning any reason what so ever.
13. The bidders are requested to check their file size of uploaded documents at the time of submission & they should ensure that work file is uploaded if they feel that the complete file is not uploaded then they should click on cancel & update the same before submission. The bidders should satisfy themselves of download ability/visibility of the scanned & uploaded file by them.
14. The bidder must use File size should be less than 5 MB and should be in PDF and JPEG formats.
15. No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet service being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last hour's technical snags.
16. Bids that are rejected during the bid opening process shall not be considered for further valuation, irrespective of the circumstances.
17. The bidders shall submit their eligibility and qualification details, Technical bid, Financial bid etc, in the online standard formats given for respective tenders in e-Procurement website (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in) at the respective stage only. The bidders shall upload the scanned copies of all the relevant certificates, documents etc, in support of their eligibility criteria/technical bids and other certificate/documents in the e-Procurement website The bidder shall sign on the supporting statements, documents, certificates, uploaded by him, owning responsibility for their correctness/authenticity.
18. Further details of works can be obtained from the office of Executive Engineer For clarification, regarding the e–tendering process, please contact e-Proc2.0, Helpdesk, mjunction services limited RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar, Toll Free Number: 1800 572 6571, Email Id: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in
19. The Amount of B.O.Q may increase or decrease.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
BSTDC, Patna.

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

BSTDCL, Beerchand Patel Path, Patna -800 001
[Tel: 0612-2506219, 2225411, 2506218 (fax) Email: contactbstdc@gmail.com]

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दिल्ली प्रौद्योगिकी विश्वविद्यालय
DELHI TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
(Estd. by Govt. of Delhi vide Act 6 of 2009)
(Formerly Delhi College of Engineering)
Shahbad Daulatpur, Bawana Road, Delhi-110042

Notice Inviting e-Tenders

E-Tenders (online tenders) are invited for execution of the following works in Delhi Technological University, Delhi: -

S. No.	Item Description	'e' Tender ID No.	Date of Opening of Technical Bids
1.	Construction of New Gate near Canal, Security Towers and Boundary Wall at DTU Campus, Bawana Road, Delhi (Composite Work)	2023_DTU _241048_1	01.06.2023

The details of Items, EMD, Tender document, Date & Time of submission of bids / opening of bids etc. is available on the 'e-procurement' website of Govt. of NCT of Delhi **http:// govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in** against Tender I.D. No. mentioned above.

For participation in these tenders through e-procurement solution, all the tenderers are required to have digital certificate and registration with the application service provider (ASP).

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, Invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:

1. Name of work with its location : Replacement of existing 105 sq mm G-Jumper by 160 sq mm G-Jumper of 1st Sub-Sector over Delhi Division
2. Approx. Cost of work : Rs. 63,76,412/-
3. Earnest Money Deposit : Rs. 1,27,500/-
4. E-Tender Bid Online Starting date : 30.05.2023 (00.00 hrs)
5. E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & Time E-Tender Open Date & Time : 13.06.2023 (15.00 hrs.)
6. Fund Allocation : 20366203
7. Website particulars where complete detalls of tender documents can be seen : www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 03A-TRD-NDLS-2023-24 Date: 19.05.2023 1532/2023

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SEARCH OF MISSING



Aditya Dilip

General public is hereby informed that one boy, (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Aditya Dilip, **S/o:** Sh. Dilip, **R/o:** 40-E, Pocket-1, Mayur Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi **Aged:** around 17½ years, has been missing from Kerela School, SMS Marg, New Delhi since 06.04.22022 at 2:00 pm. In this regard **FIR No. 55/2022 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 06.04.2022, has been lodged at P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi.** His physical description is as under:

Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 6' Feet, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Normal, **ID mark:** Small Scars behind head, **Clothing:** Blue Colour School Dress Pant & Shirt

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing boy may inform to the following at **E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 11-24368638 or 24368641**

S.H.O
P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-23382100

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001 for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	12231201	PVC Insulated Unsheathed Single Core Multi Stranded Copper Conductor Cable	31041 MTR	12.06.2023
02	12231424	ISI/CE Marked Composite Switch Fuse Unit Capacity 63 AMP	3032 Nos	12.06.2023
03	10230054	Gold Plated Silver Medal	7809 Nos	12.06.2023
04	01225046	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)	03 Set	12.06.2023
05	09235001	Cast Steel	130 Nos	12.06.2023
06	09232405	Bolster Spring	8546 Nos	13.06.2023
07	09232111	Draft Gear	578 Nos	14.06.2023
08	77236011	Running Contract of Pre-Stressed Mono Block Concrete Sleepers Special Types	2113 Set	15.06.2023
09	16230661	Journal Bearing Assembly For HHP Locos	74 Set	19.06.2023
10	02221947	Power Contactor 3-POLE, 40 AMPS	1282 Nos	22.06.2023
11	07230107	Protective Tube Complete for Axle Box	10607 Nos	03.07.2023
12	07230447	Set of Side Buffer Assembly (Helical Spring Type) (LH&RH) For LHB Coach	22 Set	03.07.2023
13	09232327	Rubber Spring	3722 Set	03.07.2023
14	07233459	Secondary Vertical Damper For LHB Coaches	4497 Nos	04.07.2023
15	09232314	Cast Steel Bolster	86 Nos	10.07.2023

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. **www. ireps.gov.in** for details. 2. No manual offer will be entertained.
Tender Notice No. 15/2023-2024 Dated: 19.05.2023 1524/2023

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EXPLAINED SCIENCE

AS PERMAFROST THAWS, BURIED TOXIC WASTE MAY BE RELEASED: NEW STUDY

ALIND CHAUHAN
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

AS GLOBAL temperatures rise, thawing permafrost is likely to destabilise thousands of industrial sites and linked contaminated areas in the Arctic, which could result in the spread of toxic substances across the region, according to a new study.

Nearly 2,100 industrial sites and between 5,600 and 10,000 contaminated sites are under threat of destabilisation by the end of this century.

The study, 'Thawing permafrost poses environmental threat to thousands of sites with legacy industrial contamination', was carried out by researchers based in Germany, and it was published in the journal *Nature Communications*.

The Arctic is dotted with industrial facilities such as oilfields and pipelines, mines, and military bases. This infrastructure is built on permafrost, which was once believed to be perennially stable and reliable.

The toxic waste from these industrial facilities too has been buried in the permafrost, on the assumption that it would stay locked away permanently. But danger looms as the planet continues to heat up.

"A major problem is that for a long time (before and in the 1990s) the consequences of global warming and thawing permafrost were not taken into account and definitely underestimated. There are many engineering studies from that time that consider permafrost as a favourable condition for the disposal of industrial legacies and other wastes," Moritz Langer, one of the authors of the study, told *The Indian Express* by email.

"Today, these former practices (some of which are still in use) are becoming an increasing problem as large parts of the Arctic are already affected by thawing permafrost," Dr Langer said.



Thawing permafrost on Herschel Island, located near the coast of Yukon in Canada. *Wikimedia Commons*

According to the study, known industrial waste types in the permafrost region include "drilling and mining wastes, toxic substances like drilling muds and fluids, mine waste heaps, heavy metals, spilled fuels, and radioactive waste".

Dr Langer and his team analysed publicly available data on industrial sites and contamination sites located in Canada and Alaska. As no data is available for the largest permafrost region in Russia, the team relied on media reports and other sources to identify contaminated sites.

The researchers projected that the 4,500 industrial facilities in the permafrost regions have most likely produced 13,000-20,000 contaminated sites. Around 1,000 of the known industrial sites and 2,200-4,800 of the known contaminated sites are already at risk of destabilising due to thawing permafrost. These numbers will rise to more than 2,100 industrial sites and 5,600-10,000 contaminated sites by the end of the century under the low emissions scenario consistent with the 2-degree Celsius global warming target.

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JERUSALEM DAY

Rightwing Israelis march to commemorate Israel's capture of Jerusalem's Old City in 1967.

ISRAELI NATIONALISTS marking the 1967 capture of East Jerusalem marched through the Muslim quarter of the Old City on Thursday in an annual parade that Palestinians see as a provocation.

Jerusalem Day march

Israel fought a number of Arab armies in a war in 1967, during which it captured territories including East Jerusalem.

Israel has since annexed East Jerusalem, in a move that has not won international recognition, and regards the entire city as its eternal and undivided capital. Palestinians want East Jerusalem as the capital of a future state.

The flag-waving march cuts through downtown Jerusalem before entering the walled Old City, home to sites holy to Christians, Jews, and Muslims. In recent years, the parade has increasingly become a show of force for Jewish nationalists, and for Palestinians a blatant provocation meant to undermine their ties to the city.

On Thursday, anti-Arab slogans were raised by the marchers, racist banners were raised, and videos on social media showed purported scuffles and stone-throwing between the two sides. The US and UN issued statements of condemnation on Friday.



Israeli youths at the Old City's Damascus Gate on Thursday. *Reuters*

Potential flashpoint

The heavily-policed procession passes through the Old City's narrow streets, including areas that are popular among Palestinians such as Damascus Gate and the Muslim Quarter, forcing some Arab shopkeepers to close down.

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EXPLAINED NEWS YOU CAN USE

Your 2000-rupee notes

You have from May 23 to Sept 30 to deposit these notes in your bank account or exchange them for other denominations. But you can exchange only 10 notes at a time. Why has the RBI done this?

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, MAY 19

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has decided to withdraw the Rs 2000 denomination banknotes from circulation. But existing notes will continue to be legal tender, the RBI announced on Friday.

The central bank has advised the public to deposit Rs 2000 banknotes, which were introduced after Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes were withdrawn during the demonetisation exercise six years ago, into their bank accounts and /or exchange them into banknotes of other denominations at any bank branch.

Why has the RBI withdrawn Rs 2000 notes?

The Rs 2000 note was introduced in November 2016 under Section 24(1) of The RBI Act, 1934, primarily with the objective of meeting the currency requirement of the economy expeditiously after the legal tender status of Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes was withdrawn. With the fulfilment of that objective, and once notes of other denominations were available in adequate quantities, the printing of Rs 2000 notes was stopped in 2018-19.

The RBI issued the majority of the Rs 2000 denomination notes prior to March 2017; these notes are now at the end of their estimated lifespan of 4-5 years. This denomination is no longer commonly used for transactions; besides, there is adequate stock of banknotes in other denominations to meet currency requirements.

"In view of the above, and in pursuance of the 'Clean Note Policy' of the Reserve Bank of India, it has been decided to withdraw the Rs 2000 denomination banknotes from circulation," the RBI said.

And what is the Clean Note Policy?

The Clean Note Policy seeks to give the public good-quality currency notes and coins with better security features, while soiled notes are withdrawn out of circulation. The RBI had earlier decided to withdraw from circulation all banknotes issued prior to 2005 as they have fewer security features as compared to banknotes printed after 2005.

However, the notes issued before 2005 continue to be legal tender. They have only been withdrawn from circulation in conformity with the standard international practice of not having notes of multiple series in circulation at the same time.

So will the Rs 2000 banknotes continue to be legal tender?

The Rs 2000 banknote will continue to maintain its legal tender status, the RBI has said. Members of the public can continue to use Rs 2000 banknotes for their transactions and also receive them in payment. "However, they are encouraged to deposit and/ or exchange these banknotes on or before September 30, 2023," the RBI said.

What will happen after September 30?

The RBI has not clarified the status of these notes after September 30. However, it has said that its instructions on the Rs 2000 notes will be effective until that date.

What should you do with the Rs 2000 notes you have?

The RBI has advised people to "approach bank branches for deposit and/ or exchange" of these banknotes. "The facility for deposit into accounts and exchange for Rs 2000 banknotes will be available at all banks until September 30, 2023," the RBI has said. The facility for exchange will also be available until September 30 at 19 RBI Regional Offices that have Issue Departments.

Is there a limit on how much money you can exchange or deposit?

You can exchange Rs 2000 banknotes up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time. You don't have to go your own bank — a non-account holder of bank also can exchange Rs 2000 banknotes up to a limit of Rs 20,000 at a time at any bank branch.

The exchange of Rs 2000 banknotes can also be made through business correspondents up to a limit of Rs 4000 per day for an account holder.

Deposits into bank accounts can be made without restrictions "subject to compliance with extant Know Your Customer (KYC) norms and other applicable statutory / regulatory requirements", the RBI has said.

When can you start exchanging the Rs 2000 notes?

To give time to banks to prepare, RBI has asked people to approach branches or ROs of RBI from May 23 to exchange their notes.

What happens if someone has a very large number of Rs 2000 notes?

Technically, a person can seek multiple exchanges in packets of Rs 20,000 at a time. However, this is expected to attract the attention of enforcement agencies and the Income-tax Department. Those holding large sums of money in Rs 2000 notes are likely to find it difficult to exchange their money.

Could there be a repeat of the demonetisation chaos of 2016?

It is unlikely that bank branches will witness chaos and long queues like in 2016 this time. The printing of Rs 2000 notes was stopped in 2018-19, and they are no longer commonly seen with the public — unlike the ubiquitous Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes in 2016.

Also, the decision to withdraw Rs 500 and Rs 1000 notes was announced suddenly, taking the public by surprise. The exchange Rs 2000 notes will begin only on May 23, so banks and the public have sufficient time.

So what is the value of Rs 2000 notes in circulation currently?

About 89% of the Rs 2000 denomination banknotes were issued prior to March 2017, and are at the end of their estimated 4-5-year lifespan. The total value of these banknotes in circulation has declined from Rs 6.73 lakh crore at its peak as on March 31, 2018 (37.3% of notes in circulation) to Rs 3.62 lakh crore, constituting only 10.8% of notes in circulation on March 31, 2023.

And what steps are banks supposed to take now?

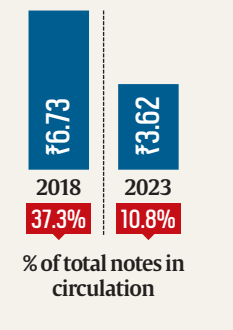
The RBI has asked all banks to discontinue issuing Rs 2000 denomination banknotes with immediate effect, and to reconfigure ATMs and cash recyclers accordingly.

Banks holding currency chests (CCs) should ensure that no withdrawal of Rs 2000 denomination is allowed from the CCs. All balances held in the CCs should be classified as unfit and kept ready for dispatch to the respective RBI offices.

POINTS TO NOTE



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SEPTEMBER 30: Date by which the RBI has "encouraged" people to "deposit and/ or exchange" their ₹2,000 notes.

₹20,000: Value of ₹2,000 notes that you can exchange at a time. This means 10 notes at a time.

ELDERLY, SPECIAL NEEDS: RBI has said that banks have been instructed to make arrangements to reduce inconvenience for senior citizens, persons with disabilities who seek to exchange notes.

SOILED NOTES: RBI has said the idea is to make available "good quality" notes to the public under its Clean Note Policy, and that the ₹2,000 note will "maintain its legal tender status". What is unclear is why the RBI is then setting a deadline for exchanging these notes.

India's women in science, and their struggle

PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

IN 2008, the Indian Academy of Sciences published *Lilavati's Daughters: The Women Scientists of India*, a volume capturing the journeys of nearly 100 Indian women in science.

From botanist Janaki Ammal to India's first woman physician Anandibai Joshi, from the chemist Asima Chatterjee to anthropologist Iravati Karve, from meteorologist Anna Mani to mathematician R Parimala, the essays covered the extraordinary spectrum of individual experiences of these women, and the complicated relationship between science and gender across the world, but especially in India.

Cut to 2023, to the publication of *Lab Hopping: A Journey to Find India's Women in Science*, and the narrative has only shifted marginally, despite an increase in women's participation in science over the past two decades.

Recent data from the Department of Science and Technology (DST) showed women made up 28% of participants in 2018-19 in extramural Research and Development (R&D) projects, up from 13% in 2000-01. The proportion of women primary investigators in R&D increased more than four times — from 232 in 2000-01 to 941 in 2016-17. The proportion of women researchers rose from 13.9% in 2015 to 18.7% in 2018.

But while the presence of scientists such as Dr N Kalaiselvi at the helm of prestigious research institutes such as the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has helped foreground the contributions of Indian women in science, the dominant relationship status between women and science in higher academia remains as before: it's complicated.

In 2016, Aashima Dogra and Nandita Jayaraj launched the website thelifeofscience.com that would profile the stories of women and non-binary people in science in India. It would serve the dual purpose of throwing up role models for a younger generation and shedding light on the constraints that discourage diversity at India's premier institutes and labs.

EXPLAINED BOOKS



LAB HOPPING: A JOURNEY TO FIND INDIA'S WOMEN IN SCIENCE
AASHIMA DOGRA AND NANDITA JAYARAJ
Penguin Viking
302 pages;
₹ 499

Lab Hopping is one of the outcomes of the project that details, through extensive interviews with stakeholders from across the country, the obstacles that hold women and non-binary people back. From institutional apathy to poor working conditions, from sexual harassment to carrying the twin burden of home and the workplace, from a lack of representation to deeply entrenched patriarchy (Nobel laureate CV Raman is known to have initially dismissed the research aspirations of Kam ala Sohonie, one of India's first female chemists, on grounds of her gender), Dogra and Jayaraj note how over the decades, despite a purported intent of inclusivity, progress has been painstakingly slow.

For the women who have made it big, such as cell biologist Jyotsna Dhawan, daughter of aerospace pioneer Satish Dhawan, or V R Lalithambika, who headed India's Gaganyaan project, the leitmotif that runs through their stories is a recognition of their privileges. Dhawan speaks of being encouraged to live a "life of ideas", Lalithambika of turning constraints into opportunities.

Most scientists, irrespective of their socio-economic background, speak of being lucky — in India, affluence does not necessarily translate into opportunities and the constraints on education and choice of careers range from conditionings of caste, class, religion, and overarching patriarchy.

Many have sacrificed family lives to pursue their dreams; many feel let down by the entrenched culture of gatekeeping.

"There is a lot of rage documented in this book. The rage of those pushed away from the sacred hallways of Indian science and the rage of those who are fighting from within. This rage is our biggest strength," write Dogra and Jayaraj.

Freedom & reasonable restriction: Red lines around right to assembly

KHADIJA KHAN
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

THE ANDHRA Pradesh High Court has set aside a Government Order (GO) that sought to regulate public gatherings or "assembly on roads, roadsides and margins", saying "historically, culturally, and politically, the tradition of public meetings, processions, assemblies, etc., on streets, highways, etc., has been recognized in this country", and is an important facet of political life in India.

A Bench of Chief Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justice DVSS Somayajulu recalled that India's freedom struggle had witnessed numerous *satyagrahas* on the roads, and even contemporary AP has seen many "processions, *padayatras*, assemblies, etc." on its public roads and highways.

The Govt Order

The state government contended before the court that following recent fatal accidents and loss of lives in stamped es, it had decided to "regulate" meetings on public roads without, however, banning them altogether. "Roads are made for smooth movement of vehicular traffic and for transportation", and the state can impose reasonable restrictions to ensure they are not hindered by public meetings, it argued.

The state government relied on Sections 30, 30A, and 31 of the Police Act, 1861, to issue directions under the GO.

Section 30 relates to "Regulation of public assemblies and processions and licensing of the same"; 30A allows officials to disperse the assembly if licence conditions are violated; under Section 31, it is "the duty of the police to keep order on the public roads, and in the public streets, thoroughfares, ghats and landing places, and at all other places of public resort, and to prevent obstruction on the occasions of assemblies and processions...".

The court ruling

The court said that a "plain language interpretation" of Section 30 shows that the authorities have the power to only "regulate", and that an officer who believes that the assembly may cause a breach of peace, can ask the organisers to apply for a licence and prescribe conditions for the meeting.

However, the officer cannot insist on a licence/ permission unless he thinks there is a likelihood of a breach of peace. "The requirement of obtaining a licence is to be preceded by the formation of an opinion of the officer that there may be a breach of peace, etc.," the court said.

EXPLAINED LAW

In its order dated May 12, the court noted that the net effect of the GO, notified on January 2, was to impose a ban on all meetings on public highways, state highways, municipal and panchayat roads, etc. It struck down the GO, saying it "does not stand the test of law", and that the state could frame proper guidelines in future "keeping in view the law on the subject".

The fact that an accident or incident had occurred at a particular place cannot be used as an "objective" or "cause" to curtail the right to assemble or take out processions on all roads, the court said. Instead, the cause of such incidents should be studied fully, and safeguards or guidelines should be issued to prevent their recurrence, the court said. (*Kaka Ramakrishna vs. The State of Andhra Pradesh*)

Right to assembly

The "cure suggested in the GO" will impose an unreasonable restriction on the constitutional freedom of a citizen or political party to assemble and hold meetings, the court said.

The "right to assemble, to protest peacefully, and to express one's opinion freely" is too precious a freedom to be taken away by an "*ipse dixit*" or unproven assertion by an officer of the state, the court said. The freedom of speech is the "bulwark" of democracy, considered to be the first in the hierarchy of liberties, and could not be left to anyone's unfettered discretion, it said.

The court said that while the state's objective to prevent loss of life could be reasonable, the directions given in the GO ultimately conferred "arbitrary power" on an officer in relation to a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution. "Any GO or executive order which takes away the right of a political party, a citizen, or a group of people to assemble peacefully, to protest peacefully, etc., has to be viewed strictly," the court said.

SC's guidelines

The HC placed reliance on the Supreme Court's 2018 decision in *Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan v Union of India and Another*, which laid down guidelines for peaceful assembly.

The ruling by a Bench comprising Justices A K Sikri and Ashok Bhushan came in a PIL challenging the repeated imposition of police orders under Section 144 CrPC, through which assembly and *dharnas* without written permission was prohibited in areas around Parliament House, North and South Block, Central Vista lawns, etc.

The court ruled that the fundamental right "to assemble peaceably and without arms" under Article 19(1)(b) was subject to reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2), and laid down guidelines for regulating such protests and demonstrations.

The guidelines included regulating the intended number of participants in such demon strations, and prescribed the distance from Parliament House, North and South Blocks, the Supreme Court, and residences of dignitaries within which no demonstrations were allowed.

They also imposed restrictions on certain routes taken by the Prime Minister, central ministers, and judges; said demonstrations would not be allowed when foreign dignitaries were visiting a place or route; and disallowed demonstrators from carrying firearms, lathis, spears, swords, etc.

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HIROSHIMA MOMENT

G7 summit provides an opportunity for India to seize new economic possibilities, reassess priorities

AS HE JOINS the G7 leaders in Hiroshima this week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi must try and recalibrate India's great power relations, reposition the country to deal with the unfolding structural changes in the world economy, and reassess its priorities in the multilateral arena. The Hiroshima summit is about uniting the advanced nations to confront the challenges presented by Russia and China and widening the G7 coalition to include key non-Western nations. The G7 countries plan to intensify the sanctions regime against Russia, whose war against Ukraine continues. The US and Japan also want to bring the European partners fully on board in confronting the China challenge. While the Europeans see the dangers of Moscow's aggression against Ukraine, they are less vocal about the Chinese ambitions for Asian hegemony. India has the opposite problem: While coping with the multidimensional threat from China has become Modi's principal preoccupation, he has tended to mince words on the Russian war in Ukraine and its implications for global order, especially the sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

That the US needs India to balance China has given Delhi some room for manoeuvre on the Russian question. But that room will continue to shrink as Moscow's war against Ukraine enters the 16th month. Military dependence on Russia, which is locked in an unwinnable confrontation with the West and hopelessly tied to China, India's principal adversary, does not bode very well for Delhi. Navigating paths out of difficult corners must be a high priority for the PM in his engagement with the G7 leaders. At the same time, Delhi must seize the new possibilities to accelerate its economic growth in partnership with the G7 countries. The US-China confrontation is no longer a narrow geo-political one, but also geo-economic, and that promises an overhaul of the world economic system.

As a member of the Quad with the US, Japan, and Australia, Delhi is already engaged in discussions about regional and global economic restructuring through the diversification of supply chains and greater technological cooperation among trusted friends and partners. Advancing this agenda is critical for India's long-term economic prospects. Finally, Delhi should also be clear-eyed about the global multilateral architecture. India's current leadership of the G20 does give it an important role in bridging the divide between the West and the rest. Delhi, however, must temper its expectations about G20 which is riven by deep internal conflict and the amorphous Global South. Back in the 1970s and 1980s, India was tempted by the soaring ambitions of leading the Third World which blinded Delhi to the expansive opportunities for commercial cooperation between the North and the South that some of its Asian neighbours gained from. If Delhi lets its rhetoric on the Global South get ahead of itself, India could once again miss a hinge moment in the global political economy.

FEELING THE HEAT

New report on rising temperature should lead to review of Paris Climate Pact targets, interventions to protect the vulnerable

AT PARIS IN 2015, most nations agreed that checking global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels holds the key to keeping climate change at tolerable levels. It was clear then that achieving this goal required making drastic cuts in emissions. Many experts had argued that the cumulative ambition expressed through the Paris Pact's voluntary targets —the Nationally Determined Contributions —was insufficient to keep the temperature rise below the tolerance threshold. Now a report from the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has warned that at least one of the next four years could be 1.5 degrees hotter than the pre-industrial average. This temperature rise is likely to be temporary and would not mean a breaching of the Paris target, which is based on long-term temperature trends. Nevertheless, the seriousness of climate change is such that every fraction of a degree rise in temperature increases the risks of untoward weather events.

In April, the WMO pointed out that the global mean temperature last year was 1.15 degrees above pre-industrial levels. The agency did not specify country-wise trends. However, the India Meteorological Organisation recorded 2022 as the fifth warmest year on record since 2021, and the last decade as the hottest 10 years in the country's history. The Indian monsoon arrived earlier last year and withdrew before its normal date. Northeast India experienced floods in June and a dry spell in July and August. Floods in Pakistan claimed more than 1,500 lives and affected more than 30 million people. Heatwaves led to record temperatures in several parts of Europe last year, leading to droughts and reduced river flows. North America had its warmest August and forest fires raged in several parts of the US and Australia. These weather vagaries have underlined the need for greater investments in building people's resilience —interventions to risk-proof agriculture, build food security, develop flood and cyclone warning systems and strengthen the defences of coasts and other vulnerable areas. According to a UN report released at the end of last year, most countries have adaptation plans in place, and "instruments are getting better at prioritising disadvantaged groups". However, the report also notes that international "adaptation finance flows to developing countries are 5-10 times below estimated needs and the gap is widening".

In about six months from now, climate diplomats will take stock of the progress on meeting the Paris Pact's targets at the COP-28 in Dubai. The latest WMO report should lead to rethinking targets and course corrections, especially to protect the most vulnerable.

A VIRAT HUNDRED

Kohli's resurgence of form could not have been better timed

THE STRIKING EMOTION from Virat Kohli's celebrations after his first IPL 100 in four seasons was joy. He lifted his arms, helmet in one hand, bat in the other and soaked in the rippling applause. The celebrations offered a window into the player's mindset —he is enjoying his batting, liberated from the burden of expectations.

It has been a continuation of the form he displayed since his admission of not feeling at ease with himself, a fleeting phase where batting seemed a chore and not a labour of love. The sands of the Emirates hold a special place for several Indian batsmen. It was where Sachin Tendulkar scored two of his most memorable hundreds in ODIs; it was also years later, where his heir-apparent Kohli rediscovered the joy of scoring hundreds. Ever since his drought-breaking century against Afghanistan in Dubai, Kohli has rescaled the heights of batting. A month later, he produced arguably the finest T20 knock by an Indian batsman in T20s, the 82 not out against Pakistan in the T20 World Cup, before reeling out three hundreds in four ODI innings. A Test hundred was to follow against Australia in Ahmedabad. And King Kohli was truly back, retracing the outposts of his lost empire.

The resurgence of form could not have been better timed. A first title gleams on the IPL skyline —he is just a few games away from it. A week after the IPL, he will land in England for the World Test Championship final against Australia, he has unfinished business here. And later this year, he will feature in potentially his last ODI World Cup, where he will want a trophy to light up the autumn of his career, before winter sets in. But for now, his fans can sit back and enjoy the second spring of his career.

Not perverse

Government has clarified TCS on credit card spends — it tracks foreign spending disproportionate to income



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"A PERVERSE TAX", "a sledgehammer approach" and "retrograde" are some of the emotive reactions to the recent announcement that foreign payments through credit cards will be brought within the purview of Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) and the consequential impact of the applicability of tax collection at source (TCS) on such payments. These hyperbolic statements, along with sweeping remarks such as "tax terrorism", "perverse", a "broken-down tax assessment system", etc, exaggerate the scale of the issue, stirring unnecessary panic among the public. In the process, the intent behind this move and its real impact has been completely lost sight of.

The attempt to confuse the recent announcement about TCS on credit card payments must be put to rest first. There is a need to step back and understand the concept, construct and consequence of this "interim" tax collection measure. As a concept, TCS is not a final tax. It is adjustable against the advance tax payable by any person during the financial year and from the final tax payable when filing returns. It is not an additional levy for those individuals who include all their income in their tax returns.

It is a fact that remittances under LRS have increased multi-fold in the last few years, and as per data published by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), LRS remittances which were Rs 0.9 trillion in FY2019, crossed Rs 2 trillion in FY2023. During FY2023, an interesting trend was noticed in the remittances for deposits, purchase of immovable property, investment in equity/debt, gifts/donations and travel. Remittances under these heads constituted almost 70 per cent of the total, representing a year-on-year growth of 74 per cent. Foreign travel alone was almost Rs 1.1 trillion in FY2023, a three-fold increase from the pre-Covid period. In all of these, payments made through credit cards are not reflected as such payments were not subject to the LRS limit. This is an anomaly that needed to be fixed anyway.

In 2020, when TCS was first brought in on LRS remittances, a modest rate of 5 per cent was introduced with a threshold of Rs 7 lakh. This was done to track foreign spending disproportionate to returned income. It was also expected that this would nudge people to come forward and file tax returns. Unfortunately, the system was circumvented in multiple ways, primarily by splitting payments in the name of multiple individuals – minors, household staff, etc. Also, in many cases, the 5 per cent tax was absorbed as a cost and not claimed by filing a return.

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Possibly for these reasons, the government had to step in to bring changes in the recent budget: (1) removing the threshold for all payments other than education and medical expenses, and (2) increasing the rate of TCS from 5 per cent to 20 per cent. It is reiterated that the rate of TCS of 5 per cent and Rs 7 lakh threshold still applies for education and medical expenses (including incidental expenses). Further, remittance out of educational loans would be subject to TCS of 0.5 per cent only. The higher rate of TCS is only for investments, gifts, donations and overseas travel. The government has also clarified that payments made by an individual using their international debit or credit cards up to Rs 7 lakh per financial year will be excluded from the LRS limits and will not attract TCS.

Now turning to the issues of tax terrorism and other concerns, which have been raised almost as a sequel to TCS on LRS. These remarks may be out of context when one considers the intent and impact of TCS as narrated above. Nevertheless, it is important to address these issues as well.

Firstly, the tax rates for corporates were significantly reduced in 2019 to attract more investments and facilitate job creation. Second, a simpler tax regime for individuals that placed a lesser burden on them for computing various deductions and exemptions was also introduced. This has been made more attractive in the recent budget. A facility for filing updated tax returns for genuine omissions of reporting has been extended, which has been met with great response. Third, faceless assessment has been implemented in the assessment process, reducing touch points with the tax administration and facilitating the faster resolution of concerns and issues. The time limit to reopen assessments was reduced from six to three years. An extended period of 10 years is applicable only in case of information regarding tax evasion. Scrutiny and enforcement are used only in apparent tax avoidance and deliberate tax evasion cases.

Fourth, technology has been leveraged effectively to ease the burden of compliance by reducing the complexity of filing, providing pre-filled returns and the faster issue of refunds. As the Finance Minister stated in her recent budget speech, the income tax portal received a maximum of 72 lakh returns daily. It processed more than 6.5 crore returns last year, with the average processing period reduced from 93 days in 2013-14 to 16 days. Almost 45 per cent of the returns were processed within 24 hours.

Lastly, concerns are well acknowledged on the litigation issue, and the government has taken multiple steps to reduce the amount locked up in tax disputes. To name a few – the reduction in the threshold amount for filing of appeals by the revenue department, the vivad-se-vishwas scheme (tax disputes resolution scheme), the new provision to avoid the filing of repetitive appeals, setting up of dispute resolution committee for resolution of low tax disputes, the constitution of a local committee to deal with taxpayer's grievances from high pitched assessments and the recent amendment to bring a new appellate forum of Joint Commissioner (Appeals) for handling routine matters of tax disputes.

While the debate on the role of tax administration in providing justice and ease of life for honest taxpayers is well intended and taken in the right spirit, it is important to acknowledge the government's genuine efforts in that direction. It is also equally important for honest taxpayers to join in and support the government in promoting a fair, easy, and compliant taxation system in the country.

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TRIPLE ENGINE SARKAR

UP local body results indicate Yogi government has made local issues less relevant



BADRI NARAYAN

NOT CONTENT with just satisfying their bare necessities, Indians have emerged as the "aspirant manush", people who expect a rapid transformation of their "bare lives" into "good lives". This aspiration now marks political behaviour in urban India. People now rely on the state for this qualitative transformation of their standard of living. One way in which this desire and expectation is manifested is through the deepening of democracy at the grass roots.

Rapid urbanisation means that new geographical and social spaces are coming under the ambit of urban governance. So, the results of the Uttar Pradesh urban local body (ULBs) elections can be seen as a barometer of the winds of change in society. Notably, district towns such as Maharajganj, Amroha, and Kushinagar saw a higher voter turnout than big cities like Prayagraj and Gorakhpur. However, the voting percentage for most of the mayoral seats in the urban local body elections saw an increase.

Even in the big cities, the turnout was significantly higher in areas that recently came within city limits compared to the city centres. This shows the rising belief in and expectation from the democratic-government apparatus. It is also a signal that the peripheries of urban zones now expect equality in terms of attention from the state, participation in governance and policies and programmes. It is through democratic participation that the route to development passes.

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UP was caught up in these elections for a month and they resulted in an impressive victory of the BJP in all urban bodies from the Nagar Palikas and Nagar Panchayats to the mayoral seats. The results make it clear that the social welfare programmes focussed on the poor and their implementation undertaken by the Yogi Adityanath-led state government continues to yield electoral dividends for the BJP.

The fact is that in UP, like in many other Indian states, the urban sphere is not merely one occupied by the middle class and elites. A massive section of the people are poor, often living in slums. Even in local bodies' elections, they see the "largesse" of the "double-engine sarkar" as something that helps them make ends meet, even survive. In this sense, this ULB election result made the "double-engine sarkar" a "triple-engine sarkar" in most of UP.

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The ULB election shows that the BJP's base in urban areas is still intact — visible in the near complete domination of the BJP's mayoral candidates. However, in Nagar Palikas and Nagar Panchayats, which contain suburbs, rural fringes and dehaats (in essence, villages), the SP and BSP managed to register their presence. As we know, a section of the SP and BSP's base lies on the outskirts of towns and cities and in rural areas around them.

A question often asked by political observers is whether local bodies' elections can serve as an indicator of the wider appeal of political parties. I believe that while that is not always the case, there are instances where it can hint at the direction of assembly and Lok Sabha elections. In UP, the latter seems to be the case. In the state, the BJP has established itself across regions and social groups. The party leadership will likely be pleased with the ULB poll result and what it signifies for the 2024 general election.

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INDIAN EXPRESS

Poems were inspired by devotion: Amrita

PCC (I) building in Srinagar set afire

Snag in Rohini's careers

States demand higher foodgrain allocation

Lanka poll: UNP drops 4 seats

Gulf missions acting as airlines 'agents'

JNU students facing serious charges

Williamsburg unlikely to produce results

WEATHER

MAY 20, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

AMRITA ON HER POEMS

THE NOTICE SERVED by the SGPC, Amritsar, on Amrita Pritam for writing poems alleged to be offensive to the religious susceptibilities of the Sikhs has left the poetess completely bewildered. The five impugned poems were published 13 years ago and have been celebrated as works of great literary merit.

CONGRESS (I) ATTACKED

THE PRADESH CONGRESS (I) headquarters situated in the heart of the city was set on fire by National Conference workers in Srinagar while hundreds of policemen stood by as mute spectators. Contingents of the Kashmir Armed Police had been given no orders to control the hooligans, who, armed with lathis, ransacked the building and beat up 200 Congress (I) workers trapped inside.

STATES DEMAND RELIEF

BOTH THE CONGRESS (I) and Opposition-ruled states demanded higher foodgrains allocation from the central pool at the third meeting of the advisory council on the public distribution system. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra focused the Centre's attention on the severe drought situation and pleaded for immediate relief.

CANNES WINNERS

SHOHEI IMAMURA'S *THE Ballad of Narayama*, a heart-wrenching work depicting life in a poor Japanese village in the late 19th Century, won the 36th Cannes festival's Palme D'or for Japan. Announcement of the award by jury chairman William Styron brought cheers from a crowded press conference. The US novelist also announced that instead of the traditional director's prize, the jury was awarding a Grand Prix of creative cinema (Grand Prix du Cinema de Creation) to both French director Robert Bresson for *L'Argent* (money) and Soviet director-in-exile Andrei Tarkovsky for the Italian entry *Nostalgia*.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

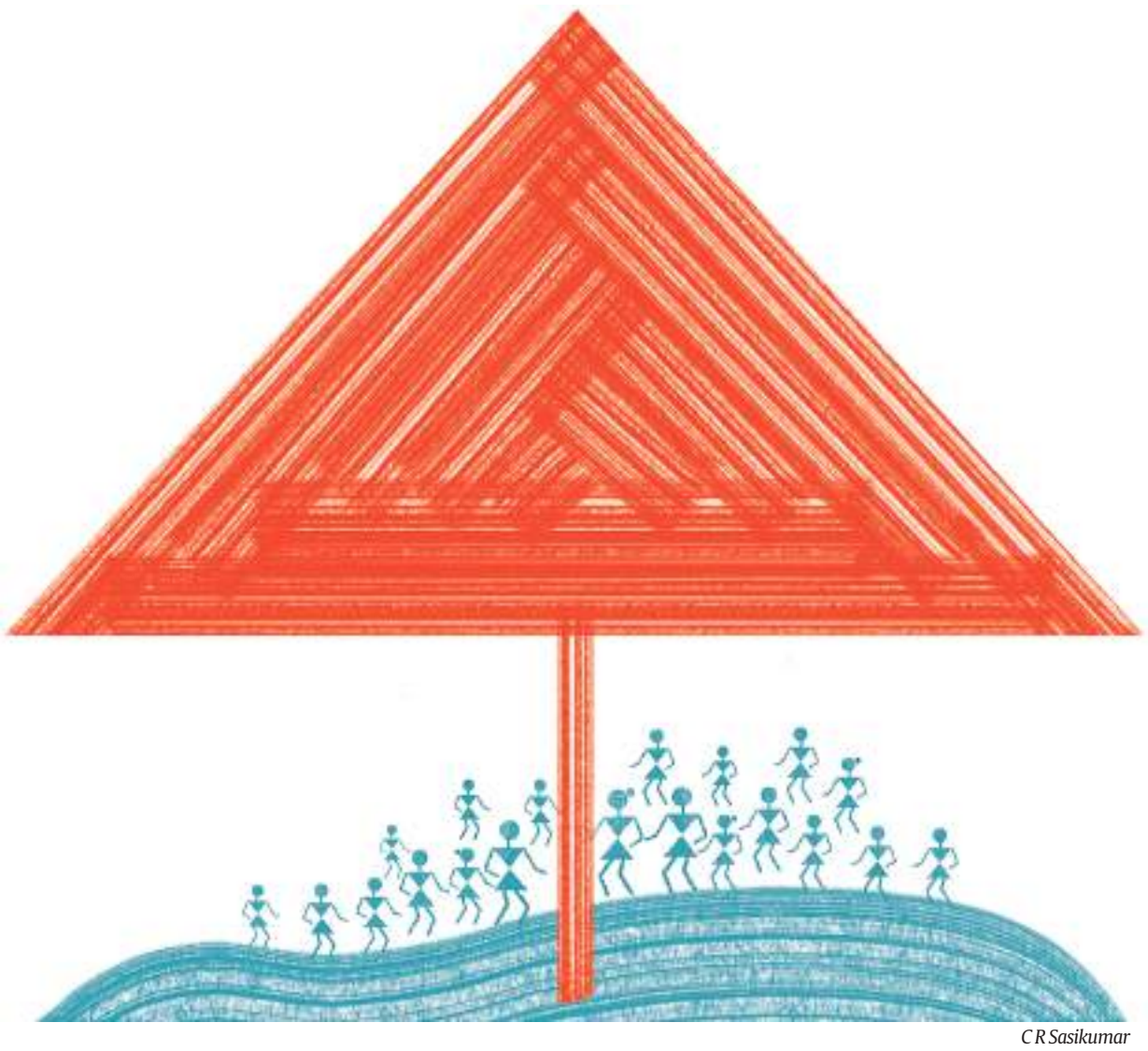
"If the US can look the other way when India and others buy oil from sanctioned Russia, it should have no issues if Pakistan buys gas from Iran... Eurasian integration is the new buzzword, and if Pakistan fails to hop on the bandwagon, it will have only itself to blame." — DAWN

Hindutva doesn't lose, it learns

Unity, peace, identity, security and prosperity — India's Constitution guarantees them to all citizens. Hindu Rashtra is about achieving that, not about building something afresh



RAM RAJYA
BY RAM MADHAV



C R Sasikumar

A YOUNG PRIEST from Chhatarpur in Madhya Pradesh has emerged as the new Hindutva icon in the country. He claims that his mission is to build a Hindu Rashtra. When the priest, in his mid-20s, went to Bihar recently, tens of thousands — some even claimed millions — turned up to greet and listen to him. The RJD, a constituent in the ruling coalition, opposed his entry into Bihar. Yet, people from the party also lined up for the priest's darshan.

While this new Hindutva mascot in north India is trying to infuse vigour into the Hindutva campaign, in another part of the country, some staunch Hindutva protagonists are disheartened by the election results and defeat of the BJP at the hustings in Karnataka. A senior Hindutva leader, who has been a legislator in Telangana, released a video message after the results were out, cursing Hindus of Karnataka for their "suicidal" decision. "How can we build the Hindu Rashtra with such Hindus around?," he bemoaned.

Meanwhile, the international religious freedom lobby and several church groups unleashed a vicious campaign against the Indian government over the violence in Manipur earlier this month. Portraying the ethnic violence between Kukis and Meiteis as a Hindutva project against the Christian minority of the state, these groups attacked the Modi government, accusing it of pro-Hindutva bias.

What is this Hindutva and Hindu Rashtra campaign and what is its relevance from Manipur to Karnataka to Bihar?

Firstly, it is a grave misunderstanding to conclude that governments determine Hindutva's future. The Karnataka election results are undoubtedly a wake-up call for the BJP in particular and pro-Hindutva groups in general. But Hindutva's future will be determined by creating a strong and awakened society, not by winning or losing elections. Hindutva never loses. It wins or learns.

Karnataka teaches some lessons. Some presume that Hindutva and development are two different things. Hindutva is a misnomer devoid of inclusivity, development and good governance.

Good governance includes tackling anti-national forces firmly. Karnataka has its share of such elements. But exclusivism and hatred do not define Hindutva. Hindutva is, and should be, about inclusive governance where the last person is also cared for.

Hence, the defeat of the BJP in Karnataka should lead the Hindutva protagonists not to curse the electorate but to ensure that the Hindutva campaign becomes more inclusive, clean and development centric. For, that is what Hindutva is all about.

Attempts at linking the violence in Manipur with Hindutva are mischievous. The Hindutva groups in Manipur and other Northeastern states focus their efforts on preserving the ethnic diversity and indigenous religious and cultural identities of the multitude of tribes and towards their educational and economic development. Over the last several decades, the cadre of Hindu organisations like the RSS, Vivekananda Kendra and Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram strove relentlessly in that direction through schools, hospitals and other social development activities.

The violence in Manipur is an antithesis of those efforts. It is condemnable and the loss of life is to be mourned. Attacks on religious places are reprehensible. There is a need for all political and non-political bodies alike to come out against the violence and strive for a return of peace in the troubled region.

I have worked in the Northeast for many years and am familiar with the fault lines there. There have always been tensions among the three dominant groups in Manipur — the Nagas, Kukis and Meiteis. In fact, around the time that we were establishing the first-ever BJP government in the state in 2017, there was an active blockade of the only operational national highway, that connected Imphal and Manipur Valley with the rest of the country, by the hills-based insurgent groups.

We worked hard through sustained negotiations with the agitating groups to ensure that the blockade was lifted soon. Chief Minister Biren Singh was hailed as a great unifier of the people in the hills and the valley then. There is no reason to believe otherwise about him or his government today.

The current unfortunate sequence of events is, if anything, indicative of the fact that the fault lines are not fully mitigated. Contrary to the propaganda that it was Hindu-Christian violence and the Christians are victims of a Hindutva project, it is only a resurfacing of the Kuki-Meitei rivalry that dates back to the time of Independence and continues to haunt the state despite the best efforts of the government of the day.

The Christian groups and religious freedom bodies that are projecting the Manipur violence as anti-Christian must know that there exist even worse tensions between the Nagas and Kukis, both Christians. In fact, major violence erupted between the two tribes in 1993 leading to the deaths of hundreds and a large-scale migration of villages from each other's territory. Simmering tensions have persisted ever since. One of the initial challenges for the Biren Singh government was to effectively put a lid on that conflict and it did a commendable job in the last six years.

Not just churches, but temples too were targeted in this round of violence. But that is essentially because temples are identified with Meiteis and churches with Kukis.

At the root of the Naga-Kuki and Kuki-Meitei conflict in Manipur is land, both in the hills and the valley. Meiteis demand Scheduled Tribe status because while the hill areas in the state are protected by Hill Council Acts and are inaccessible for outsiders, the Valley, home to the Meiteis, is open to all. Meiteis perceive it as a threat to their survival as both Nagas and Kukis move into the Valley in increasing numbers leading to pressure on the meagre land resources.

There is a need to address the concerns of all sections with sympathy and openness. One solution could be through greater political stakeholdership. For example, the Hill Districts have been without elected bodies for a long time leaving all powers in the hands of the state government.

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Delhi to Canberra, a new journey

PM Modi's Australia visit is an opportunity to cement a relationship that has seen a dramatic transformation in just about a decade

LISA SINGH AND AMITABH MATTOO

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi's visit to Australia, early next week, despite the cancellation of the Quad Summit meeting in Sydney, is illustrative of the importance that New Delhi accords to the bilateral relationship with Canberra. This is Modi's second visit to Australia since he assumed office. Few relationships have undergone such a dramatic transformation in just about a decade, and even fewer command greater bipartisan support in Canberra. When we started the Australia India Institute in Melbourne over a decade ago, we were confronted by 60 years of misperception, lack of trust, neglect, missed opportunities and even hostility. Today, we can say a new chapter in India's relations with Australia has well and truly begun. This partnership will survive the vicissitudes of international politics as it is built on a near-complete convergence of values and interests. For those in Australia who have roots in India, we see a seamless connectivity between the cultural mosaic of Parramatta in Sydney and Polo View in Srinagar. We are at home in both these culturally vibrant, robustly democratic societies and nations.

It has only been two months since Anthony Albanese's first visit to India as prime minister. The grand welcome for PM Albanese reflected the respect India has for its relationship with Australia. Arriving in Ahmedabad at the time of the festival of Holi, as well as the last match of the test series between the two countries, the timing couldn't have been better.

Modi's last visit to Australia in 2014, not long after he had been elected, saw him address record crowds of people from the Indian diaspora. A repeat of that visit is currently being organised by Sydney's Indian community. It will no doubt prove to be a big event. During PM Modi's last visit, the Australia India Institute convened a meeting of the most powerful CEOs in Australia and the Indian Prime Minister was accompanied by the who's who of corporate India.

But touchpoints for these two leaders are not rare these days with interactions occurring on the sides of multilateral, trilateral or minilateral fora including the G7 (where India is a special invitee), the East Asia Summit, the G20, the Indian Ocean Rim Association, just to name a few. In addition, the Quad is regarded as an important forum to ensure peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. Important regional issues for both nations, such as maritime domain awareness, supply chain resilience, climate change and food and energy security drive the Quad. Despite the cancellation of the formal summit, they will find resonance when the leaders meet in Tokyo.

Australia and India have committed to building secure and resilient supply chains essential to clean energy, electric vehicles, semiconductors, aerospace, and defence — all of which are of strategic importance to Quad members. The recent Memorandum of Understanding signed between India's Khanij Bidesh Ltd (KABIL) and Australia's Critical Minerals Office will support these commitments.

Space collaboration — another key area highlighted in last year's Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo — has also been prioritised in the Australia-India bilateral partnership, with Australia participating as a partner country in the Seventh Bengaluru Space Expo and supporting India's Gaganyaan Space Programme. The first round of Australia's India-focused International Space Investment grants programme will foster space collaboration.

Education remains the bedrock of the bilateral relationship and Australia is a popular destination for Indian students. With almost 70,000 Indian students studying in Australia at the end of January 2023 and the second-largest cohort of international students in the country, the issues of student mobility, visa backlogs and future research collaboration will hold centre stage. The recent announcement by PM Albanese of an education agreement for the mutual recognition of qualifications of both countries is the most comprehensive of its kind with any other country.

The "watershed moment for bilateral relations" that PM Modi described last year when both countries struck a trade deal after two decades of effort can be transformed during the coming meeting into a deepening moment for both nations.

The bilateral meeting is an opportunity for both countries to show how serious they are about reaching their economic potential by setting clear targets to significantly lift the current trading partnership by 2030 above its current base of $35 billion, and a date for achieving a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Trade Agreement.

But there is already much for Australia to share to show its friendship, trust and commitment to India. It is about to open a new consulate in India's tech capital, Bengaluru, and launch a new centre for Australia-India relations in Sydney to strengthen cultural linkages. This suite of initiatives bodes well for Australia which will continue to rely on its partnership with India as a counterweight to the uncertain dynamics the region faces through China's non-rules-based approach.

In 1955, Prime Minister Robert Menzies decided that Australia should not take part in the Bandung Afro-Asian Conference. By distancing Australia from the "new world", Menzies (who would later confess that Occidentals did not understand India) alienated Indians, offended Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and left Australia unsure, for decades, about its Asian identity. That past is fortunately over for us, as Canberra and Delhi cement what may well become the most exciting and durable partnership of the 21st century.

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The G20 hypocrisy

Government's rhetoric about democracy and diversity is in contrast to its policies



D RAJA

THE GROUP OF 20 (G20), of which India is currently president, was formed in 1999 to deal with broad issues in the global economy. It was formed when neoliberal capitalism was increasing its influence. The group failed to recognise economic trends and could not avert the financial meltdown of 2008. Consequently, the G8/G7 groups became more prominent when it came to influencing policies in turbulent times. But G7 was often charged with excluding several countries. G20, which gives the appearance of inclusivity, is very restricted compared to the UN, Non-Aligned Movement or the G77 which grew from NAM. India's Presidency of the G20 has both domestic and international implications and we must look at it in terms of what it means for the people, at home and abroad.

The BJP and media have presented a presidency that is bestowed through a rotation system as evidence of India's growing clout internationally. People are being fed the myth that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's charisma is turning diplomatic tides India's way. The fact is the G20 presidency is not a major accomplishment of India. In fact, India was scheduled to take over the presidency last year. The PM's achievement here, if any, is deferring it by a year to 2023, when nine states go to the polls and the run-up to the general election begins. Showcasing foreign dignitaries all over the country for various G20 meetings with large hoardings of the PM serves the BJP's electoral ends. The exchequer will foot the bill.

The discord between rhetoric and reality is most evident in the PM's blog about the agenda for India's presidency. He wrote that "India is a microcosm of the world" with an "immense diversity of languages, religions, customs and beliefs". This diversity has remained India's greatest strength over the years but is under unprecedented strain under the Modi regime. The RSS-BJP is obsessed with homogeneity and tries to flatten out diversity and differences proactively. Whether it is the imposition of Hindi or discrimination against religious minorities and lynching of people for what they eat or targeting them for their clothing, the RSS's idea of uniformity remains at work. Dismantling the federal structure of the country has been flagged by many as a consistent feature of the Modi government.

Further, the PM wrote that "India contributes to the foundational DNA of democracy" at a time when the democratic character of India is being attacked by majoritarian aggression. Parliament is being made redundant and judicial independence is encroached upon. Central agencies are being used against the Opposition. Dissent is being criminalised and civil liberties gasp for breath. Draconian laws are invoked against those who dare question the regime and expose them. The basic secular, democratic and argumentative DNA our freedom struggle intended to inculcate is under threat. Critical questions about corporations like Adani and the role of capital were not allowed to be raised in Parliament. This gag should be worrisome for the "foundational DNA of democracy".

"One Earth, One Family, One Future" is the mantra the PM gave for the G20 summit. This slogan is also a good yardstick to gauge the Modi administration. A family does not discriminate among its members. Under Modi's watch, discrimination against minorities became institutionalised. The controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) openly discriminates on the basis of religion. The CAA was also a test of Modi's foreign policy as this discriminatory law brought international condemnation to India. The high priest of the RSS, MS Golwalkar, said even before Independence and Partition that the minorities "may stay in the country, wholly subordinated to the Hindu Nation, claiming nothing, deserving no privileges, far less any preferential treatment not even citizen's rights." It is this divisive and communal design of a "family" that RSS-BJP is trying to build in the country.

Leaders of our freedom movement were vigilant about forging and extending solidarity and support to those who needed it. Post-Independence, this legacy of unity with the oppressed was institutionalised as the Non-Aligned Movement and India emerged as the most significant voice for decolonisation, Afro-Asian unity and peace. These credentials are being watered down with India moving closer to the West and being drawn into US-led military alliances. This policy is failing to take meaningful positions on important issues and precludes unity between countries of the Global South against Western hegemony.

Over the years, India's foreign policy priorities have become narrow. Instead of pursuing a policy of cooperation, solidarity, peace and progress, the energies of our diplomatic corps are being invested in only propagating and protecting the larger-than-life image of the leader. It is appalling that when the foreign policy of other countries is focused on concrete deliverables, our foreign policy seems unconcerned with taking independent positions.

One of the PM's favourite phrases, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", gives the harmonious message of belonging. But for whom is the world "one family"? The complete verse that contains the phrase answers this. It goes: "this is mine, that is his, say the small-minded". The G20 presidency is a way for the current regime to show that it is capable of magnanimity and start treating people equally. The larger family of the Global South awaits us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TOWARDS REFORM

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A job in Bengaluru' (IE, May 19). According to the Lokniti-CSDS survey, the top three issues of interest to Karnataka electorates were: Unemployment, poverty, and lack of development. Though the Congress won the election, BJP still retained its 36 per cent vote share. All those who are from the state suffer from the issues, regardless of who they voted for. The problems are either a product of wrong policies or right policies that are not executed in time. For this, not just the executive but the bureaucracy is also responsible.

L R Murmu, *New Delhi*

SIGNAL FOR 2024

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Democratic unclogging' (IE, May 18). Congress's win in Karnataka showed the irrelevance of issues such as the hijab matter, Bajrang Bali, etc. that were used by the BJP during its campaign there. The Congress must fulfil the promises they made to the people. The electoral alliance of regional parties in the coming state elections, prior to the 2024 elections, is a significant indication of the final shape that the Opposition will take next year against the dominance of the BJP. A remote possibility of hacking the EVM could still be the gameplay of the saffron group as their last resort.

Prafull Chandra Sockey, *Hazaribagh*

NEW LAW MINISTER

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'After repeated swipes at SC, Rijiju is out of Law Ministry' (IE, May 19). The abrupt removal of the Union Law Minister was expected going by the brusque face-off between the judiciary and the previous law minister. His remarks were distasteful, and put the Centre in direct confrontation with the apex court. This move will hopefully send a positive message and facilitate better coordination between the executive and the judiciary.

J S Boparai, *Bhadsali*

QUALITY IS KEY

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The best medicine' (IE, May 18). India is tagged as the "pharmacy of the world" for being the largest producer of generic medicines. However, the question of quantity vs quality remains. First, due to the presence of multiple regulating agencies, there is a lack of standardised rules that leaves loopholes for corrupt practices. Second the absence of a centralised database hampers the process of effective decision-making. Third, inadequate expenditure on research by public, as well as private institutions, prevents India from becoming a hub of quality innovation and new inventions. Both the government and the industry players need to address these issues.

Parini Sharma, *Dehradun*

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Ref. No : 25/Ex.Eng./Env,Eng/NNM/2022-23 Date: 19-05-2023

Tender reference : 203/ExEn/Env/NNM/2022-23 Date 22-12-2022

S.N.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender form (Rs.)	Earnest money Deposit (Rs.)	Time allowed for completion	Duration of contract
1.	Selection of Agency for Conducting Solid Waste Management IEC Activities within 50 wards of municipal area to make "A Garbage Free Area"	11,800.00 (INR Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	3,00,000.00 (INR Three Lakh Only)	5 Years	5 Years

Key Dates:-

S.N.	Description	Date and Time
1.	Start date for Purchase of Tender (Online)	20/05/2023 at 10.00 AM
2.	Last Date for submission of Tender (Online)	06/06/2023 at 04.00 PM
3.	Technical bid opening (Online)	06/06/2023 at 05.00 PM

Note:-
1. Tender Document and other details shall be available on : - Website https://etender.up.nic.in
2. Amendment to NIT, if any would be published only on website https://etender.up.nic.in
3. The EMD shall be in the form of FDR/NSC/NEFT/RTGS in favor of "Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Moradabad".
4. Bank Details for online payment-
   A/C Holder Name - NAGAR NIGAM MORADABAD E-TENDERING
   A/c No - 27050100020717
   Bank Name - Bank of Baroda
   Bank IFSC code - BARB0BLYMOR (5th Character is Zero)

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Uttar Pradesh e-Procurement Portal https://etender.up.nic.in from **20/05/2023 at 10:00 Hours** (IST) onwards. Online bids are invited for the following works up to **06/06/2023 at 16:00 hours. Technical Bid will be opened on same day at 17:00 hours at Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Pili Kothi, Moradabad.**

For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above mentioned portal.

NOTE:-
1- All eligible/interested consultants are mandated to get enrolled on e-Procurement portal (https://etender.up.nic.in)
2- Contractor can contact Help Desk for any clarification of their doubts regarding the process of Electronic Procurement System.
3- All the documents are to be submitted online.

(Rajeev Kumar Rathi)
Ex. Eng./Environment Engineer
Nagar Nigam Moradabad

Directorate of Fisheries Himachal Pradesh.
e-Procurement Notice.
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1 The Director cum-Warden of Fisheries Himachal Pradesh, Bilaspur invites online bids, in electronic tendering system, in two covers, on item- wise rates for supply of **"Trout Fish Feed Ingredients, carp fish feed ingredients and Fish Feed"** from the eligible Agencies/ Firms/ Suppliers :-

Fish Feed Ingredients

Sr. No.	Name of ingredients	Quality criteria	Tentative Quantity (in KG)	Earnest Money Rs.
		Tentative tender value = 141.00 lacs		
1.	Fish Meal			
	i) Crude Protein	>58-60%		
	ii) Crude Fat	<8%	44608 Kg (Good quality std. nylon sacs of 50 Kg each)	
	iii) Sand Silica	<2%		
	IV)Salt (NaCl)	<2%		
	V) Moisture	6-8%		
	Vi) Total Volatile Nitrogen	<0.2%		
	Vii) Antioxidant	200 PPM sprayed in liquid form. Fish Meal should be finely grounded with particle size less than 0.25mm.		
2.	Whole wheat	--	7825 Kg (std Nylon sacs of 50Kg each)	
3.	De-Oiled Soya cake		10592 Kg (Std. Nylon sacs of 50 Kg. each)	5,00,000/-
	I) Protein	>48%		
	ii) Fat	<2%		
	iii) Sand/ Silica	<2.5%		
4	Lin Seed Oil		3014 Kg (Pvc container of std. volume 200 Kg. each)	
	i) Peroxide value	<5meq/Kg		
	ii) Anisdine value	<10meq/Kg		
	iii) Nitrogen	<1%		
	Iv) Colour	Absolutely fresh golden yellow.		
	v) Antioxidant	500ppm		
	vi) Moisture	1%		
5	Yeast		2508 Kg (Four seasons standard packing)	
	i) Crude protein	45-48%		
	ii) Fat	<2%		
	iii) Moisture	<8%		
	iv) Crude Fibre	<6%		
6	Choline Chloride	60% cereal based	203Kg	
7	Vitamine-C stay C (coated)	--	126 Kg (Standard packing)	
8	Mineral Mixture		690 Kg	
	i) Calcium	30%		
	ii) Copper	0.05%		
	iii) Zn	0.04%		
	iv) Magnesium	0.04%		
	v) Cobalt	0.09%		
	vi) Iron	0.40%		
	vii) Iodine	0.02%		
	viii) Manganese	0.40%		
	ix) BHT (Antioxidant)	0.07%		
	x) Phosphorous	9%		
9	D.L Methionine	--	141Kg (standard packing)	
10	Indomix BE	--	201 Kg	
11	Indomix AB2D3K	--	43 Kg	
12	Vitamin E	50% with selenium carrier	91 Kg	
13	Vitamin H(Biotin)	--	113 Kg	
14	Inositol	Food grade	31 Kg	
15	Folic Acid	Food grade	0.5 Kg	
16	Fish Oil -crude		525Kg (Standard packaging of 200Kg)	
	i) n-3Poly-unsaturated fatty acids	>24%		
	ii) Peroxide value	<5meq/ Kg		
	iii) Anisidine value	<10meq/ Kg		
	iv) Moisture	<1%		
	v) Iodine Value	>135		
	vi) Free Fatty Acid	<5%		
	vii) Nitrogen	<1%		
	viii) Anti oxidant	500ppm		
	ix) Total pesticides	<0.4ppm		
	x) PCBs	<0.6ppm		
17	De-oiled Rice Bran	--	8930 KG	
18	De-oiled Mustard Cake	--	8191KG	
19	Maize	--	8402 KG	
20	DDGS (Distilled Dried Grain and Soluble)	--	350 KG	
	Grade/ size of floating **Carp Fish Feed**	Composition	Tentative quantity	
21	i) Pre-Starter-I (200micron)	Crude Protein Min. -50%	2150-00KG	
		Crude Fat Min. - 8%		
		Fiber Max. -3%		
		Moisture Max. -11%		
	ii) Pre-Starter-II (1.2mm)	Crude Protein Min. -36%	10550-00 Kg	
		Crude Fat Min. - 5%		
		Fiber Max. -4%		
		Moisture Max. -11%		
	iii) Starter(2mm)	Crude Protein Min. -32%	7100-00 Kg	
		Crude Fat Min. - 5%		
		Fiber Max. -5.5%		
		Moisture Max. -11%		
	iv) Grower(3mm)	Crude Protein Min. -28%	12000-00Kg	
		Crude Fat Min. - 4%		
		Fiber Max. -6.5%		
		Moisture Max. -11%		
	v) Grower(4mm)	Crude Protein Min. -24%	19300-00Kg	
		Crude Fat Min. - 3%		
		Fiber Max. -7.5%		
		Moisture Max. -11%		
	Grade/ size of floating **Trout Fish Feed**	Composition	Tentative quantity	
22	I. Granulates 0.3mm	Crude Protein Min-52% or above	**1000-00Kg**	
		Crude Fat Min-11-12%		
		Crude Fiber 1-2%		
		Moisture less than 12%		
	II. Pellet 0.5 mm	Crude Protein Min-52% or above	**1000-00Kg**	
		Crude Fat Min-11-12%		
		Crude Fiber 1-2%		
		Moisture less than 12%		
	III. Pellet 0.8 mm	Crude Protein Min-52% or above	**1000-00Kg**	
		Crude Fat Min-11-12%		
		Crude Fiber 1-2%		
		Moisture less than 12%		
	IV Pre-Starter-I (1.2mm)	Crude Protein Min-48%	**1600-00Kg**	
		Crude Fat Min-16%		
		Crude Fiber Max -2%		
		Moisture Max.-12%		
	V Pre-Starter–II (1.8mm)	Crude Protein Min-48%	**1400-00Kg**	
		Crude Fat Min-16%		
		Crude Fiber Max -2%		
		Moisture Max.-12%		
	VI Production feed (3-6mm)	Crude Protein Min-45%	**4200-00Kg**	
		Crude Fat Min-18%		
		Crude Fiber Max. -2.0%		
		Moisture Max.-12%		
	VII Brooder feed (6-8mm)	Crude Protein Min-45%	**7400-00Kg**	
		Crude Fat Min-18%		
		Crude Fiber Max.-2.0%		
		Moisture Max.-12%		

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission : TheBid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website **https://hptenders.gov.in**
Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). *Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in this Department may obtain the same from the website: **https://hptenders.gov.in** Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key dates:

1.	Date of Online Publication.	**17-05-2023**
2.	Document Download Start and End date(s).	**17-05-2023, 17:30 Hrs. upto14-06-2023, 10:30 Hrs.**
3.	Bid submission start and end date(s).	**17-05-2023, 17:30 Hrs. upto14-06-2023, 10:30 Hrs.**
4.	Physical submission of EMD & cost of tender document.	**14-06-2023, 11:00 Hrs.**
5.	Date of Technical Bid Opening.	**14-06-2023, 11:30 Hrs.**
6.	Date of opening of financial bid.	**To be announced on 14-06-2023**

4. TENDER DETAIL
The tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 covers :-
i) Cover-1: shall contain scanned copies of all 'Technical Documents/Eligibility information.
ii) Cover-2 : shall contain 'BOQ/Financial Bid', where supplier will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS :The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/earnest money deposit (EMD) and other technical documents in the office of Director cum-Warden of Fisheries Himachal Pradesh, Bilaspur, as specified in key dates at Sr.No.3 above on tender opening date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. BID OPENING DETAILS:- The bids shall be opened on **14-06-2023 at 11:30 AM.** in the office of Director cum-Warden of Fisheries Himachal Pradesh, Bilaspur, by the tender opening committee. In their interest the tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 60 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates. The employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

FOR FUTHER ENQUIRY IN THIS REGARD PLEASE CONTACT DIRECTOR- cum-WARDEN OF FISHERIES HIMACHAL PRADESH DIRECTORATE OF FISHERIES, BILASPUR, HIMACHAL PRADESH-174001, TELEPHONE NOS.01978-224068 & 223212, FAX NO.01978-224068 AND ALSO VISIT OUR WEBSITE https://hptenders.gov.in
Email :- fisheries-hp@nic.in

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जिला परिषद कार्यालय, गोड्डा

अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–ZP/GODDA/DE/03/2023-24
पत्रांक–297 / जि.प. दिनांक–17.05.2023

जिला परिषद, गोड्डा द्वारा निम्न विवरणी के अनुसार e-Procurement पद्धिती से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :–

क्र.सं / ग्रुप संख्या	प्रखंड का नाम	योजना का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रूपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मुल्य (रूपये में)	कार्य समाप्ति अवधि
1	गोड्डा	जिला परिषद, गोड्डा के पुराने कार्यालय के स्थान पर नया कार्यालय भवन सह मार्केट कॉम्पलेक्स भवन निर्माण।	1,98,88,500.00	3,98,000.00	10,000	11 माह

नोट :–
1. केवल ई–निविदा ही मान्य होगा।
2. वेबसाईट में निवदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :– 22.05.2023 पूर्वाहन 11:30 बजे से
3. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय :– 06.06.2023 अपराहन् 5:00 बजे तक
4. निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि एवं मूल शपथ पत्र की प्रति जमा करने की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान :– 07.06.2023 को 11:00 बजे पूर्वाहन से 2:30 बजे अपराहन् तक गोड्डा नगर थाना परिसर में निविदा प्राप्ति बॉक्स में डाला जायेगा।
5. निविदा खोलेने की तिथि एवं समय :– 08.06.2023 को 12:00 बजे अपराहन् से।
6. जिला परिषद, गोड्डा के समुचित श्रेणी के निबंधित संवेदक ही निविदा में भाग ले सकेंगे।
7. प्राक्कलित राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है।
8. परिमाण विपत्र के मूल्य का बैंक ड्राफ्ट उप विकास आयुक्त–सह–मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, जिला परिषद, गोड्डा (**D.D.C.-Cum-C.E.O. Zila Parishad, Godda**) के पदनाम देय होगा।
9. अग्रधन की राशि एन.एस.सी / एस.टी.डी.आर के रूप में जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, गोड्डा (District Engineer, Zila Parishad, Godda) के पदनाम से प्रतिज्ञित (Pledged) होगा।
10. अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कारण बताए उक्त निविदा को रद्द करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित रहेगा।
11. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट ***http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in*** में देखा जा सकता है।

जिला अभियंता,
जिला परिषद, गोड्डा

PR 297770 (District)23-24*D

Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development and Design Centre
(An Autonomous Body under Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India)
Amravati Road, Wadi, Nagpur - 440 023.
www.jnarddc.gov.in (07104-220701)

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना/Notice Inviting Tender - MAY 2023

Director, JNARDDC, Nagpur, invites online E-GEM bids from reputed firms for the following items.
निदेशक, निम्नलिखित निविदा की आपूर्ति के लिए प्रतिष्ठित कंपनियों से ऑनलाइन प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित किया है।

E-GEM BID/ Tender No.	Description of Equipments/Work	Refundable EMD (₹)	Tender Fees (₹)	Last date of tender submission
GEM/2023/B/3465774 Dated 19.05.2023	**Procurement of Thermo Gravimetric Analyzer**	75,000/-	NIL	09.06.2023 (1100 Hrs.)
GEM/2023/B/3466463 Dated 19.05.2023	**Procurement of Bomb Calorimeter**	75,000/-	NIL	09.06.2023 (1300 Hrs.)
GEM/2023/B/3462286 Dated 18.05.2023	**Procurement of Aluminium Alloy Billets AA7075 - Two Ton AA2024 - Two Ton**	45,000/-	NIL	02.06.2023 (1400 Hrs.)
GEM/2023/B/3462605 Dated 18.05.2023	**Procurement of Stirred Pressure Reactor Autoclave**	35,000/-	NIL	08.06.2023 (1400 Hrs.)

The details are available in the tender document which will be available for download from our office website **www.jnarddc.gov.in** or **https://mkp.gem.gov.in**/e-mail: **purchasejnarddcnagpur@gmail.com**

वरिष्ठ प्रशासनिक अधिकारी

O/O HARYANA INSTITUTE OF CIVIL AVIATION
30 BAYS BUILDING, 3rd FLOOR, SECTOR-17, CHANDIGARH-160017

Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation invites applications for the following post purely on contractual basis from the interested candidates as per the details given below :-

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post	Age
1.	**Continuing Airworthiness Manager**	**01 (ONE)**	**21-55 Year on the date of interview.**

Salary will be paid as per the Basic Pay of the approved pay scale (Pre- revised) i.e. Rs. 9300-34,800 with Grade pay of Rs. 5400-00. (Consolidated salary of Rs. 65,000-00 per month with annual increment Rs. 3500/- per annum). The remuneration is under revision as per 7th Pay Commission Haryana and will be increased.

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:-
Educational Qualification &Experience: -
1. Applicant must have completed AME Course / degree in Engineering or equivalent from approved institute.
2. Practical experience and expertise in the application of aviation safety standards and safe maintenance practices.
3. Comprehensive knowledge of CAR M and any associated requirements and procedures and the maintenance organization manual cum CAME.
4. Five years experience of CAMO (Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization) duly approved by DGCA.
5. Should have training course as a minimum at a level equivalent to CAR-66 Appendix III Level 1 General Familiarization on Cessna 172 and Cessna 152 aircraft.
6. Knowledge of maintenance standards. Basic familiarization of aircraft type maintained and the related documentation i.e maintenance programs etc.
7. Candidate should have valid CAR-M, SMS, Human Factor training on the date of interview,
8. Preference will be given to Candidates working as post holder as CAM / QM in DGCA approved FTO/Organization.

Interested candidates to report for interview at **O/o Adviser, Civil Aviation Haryana (Civil Aviation Department Govt. of Haryana), 30 Bays Building 3rd Floor, Sector-17, Chandigarh** with all supporting documents in original. No TA / DA will be paid for the said interview. Date & time of the interview will be shared through Regd. Post & email. Advance copy of the application to be furnished through email:- hicachd@gmail.com / hicaed@gmail.com / hicakarnal@rediffmail.com / pinjorehica@gmail.com / hicaknl@gmail.com. Applicant must apply in proper application format and same may be obtained from above referred email ids.

-Sd/-
For :- Adviser, Civil Aviation Haryana-cum-Chief Executive Director.
Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation.

O/O ADVISER, CIVIL AVIATION HARYANA-CUM-CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HARYANA INSTITUTE OF CIVIL AVIATION.

Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation invites applications for the following posts on contractual basis from the interested candidates as per the details given below :-

Sr. No.	Name of Post	No. of Post	Age
1.	**Ground Instructor-cum-R.T. Operator-cum-Simulator Instructor**	**03**	**21-58 Years**

Remuneration will be paid as per the Gross Pay of the approved pay scale (Pre- revised) i.e. Rs. 9300-34,800 with Grade pay of Rs. 4200-00 plus additional incentive for imparting Simulator flying to pilot trainees @ Rs. 200-00 per hour for Single Engine Simulator flying & Twin Engine aircraft Simulator @ Rs. 320-00 per hour. The remuneration is under revision and will increase as per 7th Pay Commission Haryana.

QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE:-
1. Candidate should fulfill all requirement for any / all of following aviation subjects :-
   (a) Aviation Meteorology (b) Air Regulations (c) Air Navigation (d) Technical General as per Civil Aviation Requirements Section 7 Series D Part I Sub Point 13.9 (As per latest revision of Civil Aviation Requirements issued by DGCA.
   b) Commercial Pilot License holder (CPL), Ex. Defence Pilots / Instructors / ATC controllers will be preferred.

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Sd/-
For Adviser, Civil Aviation Haryana-cum-Chief Executive Director.
Haryana Institute of Civil Aviation.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION BUNDU, RANCHI.
Email. –irrigationbundu@gmail.com

Short Tender e- Procurement Reference
No. –WRD/E.E./IRR.DIV./BUNDU/NIT NO.-01 F2/2023-2024

1	**Name of work**	**Residual of Restoration work of Vinsaidih W.C, Chogadih V.C including lining of Vinsaidih W.C and construction of Badla V.C of Baranda Branch canal in CADWM under Kanchi Weir Irrigation Scheme**
2	**Estimated Cost(Rs)**	**Rs. 1,85,44,504.00**
3	**Bid Security (Rs.)**	**Rs. 3,71,000.00**
4	**Cost of Tender Document**	**Rs. 10,000.00**
5	**Time of Completion**	**09 (NINE) Months**
6	**Availability of Tender On Line**	**20.05.2023/From 3:00 PM**
7	**Submission of Bid**	**27.05.2023 upto 5:00 PM**
8	**Date of receipts of hard copy of bid, cost of bid, earnest money and other document.**	**29.05.2023 to 30.05.2023 upto 3:00 PM in office of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Bundu, Ranchi.**
9	**Date & Time of Opening Tender**	**31.05.2023, 2:00 PM**
10	**Name and address of office inviting tenderName and address of office inviting tender**	**Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division Bundu, Ranchi.**
11	**Contact No.of Procurement Officer**	**8709567679**
12	**Help Line No. e- Procurement**	**8709138236**

Note:- Only e-tenders will be accepted
Estimated cost may be increased or decreased.
The overall amount quoted by the tenderer/ Bidder is more than10% below of B.O.Q. Amount of Schedule item, this shall be treated as workable as per RCD Sankalp Memo-2146(s) date 09.09.2020.
The additional performance security will be required/submitted for the rate below more than 10 to 20% and the Further details can be seen on website.
Further details can be seen on websitehttp://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer
Irrigation Division Bundu, Ranchi.

PR 297775 (Irrigation)23-24*D

NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM

Ref: i) Tender Notice No. 05/2023-24 dated 13.04.2023 (S.No. 07)
ii) Tender No. 08235081 due on 15.05.2023
In reference to above tender, the due date has been extended from 15.05.2023 to 26.05.2023 and tender qty has been changed. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.
The corrigendum has been published on website **www.ireps.gov.in.** **1522/2023**

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Office of the Chief Engineer
Water Resources Zone Jodhpur

Notice Inviting Bid (NIB No - CE/WRD/JDPR/03/ 2023-24)

Notice inviting Bid for 01 work Rs. 432.02 Lacs in the State of Rajasthan India invited from interested bidders' Date of sale of Bid 11.05.2023 to 05.06.2023 upto 13:00 hours. Date of receiving of Bid 05.06.2023 up to 18:00 hours and Bid will be opened on 07.06.2023 at 17:00 hours. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the **http://sppp.raj.nic.in** and **http://eproe.rajasthan.gov.in** of the state; and Water Resources department Rajasthan website.
UBN: WRD2324WSOB00154

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
DIPR/C/6954/2023 **Water Resources Zone, Jodhpur**

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT CUM MEMBER SECRETARY
RAJASTHAN MEDICARE RELIFE SOCIETY,
SAWAI MAN SINGH HOSPITAL, JAIPUR
[Sawai Ram Singh Road, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302004]
{Phone 0141-2518308, 2518268}
(Email- ms.smshospital@gmail.com, cms.smshospital@gmail.com)
No. F.4()/Store/SMS/MH/2023/1370 **Jaipur dated, the 6.5.23**

Notice Inviting Bid

Bids for the procurement of Heart Valves are invited from interested bidders up to 5.00 PM on 29.05.2023. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) **of the state.**

Sd/-
(UBN No. MCJ2323GLRC00017) **SUPERINTENDENT**
DIPR/C/6935/2023 **CUM MEMBER SECRETARY**

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone.: 0135-2763508,2763808 Fax- 0135-2763808
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 448 **E-TENDER TIME EXTENSION NOTICE-1** **Date:** 18.05.2023

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of online submission and opening of following E tender invited by the office of the Executive Engineer (Maintenance), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) is hereby extended as follows: -
Tender No: NIT-07/EE(M)/MB-II/23-24
Name of work / Supply/Services: Maintenance for Hydro-Mechanical and Electro-Mechanical works of Dharasu Power House for the period of 06 months.
Last date for submission of bids on website: - 24.05.2023up to16:00 Hrs.
Last date of submitting hard copy of documents in the office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), MB-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi):27.05.2023 up to 11:00 Hrs
Due date for opening the tender on website - 27.05.2023 at 11:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in **Executive Engineer (Maintenance)**

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THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT
UT Secretariat, Ladakh
Tel/ Fax: 01985 - 255567, 255568 Email: ladakhdivcom@gmail.com

Date: 20.05.2023

Sub: Inviting EOI to operate CHARTER FLIGHTS in Leh-Delhi-Leh sector

EOI are invited from registered and licensed companies/agencies & airlines operators for the operation of chartered flights for passenger movement on the Leh-Delhi-Leh sectors during the months of October, November and December and February, March and April in particular and at different times of the year on the basis of requirement.

Interested parties may respond to this EOI latest by 10.06.23 on email: ladakhdivcom@gmail.com. For any clarification may contact Mr. Amarjeet Bali, Project Manager Civil Aviation Dept (Mob: 9906509944) or call Office of the Secretary Civil Aviation, Ladakh : 01985 -255567, 255568.

Government of India
Ministry of Science and Technology
Department of Science and Technology
No. A-12024/11/2022-Estt.II

Applications are invited from the retired Government Servants for engagement of 01 Consultant in the Department of Science and Technology on contract basis initially for a period of one year. Persons fulfilling eligibility criteria may apply in the prescribed format details of which can be downloaded from the Department's official website www.dst.gov.in and completed application may be sent to the Under Secretary, Estt.II Section, Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110016 or email at dstadmdb-most@nic.in within 45 days from the date of publication of this advertisement.

Atin Singh Yadav
Under Secretary
to the Govt. of India

DAVP- 36101/11/0001/2324

Office of the Nagar Parishad, Lohardaga
E-Procurement Notice
NIT No: LNP/14/2022-23(5th Call)
Corrigendum
{PR 295947 Lohardaga 23-24 (D)}

Name of Work:- Construction & Commissioning of Fecal Sludge Treatment Plant of Capacity 21 KLD at Lohardaga town (Jharkhand) followed by Operation and Maintenance including desludging operations for 5 years.

Si No.	Particulars	Date	Corrigendum Date
1	Bid submission end date	18-05-2023 up to 05:00 PM	22-05-2023 up to 05:00 PM
2	Last day for the submission of Bid Security, cost of bid document	19-05-2023 up to 03:00 PM	23-05-2023 up to 03:00 PM
3	Bid opening date (online)	19-05-2023 up to 05:00 PM	23-05-2023 up to 05:00 PM

Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Administrator
Nagar parishad Lohardaga

PR.NO.297786 Lohardaga(23-24):D

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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
TENDER NOTICE NO. 675/CSA(Q-III)/P&L/2023

Delhi Police invites online Expression of Interest (EOI) from the Firm/Company/Limited Liability Partnership (L.L.P.)/ Proprietorship firm/Joint Venture duly registered under the relevant laws as **"Audio-Video Producer"** and also to review the existing panel of Audio-Video Producers Agencies for fresh empanelment with Delhi Police for the work of advertising and publicity. The documents Terms and Conditions (Marked Annexure-"A") and Check List with Marking Scheme (Marked Annexure-"B") are available on the Delhi Police website www.delhipolice.nic.in or Central Public Procurement Portal website http://eprocure.gov.in . The last date for submission of EOI is **07.06.2023 upto1600 Hrs.** and the same will be opened on **08.06.2023 at 1600 Hrs.** The interested "Audio-Video Producer" agencies may submit their EOIs online on or before stipulated date & time given. The Audio-Video Producers Agencies already on the panel of Delhi Police shall have to submit EOI in the same manner.

Only online EOI shall be accepted.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
PROVISION & LOGISTICS: DELHI

DP/9546/2023

GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹60,045	₹82.66	$75.48	₹73,500

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of May 18

SENSEX: 61,729.68 ▲ 297.94 (0.48%) **NIFTY:** 18,203.40 ▲ 73.45 (0.41%) **NIKKEI:** 30,808.35 ▲ 234.42 **HANG SENG:** 19,450.57 ▼ 276.68 **FTSE:** 7,785.84 ▲ 43.54 **DAX:** 16,324.80 ▲ 161.44

International market data till 1900 IST

RBI surplus transfer to govt surges; boost to fiscal position amid slowing divestment

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, MAY 19

THE RESERVE Bank of India's Central Board Friday approved the transfer of Rs 87,416 crore as surplus, or dividend, to the Union Government for the accounting year 2022-23, providing a major boost to the latter's fiscal position. This is a 188 per cent jump from the last year's (2021-22) surplus transfer of Rs 30,307 crore, which was also the lowest in 10 years.

As public sector banks have also reported very good profits and announced dividends, there will likely be higher flows of dividends from this source as well. Add to this the possible higher dividend payments by the oil marketing companies and the situation appears quite comfortable from a market borrowings perspective, said an analyst.

The RBI normally pays the dividend from the surplus income it earns on investments and valuation changes on its dollar holdings and the fees it gets from printing currency, among others. The rupee depreciation against the dollar also weighs on the surplus transfer. The RBI had transferred Rs 99,126 crore in FY21 to the government. In FY19, it approved a record transfer of Rs 176,051 crore to the government, including a surplus or dividend of Rs 1,23,414 crore, and a one-time transfer of excess provisions amounting to Rs 52,637 crore.

"This year's transfer will come in very handy and ensure that the government manages its fiscal



RBI approved the transfer of Rs 87,416 crore, a 188% jump from last year's dividend

numbers with relative ease given that there are question marks on the divestment programme," said Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda.

The Union Budget had pegged a number of Rs 48,000 crore as dividend from public sector banks and the RBI. The RBI has effectively overshot this number. This was enabled by higher earnings on sale of forex during the year, better returns on forex investments in US treasuries (though value of bonds would have fallen which has to be charged to the contingency reserve), revaluation of forex assets and adjustments in reserves as per the Bimal Jalan Committee recommendations. "The RBI would have had higher pay-outs due to the higher SDF rates with the system being in surplus all through the year," Sabnavis said.

The fiscal buffer of RBI surplus transfer would be handy, especially as tax buoyancy may undershoot budget estimates. "Even so, we do not see the fiscal deficit missing the target in FY24. Separately, frictional liquidity will likely ease in the near term with dividend inflows and seasonal moderation in currency demand. However, liquidity conditions are likely to remain tight ahead, requiring the RBI to add durable liquidity in the form of open market operations worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore in the second half of FY24," Emkay Global Financial Services said.

The additional bounty could account for 0.15-0.2 per cent of GDP (with possibly higher dividend from banks as well) which could partly offset potential losses on account of possibly lower divestment, telecom payouts or even tax revenues.

FPI OWNERSHIP IN ADANI GROUP

SEBI suspects wrongdoing but unable to nail it, says SC's expert committee

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, MAY 19

MARKET REGULATOR SEBI "suspects wrongdoing" on the ownership of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) in the Adani Group but was unable to pinpoint violations, the Supreme Court expert committee has said.

The concern expressed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (and this precedes the publication of the Hindenburg report) is that the regulator is unable to satisfy itself that the contributors of the funds to the FPIs are not linked to Adani, the committee said.

According to the committee, SEBI's contention is that it needs information from other agencies to demonstrate a link to a potential violation. "Without such information, SEBI is unable to satisfy itself that its suspicion that has been aroused can be put to rest. The securities market regulator suspects wrongdoing, but also finds compliance with various stipulations in attendant regulations. Therefore, the record reveals a chicken-and-egg situation," it said.

However, in a dig at the regulator's policy, the committee said: "it appears that the legislative policy stance of SEBI on the ownership structure of FPIs has moved in one direction while the enforcement by SEBI is moving in the opposite direction."

The regulator, in its legislative capacity, did away with the prohibition against any FPI having an "opaque structure" on the premise that declarations of the beneficial owner flows from Rule 9 of the PMLA Rules and that such a stipulation is sufficient for its regulatory purposes. Such compliance, having been effected by the FPIs, coupled with the repeal of the provisions on "opaque structure", the chicken-and-egg situation of hoping to get evidence, can become a perpetual one, the committee said.

The foundation of SEBI's suspicion that led to investigations into the overseas entities' ownership is that they have "opaque" structures because the ultimate chain of ownership above the 13 overseas entities is not Money Laundering Act, 2002 and thereby under Rule 9 of the Prevention of Money Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2004.

According to the committee, it appears that bank statements of the 13 entities were made available to SEBI and indeed bank account details of 42 participating shareholders were obtained. "SEBI has been attempting to find out such contributors who have an economic interest in these FPIs. This is where it has hit a wall," the committee said.

SEBI had drawn a blank in this investigation and the publication of the Hindenburg report has revived SEBI's efforts to attempt to figure out economic interest in the FPIs that have these investments in listed Adani stocks, it said.

What is apparent is that the regulatory framework governing FPIs contains a specific stipulation for compliance with identification and disclosure of beneficial ownership. If such requirements have been complied with, the investigation is about whether the "spirit of the law" governing minimum public shareholding has been violated by reason of shareholding in the hands of FPIs that are compliant with the letter of the law, the committee said.

SEBI has been investigating the matter since October 23, 2020. The Hindenburg report was published on January 24, 2023. It is for SEBI to conclude the investigations in accordance with law within a precise time frame, the committee said.

SEBI has also sought information from other securities commissions in other jurisdictions. It appears SEBI has drawn a blank from regulators in Cayman Islands, Malta, Curaçao, British Virgin Islands and Bermuda.

Without more information (which can only be available after it is provided by these other agencies), it is apparent that SEBI is unable to make out a case for seeking information. SEBI has stated that it is now working on initiating a process of seeking amendments to the IOSCO MMOU in order to get better inputs from overseas regulators in the future.

The committee made three observations:

- FPIs in question have made declarations of the beneficial owner by identifying the natural persons controlling their decisions for purposes of the PMLA. This is the declaration that comports to compliance with FPI regulations.
- The very requirement to disclose the last natural person above every person owning any economic interest in the FPI was done away with in 2018 pursuant to a recommendation of a Working Group and the provisions on "opaque structure" were deleted on the premise that declarations under the PMLA constitute sufficient compliance.
- SEBI has been probing the ownership of the 13 overseas entities since October 2020 despite the aforesaid legislative change that had been effected in 2018.

Meanwhile, all 10 Adani firms close higher on BSE

New Delhi: Shares of all the ten listed Adani Group firms ended on a positive note, with Adani Wilmar climbing nearly 7 per cent, after an expert committee said it was not possible to conclude if there has been a regulatory failure on stock price manipulation allegations.

The stock of Adani Wilmar zoomed 6.85 per cent, Adani Power rallied 4.93 per cent, Adani Transmission soared by 4.62 per cent, Adani Green Energy went up by 4.18 per cent, Adani Enterprises climbed 3.65 per cent, Adani Ports jumped 3.65 per cent, NDTV gained 3.53 per cent and Adani Total Gas advanced 3.05 per cent on the BSE.

Shares of Ambuja Cements climbed 1.20 per cent and ACC went higher by 1 per cent.

In the equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 297.94 points or 0.48 per cent to settle at 61,729.68.

SEBI-registered FPIs and sovereign wealth funds among those exempt from angel tax

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

GOVERNMENT AND government-related investors such as central banks, sovereign wealth funds, international or multilateral organisations; entities registered with Securities and Exchange Board of India; and banks or entities involved in insurance business: These are among the categories of investors that are proposed to be exempted from the levy of angel tax, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said Friday.

It also outlined five more valuation methods apart from Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) and Net Asset Value (NAV) method for resident investors.

The Finance Act, 2023, had amended Section 56(2)(viib) of the Income-tax Act. The provision, colloquially known as the 'angel tax' was first introduced in 2012 to deter the generation and use of unaccounted money through the subscription of shares of a closely held company at a value that is higher than the fair market value of the firm's shares.

The provision stated that when an unlisted company, such as a start-up, receives equity investment from a resident for issue of shares that exceeds the face value of such shares, it will be counted as income for the start-up and be subject to income tax under the head 'Income from other Sources' for the relevant financial year. With the latest amendment, the government had proposed to also include foreign investors in the ambit, meaning that when a start-up raises funding from a foreign investor, that too will now be counted as income and be taxable. DPIIT-recognised startups were excluded.

Outlining the proposed changes in Rule 11UA or valuation rules, the statement said where any consideration is received by a company for issue of shares, from any non-resident entity notified by the central government, the price of the equity shares corresponding to such consideration may be taken as the fair market value of the equity shares for resident and non-resident investors. It would be conditional to the extent that the consideration from such FMV does not exceed the aggregate consideration that is received from the notified entity and the consideration has been received by the company from the notified entity within a period of 90 days of the date of issue of shares under valuation.

The tax department listed the excluded entities from angel tax — government and government-related investors such as central banks, sovereign wealth funds, international or multilateral organisations or agencies including entities controlled by the government or where ownership of the government is 75 per cent or more; banks or regulated entities involved in insurance business; and entities registered with SEBI as Category I Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI), endowment funds and pension funds.

Broad-based pooled investment vehicles or funds where the number of investors is more than 50 and such fund is not a hedge fund too are exempt.

Nangia Andersen LLP M&A Tax Partner Sandeep Jhunjhunwala said the proposal could free up some startups from the rigour of angel tax.

AMCs see Rs 1,400-crore hit from proposal for uniform investor fee

SIDDHANT MISHRA
MUMBAI, MAY 19

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi's) proposal to introduce a uniform total expense ratio (TER) structure has left asset management companies (AMCs) sweating over a potential Rs 1,400-crore hit to the bottom line.

The consultation paper by the regulator states that the its fresh proposals will cap the TER at Rs 29,404 crore, in comparison to the Rs 30,806 crore charged by AMCs in FY22.

According to a Jefferies calculation, this indicates a 13% dent to profits if the proposal to bring in a uniform TER sees light of the day.

The report said that the pre-



SEBI consultation paper calls for cap on total expense ratio

tax profit of fund houses was Rs 10,900 crore in FY22, after accounting for the Rs 30,800 crore in expenses. The new structure points to a hit of Rs 1,400 crore, and 4 bps of the average AUM.

The new proposal comes as a double-whammy to MFs, after the earlier blow to fund houses with respect to removal of the indexation benefit.

However, some see a silver lining, saying it could help bring in more investors. "This is a welcome step as a uniform structure, which will bring in higher transparency, will help get in more retail investors into a space largely dominated by institutional investors," said Manmeet Kaur, Principal Associate, Karanjawala & Co.

Sebi's new slab has a 2.55% limit on expenses for equity schemes, for AMCs with an AUM of up to Rs 2,500 crore. For non-equity schemes, the proposed cap is 1.2% up to RS 5,000 crore in AUM.

Meanwhile, listed AMCs threw up a mixed bag on Friday on the bourses. **FE**

Can achieve 1% sustainable fuel blending by 2025: Puri

SUKALP SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

INDIA IS well-positioned to achieve 1 per cent sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) blending in aviation turbine fuel (ATF) for all commercial flights by 2025, Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said Friday. Puri said while the government will set blending targets later, he felt that starting with 1 per cent blending in two-and-half years was "doable".

SAF is produced from sustainable feedstock and has similar chemistry to conventional ATF or jet fuel, which is derived from crude oil. Its carbon footprint is significantly lower than ATF.

"I personally think that 2025 is a very reasonable target for 1 per cent SAF blending… I am giving my view as a minister. The government will set targets later, but I think this is doable," Puri told reporters at an event to mark use of domestically produced SAF in a commercial flight operated by AIX Connect (formerly Air Asia India).



Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri

A committee on SAF constituted by the petroleum ministry has submitted recommendations to the government. According to people aware of matter, the panel has recommended an initial SAF blending mandate of 1 per cent from 2025, before scaling it up to 10 per cent over subsequent years in phases. The report is being evaluated. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

Zomato misses revenue forecast

Bengaluru: Food delivery firm Zomato Ltd Friday reported a smaller-than-expected rise in its fourth-quarter revenue, weighed by a jump in strategic expenses.

The company's consolidated revenue from operations for the quarter ended March 31 rose 69.7% to Rs 20.56 billion due to better ad monetisation and higher customer delivery charges during the quarter, it said in an exchange filing. Analysts had expected a consolidated revenue of Rs 20.7 billion. **REUTERS**

BRIEFLY

PNB Q4 profit jumps over five times

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank Friday reported over five-fold jump in its net profit to Rs 1,159 crore for the March 2023 quarter, helped by lower bad loans and a rise in interest income. During the quarter, the bank's total income increased to Rs 27,269 crore from Rs 21,095 crore a year ago, PNB said in a filing. **PTI**

KVI turnover grew 3 times in last 9 years

New Delhi: The turnover of Khadi and Village Industries grew over three times since 2014. Khadi sales was Rs 1,081.04 crore in FY14 and rose to Rs 5,942.93 crore in FY23. Village Industries' turnover was Rs 30,073.16 crore in FY14. It has grown to Rs 1,28,686.98 crore in FY23. **PTI**

PUBG's India version back

Govt to monitor compliance for 3 months

JATIN GROVER
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

THE GOVERNMENT has revoked the ban on Battlegrounds Mobile India imposed in July because of alleged Chinese communication links. For the next three months the government will monitor if the company has complied with security-related norms.

"This is a three-month trial approval after the company said it has complied with issues of server locations and data security etc," Rajeev Chandrasekhar, minister of state for electronics and IT, said. He said that the government will keep a close watch on other issues of user harm, addiction etc, in the next three months before taking a final decision.

Battlegrounds Mobile, is the Indian version of battle royale mobile game PUBG. The game operated by South Korea-based Krafton will soon make a comeback on app stores, the company said Friday. "We are highly grateful to the Indian authorities for allowing us to resume operations of Battlegrounds Mobile India (BGMI)," it said. **FE**

NCLT rejects IDBI insolvency plea against Zee

Mumbai: The National Company Law Tribunal Friday rejected IDBI Bank's plea seeking insolvency against Zee Entertainment, observing that it was barred under Section 10A of the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

Section 10A says no insolvency application can be filed by creditors for default on or after March 25, 2020 for one year.

The NCLT relief comes at a time Zee is attempting to complete its merger with Sony Pictures Network India. **PTI**

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : WRD/KWA-CE(SR)/TR/ 8859/2022_5_2_1/1

KIIFB-2017-18-WRD-025-26 DRINKING WATER PROJECT IN ETTUMANOOR MUNICIPALITY IN KOTTAYAM DISTRICT - (1) DESIGN,CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF 1OLL OHSR AT KACHERIKKUNNU, (2) PROVIDING 250mm DI K-9 CWPM FROM SUMP AT WTP SITE TO OHSR AT KACHERIKUNNU, (3) PROVIDING 300mm DI K-9 CWGM FROM SUMP AT WTP SITE TO EXISTING OHSR AT CARITHAS AND (4) PROVIDING DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN ZONE 1 & ZONE 2, ROAD RESTORATION WORKS etc.**EMD** : Rs. 5,00,000/-,**Tender fee** : Rs. 16540 +(2978), **Last Date for submitting Tender**:12-06-2023 03:00:pm,**Phone** : 0481 2562745, **Website** : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-313-2023-24

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e-PROCUREMENTSHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is invited for Award of Loading & unloading of store material at XEN (CTL), ACOS (JCC), ACOS (JPDC), Sub-Store Kukas & Sub-Store Bada Padampura (TN-41, UBN-VVN2324SLOB00005). All the details regarding tenders are available at web site www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. In future, corrigendum/extension, if any, shall be published only at above web sites.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

RFP No. TBSSP/RFP/PMC/2023-24/001 Dated: 20.05.2023

Bids are invited by State Bank of India from eligible bidders for Empanelment of Project Management Consultant for Providing Consultancy Services for Transaction Banking Projects, Card Payments and Merchant Acquiring Business. For details, please visit Procurement News at **https://bank.sbi, https://www.sbi.co.in, https://etender.sbi/.**

Commencement of download of RFP: From 20.05.2023 at 11:00 hrs

Last date and time for submission of bids: 20.06.2023 up to 15:30 hrs

Place: Mumbai
Date: 20.05.2023

Deputy General Manager (Projects)
TB – Solutions & Special Projects Department

CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

PROVIDING MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THIRU VI.KA. PARK LOCATED ABOVE SHENOY NAGAR METRO STATION.

EPROCUREMENT EOI

EOI No. CMRL/P&D/01/EOI/2023 dated 19th May 2023

Chennai Metro Rail Limited invites digital signed expression of interest (EOI) for Two (02) years comprehensive maintenance services for Thiru Vi ka Park located above the Shenoy Nagar Metro station of CMRL.

For further details, please visit :
For NIT : www.chennaimetrorail.org
For Downloading Bid Documents :
https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app

Chief General Manager (P&D)

DIPR/2652/Tender/2023

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Notice Inviting Tender

GUVNL invites tenders for procurement of power from 800 MW solar PV projects to be set up in Solar Park of GSECL at Khavda (GSECL Stage 2) along with additional capacity of 800 MW under Greenshoe option (GUVNL Phase-XX) through RfS No.GUVNL/800 MW/Khavda/Solar (Phase-XX) dated 20.05.2023.For tender documents, please visit the website www.bharat-electronictender.com and www.guvnl.com. The last date of bid submission is 15.06.2023.

Date: 20/05/2023

General Manager (RE)

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Advt. No.150 Dated: 20.05.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chief General Manager, Security Paper Mill, Narmadapuram (M.P.) Pin 461005 invites sealed tenders for following work/material purchase. Interested Manufactures/Suppliers may visit our website http://spmnarmadapuram.spmcil.com or http://eprocure.gov.in for detailed tender specifications/terms and conditions of tender enquiry.

Tender No.	Description/Work of Item	Quantity	Last Date/ Time for receipt of tender
No. 60000182 15/PM5/PVAHV /23-24/265 Dated 09.05.2023	Poly Vinyl Alcohol (28/99%) (**)	AS PER NIT	09.06.2023 (Upto 15:00 Hrs)
No. 60000180 75/PM5/BCCP SF/23-24/169 Dated 10.05.2023	Bleached Cotton Comber Pulp in Sheet Form (BCCP) (**)	AS PER NIT	09.06.2023 (Upto 15:00 Hrs)
No. Security Fiber/Dev/PQB/ 2023-24/194 Dated 17.05.2023	Procurement of 90Kg Security Fiber for Passport Paper under Development Tender	AS PER NIT	16.06.2023 (Up to 11.00 Hrs.)
No. GeM/2023/ B/3423020 dated 08.05.2023	Hiring an agency to provide 14 Unskilled Labours (Office Boys) for Admin at SPM, Narmadapuram for the period of 12 Months (i.e. 312 days) (Express Tender) (*)	AS PER GEM BID	30.05.2023 (Upto 15:00 Hrs)
No.GeM/2023/ B/3431322	Procurement of Card Board Sheet (*)	AS PER GEM BID	06.06.2023 (Upto 11:00 Hrs)
GEM/2023/B/3 425392	SITC of Power Control Panel (*)	AS PER GEM BID	13.06.2023 (upto 17:00 hrs)
GEM/2023/B/3 379525 dated 17.05.2023	Alum Sulphate, Rosin Size and Sodium Hypochloride(*)	AS PER GEM BID	16.06.2023 (Upto 15:00 Hrs)
ME01/EOI/23-24/189 dated 17.05.2023	Development of Screw Tail Coupling and Safeset Coupling	AS PER EOI	16.06.2023 (Upto 11:00 Hrs)

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TOP OF THE WORLD



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. *AP*

SAUDI ARABIA

Zelenskyy Assad attend Arab summit

Jeddah: Saudi Arabia hosted an Arab League summit on Friday in which Syrian President Bashar Assad was welcomed back after a 12-year suspension and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy made a surprise visit to rally support against Russia. The Saudi crown prince that the kingdom "is ready to exert efforts for mediation" to end the war. Zelenskyytook a swipe at Iran for supplying attack drones to Russia. Assad, a close ally of both Russia and Iran, said he hoped the summit would mark a "new stage of Arab solidarity". He added that Arab countries should reject "external interference" in their affairs. **AP**

PAKISTAN

Jamaat-i-Islami chief escapes suicide attack

Karachi: Sirajul Haq, the chief of an Islamist political party on Friday narrowly escaped a "suicide attack" that targeted his convoy in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province in which six people were injured, police said. Jamaat-i-Islami chief Haq's vehicle was partly damaged in the attack while he remained unhurt, Zhob city police station Station House Officer (SHO) Sher Ali Mandokhail told Dawn.com. **PTI**

UNITED STATES

Twitter accuses Microsoft of misusing its data

San Francisco: A lawyer for Twitter owner Elon Musk accused Microsoft of misusing the service's data and demanded an audit from the software giant. The letter primarily addresses a seemingly narrow set of alleged infractions by Microsoft in drawing information from Twitter's database of tweets. But the move could foreshadow more serious developments. Musk has previously accused Microsoft and its partner OpenAI in a tweet of "illegally" using Twitter data to develop sophisticated AI systems such as ChatGPT. "Lawsuit time," Musk wrote. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

88-yr-old doc freed 7 yrs after kidnapping

Canberra: An 88-year-old Australian doctor held captive by Islamic extremists in West Africa for more than seven years has been freed and has returned to Australia. Ken Elliott was safe and well and was reunited with his wife and their children on Thursday night, Foreign Minister Penny Wong said. "I'm very pleased to advise that Dr. Ken Elliott, who's been held hostage in Western Africa for some seven years, has been reunited in Australia with his family," Wong said in Sydne. **AP**

ZELENSKYY TO ATTEND SUMMIT IN HIROSHIMA TOMORROW

G7 steps up Russia sanctions over war, seeks to cut China trade dependency

REUTERS
HIROSHIMA, MAY 19

LEADERS OF the world's richest democracies agreed on Friday to stiffen sanctions against Russia, while a draft communique to be issued after their talks in the Japanese city of Hiroshima stressed the need to reduce reliance on trade with China.

The Group of Seven (G7) leaders, who will be joined on Sunday by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, pledged to restrict any exports to Russia that could help it in its 15-month-old invasion of Ukraine. "This includes exports of industrial machinery, tools, and other technology that Russia uses to rebuild its war machine," they said in a joint statement released on Friday, adding they would pursue moves to limit Russian revenues from trade in metals and diamonds.

"Our policy approaches are not designed to harm China, we do not seek to thwart China's economic progress," noted the draft, which is still subject to change, calling for "stable and constructive" ties with Beijing.

But the draft nonetheless urged measures to "reduce excessive dependencies" in critical supply chains and counter "malign practices" in technology transfer and data disclosure. It reaffirmed the need for peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait and urged China to press Russia to end its aggression in Ukraine.

The G7 — the US, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada —will use the three-day meeting to debate strategy on a Ukraine conflict.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who represents Hiroshima in Japan's lower house of parliament, said he chose it for the global gathering to focus attention on arms control. In the draft, G7 countries expressed their "commitment to achieving a world without nuclear weapons" through a "realistic, pragmatic, and responsible approach".



US President Joe Biden, Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Canada's PM Justin Trudeau Britain's PM Rishi Sunak, France President Emmanuel Macron and Japan's PM Fumio Kishida and other G7 leaders at the Itsukushima Shrine in Hiroshima on Friday. *Reuters*

Survivors hope for nuclear disarmament

Hiroshima: The G7 summit in Hiroshima provides a rare — and possibly final — chance for survivors of the atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki to push for nuclear disarmament before a global audience. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida greeted leaders from the G7 on Friday at the city's Peace Memorial Park and escorted them as they paid respects to those who died in the attack, visited a museum dedicated to the victims and met with a survivor.

Kishida has pledged to act as a bridge between nuclear and non-nuclear states, but some critics say his disarmament goals are hollow. Sueichi Kido, a 83-year-old survivor of the Nagasaki explosion, said he is skeptical whether the prime minister can convince the leaders of G7 nations to make real progress in disarmament.

"But because they are meeting in Hiroshima I do have a sliver of hope that they will have positive talks and make a tiny step toward nuclear disarmament," Kido said. **AP**

Violence must not deter us: Rushdie at 1st event after attack

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW YORK, MAY 19

SALMAN RUSHDIE has been honoured with the PEN Centenary Courage Award as the Mumbai-born writer made his first in-person public appearance since being stabbed and severely wounded in a knife attack at a literary event here last year.

Rushdie, 75, attended the 2023 Literary Gala in New York City at the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan on Thursday night.

PEN America honoured its former president Rushdie, who accepted the award in person.

"Well, hi everybody. It's nice to be back—as opposed to not being back, which was also an option. I'm pretty glad the dice rolled this way," said Rushdie, who was greeted by the audience with a standing ovation.

"I have a long association with PEN America. I'm just happy to be back amongst an evening of writers and book people," he said.

Rushdie was stabbed by a 24-year-old New Jersey resident identified as Hadi Matar, a US national of Lebanese origin, on stage in August last year while he was being introduced at a literary event at Chautauqua Institution in Western New York.

The brutal attack left the Booker Prize-winning author, born to a Kashmiri family in Mumbai, debilitated and without vision in one eye.

"Terrorism must not terrorise us. Violence must not deter us. The struggle goes on," he said.

It was an emotional return to the stage for Rushdie, who for decades has been a tireless defender of persecuted writers and the freedom to write while himself living under a death threat for his writing, PEN America said in a statement.



Salman Rushdie at the 2023 PEN America Literary Gala on Thursday. *AP*

Police give Imran list of 2,200 wanted for attack on army HQ

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LAHORE, MAY 19

AUTHORITIES IN Pakistan's Punjab province on Friday met ousted prime minister Imran Khan at his highly-fortified residence here to arrest "terrorists" reportedly hiding there and handed over a list of 2,200 suspects involved in the recent protests that targeted military installations and government buildings.

Khan, 70, was arrested by the paramilitary Pakistan Rangers at the Islamabad High Court premises on May 9, which triggered unrest across the country.

For the first time in Pakistan's history, protesters stormed the army headquarters (GHQ) in Rawalpindi and torched a corps commander's house in Lahore.

A delegation comprising Lahore Commissioner Muhammad Ali Randhawa, Lahore Deputy Commissioner Rafia Haider and DIG Operations Sadiq Dogar visited Khan, the chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party at his Zaman Park residence and held a 90-minute meeting with him.

They handed the names of people involved in the attack on the Lahore Corps Commander House and Askari Tower and evidence was handed over to him.

Punjab information minister Amir Mir said the former premier was handed a list of 2,200 "wanted people" involved in the attacks on military installations during the May 9 violence, claiming that these people were traced via geofencing. "Among these people are also people from his family who have been named in the list," he told Geo News.



Police officials at the home of former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in Lahore on Friday. *AP*



Imran Khan leaves court after an appearance in Lahore on Friday. *AP*

PRE-ARREST BAIL GRANTED TO EX-PM

Lahore: An anti-terrorism court here approved pre-arrest bail till June 2 to Khan in three terrorism cases filed against Pakistan's former prime minister in the wake of violence that erupted after his arrest on May 9.

HINDU LEADER QUITS PTI OVER ATTACK

Islamabad: Jai Parkash, a prominent Hindu leader and a minority member of Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), resigned on Friday, making him the latest politician to quit the former prime minister's party following the May 9 attack on the country's military installations. **PTI**

Iran executes 3 over violence during last year's anti-govt protests

ASSOCIATED PRESS
DUBAI, MAY 19

IRAN ON Friday executed three men accused of deadly violence during last year's anti-government protests despite objections from human rights groups.

Mizan, the judiciary's website, announced the executions of Majid Kazemi, Saleh Mirhashemi and Saeed Yaghoubi, without saying how they were carried out. Authorities say they killed a police officer and two members of the paramilitary Basij group in Isfahan in November during nationwide protests.

Rights groups say the three were subjected to torture, forced into televised confessions and denied due process. The protests erupted last September after the death of a 22-year-old woman, Mahsa Amini, who had been detained by the country's morality police for allegedly violating its strict Islamic dress code.

The demonstrations rapidly escalated into calls for the overthrow of the theocracy that has ruled Iran since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The demonstrations have largely subsided in recent months, though there are still sporadic acts of defiance, including the refusal of a growing number of women to wear the mandatory Islamic headscarf, known as the hijab.



FLOODS LINKED TO CLIMATE CHANGE

A submerged sculpture due to floodwaters after heavy rains hit Italy's Emilia Romagna region in Lugo on Friday. The floods that sent rivers of mud tearing through towns in Italy's northeast are another drenching dose of climate change's all-or-nothing weather extremes, something that has been happening around the globe, scientists say. *Reuters*

Country-based quota behind long Green Card wait time for Indians

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, MAY 19

THE LONG and agonising wait for green cards for people from India, China, Mexico and the Philippines is mainly due to the country-based quota system in its allocation which can be changed only by the US Congress, a senior official has said. A Green Card, known officially as a Permanent Resident Card, is a document issued to immigrants to the US.

Douglas Rand, the Senior Advisor to the director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, said the annual limit established by Congress on family-sponsored preference green cards is 2,26,000. The per-country limit is set at seven per cent of family-sponsored and employment-based preference limits, he told Indian Americans during a virtual town hall organised by the State Department.

EXPLAINED

Employment: 140K green cards a year

US IMMIGRATION law provides for approximately 140,000 employment-based green cards to be issued each year. However, only seven per cent of those green cards can go to a single country.

THE ZONE OF INTEREST, BASED ON A MARTIN AMIS NOVEL, TRANSPORTS VIEWERS TO A CONCENTRATION CAMP DURING WW-2

Jonathan Glazer's movie on holocaust leaves viewers shaken



EXPRESS AT CANNES

SHUBHRA GUPTA
CANNES, MAY 19

'THE ZONE Of Interest', based on a 2014 Martin Amis novel of the same name and directed by Jonathan Glazer, is the kind of a film that is worth fighting persistent jetlag, and getting soaked, because, hei, it's May and it is a rainy Cannes day.

The much-anticipated film, a competition entry in what is turning out to be an excellent line up, transports viewers to a time during the second World War when concentration camps were working overtime to keep up with the relentless speed of the Jewish pogrom.

Rudolf Hoss (Christian Friedel), the commander of the camp at Auschwitz, has everything under control — he makes sure that everything functions with frightening efficiency in the buildings behind the barbed wire, and his wife Hedwig (Sandra Huller) presides over their house with a hard-edged smoothness. They have a large vegetable garden, a pool where their children gambol, and a river nearby whose placid ripples are at odds with the unbearable agony that can be felt wafting off the camp — the cries, the gunshots, and the smoke from the gas chambers.

Glazer chooses not to show us anything of the camps, and that's wise, because then the film would be up against the legions of films which have depicted the brutalities and the horror of that time. It's all somehow worse because all of it is happening off-screen, near enough for us to hear it, without seeing it.

As Hoss discovers that he has been given transfer orders, Frau Hoss flatly refuses to move : where else, she argues, can they find the kind of life that they have managed to create in this sylvan spot? You are hard put to decide who is more monstrous, him looking at a high-ceiling room and calculating how much gas he would need to pump in to kill those in it, or her gossiping with other Nazi wives over mid-morning coffee and cake, and yelling at the petrified Polish woman whose house they have taken over, turning her into an unpaid slave.



Harrison Ford with his Honorary Palme dOr Award at Cannes on Friday. *Reuters*

Both the lead performances are first-rate, and the film leaves viewers shaken. The thought came to him, Glazer said, from photos of ordinary Germans watching the misery of Jews with glee. You can see that look in lynch mobs around the world : they are everywhere.

We have been here before

The films of Nuri Bilge Ceylan demand that you surrender to his world which he creates leisurely yet surely, and reward you handsomely for your patience with unforgettable vistas and hard-to-evoke complex emotions. The Turkish auteur, whose *Winter Sleep* won the Palme D'Or in 2014, is back in contention for the top prize with *About Dry Grasses*, which could well be a spiritual extension of his previous work in the way it excavates human frailties without allowing us to sit in judgement.

School teacher Samet (Deniz Celiloglu) and a teenage pupil are seen bracketed in conversations which instantly make us wary : is the young girl a coquette, who likes to speak to her teacher in a teasingly intimate, older-than-her-years manner, or has the man been grooming her? Biding his time in this remote Anatolian hamlet, desperately waiting for a transfer to Istanbul, Samet finds himself embroiled in an uneasy mess of his own making. Will his growing attraction to his colleague Nuray (Merve Dizdar) help him or hinder him in his pursuit of self? As the administration grapples with the fallout of a tantrum involving Samet and a couple of sassy students, the film lays out all its wares as expansively as ever. But this time around, some of those familiar Ceylan conventions of prolonged conversations that reveal a character trait, or situations that lead to a definitive point come off too familiar. We have been here before.

Meanwhile, a sea of umbrellas could be seen outside the Palais as the hordes lined up for the day's big-ticket Hollywood entry *Indian Jones and the Dial of Destiny*, the last adventure of the daredevil archaeologist, played by the redoubtable Harrison Ford, now a ripe 80.

The reports are mixed but there isn't any doubt that the 4th day of the festival was as much a mix of Hollywood glamour and European art house, which is so very Cannes.



KATHAL

★★★

Director: Yashowardhan Mishra
Cast: Sanya Malhotra, Anantvijay Joshi, Vijay Raaz, Rajpal Yadav, Neha Saraf
Streaming on: Netflix

Mystery of the Missing Jackfruit

ALAKA SAHANI

AFTER TWO *kathals* (jackfruits) go missing from the garden of a bigwig in a small town and the local police are entrusted with the task of recovering them, it gradually becomes apparent that this social satire uses the drama around the incident as a front to turn the spotlight on a bigger problem. To *Kathal*'s credit, it never gets preachy or screechy as most movies tend to do while talking about serious problems. But then it also doesn't dig deeper into the issue that deserves greater attention.

In spite of that what works in *Kathal*'s favour is its even tone, gentle humour and unhurried pace. Set in rural Madhya Pradesh, the film features characters who are rooted and relatable. The life they lead might appear sluggish but, as the movie shows, it is replete with everyday drama and humour. So, when the seemingly mysterious disappearance of a rare breed of jackfruits becomes a major event in the town, it has a cascading effect. This leads to the unearthing of some grave criminal activities that the police seemed to be aware of but was not acting upon.

Kathal tries to weave a bunch of social issues into the narrative, especially the prevalent gender dynamics and caste biases. Inspector Mahima Basor (Sanya Malhotra), who belongs to a lower caste, is in love with an upper caste cop, who happens to be her junior at work. Having proven herself on her job, she leads a team that includes older men who make caste-related jibes behind her back. This is a fine exploration of intersections of caste and gender without resorting to an in-your-face approach.

To essay the role of inspector Mahima, who is on hot pursuit of jackfruit thieves, Malhotra banks on her characteristic charm and sweetness. Yet, she does not hesitate to take a firm stand whenever the script demands. She is not be a typical tough female cop shown in mainstream cinema. (Of course, there have been brilliant exceptions in off-beat movies such as the 2018 movie *Soni*.) She is compassionate and diligent. She takes a stand for what's fair even though it creates trouble in her personal life. She not only drives the narrative as the central character, but also delivers a compelling performance.

Malhotra is ably supported by Neha Saraf (those who have watched her in the play *Piya Behrupiya* will vouch for her excellent comic timing) and Anantvijay Joshi. As Kunti, Saraf convincingly portrays the difficulties of a woman professional trying to balance the demands of a job with domestic duties, such as baking a soft cake for her husband on his birthday. As expected, Vijay Raaz and Rajpal Yadav are delightful in their roles as the MLA who arm-twists the police into attending to his petty problem, and the energetic local journalist, respectively. Their wigs, however, look out of place. If the intention was to make people laugh, then they are not quite effective.

Since the script largely remains true to the milieu, most of these scenes unfold at a languid pace, capturing the rural landscape and life. Some parts of *Kathal* might seem stretched, but it doesn't lose sight of what its pursuing. Instead of making lofty statements, *Kathal* believes in a gentle nudge, mainly to remind us about existing social biases and loopholes in the system. It also underlines the simple joys of life.

STREAMING WATCH LIST

BY ALAKA SAHANI



ANT-MAN AND THE WASP
DISNEY+HOTSTAR
In this superhero film, based on Marvel Comics, Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) and Hope Van Dyne (Evangeline Lilly) return to continue their adventures as Ant-Man and The Wasp. Together, with Hope's parents Janet Van Dyne (Michelle Pfeiffer) and Hank Pym (Michael Douglas), and Scott's daughter Cassie Lang (Kathryn Newton), the family finds itself exploring the Quantum Realm, interacting with strange new creatures and embarking on an adventure.



BONES AND ALL
PRIME VIDEO
The romantic-horror film revolves around a young woman on the outskirts of society and a disenfranchised drifter fall in love as they embark on a 3,000-mile journey through America's backroads. Despite their best attempts, however, all roads lead back to their frightening pasts and a final stand that will determine whether their love will survive their disagreements. Directed by Luca Guadagnino, the film features Timothée Chalamet, Taylor Russell and Mark Rylance in lead roles.



BUTTERFLY VISION
MUBI
A woman who was held as a prisoner of war for months struggles to resume her life, which is further derailed by the discovery of her pregnancy. The scars of war are laid bare in this piercing drama from writer-director Maksym Nakonechnyi. Stylistically inventive and featuring a compelling lead performance from newcomer Rita Burkovska, this is a timely testament to the trauma and resilience of women on the Ukrainian frontlines.



Ride to Nowhere

SHALINI LANGER

CAN A man and a woman be just friends? Films, and more, before *8 AM Metro* have tried to explore this territory. Rarely has an entire movie gone about it though with as little passion, making you grateful that sex doesn't complicate matters and add more dreary minutes to it.

Devaiah as Preetam and Kher as Iravati meet on an *8 am Hyderabad Metro* through a contrivance with which all love stories — even like these — begin. She is afraid of trains, he is visibly moping, and the two "find" each other on two up-and-down rides of the train daily. By find, we mean they tend to talk poetry, or write and spout poetry, or even if they aren't, talk in a non-agitated monotone that sounds like they are reading lines to each other.

A lot of their story happens on the Metro, but even fellow passengers provide little respite from their tendency to talk about the moon, sun, sky, pain, and as days go on, the deaths that changed them. They sometimes shed tears, sometimes get off to take a walk around the city, and most crucially, enjoy their filter coffee.

What is different from other films with such characters is that both are married and neither hides the fact, and that the conversation often extends to their respective spouses. They also seem happy in their respective marriages, with supportive partners who have seen them through thick and thin.

It's also nice to see a film centred around two cities which one doesn't see very often at the cinema — Nanded and Hyderabad. But the film does not make much of that, apart from the actors speaking a smattering of Marathi.

Neither does anything seem poignantly missing in the lives of the two, for us to care deeply about them, nor does any tension occur between them, to make us wonder how it will end up.

Iravati's sister Riya (Nair), in the last stages of pregnancy, packs more animation while lying prostrate on her hospital bed. She makes pointed observations, is worried about Iravati's growing fascination with a stranger, and wonders where the line will get crossed. Through her, the film explores the many kinds of complexities that comprise married lives, but it again just touches upon the topic without getting into anything messy.

That director and co-scriptwriter Raj Rachakonda has this very romantic, uncomplicated, sanitised idea of women is clear from how the film dresses both Iravati and Preetam's wife Mridula. It's only in a man's world that women go through life — including train rides, hospital duty, cooking and dancing in the rain — in neatly tucked saris. Could a spark between Preetam and Iravati have lifted the *8 AM Metro*? But would it not have killed that very premise of the possibility of a friendship between a married man and woman, that like other friendships, does not require a name nor a veil of secrecy?

There are, of course, no easy answers. However, that is precisely why this has never been an easy question.

8 AM Metro can't hide its reluctance to get messy behind pretty but ultimately safe poetry, even Gulzar's.

8 AM METRO

★★

Director: Raj Rachakonda
Cast: Gulshan Devaiah, Saiyami Kher, Umesh Kamat, Nimisha Nair

Speed Doesn't Thrill

FAST X ★

Director: Louis Leterrier
Cast: Vin Diesel, Jason Momoa, Michelle Rodriguez, Charlize Theron, Ludacris, Tyrese Gibson, Nathalie Emmanuel, John Cena, Sung Kang



THE FIRST rule to going fast is cutting the flab, a rule as basic as it gets. The Fast and Furious enterprise, now into its 10th appearance as just *Fast X*, however, has just kept adding muscle. The list of beefy actors who have thrown some punches around and are good enough for some more, has been growing, and now has a super villain in the shape and size of Jason Momoa. And, if Dominic (Diesel) and company — or Family, as he calls them, at least once every few minutes — stand in for traditional masculine heroes who love their cars accessorised up and their girls accessoried down, in equal measure, Momoa's villain is a sociopath who is gender fluid. That is, he wears pigtails, nail polish, pink robes, and golden loafers, but in all other matters, loves blowing things up as good as the other person.As he flounces around vowing "suffering, before death", a lot of Biblical fire and damnation too keep getting thrown about. There is frequent mention of God, faith, Devil, Cross, resurrection, salvation, miracles, martyrdom etc.Dominic has a young son now, and of course he is already on the path of being fast. Unlike other children, he is not furious though, at being abandoned at the drop of a hat by his parents who set out on a life-threatening mission to steal some hyper-important chip on behalf of a government agency. Things go wrong from the get-go, and there is nary a second later when someone is not speeding, crashing, blowing up or just exchanging friendly kicks, with this bunch of heroes as good at combat as they are at cars.

Meanwhile, one car lands on its feet when dropped off a flying helicopter, and one child is passed between two speeding vehicles — twice — safely.However, there is only once that the film actually gives glimpses of what it meant once to be along for the ride on these testosterone-driven vehicles. It is when a bomb the size of several tonnes is hurtling down Rome streets, threatening the Vatican itself, and must be stopped. That is an audacious idea, but as basic as it gets, with none of the mumbo-jumbo about what's under the hood of a car surrounding it.

Sometimes it's better to be silly than oversmart. **SL**

What the Heart Wants

MODERN LOVE CHENNAI ★★★

Directors: Bharathi Raja, Balaji Sakthivel, Raju Murugan, Krishnakumar Ramakumar, Akshay Sundher, Thiagarajan Kumararaja **Cast:** Wamiqa Gabbi, Ritu Varma, Ashok Selvan, Sanjula Sarathi, Sri Gouri Priya, Vijayalakshmi Ahathian, Vasundhara Kashyap, Ramya Nambeeshan, Chu Khoy Sheng, T J Bhanu, Kishore Kumar G
Streaming on : Prime Video



IT IS a truth universally acknowledged that matters of the heart enjoy a wide appeal. After multiple outings of the *Modern Love* series, whose stories are inspired by articles published in *The New York Times* and set in different international locales, now six love stories have been adapted for the Tamil landscape. After Mumbai and Hyderabad, Chennai is the third Indian city to become the backdrop for stories of romance, separation and the complexities of these emotions.

With writer-director Thiagarajan Kumararaja (of *Aranya Kaandam*, *Super Deluxe* fame) as its creative producer, this anthology has roped in some of the best talents to tell stories of mush. It does not present the regular boy-meet-girl or happily-ever-after tales. Instead, it opts for accounts that offer a more nuanced understanding of emotions. Alongside several fascinating characters, rain and songs feature in each one of these stories as if these are the elements that keep the heart pounding.

Dolls of Lalagunda, the first episode, starts on a grim note in a hospital but quickly adapts a tongue-in-cheek approach. Its protagonist Sobha (Sri Gouri Priya), recovering from a heartbreak, looks surly. Soon, viewers realise that deep down she is a strong woman. She has no patience for those who bullshit or spread rumours. She decides what she wants even though many in her neighbourhood are under the impression that they can dictate how she should live her life.

The second story of the show, *Blur*, probably has a more traditional take on love with underlying themes of acceptance and sacrifice. But the premise is unusual. Devi (TJ Bhanu) is suffering from retina degenerative disease and gradually losing her eyesight. After knowing about her condition, not only does Nithiya (Ashok Selvan) continue to love her with the same intensity as before but gets her name tattooed on his chest. If the tattoo is a sign of his commitment, then he lives up to that even though he is not always around to help Devi tackle everyday challenges.

Love is a Heart-eyed Emoji is about a true-blue romantic Mallika, whose ideas of love are fuelled by cinema. She yearns for that perfect love shown in movies but fails to find it. Movies, accompanied by pizza, help her cope with heartbreak, which makes a dent in her spirit. Yet, she never stops dreaming. Her story is told in a straight-forward manner with references to popular movies. It also reinforces the possibility of a happy ending beyond the realm of popular movies.

When the paths of two adolescents breifly cross in *Margazhi*, they help each other to heal. Music plays a big role in it. So does their mutual attraction. In *Gazelles that Live in a Bird's Nest*, the leading women characters have clarity about what they want to do next while the man seems lost. After Ravi (Kishore Kumar G) and Rohini (Vijayalakshmi Ahathian) fall in love and decide to live together, his wife Revathi (Ramya Nambeeshan) takes the initiative to make the children comfortable with the changes that are going to take place in their lives. Rohini realises the consequences of her action but is unapologetic about what she wants.

It's the last one, *Memory is but a Bird*, that is most stylistically inventive. The story is adapted and directed by Kumararaja , who experiments with the narrative style, merging reality with fiction. It's also about what a mind remembers after undergoing trauma. There is an *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* kind of vibe to it that goes well with its dominant orange colour palette that bursts into almost every frame. Wamiqa Gabbi delivers a compelling performance as the free-spirited Sam. This is the longest episode that showcases different stages of being in love.

Told through the prism of love, these stories are about women and what they want — be it panipuris with vodka, dancing in the rain or playing the veena. It's the women who come to the men's rescue — saving them from being beaten up by goons or showing them the way out of a sticky relationship. They follow their heart; find ways to heal a broken heart; and, most importantly, they bounce back. **AS**

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महामहिम राज्यपाल उ0प्र0 की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा जनपद मुरादाबाद, अमरोहा, रामपुर तथा बिजनौर में गहरी नलकूप योजना में छिद्रण कार्यो के सम्पादन हेतु विभागीय विशिष्टियों के अनुरूप रिंग मशीनों के स्वामियों / फमर्स के जनपदवार पंजीकरण आवेदन दिनॉक 30–05–2023 को अपरान्ह 2:00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित किये जाते हैं। पंजीकरण आवेदन प्रपत्र नकद शुल्क रू0 300 / – व कर देकर दिनांक 27–05–2023 से 29–05–2023 तक अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय से प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। गहरी बोरिंग हेतु मशीन की पंजीकरण सम्बन्धी शीर्षांकित मुहरबन्द लिफाफा दिनांक 30–05–2023 को अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे उपस्थित आवेदकों अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष अधोहस्ताक्षरी अथवा अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि के द्वारा अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय, में खोले जायेंगे। आवेदकों द्वारा पंजीकरण हेतु प्रपत्रों के साथ ही निर्धारित प्रारूप पर दर कुटेशन सील्ड लिफाफे में कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत की जायेगी। आवेदन खोलने की तिथि को यदि सार्वजनिक अवकाश घोषित किया जाता है, तो आगामी कार्य दिवस में आवेदन खोले जायेंगे। आवेदन के साथ रू0 200000 / –(रू0दो लाख मात्र) की अधोहस्ताक्षरी के पदनाम से बन्धक एफ0डी0आर0 / एन0एस0सी0, पृथक–पृथक जनपदवार, एवं रू0 100 / – का स्टाम्प एक रू0 के रसीदी टिकट के साथ संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा। बोरिंगकर्ता फर्म का पंजीकरण http://gwdonline.in website पर कराना आवश्यक होगा। पंजीकरण की वैधता दिनांक 30–06–2024 तक होगी। पंजीकरण से सम्बन्धित अन्य नियम व शर्ते अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में किसी भी कार्य दिवस में देखे जा सकते हैं तथा कार्य के सम्बन्ध में जानकारी प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

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ई–टेण्डरिंग निविदा सूचना

पत्रांक : 2656 / कैशियर (नि० ख० – 1 एटा) – अ०वृ० /2023–24 दिनांक : 15.05.2023

1. महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, अलीगढ़ वृत्त, लो.नि.वि., अलीगढ़ द्वारा निम्न तालिका में अंकित विवरण के अनुसार लोक निर्माण विभाग में मार्ग कार्य हेतु सुसंगत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदार से प्रतिशत दर के आधार पर ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदादाता किसी एक अथवा समस्त कार्यों हेतु निविदा में भाग ले सकता है। निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि निविदा डालने से पूर्व निविदा के लिए न्यूनतम अर्हता हेतु निविदा निर्देशिका के क्लॉज 4 का ध्यानपूर्वक अध्ययन कर लें ।

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	[illegible]	[illegible]	349.72	19.50	Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 54.00GST = 2354.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2	[illegible]	[illegible]	37.32	4.87	Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 54.00GST = 2354.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3	[illegible]	[illegible]	66.55	5.33	Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 54.00GST = 2354.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4	[illegible]	[illegible]	72.76	5.64	Rs. 2000.00 STC +300.00TC+ 54.00GST = 2354.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

2. निविदा की वैधता निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की अन्तिम तिथि से 90 दिवस होगी एक बार प्रस्तुत की गयी निविदा वापस नही ली जा सकती है।
3. कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि में वर्षा ऋतु भी सम्मिलित है।
4. वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in/Prahari Portal पर निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त विवरण एवं विस्तृत शर्तें तथा बिडिंग डॉक्यूमेन्ट्स आन लाइन देखे जा सकते हैं तथा दिनांक 25.05.2023 से 29.05.2023 तक देखे जा सकेंगे। ऑनलाइन बिड दिनांक 30.05.2023 को दोपहर 12:00 बजे या इससे पूर्व ई – निविदा http://etender.up.nic.in/Prahari Portal पर अनिवार्य रूप से ऑनलाइन जमा कर दी जाये एवं ऑनलाइन प्राप्त समस्त टेक्निकल बिड दि० 30.05.2023 को दोपहर 12:30 बजे खोली जायेगी।
5. इच्छुक निविदादाता जिनके पास डिजिटल सिग्नेचर सर्टिफिकेट (DSC) नहीं है, वह इसे निविदा जमा करने से पहले अप्रूव्ड एजेंसी से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।
6. निविदादाता द्वारा दरें जी०एस०टी० रहित अंकित की जानी है। भुगतान के समय लागू दरों पर जी०एस०टी० देय होगी।
7. निविदा हेतु निविदादाता के पास हॉट मिक्स प्लान्ट कार्यस्थल से 30 किमी० की परिधि में होनी चाहिए, जिसका साक्ष्य निविदाओं के साथ लगाया जाना अनिवार्य है।
8. निविदादाता द्वारा निविदा शुल्क इन्टरनेट बैंकिंग के माध्यम से शासनादेश संख्या–1 / 2018 / 3070 / 78–2–2018 / 42 आई0टी0 / 2017 (22) दिनांक 03.01.2018 द्वारा जारी निर्देशों के अनुसार जमा करना होगा।
9. शासनादेश संख्या–14 / 2020 / 87 / तेइस – 7 – 2020 – 179 (सा०) / 06 दिनांक 25.08.2020 के क्रम में प्रहरी सॉफ्टवेयर (http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari) पर सभी वांछित अभिलेखों को अपलोड किया जाना अनिवार्य है।

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पत्रांक– 364 / ग्रा0अ0वि0 / निविदा / पत्रा0सं0–335 / 2023–24 दिनांकः–15–05–2023

महा महिम श्री राज्यपाल, उ0प्र0 की ओर से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, ग्रामीण अभियन्त्रण विभाग, प्रखण्ड मेरठ के द्वारा ग्रामीण अभियन्त्रण विभाग उ0प्र0 में ए., बी., सी एवं डी श्रेणी में कार्य की लागत के सीमा के अनुरूप पंजीकृत निविदादाताओं से ई–टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से प्रतिशत दर के आधार पर नीचे दर्शाये गये कार्य हेतु धनराशि की स्वीकृति की प्रत्याशा में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदादाता किसी एक कार्य अथवा सभी कार्यों के लिए निविदा दे सकता है।

क्र0 सं0	जनपद का नाम	विधानसभा का नाम	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (लाख रू0 में)	बिड सिकुरिटि (इ0 एम0डी0) (रू0 में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रू0 में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि वर्षाऋतु सहित
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	मेरठ	ह0पुर / वि.नि. / मवाना	ग्राम खेडकी मवाना में वीरपाल के मकान से गजराज के घेर की ओर इं0लो0टाईल्स कार्य	18.40	37,000.00	944.00	03 माह
2	मेरठ	ह0पुर / वि.नि. / परीक्षितगढ	ग्राम नवल सूरजपुर में मुकेश प्रधान के प्लाट से राजू के मकान तक इं0लो0टाईल्स कार्य ।	15.68	32,000.00	944.00	03 माह
3	मेरठ	ह0पुर / वि.नि. / परीक्षितगढ	ग्राम शिवपुरी में प्रभुदयाल नम्बरदार के घेर से मन्दिर तक इं0लो0टाईल्स कार्य ।	10.67	22,000.00	856.00	03 माह
4	मेरठ	ह0पुर / वि.नि. / हस्तिनापुर	ग्राम अकबरपुर इच्छाबाद में राजसिंह के मकान से सुखबीर के मकान तक इं0लो0टाईल्स कार्य ।	16.65	34,000.00	944.00	03 माह
5	मेरठ	ह0पुर / वि.नि. / हस्तिनापुर	ग्राम सिरजेपुर में डा0 बरनसिंह के मकान से समय के मकान तक इं0लो0टाईल्स कार्य।	16.31	33,000.00	944.00	03 माह
6	मेरठ	ह0पुर / वि.नि. / हस्तिनापुर	ग्राम गूढा में खाई खेडा चौराहे से ग्राम हुमायूँपुर तक खडण्जा कार्य।	24.42	49,000.00	944.00	03 माह
7	मेरठ	ह0पुर / वि.नि. / हस्तिनापुर	ग्राम मीवा में आनन्द प्रजापति के मकान से ज्ञानसिंह के मकान तक सी0सी0रोड कार्य।	12.50	25,000.00	856.00	03 माह
8	मेरठ	ह0पुर / वि.नि. / हस्तिनापुर	ग्राम सैदीपुर सेठ में चतरसिंह के मकान से तालाब की खूंट तक इं0लो0टाईल्स कार्य।	13.60	28,000.00	856.00	03 माह
9	मेरठ	ह0पुर / वि.नि. / परीक्षितगढ	ग्राम छुछाई में विक्रम के मकान से भुल्लू के मकान तक इं0लो0टाईल्स कार्य।	13.72	28,000.00	856.00	03 माह
10	मेरठ	मेरठ / सा.नि. / स्थानीय	सरस्वती शिशु मन्दिर कन्या इंटर कालिज सरधना रोड कंकरखेडा में दो शिक्षण कक्ष एवं दो शौचालयों का निर्माण कार्य।	19.26	39,000.00	944.00	03 माह
11	मेरठ	मेरठ / सा.नि. / स्थानीय	सोमदत्त सिटी बी0 ब्लाक में मुख्य गेट से पार्क तक इण्टरलोकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सडक का निर्माण कार्य।	23.21	47,000.00	944.00	03 माह
12	मेरठ	मेरठ / सा.नि. / स्थानीय	वार्ड–06 डूंगरावली दिनेश प्रधान के प्लाट से लेकर ओमकार के मकान तक लगभग 200 मी0 इण्टरलोकिंग द्वारा सडक का निर्माण कार्य।	16.28	34,000.00	944.00	03 माह
13	मेरठ	मेरठ / सा.नि. / स्थानीय	मेरठ प्रगति नगर महेश डेरी वाली गली में सडक का निर्माण कार्य।	12.38	26,000.00	856.00	03 माह
14	मेरठ	मेरठ / सा.नि. / रजपुरा	ग्राम जिठोली में जोकि मुरलीपुर की तरफ से आता है पर इण्टरलोकिंग टाईल्स द्वारा सडक का निर्माण कार्य।	13.02	27000.00	856.00	03 माह
15	मेरठ	मेरठ / सा.नि. / स्थानीय	रजबन में मित्तल ढाबे से रामानन्द वैश्य के मकान तक इं0लो0टाईल्स द्वारा सडक निर्माण कार्य।	10.77	22,000.00	856.00	03 माह
16	मेरठ	मेरठ / सा.नि. / स्थानीय	डिफेंस एन्कलेव सरधना रोड धर्मेन्द्र राठी के मकान से अजय शर्मा(शिव मन्दिर) तक इं0लो0 टाईल्स द्वारा सडक निर्माण कार्य।	24.64	50,000.00	944.00	03 माह
17	मेरठ	मेरठ / सा.नि. / स्थानीय	वार्ड–5 सदर में कपिल वत्स की के मकान से श्याम डेरी गौरव ट्रेडर्स के प्रतिष्ठान से बन्देला मन्दिर से तिलक पार्क साई बाबा मन्दिर तक इं0लो0टाईल्स द्वारा सडक निर्माण कार्य।	15.70	32,000.00	944.00	03 माह
18	मेरठ	मेरठ / शि0वि0 / स्था0	बेसिक शिक्षा विभाग मेरठ के ग्राम काजीपुर–1 में प्रा0वि0भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	13.753	28,000.00	856.00	03 माह
19	मेरठ	मेरठ / डिपोजिट	जनपद मेरठ के सरधना मेरठ एवं मवाना तहसीलो में सामेकित ग्राम निधि से सीमा स्तम्भो का निर्माण या स्थापित किया जाना (कुल–1225)	18.96	38,000.00	944.00	03 माह
20	मेरठ	मु0नगर / सा. नि / मवाना	कस्बा फलावदा में सैनियों के मौहल्ले में स्थित सामुदायिक भवन का जीर्णोद्वार।	13.00	26,000.00	856.00	03 माह
21	मेरठ	मु0नगर / सा. नि / मवाना	ग्राम खालिदपुर में बिरजू के मकान से संजू के मकान तक इं0लो0टाईल्स निर्माण कार्य।	12.00	24,000.00	856.00	03 माह
22	मेरठ	मु0नगर / सा. नि / दौराला	ग्राम जेवरी में शमशानघाट की चार दीवारी, प्रतीक्षालय एवं एप्रोच रोड पर इं0लो0टाईल्स।	17.00	34,000.00	944.00	03 माह

2. वैब साइट पर बिड डाक्यूमेन्ट की उपलब्धता की तिथिः–05–06–2023
3. ई–निविदा के माध्यम से निविदा प्राप्ति के लिए अंतिम तिथि/समयः 15–06–2023 को दोपहर 12–00 बजे तक।
4. ई–निविदा के माध्यम से निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समयः–15–06–2023 को दोपहर 12–30 बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रण कर्ता को आईटीबी के क्लॉज–9 के अनुसार परिशिष्ट / शुद्धि पत्र जारी करने का अधिकार है जो किसी भी समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित नहीं किया जायेगा। सभी संभावित निविदा दाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वह नियमित रूप से ई–निविदा पोर्टल पर निगरानी रखें।

अधिक जानकारी के लिए कृपया वैबसाइट http//etender.up.nic.in पर लॉगइन करें तथा बिड डाक्यूमेन्ट को डाउन लोड करें।

(उमेश कुमार)
अधिशासी अभियन्ता,
ग्रामीण अभियन्त्रण विभाग, मेरठ।
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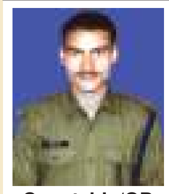


2/Lt Rishi Malhotra, KC(P)

2/Lt Rishi Malhotra, KC (Posthumous)
(20 May 1994)

On 20 May 1994, you made the supreme sacrifice fighting terrorists in Doda district of Jammu & Kashmir. We remember your courage and determination and you continue to be an inspiration to all of us.

Commanding Officer and all Officers BraveAath



Constable/GD Pradeep Kumar

INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE (ITBP)
MAY 20, 2023

ITBP salutes its brave heart Constable/GD Pradeep Kumar of 3rd Battalion, who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty fighting bravely during an encounter with the militants on this day in Arunachal Pradesh in 2005.

Resident of : Vill- Paintua, Distt- Auraiya (Uttar Pradesh)

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CORRIGENDUM

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Ref: i) Tender Notice No. 05/2023-24 dated 13.04.2023 (S.No. 06)
ii) Tender No. 08235045 due on 12.05.2023

In reference to above tender, the due date has been extended from 12.05.2023 to 22.05.2023. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

The corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in. 1523/2023

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संख्या :: 418/03/E-5/डी.आर./रा0उ0नि0/2022–23 दिनाँकः: 19 मई, 2023

विज्ञप्ति

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि विज्ञापन संख्या–A-1/E-5/DR/RSI/2022, दिनाँक 14 अक्टूबर, 2022 द्वारा विज्ञापित राजस्व उप निरीक्षक (पटवारी / लेखपाल) परीक्षा–2022 के अंतर्गत नियत तिथि तक अभिलेख सत्यापन हेतु अनुपस्थित अभ्यर्थियों तथा विज्ञापन की शर्तानुसार चिह्नित दिव्यांगता संबंधी प्रमाण पत्र धारित नहीं करने वाले अभ्यर्थियों का अभ्यर्थन निरस्त कर दिया गया है।

अभ्यर्थी उक्तानुसार जारी अभ्यर्थन निरस्त सूची का अवलोकन आयोग की वेबसाईट www.psc.uk.gov.in पर कर सकते है।

(गिरधारी सिंह रावत) सचिव।

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER PHED REGION (I) JODHPUR
Tele-0291-2651750 E-Mail : rj_acejo@nic.in

No. ACE/Region I/Ju/Ar. Pali/2023-24/1050-59 **Dated 08.05.23**

Notice Inviting Bid (NIT NO. 07/2023-24)

Bids for following works are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 pm of 30.05.2023

S. No	NIT No.	Work Description	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Unique Bid No. (UBN)
1	07/2023-24	WORK OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME RAIRA KALLAN AND KHURD TEHSIL SOJAT DISTT PALI UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSON DIVISION SOJAT CITY DISTT- PALI	597.42	PHE2324 WLOB01757

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal- http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in of the state, and PHED department website.

(SAVE WATER-SAVE LIFE)

(Dinesh Kumar Nagori)
ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER
PHED REGION (I) JODHPUR

DIPR/C/6917/2023

कार्यालय वन मण्डल अधिकारी कांकेर वन मण्डल कांकेर
At & P.O. Kanker - 494334 (Chhattisgarh)
Phone 07868-222006, 222173, Fax- 07868-222171 E-mail dfoknk@rediffmail.com

// संक्षिप्त निविदा सूचना//

कांकेर वनमण्डल कांकेर

कांकेर वनमण्डल कांकेर अन्तर्गत विभागीय स्तर में उपयोग किये जाने वाले वानिकी/निर्माण कार्यो हेतु बोर खनन की आवश्यकता है।

निविदा प्रपत्र कांकेर वनमण्डल कांकेर के कार्यालय से कार्यालयीन अवधि में आवेदन पत्र प्रस्तुत कर 500/- रूपये का बैंक ड्राफ्ट "वनमण्डलाधिकारी कांकेर" के नाम से जमा कर विस्तृत निविदा फार्म एवं शर्तें प्राप्त कर सकते है।

क्र.	विवरण	प्रथम निविदा	द्वितीय निविदा	तृतीय निविदा
1	निविदा बिक्री की अंतिम तिथि	19.06.2023, पूर्वान्ह 12.00 बजे	21.06.2023, पूर्वान्ह 12.00 बजे	23.06.2023 पूर्वान्ह 12.00 बजे तक
2	निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि	19.06.2023, पूर्वान्ह 2.00 बजे	21.06.2023, पूर्वान्ह 2.00 बजे	23.06.2023 पूर्वान्ह 2.00 बजे तक
3	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की अंतिम तिथि	19.06.2023, अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे	21.06.2023, अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे	23.06.2023 अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे तक
4	वित्तीय बीड खोलने की अंतिम तिथि	19.06.2023, अपरान्ह 4.30 बजे	21.06.2023, अपरान्ह 4.30 बजे	23.06.2023 अपरान्ह 4.30 बजे तक
5	निविदा खोलने का स्थान	वनमण्डल कार्यालय कांकेर	वनमण्डल कार्यालय कांकेर	वनमण्डल कार्यालय कांकेर

हस्ता/-
(आलोक कुमार बाजपेयी),भा.व.से.
वनमण्डलाधिकारी
कांकेर वनमण्डल, कांकेर

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कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल
केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला (मैके. शाखा)
निविदा सूचना

क्र. 500 / के. कर्म./2023 भोपाल, दिनांक 18.05.2023

नगर निगम भोपाल केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला के द्वारा वाहनों की डेंटिंग–पेंटिंग हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र.	निविदा क्र.	सामान का विवरण	अनुमानित लागत	धरोहर राशि	निविदा फार्म का मूल्य	अवधि
1.	2023_UAD_277284_1	REGARDING FOR VECHILE DANTING AND PAINTING WORK IN BHOPAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION	16500000/–	82500/–	12500/–	1 वर्ष

BID SUBMISSION END DATE-14/06/2023 TIME-03:00 PM
BID OPENING DATE-15/06/2023 TIME-03:00 PM

निविदा से संबंधित अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी वेबसाईट mptenders.gov.in पर देखी एवं केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला (मैकेनिकल) से कार्यालयीन समय में प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

हस्ता./–
अपर आयुक्त
परिवहन शाखा
नगर निगम भोपाल

नि.क्र. 313/023/024

कार्यालय कलेक्टर, जिला–बीजापुर, छत्तीसगढ
अल्पकालिक प्रथम निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
(जिला निर्माण समिति)

निविदा क्र./16 बीजापुर, दिनांक 16/05/2023

कलेक्टर, जिला बीजापुर की ओर से विशेष केन्द्रीय सहायता अंतर्गत स्वीकृत कार्य को जिला निर्माण समिति के माध्यम से लोक निर्माण विभाग में दिनाँक 01.01.2015 से प्रचलित एस.ओ.आर. (नवन निर्माण कार्य के लिए) दर प्रतिशत दर के आधार पर तथा लोक निर्माण विभाग में एकल पद्धति से पंजीकृत एवं पात्र ठेकेदारों से मुहरबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है

क्र.	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमा. लागत राशि रु. (रु. लाख में)	अमानत राशि (रु. में)
01	नवीन केरिपु बल पोस्ट पुसनार में नाईट लैण्डिंग हेलीपेड निर्माण कार्य	29.36	22000.00

महत्त्वपूर्ण निर्देश :-

निविदा प्रपत्र विक्रय की अंतिम तिथि	- 24/05/2023 सायं 5.00 बजे तक
निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि	- 02/06/2023 अपरान्ह 3.30 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की अंतिम तिथि	- 02/06/2023 अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे तक
टेडर फार्म का मूल्य	- 1500.00 प्रति फार्म
कार्य पूर्ण करने की समय सीमा	- 02 माह वर्षा ऋतु सहित
ठेकेदारों की श्रेणी	- डी-श्रेणी या उससे ऊपर

निविदा प्रपत्र कलेक्टर कार्यालय जिला निर्माण समिति शाखा बीजापुर में आवेदन के साथ ऊपर दर्शाये अनुसार निविदा प्रपत्र के मूल्य का डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट एवं चेक जो कि कलेक्टर बीजापुर के नाम से एव बीजापुर में देय हो (जो वापसी योग्य नहीं है)।

टीप :- निर्माण के संबंध में अन्य आवश्यक विशेष नियम व शर्तों की जानकारी कार्यालय के सूचना पटल में या वेबसाईट www.bijapur.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

हस्ता/–
कलेक्टर
जिला बीजापुर

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ENGINEERING WORKS AT ALIPURDUAR JN.

E-Tender Notice No. : S&T/APDJ/02 & S&T/APDJ/03; Dated: 16-05-2023; E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; **SN.1; E-Tender No.** AP-ST-02-2023-24. **Name of Work :** Interlocking of 02 (two) Nos. Engineering Manned LC Gate (SK-181 & AB-24) with provision of MACLS (Phase-1). **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,27,59,952/-; **Bid Security**: ₹ 2,13,800/-; **SN.2; E-Tender No.** AP-ST-03-2023-24. **Name of Work :** Interlocking of Two Nos. Engineering Manned LC Gate (NJ-35 & NJ-36) with provision of MACLS (Phase-2). **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,21,73,907/-; **Bid Security**: ₹ 2,10,900/-; Last Date & time of submission of above tenders at **15:00** hrs. and opening on **09-06-2023** after closing. For details please visit in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sr. DSTE, Alipurduar Jn.

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OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Open Tender Notice No. SrDEE-TRD-BSB-2023-24-T07 Date - 18.05.2023, Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, North Eastern Railway, Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India, invites sealed "OPEN" E-Tender for the following work. Name of work : 25 KV Electrification work in connection with provision of Track Machine siding 22 stations. Tender reference no: SrDEE-TRD-BSB-2023-24-T07, Approx. Cost (in Rs) - ₹ 37655503.77, Earnest money (in Rs) : ₹ 338300/-, Cost of tender documents (in Rs) : Nil, E-Tender closing date and Time : 09.06.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs, Completion period : 9 Months. ● E-Tender Online will be submitted upto 15:00 Hrs on date 09.06.2023 ● For full details and submission of bid kindly visit the Official website of Indian railway i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/Varanasi
CPRO/EL - 42

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDERING NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical), North Eastern Railway, Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India, invites Online **"Open"** tender **(E-Tendering)** for the following works: **Tender reference no.:** E-Tender-L-03-23-24, **Name of work:** Varanasi Division:- Provision of 10 kWp on grid type solar system at 11 nos Railway stations., **Approx. Cost (in ₹):** ₹ 54,23,682.00, **Earnest money (in ₹):** ₹ 1,08,500.00, **Completion period:** 06 Months, **Date & time of Closing Tender:** 09.06.2023, 15:00 Hrs., **Date & time of Opening Tender:** 09.06.2023, 15:30 Hrs. **Note:** For full details of above E-Tender work and to participate in tender please visit Indian Railway Website **www.ireps.gov.in**.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/General
CPRO/EL-40 Varanasi

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DESIGN, SUPPLY, ERECTION, TESTING & COMMISSIONING WORKS

Dy.CEE(C),WR,Ahmedabad Invites E-TENDER NOTICE No-EL/C/ADI/TRD/20/2023-24. Name of work with its location : Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE & Sub-Sectioning & Paralleling Post (SP/SSP) in Ambaliyasan-Vijapur Gauge Conversion Work of Ahmedabad Division of Western Railway. Approximate cost of the work: Rs.17,10,83,351/-. EMD : As specified on IREPS portal. Date & time of submission and Opening of bid : As specified on IREPS portal. Website particular and Notice board where details of tender can be seen & address of the office: www.ireps.gov.in. Notice board and office of the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), Western Railway, Nirman Bhavan- Asarva, Ahmedabad (Gujarat-382345) 0209

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Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency,
First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun.

Ref. No.: 284/I1-02(xix)-2/ITCO/URRDA/23 **Dated: 18-05-2023**

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)
e-Procurement Notice- 05/2023-24

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of **Bageshwar** for 01 number of Packages with estimated cost totaling to **Rs. 2.96 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 : 20-05-2023.

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: 09-06-2023 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 P.M.*

Office of the Executive Engineer
Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Ghaziabad
Short Term E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 1391/4A-Camp **Date:- 15.05.2023**

1. On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites Short Term online bids through e-tendering from the registered firm for Signage/Road works as per Column 7 below Category A. The bid document may be uploaded from dated 25-05-2023 to 31-05-2023 up to 12:00 PM. Technical bids will be opened on date 31.05.2023 at 12.30 PM. by the Committee in the office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2, PWD, Ghaziabad. Date of financial bid will be informed separately to the technically qualified contractors. In case of holiday or office closed the technical bid/financial bids will be opened on next working day in the same manners.

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Sl. No	DISTRICT	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lac)	Cost of tender	Category (Signage Road)	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Ghaziabad	Long term improvement work of marked black spot Sahibabad Mandi market year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	11.40	1.14	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
2		Long term improvement work of marked black spot Vasundhara Red Light year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	13.00	1.30	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
3		Long term improvement work of marked black spot Karhaida Mode year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	24.41	2.44	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
4		Long term improvement work of marked black spot Ghantaghar year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	13.68	1.37	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
5		Long term improvement work of marked black spot Gagan Vihar year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	13.64	1.36	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
6		Long term improvement work of marked black spot Sajan Mode year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	2.18	0.22	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
7		Long term improvement work of marked black spot Hapur Chungi year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Bareilly-Lucknow City Road) under District Ghaziabad CD-2	35.37	3.54	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
8		Long term improvement work of marked black spot Bhatta No.-5 year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	12.33	1.23	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
9		Long term improvement work of year 2019 marked black spot Ghukna Mod of Delhi-Meerut Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	15.12	1.51	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
10		Long term improvement work of year 2019 marked black spot Ghukna Mod-2 of Delhi-Meerut Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	15.04	1.50	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
11		Long term improvement work of marked black spot Sikri cut year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	11.00	1.15	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
12		Long term improvement work of year 2016 marked black spot Raj Chopla of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	13.30	1.35	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Road)	03 Months
13		Short-term improvement work of marked black spot Sahibabad vegetable market year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2	8.50	0.85	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
14		Short-term improvement work of marked black spot Vasundhara red light year 2016 of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2	7.90	0.79	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
15		Short-term improvement work for the year 2016 at identified black spot Mohan Nagar Chauraha of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No.-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	11.20	1.12	500+ 300 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
16	Ghaziabad	Short-term improvement work for the year 2016 at the marked black spot Karhera turn of the Delhi-Kanpur road (other district road-117) (Delhi-Meerut road, state road no.-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2.	7.42	0.74	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
17		Short-term improvement work of marked black spot Bhaupura Tiraha year 2018 of Mohannagar Loni Wazirabad (other district road) under district Ghaziabad District No. 0-2.	6.50	0.65	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
18		Short-term improvement work of marked black spot Aradhana Cinema Marg year 2019 from Giani Border to Mohan Nagar Road (other district road) under District Ghaziabad District CD-2	5.25	0.53	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
19		Short-term improvement work of marked black spot Pavi Sadakpur Tiraha year 2019 of Delhi Yamunotri Marg (Other District Road) under District Ghaziabad District CD-2	4.70	0.47	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
20		Short-term improvement work of marked black spot Loni Tiraha year 2019 of Delhi Yamunotri road (other district road) under District Ghaziabad District No. CD-2	6.05	0.61	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
21		Short-term improvement work for the year 2020 at the black spot Arthala marked on the Delhi-Meerut road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, SH-117) under District Ghaziabad CD-2	5.04	0.50	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
22		Short-term improvement work for the year 2020 at marked black spot Karan Gate Gol Chakkar of Mohannagar Loni Wazirabad Marg (Other District Road) under District Ghaziabad District No. CD-2	7.30	0.73	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
23		Short-term improvement work of marked black spot Seemapuri year 2020 from Giani border to Mohan Nagar road (other district road) under District Ghaziabad District No. CD-2	5.57	0.56	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
24		Short-term improvement work of marked black spot Sikri cut year 2016 on Delhi-Kanpur road (other district road-117) and (Delhi-Meerut road, state road no.-117) under District Ghaziabad Block CD-2	4.80	0.50	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
25		Short-term improvement work for the year 2016 at identified black spot Raj Chopla of Delhi-Kanpur Road (Other District Road-117) (Delhi-Meerut Road, State Road No-117) under District Ghaziabad Block CD-2	6.50	0.65	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
26		Short-term improvement work of year 2018 marked black spot Ghanta Ghar of Delhi-Kanpur road (other district road-117) (Delhi-Meerut road, state road no-117) under District Ghaziabad Block CD-2	4.28	0.43	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
27		Short-term improvement work of year 2018 marked black spot Gangan Vihar of Delhi-Kanpur road (other district road-117) (Delhi-Meerut road, state road no-117) under District Ghaziabad Block CD-2	3.45	0.35	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
28		Short-term improvement work of year 2018 marked black spot Sajan Mode of Delhi-Kanpur road (other district road-117) (Delhi-Meerut road, state road no-117) under District Ghaziabad Block CD-2	3.60	0.36	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
29		Short-term improvement work of year 2018 marked black spot Hapur Chungi of Delhi-Kanpur road (other district road-117) (Delhi-Meerut road, state road no-117) under District Ghaziabad Block CD-2	7.69	0.77	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
30		Short-term improvement work of year 2018 marked black spot Bhatti No.-5 of Delhi-Kanpur road (other district road-117) (Delhi-Meerut road, state road no-117) under District Ghaziabad Block CD-2	3.32	0.33	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
31		Short-term improvement work of year 2018 marked black spot Ghukna Mode of Delhi-Kanpur road (other district road-117) (Delhi-Meerut road, state road no-117) under District Ghaziabad Block CD-2	3.53	0.35	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months
32		Short-term improvement work of year 2018 marked black spot Ghukna Mode-2 of Delhi-Kanpur road (other district road-117) (Delhi-Meerut road, state road no-117) under District Ghaziabad Block CD-2	3.53	0.35	500+ 225 + GST 18%	A-D (Signage)	03 Months

3. Terms / conditions and details related to the tender can be seen in the office of Executive Engineer, Construction Division-2 PWD, Ghaziabad, Superintending Engineer, Bulandshahar Circle, PWD, Bulandshahar and Chief Engineer, Meerut Zone, PWD Meerut
4. The terms / conditions and details related to the tender are available on the website http://etender.up.nic.in
5. In PWD technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by Prahari Software URL for Prahari is http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/
6. The category qualifications of contractors for the works of road signage will be according to the instructions given by the ENC (Development) and Head of Department's office memorandum no. 71Camp/CE(Hq-1)/2021date 15.06.2021

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It is for general information that I,sarabjeet kaur,D/o Rajender singh,R/o,A-36-X DDA-flats, jahangir-puri, N.S.mandi, north west Delhi-110033, declare that name of mine has been wrongly -written as sarabjeet in my 10th -class mark sheet.The actual name of mine is sarabjeet kaur which may be amended accordingly. 0040668783-10

I,Yash S/o Shri Ravinder Singh, R/o H.No. 251 Pocket-24, Rohini Sector-24,Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Yashasvir for all purposes. 0040668806-4

I,VIKRAM,S/o ADITYA KUMAR VYAS,ADD:C-2656, APARTMENT.NO.5,C-BLOCK, SUSHANT LOK,SECTOR-43, GURGAON HARYANA 122002, changed my name to VIKRAM VYAS. 0040668789-4

I,Sunita W/o Lt. Ravinder Malhotra R/o A-35,Swasthya Vihar, 2nd Floor,East Delhi: 110092,have changed my name to Sunita Malhotra, permanently. 0040668789-5

I,Subhash S/O.Om Prakash Mehra,R/O. 31/2,Ashok Nagar, New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Subhash Mehra,for all purposes. 0040668693-5

I,Satya Prakash, Parent of Kriti, R/o H.No 244,Sector 14, Faridabad,have changed my minor daughter's name to Kriti Choudhary. 0040668794-4

I,Satish Kumar,S/o-Bhagwan Kuchhal,R/o H.No-1,Road No-32,East Punjabi Bagh,Delhi-26, have changed my name to Satish Kumar Kuchhal. 0040668783-5

I,Sanjay Kumar yadav S/0 Daleep Singh yadav R/o Near Airtel Tower Kangan Heri South West Delhi110071 have changed my name to Sanjay yadav. 0040668801-1

I,SHIKHA W/O NARESH KUMAR R/O HNO.29, STREETNO. 16, BLOCK-B,KAUSHIK ENCLAVE, BURARI,DELHI-110084.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHIKHA CHAUHAN. 0040668783-2

I,SADHANA WADHWA,W/O ASHWANI WADHWA,H.NO-A-155, UPPER-GROUND FLOOR, SURAJMAL-VIHAR, DELHI-110092,have changed my name to SADHNA WADHWA,for all future purpose. 0040668783-9

I,Reena Kumari champalal W/o-Surender purohit Address-flat no.252 f/f shaheed-bhagat Singh appt,sector-14,dwarka west-Delhi 110078,Changed my name to Reena Kumari 0040668806-1

I,NANDANA T P D/O SIVADASAN NAMBIAR,R/o.P4-15B,SRS-PEARL FLOORS, SRS CITY, SECTOR-87,KHERI KALAN(113), FARIDABAD,HARYANA-121002, have changed my name to NANDANA T P NAMBIAR,for all,future purpose. 0040668794-7

I,Jitender Kumar,S/O-Darshan Lal,R/O-B-4, Kewal Park,Near Suraj Nagar,Azadpur, Delhi-110033,have changed my name to Jitender Kumar Raturi. 0040668801-5

I,MANKIRAT CHAWLA,S/O SATWINDER SINGH, R/o.H.NO. 10,Ambedkar Road, Ram Nagar, Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh,have changed my name to MANKIRAT SINGH CHAWLA. 0040668783-3

I,Manish S/O.Subhash Mehra, R/O. 31/2, Ashok Nagar,New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Manish Mehra for all purposes. 0040668693-3

I,Meenu W/o Harinder Panwar, R/o B 21/32, BPTP,Sector 88, Faridabad,have changed my name to Meenu Panwar after marriage. 0040668794-5

I,Mohammed S/o Abdul Mateen, R/O-A-70 Gali.No.3,Masjid Wali Gali,Babarpur East Delhi-110032, Have Changed My Name To Mohammad For All Purposes. 0040668783-7

I,Mohd Hashim,S/o Mohd Idrish,R/o-E-6/82 gali.no-2,sun-light colony old seemapuri Delhi-95,have changed my name from Hashim to Mohd Hashim both are same person,for all the,future purposes. 0040668801-3

I,Mool Chand S/o Tara Chand Dureja,R/o H.No.777,Model Town,Panipat, Haryana,have changed my name to Mool Chand Dureja. 0040668794-6

I, Serbjeet Singh Maniktala S/o Jagjit Singh R/o A-60, Sec-52, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. have changed my daughter's name from Harsimran Maniktala to Harsimran Kaur Maniktala for all future purposes. 0070843939-1

I, Shakira Begum W/o Harish Tomar R/o C-3738, Staff Quarter Ashoka Hotel Chanakya Puri, New Delhi-110021, have changed my name to Laxmi for all future purposes. 0040668765-1

I, Shashi Devi wife of JC-594686L,Sub Kikar Singh ,S/O-Anchal Singh, R/O-Juthana, Tehsil/District-Kathua. In my husband's service records my name has been wrongly mentioned as Sheshi Devi instead of Shashi Devi. It needs correction .Objections be filled to concerned authorities within seven days. 0020458315-1

I,Ashok K R Sapra S/o Nihal Chand Sapra R/o-1115 Sector-40,Gurgaon Haryana-122001, changed my name to Ashok Kumar Sapra 0040668801-7

I,Mukesh W/o-Pawan Kumar Yadav,R/o House.No-208,Rao Nihal Singh Marg, Kapashera,New Delhi-110037,have changed my name to Mukesh Yadav,for all Purposes. 0040668794-3

I,NARESH S/O ISHWAR CHAND R/O HNO.29,STREETNO. 16, BLOCK-B,KAUSHIK ENCLAVE, BURARI, DELHI-110084.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NARESH KUMAR. 0040668783-1

I,Neeru Bala W/O-Pawan Kumar,R/O-29/784,gali no-1,dev nagar,sonipat, haryana-131001,have changed my name to Neeru Verma permanently. 0040668794-1

I,Pappu S/O.Mangla Ram R/O.53, T- huts, Meera Bagh,Paschim Vihar,New Delhi-110063,have changed my name to Shokin, for all Purposes. 0040668693-2

I,Pawan Kumar Hans,S/o Gordhan Dass Hans,R/o LIG-65,Sarita-Vihar New Delhi-110076,have changed my name Pawan Hans,for all purposes. 0040668801-6

I,Pawan Kumar S/o Gian Chand, R/o A-122, Second-Floor, Shakti Apartment, Sector-9,Rohini,Delhi have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Choudhary. 0040668783-8

I,Pawan Kumar,S/O.Chander Bhan,R/O.67/12,Ashok Nagar,Tilak Nagar, New-Delhi-110018,informs that Pawan Kumar/Pawan Kumar Gandhi/Pawan Gandhi are names of one and same person. 0040668693-4

I,Pawan Kumar,S/o Mam Chand Yadav,R/o House.No-208,Rao Nihal Singh Marg, Kapashera, New Delhi-110037,have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Yadav. 0040668794-2

I,RAJPUT NIKHILSINGH VIRENDRASINGH legal father of,RAJVARDHAN SINGH NIKHILSINGH RAJPUT,residing at,2/6, Marut-Camp,Race-Course,New-Delhi -03,have changed my Child Name,from RAJVARDHAN SINGH NIKHILSINGH RAJPUT to RAJVARDHAN SINGH RAJPUT,vide-Affidavit,dated-15-May-23. 0040668794-8

I,RAJPUT NIKHILSINGH VIRENDRASINGH,S/O-VIRENDRA SINGH RAJPUT, residing at,2/6, Marut Camp, Race Course,New-Delhi-03, have changed my Name,from RAJPUT NIKHIL SINGH VIRENDRASINGH to NIKHIL SINGH RAJPUT,vide-Affidavit dated-18-May-23. 0040668794-10

I,Kailasho W/o Bal Mukund R/o H.No. B-1/26,Budh Vihar Phase-I, Delhi-110086,have changed my name,from Kailash Rani to Kailasho,for all,future purposes. 0040668789-9

I,Hemant Kumar s/o-Rakesh sham lal,r/o 943,golf course-road dlf4 Galleria,sec-43 gurgaon,haryana,have add surname to Hemant Pahwa,for all 0040668693-1

I,Govind S/o-Rang Rao Singh, R/o H.No.471, V. P. O.Lokra-Gurgaon(Haryana)-122414, India,have changed my name to Govind Rao. 0040668801-4

I,Garvita D/o Akhil Kumar Gandhi,R/o B-1/361,Ground Floor,Janakpuri,New Delhi -110058,have changed my name to Garvita Gandhi,for all Purposes. 0040668789-2

I,GURJOT CHAWLA,S/O SATWINDER SINGH R/o.H.NO. 10,Ambedkar Road,Ram-Nagar, Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh,have changed my name to GURJOT SINGH CHAWLA. 0040668783-4

I,Bhawna Mehra W/O.Gaurav Kumar R/O.A-156/1,Third floor, Ganesh Nagar,Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Bhavana Mehra,for all purposes. 0040668789-3

I,Bal Mukund S/o late ShriRameshwar Dass R/o H.N.B-1/26,Budh-Vihar Phase-1,Delhi-110086,have changed my name,from Bal Mukand to Bal Mukund,for all,future Purposes. 0040668789-10

I,BEENA VIRENDRASINGH RAJPUT,mother of,RAJPUT NIKHILSINGH VIRENDRASINGH presently,residing at,2/6, Marut-Camp.Race Course, New Delhi-03,have changed my Name,from BEENA VIRENDRASINGH RAJPUT to BEENA PRATAPSINGH BAYAS vide-Affidavit,dated-18-May-23. 0040668794-9

I, GAGANDEEP KAUR GUJRAL D/O JASVINDER SINGH GUJRAL R/O H.NO. 2113, GALI NO. 8, PREM NAGAR, DELHI-110005 declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as GAGANDEEP KAUR, JASVINDER SINGH and JASWINDER SINGH in my graduation degree and in my Certificate of Enrolment Bar Council of Delhi. The actual name of mine and my father are GAGANDEEP KAUR GUJRAL and JASVINDER SINGH GUJRAL 0070843894-1

I, Bikram Singh Chandan Singh Pawar S/O Chandan Singh Panwar, R/o 5568 B-Block, 115/11 Sant Nagar Burari, Near Dispendary, Burari, Kamal Pur Majra, North Delhi-110084, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Bikram Singh Panwar. 0070843865-1

I, Arun Tiwari S/o Sh, Uday Nath Tiwari R/O Plot.No.B-1/10, FF-03 DLF,Ankur Vihar, Loni Ghaziabad, Utter Pradesh-201102, Arun Tiwari and Arun Kumar Tiwari both are the same person. hereafter be Known as Arun Tiwari For all purposes in future. 0070843899-1

I,Aryan Sood,S/o Kunal Sood, R/o S-18, 0402,Palm Terraces Sector-66,Emaar Gurgaon, HR, have changed my name to Aryan Abhishek Sood. 0040668783-6

I,Amita W/o Ram Kumar Sangal R/o 62, Janak Bhawan, Naya Bazar, Shamli, Uttar Pradesh-247776,have changed my name to Amita Rani. 0040668789-1

I,ASHOK SEMWAL,R/o A-82, CHOROSIA SPECICOSA ,PHI-3 ,GREATER NOIDA GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR,UP-2013, changed my minor son name APURV SEMWAAL to APURRV SEMWAL. 0040668801-2

I,AMIT KUMAR,SON OF,RAVI KUMAR,PRESENTLY,RESIDING AT,VILLAGE KUNDILPUR P.O.BARGAJAWA,DISTT WEST CHAMPARAN,BIHAR-845451,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,FROM AMIT KUMAR TO AMIT KUMAR JAISWAL,VIDE-AFFIDAVIT DATED-19.05.2023. 0040668794-11

I, Virender Kumar Shukla, S/o Bhawani Shankar Shukla, R/o A-113 Arya samaj Road, Uttam nagar Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Virendra Shukla for all future purposes. 0070843793-1

I, Tushal Gupta s/o Gordhan Dass R/o A-59, Prashant Vihar, 3rd floor, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Tushal kansal for all purposes. 0040668735-1

I, Sushila, W/O Ashok Kumar R/o 16/401 Trilok Puri 16 Block, Shamas Pur, East Delhi-110091. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sushila Kumari 0070843883-1

I, Bharpur S/o RAMESH KUMAR R/o C-127, GALI No-11, Kunwal Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi-41 have Changed my name to Bharpur Singh for all Purpose 0070843897-1

I, Ananya S. Jain alias Ananya Sharma Jain D/O Nagesh Jain, R/o N 8 B, Green Park Extension, Near Jain Temple New Delhi, Hauz Khas S.O, South West Delhi, Delhi-110016. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ananya Jain 0070843892-1

I, Pooja W/o Dinesh Kumar R/o 21TF Parsvnath Estate, Sector-Omega-1, Greater Noida, U.P.-201310 have changed my name to Pooja Pundir for all future purposes. 0070843901-1

I, Prateek Sharma S/O Raj Kumar Sharma, R/o F-5 Ground Floor, Near S T Margreat School, Prashant Vihar, Rohini Sector- 14, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Venus Gupta aged about 17 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Venus Kashyap 0070843871-1

I, Rajiv Gulathi S/o Harbans Lal Gulati R/o F-75 Shubh Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name from Rajiv Gulathi to Rajiv Gulati permanently. 0040668758-1

I, Rakesh Ranjan S/O Ram Kailash Tiwary, R/o F9B, 1st Floor, Janata Gardan, Pandav Nagar, New Delhi, Patparganj, East Delhi-110091 I have changed the name of my minor daughter Avani Tiwari aged about 2 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Mehar Tiwari 0070843909-1

I, Sagar Chahal S/O Vinod Kumar Chahal,R/o F 22/44, 3rd Floor, Sector 3, Near Avantika, Rohini, North West Delhi-110085. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Shivya Chahal aged about 1 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Noorvika Chahal 0070843900-1

I, Sanjay Jha, S/o Sh. Gunanand Jha, Resident of A-703, Indian Oil Apartment, Plot No. C-58/23, Sector-62, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 declare that Sanjay Jha and Sanjay Kumar Jha both are one and the same identical person. 0040668692-1

I,KARTIKEYA SHARMA, S/O. SANJAY GOPAL,ADD-1181, SECTOR-55,FARIDABAD HARYANA-121004,changed my name to KARTIKEY SHARMA, for all,future purposes. 0040668789-7

I, Nivedita W/O Saurabh Sharma R/O B-8 131 Sector 5 Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Nivedita Singh for all purposes. 0130033926-1

I, POONAM w/o Raman Oberoi, R/o 16/94, Gali No.5, Joshi Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed my name to POONAM OBEROI. 0040668771-1

I, Atender Singh Bhatia Son Of Jagir Singh R/o WZ-108, First Floor G-Block Hari Nagar New Delhi-110058 have changed the name of my minor Daughter Gurleen Bhatia aged 17 years and she shall hereafter be known as Gurleen Kaur Bhatia. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0040668402-5

I, POONAM w/o Raman Oberoi, R/o 16/94, Gali No.5, Joshi Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, have changed my name to POONAM OBEROI. 0040668771-1

I have changed my name from Shri Bhagwan Gupta to Bhagwan Gupta for all future purposes. Bhagwan Gupta S/o Late Ramniwas Gupta R/o A-3/197, New Kundli Delhi-110096. 0070843908-1

I, Shweta Faruquie is legally wedded spouse of No- V-162X, Lt Col Sameer Faruquie presently residing at Flat No-02,Block A, Happy Homes, Greenland Society, Vishal Nagar, Purena, Raipur Chhattisgarh,Pin-193101. I have changed my surname from Shweta Faruquie to Shweta Sharma due to reasons that all my Education certificates & my DoB is 04-11-1975 for all purposes. 0020458313-1

I, Sundeep Khanna S/O Ashok Khanna, R/o house No- 590, Four Storey Flats, Tagore Garden Extn, Tagore Garden West Delhi, Delhi-110027, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sandeep Khanna. 0070843886-1

I, Suresh Kumar S/o Late Chandru Mal. R/o 2643/196,Onkar Nagar, Tri Nagar Delhi-35.Declare That Name Of Mine Wrongly written As Suresh Kumar Aggarwal In My Son Ishu Aggarwal 10th Class Marksheet .Instead Of Suresh Kumar. 0040668695-1

I, Manish Kumar Tiwari S/o Late Muralidhar Tiwari R/o Plot no. 17, street k-16 Vatika India Next, sector 83, Gurgaon 122004. We have changed my minor son name from Aryan Tiwari to Lucky Tiwari and he shall hereafter be Known As Lucky Tiwari for all future purposes. 0070843919-1

I, Kiran Vishwakarma D/O Late Shitla Din Vishwakarma, R/O Krishna Nagar, Railway Side, PO: Murai ka Bagh, VTC: Dalmau, District: Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh-229207. Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as Km Kiran and Shitala Din in my 10th Class Certificate No-3003656, that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Km Kiran Viswakarma and Shitala Din Viswakarma in my 12th Class Certificate No-M03438 M/45/006/00247, that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Km. Kiran Vishwakarma and S.D. Vishwakarma in my University Documents, that name of mine has been wrongly written as Kiran Devi in my Father Service record No-461100199-6271, 0877 The actual name of Mine and My Father are Kiran Vishwakarma and Shitla Din Vishwakarma, which may be amended accordingly. 0070843853-1

I, JAY SHREE RAI spouse of BIJENDAR RAI R/o Village-DUMARIA, PO-CHANCHAURA, CHAPRA, PIN-841414 have changed my name from JAY SHREE RAI to JAYASHREE RAI Vide Affidavit dated-08-05-2023 at CHAPRA 0070843898-1

I, HARI OM SHARMA S/O SH.SHIV LAL SHARMA, R/O,605,ARIHANT RESIDENCY INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD U.P.-201014. that HARI OM AND HARI OM SHARMA both names are of one and same-person. 0040668721-1

I, Gajendra Mehta S/O Ganesh LAl Mehta, R/o C-81, DDA Flats, Phase- 1, Katawaria Sarai, South West Delhi-110016, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Gajendra Kumar Mehta. 0070843873-1

I hitherto known as BABY W/o Opender Ganjoo R/o ED-21-A, Pitampura, North West Delhi-110085 has changed my name for all purposes hereafter as PADMA GANJOO. 0040668777-1

I Kajal Bhati D/o Sh. Arun Kumar Bhati R/o C-43, Lane-10, Khanpur Extn., Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Deoli, South Delhi, Delhi-110062 have changed my name to Kajal Choudhary for all purposes. 0040668687-1

I Harsh Kumar Singla S/o Shri Rajeev Kumar R/o Ward No 4, Farrukh Nagar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122506 have changed my name to Harsh Singhal. 0070843904-1

I Devender Mangla S/O, Shiv Charan Mangla R/o F-215/a, Gali No.6, Mangal Bazar Road, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Davender Mangla for all purposes. 0040668775-1

I Debrat Routh S/o Subrata Routh R/o 552, Type-2, Sector-2, Sadiq Nagar, Andrewsganj, Delhi-110049, have changed my name to Dev Routh 0070843857-1

I,RAJNISH CHANDER, S/O. MUNSHI LAL H.NO.47A, GALI. NO-2,BLOCK-A DASS GARDEN BAPROLA-VIHAR,OUTER,WEST DELHI-110043,changed my name toNEW... RAJNISH CHANDER KANOJIA,for all,future purposes. 0040668789-6

I,PRADIP KUMAR/PRADEEP KUMAR, S/O.JAI NARAIN GUPTA,ADD-A-171, BLOCK-A, CLOCK TOWER,HARI NAGAR, WEST DELHI-110064,changed my name to PRADEEP KUMAR GUPTA,for all,future purposes. 0040668789-8

I Rajni W/o-Rishi Kumar R/o-B-3/2, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Rajni Arora for all purposes. 0040668691-1

I Raghav Lila S/o-Pawan Kumar Lila R/o-BN-55,West Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name to Raaghav Lila for all purposes. 0040668763-1

I Komal Sharma W/O Sandeep Sharma have changed my name from Neha Sharma to Komal Sharma for all future purpose as per documents O-47, Saurabh Vihar, Jaitpur Ext., Badarpur, New Delhi-110044. 0040668699-1

I, Piyush Srivastava S/o Mithlesh Kumar Shrivastav R/o Flat No.a-595, Near Aster Public school, Patwari, Sector-3, Greater Noida West, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201310, have changed my and my father's name from Piyush Shrivastav S/O Mithilesh Kumar Shrivastav to Piyush Srivastava S/O Mithlesh Kumar Shrivastav for all future purposes. 0040668801-9

I have changed my name from "Gitanjali" d/o Sh. Harmesh Kumar to "Payal Bansal" w/o Sh. Manish Bansal, with effect from July 10, 2013, as published vide Registration No. U-18263 of Govt. of Maharashtra Gazette Notification No. MH/MR/South-325/2013-15 dated July 04 – 10, 2013. 0070843681-1

I, Anita Rai W/o Maninder Singh R/o 133A, J&K Pocket, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 have changed my name to Arshdeep Kaur. 0070843910-1

I Veerman Parcha alias Aman Kumar S/o Sh. Suresh Kumar R/o E-11-B, Tilak Vihar, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Aman Kumar for all purposes. 0040668687-3

I Surjeet Kumar S/o Sh. Vipin Kumar R/o C-79, Gali No.5, Harit Vihar, Pepsi Road, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Ranjeet for all purposes. 0040668687-2

I Sunita Devi W/o Devender Kumar W/O, Davender Mangla R/o F-215/a, Gali No.6, Mangal Bazar Road, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Sunita Devi W/o Davender Mangla for all purposes. 0040668776-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Rakesh Dhingra, s/o Udho Dass Dhingra r/o 285 Pocket-B Sector-13 Dwarka New Delhi have lost/misplaced my original document - NOC slip for Electricity and Water Connection of the above flat. Finder please contact - 9810554281. Vide LR no. 454707/2023 dated 17.05.2023. 0040668689-1

LOST MY ORIGNAL DEMAND LETTER OF FLAT.NO.44,POCKET-8, BLOCK-A8,SECTOR-23 B,DWARKA,NEW DELHI.Findar contact;Jasvinder kaur S/D/W/O-Mr.P. K Sandhu.,Sec.8,H.No. 73,R.K.Puram,New Delhi. 0040668801-8

Lost Original Agreement to Sell dated 12.01.1993 between Mr.Teja Singh & Mrs. Dulari Devi Agarwal for property.no.A-41, Shivalik-Colony,Malviya-Nagar,New Delhi-110017.Report has been filed before P.S. Crime-Branch vide LR.No.819676/2021 dated-13.10.2021.If found please contact-9811293555. 0040668693-10

Original Builder buyer agreement have been lost of our flat.No-1102, 11th-floor Tower-A in the name of INDERJEET SINGH Fusion Homes. Ecotech zone 4. Noida extension. Plot No-GH 05A, Patwari, Greater Noida, UP. If found by anyone please contact Inderjeet Singh. Mobile 9540338667 or at above address. 0070843792-1

Lost & Found

Lost my property documents including original Sale Deed duly registered, regarding Property No. B-20, Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi, in favour of my father Sh. Khem Raj Suri, due to fire catches in the Pole in front of our Property which spread in our Property also, as mentioned above, on 30.04.2011, for which proper FIR/ DD No. 35-B, dated 30.04.2011, has been lodged. This is for information and record.

Delhi. Dated: 14.05.2023

Sd/- **(J. C. SURI)**
B-20, Rana Pratap Bagh,
Delhi-110007.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost original documents of 33B, Pocket-K, Sheikh Sarai, Ph-2, ND-17. FIR lodged online. The use of these papers will be illegal.

Documents lost **1.** Conveyance deed **2.** Fourth copy challan for conversion of lease hold to freehold **3.** Possession slip **4.** Payment receipt **5.** NOC **6.** Possession letter **7.** Intimation for possession letter collection **8.** Demand cum allotment letter **9.** Deposit receipt collection intimation letter **10.** Certificate of registration. Finder please send to MRIGANKA CHATTERJEE R/O K-2021, FIRST FLOOR, CHITTARANJAN PARK, ND-110019. Mob. No. 9891379747

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of my clients (1) CHAMAN LAL MAHAJAN HUF (having PAN-AAAHC1267P) through its Karta Sh. Chaman Lal Mahajan son of Sh. Tej Ram Mahajan, resident of FD-21, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 and (2) MRS. SHOBHA MAHAJAN wife of Sh. Chaman Lal Mahajan, resident of FD-21, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 are negotiating with (1) SH. RAJEEV GUPTA alias RAJEEV KUMAR GUPTA son of Sh. Niranjan Lal Gupta, and (2) MRS. MANJU GUPTA wife of Sh. Rajeev Gupta, both residents of 10, Deepali, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 regarding to purchase the Built-up Entire freehold Property bearing No.10 with roof rights upto sky, land area measuring 269.41 sq.yds., situated at Deepali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi, who claims themselves as the sole & lawful, absolute owners and in possession of the said Property..

Any person(s)/All person(s) having any claim/demand/interest/right in respect of or against the above said property or any part or portion thereof in any manner or by way of any Agreement to sell or inheritance or share or sale or transfer or assignment or mortgage or gift or exchange or possession or covenant or easement or otherwise howsoever, is hereby called upon to bring the same to the knowledge of the undersigned in writing with all documentary proof(s)/ evidence(s) at the office of the undersigned within five days from the date of publication thereof of the present notice, failing which the claim/demand of such person(s), if any, shall be treated as null and void; and shall not have any legal and/or any other sanctity; and shall be non-binding on my clients and the aforesaid proposed transaction of purchase of the said property shall be completed without any reference to any such claim(s)/demand(s).

Parveen Garg (Advocate)
Enrol.No. D/713/86, RU-370, Pitampura, New Delhi-34, Mob.9810039884

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Original Sale Deed dated 11th February, 1954 and duly registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, New Delhi on 22nd February, 1954 as Document No.543 in Additional Book No.1 Volume No.237 executed in favour of (1) Yog Raj Ahuja S/o Shanti Narain Ahuja (2) Veena Ahuja W/o Yog Raj Ahuja has been lost not traceable yet, FIR lodged on 18.05.2023 vide LR No.456402/2023. if anybody has any charge/interest/title in the said property kindly inform the undersigned in writing on below mentioned address within 15 days of this publication. Any claim thereafter shall be treated as null and void.

Praveen Rastogi (Adv)
RZ-97, Khushi Ram Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 Mob: 9810986643

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public through this Notice that my client Smt. Rajni Kaushik W/o Bishan Swarup Kaushik R/o. Janta Flat No. 404, Site I, Vikas Puri, New Delhi, (hereinafter referred as my client) has disowned, debarred and disinherit her daughter namely **Pallavi alias Reena and her daughter Mannat,** from her moveable and immoveable property because the above said is out of control of my client. Anyone dealing with her, may do so at his/her risk, cost and consequences and my client shall not be responsible for her act whatsoever. The above named **Pallavi alias Reena and her daughter Mannat** has no title, right or interest in my property of my clients whether it is moveable or immoveable.

Sd/- K.WAHID & ASSOCIATES
(ADVOCATE)
Chamber No. 325-B, Dwarka Court, Complex, New Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the general public information that my Clientess Smt. Bimla W/O Sh. Ved Prakash and her husband Sh. Ved Prakash S/O Late Murli Lal both R/O D-48-A, Rama Vihar, Gali No. 10, Mohammadpur Majri Karala, North West Delhi, Delhi-110081, have debarred, disowned and break down all the relationship from their son namely Shyam Prakash @ Shamu and his wife Kiran, from their all moveable and Immoveable properties either self acquired or ancestral situated all over India due to misconduct, disobedience and misbehavior attitude of them. My client and his wife will not be responsible in future for their acts which was done by them.

Sd/-
AJAY
Advocate
Seat No. 2, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, RAHUL MUKHERJEE have lost the (i) Original Demand Letter against 5th and final installment, (ii) Possession Slip issued by DDA in favour of my father i.e. Shri Pranab Kumar Mukherjee (P.K. Mukherjee) and other related documents pertaining to SFS Duplex Flat bearing No. 93, on First Floor and Second Floor, category-II, Kalkaji B-Block, now known as South Park Apartments, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have been lost on 05/05/2023 and the same are not traceable inspite of my best efforts, which was allotted by DDA vide File No.119(101)83/ SFS/VV/II. In this regard I have lodged a NCR with P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi, vide LR No.454160/2023 dated 17/05/2023.

Founder May Contact Mobile No. 9845191225

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for the information of general public that my client Mr. Pushkar Gupta s/o Sh. Sanjeev Gupta has lost the original documents i.e. Builder Buyer's Agreement dated 26.08.2014 executed between M/s Anthem Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. in favour of Mrs. Sakshi Gogia in respect of Unit no. A-1502, Tower-A, 15th floor, housing projects "French Apartments", built on Plot no. GH-07B, Sector-16B, Greater Nooida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. duly endorsed in favour of Mr. Pushkar Gupta. Our client has also lodged a NCR on 18.05.2023 for the same.

Any person having any right, interest or claim in respect of the said property are hereby required to give notice of the same to the undersigned on below mentioned address together with copies of all documents on the basis of which claims are made, failing which any such right, title, interest, or claim, if any, will be deemed to have been waived and not binding on our Clients.

Sd/- **Parveen Kumar** (Advocate)
Chamber No. E-524,
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
Mob. No. 989982324.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that my Client, entered into an Agreement to Sell in respect of a THIRD and TERRACE FLOOR constructed on freehold plot of land bearing No. 434, Block-S, admeasuring 752 sq. yds., situated at Greater Kailash-II, Delhi ("Said Floor") with (a) Sh. Adarsh Malik and (b) Smt. Kiran Malik, Joint Owners of the Said Property ("Owners"). As such, my Client is getting the right, title and interest of the Owners investigated over the Said Floor. Any person including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a Company, Banks, Financial Institution(s), Non-Banking Financial Institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title, share and/or interest in respect of the Said Floor or any part thereof, by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, succession, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, right of way, lis-pendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, or any liability or commitment or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing along with supporting documentary evidence in respect thereof, to the undersigned having their office as mentioned herein below, within a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of publication hereof failing which, the claim, if any of such person/s will be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned for all intents and purposes and not binding on my Client/the Owners.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2023
GAURAV JAGGI, ADVOCATE
H.K.J. & Associates
2nd Floor, Manish Chambers
Mayur Vihar, Phase-II,Delhi – 110091
PH: 011-22772666/43053619

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for information of General public that our client is negotiating with the present owner **M/s ADVANCE INDIA PROJECTS LIMITED** having its registered Office at AIPL Business Club, 5th Floor, Golf Course Extension Road, Medawas, Sector-62, Gurugram, Haryana-122002(who acquired the same from **M/s SPECTRA ISP NETWORKS PRIVATE LIMITED** Office at A-60, Naraina Industrial Area, Phase-1, New Delhi-110028), for purchase of the commercial space being the Entire Sixth and Seventh Floor of the commercial complex known as **'THE LEGACY'** constructed on plot no. 42, Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase-III, New Delhi-110020.Any person having any claim/s or interest in the said Property, are hereby requested to inform in writing with supporting documents on the address given hereinbelow through post and email, within 7 days from the date of this publication, failing which, it will be deemed that there is no claim against the said Property and our client may proceed with the transaction. No further claim of any person in any nature will be entertained thereafter.

S.C.NANDA & Co.
Advocates and Legal Consultants
305, Nilgiri Apartments
9 Barakhamba Road,
New Delhi-110001
Tel: 011-43573833/23351442
Email:administration@scnchambers.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN TO PUBLIC AT LARGE THAT MY CLIENT MR. SUDARSHAN KUMAR ALONG WITH HIS WIFE NAMELY MRS. ALKA GUPTA, BOTH RESIDENT OF PLOT NO. 415, F.F., FRIENDS SOCIETY, SECTOR-12, VASUNDHRA, GHAZIABAD, U.P.- 201012, HAVE SEVERED ALL THEIR RELATIONS FROM THEIR SON NAMELY MR. PIYUSH GUPTA AND HIS WIFE MRS. NEHA ARYA @ NEHA VERMA, THAT MY CLIENT DIS-INHERITED/ DISOWNED THEM FROM THEIR FAMILY/ PERSONAL LIFE, MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT DUE TO HARASSMENT, TORTURE, CRUELTIES AND ATROCITIES CAUSED ON MY CLIENTS BY THEM. ANYBODY DEALING WITH AFOREMENTIONED PERSONS AND THEIR FUTURE CHILDRENS, WILL DO SO AT HIS OWN COSTS AND RISKS, WITH NO RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL FROM THE SIDE OF MY CLIENT.

Sd/- **CHIRAG SINGAL**
E.No.:- D/1678/2016 **(ADVOCATE)**
OFF. ADD.:- E-15/127, SECOND FLOOR, SECTOR-8, ROHINI, DELHI-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients **Shri. Jaswant Singh, R/o A-45B, First Floor, Old Slum Quarter, Paschim Puri Delhi 110063**, have severed all relations and disowned their son **Aakash** from their all movable/ immovable properties due to his misbehavior. My client shall not be responsible for their any acts/ deeds.

Sd/- **Amit Kumar**
(Advocate)
Off.: B-3/39, GROUND FLOOR, SECTOR-16, ROHINI, DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public at large hereby informed that my client Smt. Krishan Gupta W/o Late Sh. R.D. Gupta @ Rameshwar Das Gupta R/o House No. D-21/3, Gali No. 6, Rama Vihar, Delhi-110081 has disowned her own real son namely Sh. Hemant Kumar Gupta S/o Late Sh. R.D. Gupta and another son namely Sh. Rakesh Kumar S/o Late Sh. R.D. Gupta from all her movable and immovable properties, assets etc. due to their ill and irresponsible behavior towards my client.

Sd/- **DINESH KUMAR**
(ADVOCATE)
OFFICE AT**: A-4/94, GROUND FLOOR, ROHINI SECTOR-4, DELHI-110085**

PUBLIC NOTICE

On instructions from SH. PREM PAL SINGH and his wife SMT. SHANTI R/o B-66, BLOCK -B, HARI ENCLAVE, PART-2, KIRARI SULEMAN NAGAR, DELHI-110086, it is informed to the public in general my clients have severed their relation, have no concern with his son GULAB SINGH and his wife namely SUNEHRI. They will not be entitled to moveable or immoveable property of my clients. Any person(s) dealing with them will do so at his/their responsibility.

Sd/-
(DEEPAK KUMAR)
ADVOCATE
D/3846/2017
Ch. No. 1105, 11th Floor
Lawyer's Chamber Complex
Rohini Courts, Delhi-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known that my client SMT. REKHA KHATTAR W/O LATE SH. R.K. KHATTAR R/O SECOND FLOOR, C-1/91-92, SECTOR-16, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, had been bequeathed the property at SECOND FLOOR WITH ROOF RIGHTS, C-1/91-92, SECTOR-16, ROHINI, DELHI, by her aunt Late Ms. Bimla Madan through a regd. Will executed on 25/09/2012 and registered on 29/09/2012.

That my client has lost the following two original sale deeds in the chain of Sale Deeds for the above said properties, as detailed below:-

(i) SECOND FLOOR WITH ROOF RIGHTS, C-1/91, SECTOR-16, ROHINI, DELHI. Sale Deed executed by Shri Sunny S/o Sh. Ajay Kumar R/o C-1/91, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi in favour of Smt. Alka Shukla W/o Sh. R.K. Shukla R/o AP-111-C, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, registered on 06/05/2005.

(ii) SECOND FLOOR WITH ROOF RIGHTS, C-1/92, SECTOR-16, ROHINI, DELHI. Sale Deed executed by Shri Anuj Bharti S/o Sh. Subhash Bharti R/o C-1/92, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi in favour of Smt. Alka Shukla W/o Sh. R.K.Shukla R/o AP-111-C, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, registered on 06/05/2005 That my client is the owner and wants to sell the above mentioned properties with roof rights.

If any person(s) claiming any objection in the above said properties may contact with me in my Mobile No. 9873691274, within 7 days of publication of this notice.

All the information given by my client and I, Sanjeev Jain Advocate, accordingly giving this Public Notice on behalf of my client. **SANJEEV JAIN** (Advocate)
Enrl. No. D-226/91

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to the public, to whom it may concern that my client Shri Ram Sharma (Aged 64 years) S/o J.K. Sharma and his wife Smt. Rekha Sharma (Aged 61 years) W/o Shri Ram Sharma R/o S-1/81 Second Floor Left Side Old Mahavir Nagar, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018. Have given at arkhati and disowned / debarred their son namely Kamal Sharma (aged 36 Years) and his wife namely Shivanjali Sharma (aged 32yr.) From all their Movable and Immovable properties due to their bad habits, Misconduct and bad character. The aforesaid namely Kamal Sharma and his wife Shivanjali Sharma of my client are having no connection of any kind with my clients and other family members in any manner whatsoever. Any person dealing with them in any manner shall be doing so at their own risk and responsibilities, My client shall not be responsible of any kind of their act whatsoever.

Sd/- **MUKESH KUMAR** ADVOCATE
Office: E-113, ARYA SAMAJ ROAD, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110059

PUBLIC NOTICE

Kindly publish the below mentioned subject in your publication on behalf of my client PHOOL SINGH SON OF SHRI RAM KUMAR RESIDENT OF HOUSE NO. 114, BRAHAMAN MOHALLA, VILLAGE GHOGA, DELHI-110039 It is declared in general public that my client disown/ debarred his Son Lokesh, due to his irresponsible behavior and non fulfill his moral duties towards my client. My client dissolve all the relation and business with above named person, (Lokesh).

After this notice the above named person will lost all their right with the movable and immovable properties of my client, if any person will have any dealing and concerned with him in any manner he/she will be responsible for the consequences of the same.

Sd/- **RAM PERVESH**
D/6888/2018 ADVOCATE
OFF. NO. 9, SHIVA MARKET
ALIPUR DELHI-110036

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No. JMRC/O&S/RS/2022-23/NIB/016(R1) **Date : 17/05/2023**

NOTICE INVITING BID

JMRC invites bids from the eligible contractors/suppliers for "Overhauling and Testing of Brake Calipers (including kit) for RS-08 Trains." with Estimated Cost ₹ 1,63,63,834. Scheduled Date and Time of Submission & Opening of Tender: 27.06.2023 at 1500 Hrs & 1530 Hrs. Bid documents may be downloaded from **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** or **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** or **http://transport.rajasthan.gov.in/jmrc**. (UBN No. JMR2324WSOB00019)

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1	Name of work	Connection of FOB No. 1 and FOB No. 2 by 4.0 M wide walkway at Hazrat Nizamuddin Rly. Station
2	Approx. cost of work	Rs. 19089849.57/- (One crore ninety lac eighty nine thousand eight hundred forty nine and fifty seven paisa.)
3	Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 245500.00/- (Two lac forty five thousand five hundred only)
4	Cost of tender document	Rs. 0.00/-
5	Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	13.06.2023 at 15:00 Hrs.
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in
7	Allocation	PH-53

- The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E - Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in the e- tender system.
- For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
- No manual offers are acceptable.
- Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No. No. 128-W/280/eTender Notice/NIT/6/2023-24/SPL/Works Dated :- 18.05.2023 **1513/2023**

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

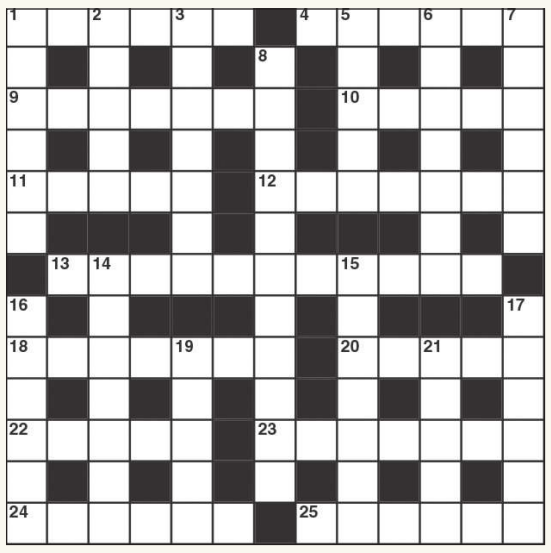
Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Shri Sanjeev Bhatnagar** R/o H.No. D-123, plot no.23, Sangam Apartment Sector-9 Rohini, Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR No. 950/18 U/s 138 NI Act.** has been registered at **P.S. South Rohini, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Shri Sanjeev Bhatnagar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Shri Sanjeev Bhatnagar** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Shri Sanjeev Bhatnagar of FIR No. 950/18 U/s 138 NI Act. registered at PS. South Rohini, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.10.2023**

By Order
Ms Ritika Kansal (MM)
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/5249/RD/2023

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1 Influence of what mischievous child did? (6)
4 Played piano in capitals of Italy and Denmark (6)
9 It may need a jack up before being repaired (7)
10 Pound the ingredients for making broth (5)
11 He may be found in a wrongful act (5)
12 I see men as hostile (7)
13 Not even sufficient, strange as it may seem (5,6)
18 Eager to fight but possibly fainted (7)
20 Join some troops heading east (5)
22 Not an irreversible belief (5)
23 It's mean to declare how old a person is (7)
24 They sit for qualifications (6)
25 Conditions found in America (6)

DOWN

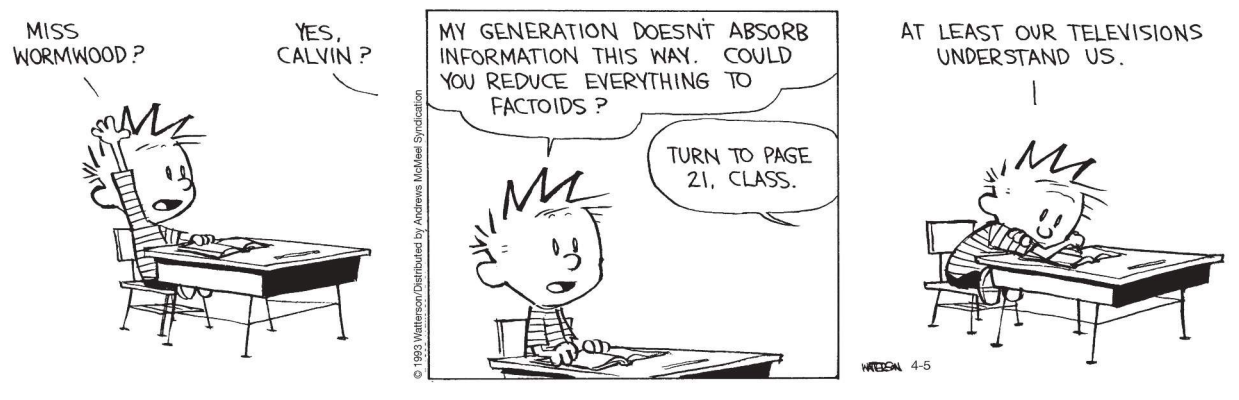
1 Fashionable school for cricket perhaps (6)
2 Sound of harmony in musical composition (5)
3 Principal assets (7)
5 An out-of-the-way route (5)
6 A result of splitting hairs? (7)
7 Sea bed may be made lower (6)
8 Feel trained to be submissive (11)
14 Described the steering apparatus in action (7)
15 Being wealthy put Noel in an awkward position (7)
16 He won't buy the same article twice (6)
17 Setback in retirement (6)
19 Change in an international terminal (5)
21 Pile into it though it's unsuitable (5)

Solutions Crossword 5056: Across: 1 Largess, 5 Loser, 8 Roulette wheel, 9 Opine, 10 Reserve, 11 Sights, 12 Usance, 15 Inherit, 17 Bowls, 19 Hard-boiled egg, 20 Susan, 21 Settles. **Down:** 1 Largo, 2 Rousing chorus, 3 Everest, 4 Suture, 5 Lawns, 6 Steering wheel, 7 Relieve, 11 Slights, 13 Subject, 14 Strips, 16 Robin, 18 Signs.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
A twelve-month cycle of celestial self-indulgence is coming to a critical point but, before it does so, your stars are having one last fling. Will you match their capacity for enjoyment by doing exactly what you want? Can you also do your duties?

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
The pursuit of pleasure is quite compatible with the general tone of the times. Given that you're approaching a powerful planetary picture, this is no time for complacency. On the other hand, you can allow yourself a few treats today. You deserve it.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The pace of events at home is due to become much faster, largely as a result of a recent lunar alignment. One way or another, family members demand your full attention. Artistic types should put much more energy into achieving their personal goals.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Mars is now rushing through your chart, stirring up all those deep, long-buried feelings. Please remember that quickness to anger also requires a readiness to forgive and that, having said your piece, you should allow the past to recede, and eventually fade away.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
It's a fine day for a spot of shopping. For those of you chasing property deals, the auspices are favourable though, in general, today's stars talk about casual spending as a path to temporary happiness. But, as you know, long-term solutions require deeper answers.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
You specialise in sweeping things under the carpet. However, little events that happen today are a harbinger of what is to come, namely an increasing talent for exposing skeletons in cupboards. Tomorrow represents a symbolic fresh start, and so does the day after.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Although you have a reputation for generosity, the overwhelming trend of your chart is now towards putting yourself first. First, you need to own up to a mistake, then how to learn from it.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
You may give even more attention to new associates and old friends. Your lunar pattern works a double game, probably bringing new people into your life, but urging you to get in touch with those ancient acquaintances who are a bit like part of the furniture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)
The astrological universe sets certain tests and tasks. Everything that is done is done for a purpose, and if you are challenged or criticised, you are being done a very good turn. If you must blame something, blame the stars. Mind you, that still won't let you off the hook.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Perhaps an adventure you've been dreaming of for years is now on the cards. It might be that your fantasies are emotional as much as anything else. It could be a vision of the perfect home and family. Whatever it is, you can bring it a little closer today. Hopefully other people will play ball.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
You have waited too long for your just rewards to give up now. But, merely because one association is fading from the scene, that doesn't mean that you'll be left high and dry. What you're going to discover from now on is that you will attract the right people at the right time.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
If by any slim or remote chance you're forming new friendships today, congratulations for being so in tune with your stars. In fact, you may find you can put new partnerships on a more permanent foundation. It's all about maintaining a positive perspective.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

America has always___history. - Helmut Jahn (8)

AGWER

IPSUDT

CCMIO

EIRUMP

SOLUTION: WAGER, COMIC, STUPID, IMPURE/UMPIRE
Answer: America has always **imported** history.
- Helmut Jahn

SUDOKU 5203

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;
5s = Very Hard;
6s = Genius

	5			4				9
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SOLUTION SUDOKU 5202

7	6	8	3	2	4	9	1	5
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U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender No. SD-960- online e-Bids are invited for **"Supply of 110 nos. of 198 kV Polymer housed Surge Arrester"** E-tender has been uploaded on 18.05.2023 on **www.etender.up.nic.in** Estimated Cost of work: Rs. 93.49 Lacs only. E.M.D. cost of Rs. 93,500.00 only. Last date of tender submission 19.06.2023 at 15.30 Hrs. Total Quantum of supply tender specification and other terms & conditions are as per tender document available on the e-tender portal. Undersigned reserves the right to cancel the e-Bids without assigning any reason.
Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated inforation from time to time.

Superintending Engineer, ESDC-I, UPPTCL
No. 163/Date: 18.05.2023

Office of the Deputy Commissioner-cum -District Magistrate, Khunti (District Planning Office)

Letter No.: 337/ZY **Date: 18.05.2023**
1. NOTICE INVITING OF LETTER OF INTENT3
Sub: -To Establish 32 Slice CT Scan Facility in "District Hospital, Khunti"
The District Planning Office, Khunti invites from interested and potential Public/ Private firm to install 32 Slice CT Scan Machine at District Hospital, Khunti.

S.No.	Particular	Details
01	Last date of Submission	10.06.2023
02	Date of Discussion	Will Inform Later
03	Name and address of office inviting letter of intend	Office of the District Planning Office, Khunti, National Highway 75, Bikash Bhawan, Martin Bunglow Area, Khunti, Jharkhand 835210

1. Proposals are to be submitted online in electronic format on dpo.khunti@gmail.com as per Letter of intent (LOI) documents.
2. Letter of intent (LOI) document may be downloaded from the https://khunti.nic.in

Sd/-
Deputy Commissioner, Khunti.
PR 297814 (Planning and Development)23-24*D

Notice Inviting e-Tender

The Additional Project Director (Tourism) Cum Managing Director, TTDCL, Swetmahal, Agartala, Tripura invites Item rate e-Tender, from eligible Bidders for Construction and completion of the works of Tourism Destination Development at Chabimura and upgradation / beautification of visitor amenities / facilities at Fatiksagar and Amarsagar vide tender ID No. 2023_ADBTT_38355_1, dated 16-05-2023. For more details, kindly visit **https://tripuratenders.gov.in** or contact to this office through e-mail.

Sd/-
Additional Project Director (Tourism)
Cum Managing Director, TTDCL
ICA-C-585-23

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Victoria Park, Meerut

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE 1. Open short term tender is invited through e-tendering for the supply of 86 No. 33 KV Line isolator 800 Amp & 19 No. 33 KV Bus isolator 800 Amp. against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/MM/18(s)/23-24. Tender Cost:- Rs. 3540.00 (with GST), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 46450.00 (with GST), Last Date of tender submission & Time :- 05.06.2023 at 14:00 hrs., Date of tender opening (Part-I&II) & Time :- 05.06.2023 at 17.00 hrs. Note:- In case of any amendment & detailed information in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvvnl.org Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), 1800-180-8752 (Lucknow) & 9412207451"
पत्रांकः 800 दिनांकः 19.5.2023

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
द्वितीय तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, (पी-2) सेक्टर ओमेगा-1, ग्रेटर नोएडा, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर-201308 (उ.प्र.)
Toll Free No. : 18001808296 वेबसाइट www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांक–वाई०ई०ए०/GM (P)/2023/759 दिनांक 19.05.2023

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार/ राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र शासित/अर्द्धशासिक/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यो का कम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/फर्मो से ई–निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई–प्रीक्योरमेंट सोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदायें द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेंगी।
कार्यालय आदेश संख्याः वाई०ई०ए०/GM(P)/2023/758 दिनांक 19.05.2023 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यो में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी (बी०ओ०क्यू०) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 100 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्योरिटी/परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी एफ०डी०आर०/सी०डी०आर०/बैंक गारन्टी/एन०एस०सी० के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं०	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1	C/o Balance Work Painting Toilet and Water tank in Shopping Commercial office Complex in Sec-22D Yea Wc-02	रु० 86.33 लाख
2	Temporary Laying of kharanja from mahasya House in village -faleda bangar to Dhanpura Sampark Marg, Yea Wc-06	रु० 18.58 लाख
3	Plantation of Trees & Shrubs on Central verge and green belf towards Sec-32 side and remaining length of 100 mtr road between Sec-29 & 33 with two year maintenance yeida Wc-Horti	रु० 19.27 लाख
4	Barbed wire fencing on Central Verge of Peripheral 45 mtr wide road of pocket B & 7C Sector 18 yeida Wc-Horti	रु० 15.20 लाख
5	C/o Boundary wall of park 1 & 2 in Sector-22D Yea Wc-Horti	रु० 59.47 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक **25.05.2023 से 05.06.2023 को 5:00 बजे** तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन **दिनांक 06.06.2023** को **प्रातः 11.00 बजे** खोली जायेगी।

क्रम सं०	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
6	C/o Handicap Toilet Boys Toilet Girls Toilet Multiple Hand wash Basins and pathways in Primary School of Village-Mohammadpur Gurjar YEA Wc-06	रु० 11.55 लाख
7	Construction of Approach road 60mtr wide road to chapargagh under pass of Yamuna Expressway in yea Wc-01	रु० 25.08 लाख
8	Karb stone & painting of 60 mtr wide road ch. 7.10 km to 22.300 km along Yamuna Expressway YEA WC-01	रु० 39.80 लाख
9.	C/o Boundary wall of park near plot no-421 in Sector-32 yeida Wc-Horti	रु० 40.10 लाख
10.	Providing and erecting a w-beam crash barrier for entry & exit ramps (A&C) at ch 26.400 on Yamuna Expressway yea Wc-01	रु० 50.01 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक **26.05.2023 से 06.06.2023 को 5:00 बजे** तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन **दिनांक 07.06.2023** को **प्रातः 11.00 बजे** खोली जायेगी।
महाप्रबंधक (परियोजना), यमुना विकास प्राधिकरण

NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
Ref: I) Tender Notice No. 09/2023-2024 dated 28.04.2023 S.No. 13 ii) Tender No. 08195281F due on 27.05.2023 In reference to above tender, the eligibility criteria has been revised. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.
The corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in **1529/2023**
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Open E-Tender Notice
Divl.Rly. Manager, Engineering, N.W. Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works upto 15.30 hours on the date shown as below- **Sr. No 1. Name of work with location:** ENGG-JP-2023-24-25 ADEN (HQ-I)/JP sub division: Zonal work Zone no. 12 & 12(A) - Jagatpura Railway officers colony, Rail Nikunj officers colony, New Rly Staff colony, Old staff colony, GM Bungalow at Jagatpura etc. and New HQ office building at Jawahar circle GTJT etc. for Sanitary work, all type of repair work , any type of road work etc.(except Horticulture work) as per DSR of 2021 for the period from 01.07.2023 upto 30.06.2024.(In SSE(Works) GTJT Jurisdiction) Zone- 12 & 12(A); **Approx Cost of work:** 15000000/-; **Earnest money Rs:** Rs. 225000/-; **2.** ENGG-JP-2023-24-26 ADEN (HQ-II)/JP sub division: Zonal work Zone no, 13 CKS (Excl.) to JP (Excl. & Kanauta(Incl.) to JP (Excl.) Railway colony staff quarters, service building for Sanitary work, all type of repair work , road work and Horticulture work etc. as per DSR of 2021 for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 (In SSE(Works) S-2/JP Jurisdiction) Zone- 13; **Approx Cost of work:** Rs. 11000000/-; **Earnest money Rs:** 205000/- **1.** Detail is available on N.W.Rly website- **www.ireps.gov.in** and Notice Board in WA section, DRM Office, NWR/Jaipur. **2.** Tender No ENGG-JP-2023-24- 25 & ENGG-JP-2023-24- 26 are be closed on 08-06-2023 at 15.30 hrs and opened on 08-06-2023 at 16.00 hrs. **527-AN/23**
Please join us on /NWRailways

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 30-35 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Green color pant, who was found at footh path kalkatiya gate, Kashmere gate, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 22-A dated **18.05.2023** has been registered at **P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.**
Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
P. S: Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph. 23968730
DP/5324/N/2023

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
The Sr. Divisional Engineer-SPL/Works, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work.

1	**Name of work :** Connection of FOB No.2 and FOB No.3 by 4.0 M wide walkway at Hazrat Nizamuddin Rly.Station under Sr.DEN/SPL/Works
2	**Approx. cost of work :** Rs. 1,90,89,849.57/- (One Crore ninety lac eighty nine thousand eight hundred forty nine and fifty seven paisa.)
3	**Earnest Money to be deposited :** Rs. 2,45,500.00/- (Two lac forty five thousand five hundred only)
4	**Cost of tender document :** Rs. 0.00/-
5	**Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender :** 13.06.2023 at 15:00 Hrs.
6	**Website particulars where complete detalls of tender documents can be seen : www.ireps.gov.In**
7	**Allocation :** PH-53

- The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.In** for participating in the e-tender system.
- For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
- No manual offers are acceptable.
- Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No.: 128-W/280/e Tender Notice/NIT/7/2023-24/SPL/Works Dated:- 18.05.2023 1514/23
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
Ref: Tender Notice No. 09/2023-2024 dated 28.04.2023 S.No. 16 Tender Number 77236002 opening date 31.05.2023 Item description of PL Code No. 60060359 has been modified in above referred tender. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. The corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in Date: 19.05.2023 **1528/2023**
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"Inviting Online Bids"
The Executive Engineer, JalShakti DivisionLarjiinvitesOnline tenders on short time basis on behalf of Government or Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following works through e-tendering process:

Job .No.	Name of Work:	Estimated Cost	EMD Cost of Tender	Time of completion (months)	Cost of form
1.	**Providing lift Irrigation Scheme Bhami Nallah in GP Naraish , Hurla,Diyar in Tehsil Bhunter Distt kullu HP (SH:- Providing laying of rising main and thrust Block)(Balance work)**	1,93,73,514/-	2,26,235/-	9 Months	2500/-

Last date submission of tender :-27-05-2023 upto5:00 PM and opened on 29-05-2023 up to 11:30AM.
The tender forms/NIT and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website *www.hpiph.org*or from office of the Executive Engineer upto date specified above.

HIMSUNCHNA AVAM JANSAMPARK
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division Larji
0717/HP

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)
Request for Expression of Interest Proposal
Name of Project: **Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)**
Loan No. /Credit NO. **9066-IN** **Date: May 19, 2023**

The Director (Project), HPRIDCL Nirman Bhawan, Nigam Vihar Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India invites the Request for Expression of Interest Proposal from national consultants for the consultancy services as detailed in the table below:

Sr. No.	Description Services of the Consultancy	Date of availability of Detailed Request for Expression of Interest-cum-Request proposal/ Expression of Interest Proposal Document on HPRIDC web site	Last date/Time for submission of Proposals
1	**Consultancy Services for Design and Development of Early Warning and Response System for the State of Himachal Pradesh under World Bank Funded HPSRTP**	May 20, 2023 (Request for Expression of Interest Proposal document)	June19, 2023 at 1500 hours (IST)

Note: Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Expression of Interest-cum-Request for Proposals/Request for Expression of Interest Proposal Documents shall be available to all interesting firms on official web site of HPRIDC under http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html. link.

Director (Projects),
HPRIDCL,NirmanBhawan,
Nigam Vihar,Shimla-171002(H.P)
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0180/HP **Tel: +91-177-2627602, E-mail: pdsrp-hp@nic.in**

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice
Dy CMM-Ajmer, acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 42225532C **along with Corrigendum**, closing date 02/06/2023 at 14:25 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Sr.No.1. Description of work:** "Set of Perforated Plate Assembly consists of (i) Perforated Plate Assembly as per RDSO Drg. No. RDSO/CG/DRG/ 21020, item No. 4 (RDSO Drg. No. RDSO/CG/DRG/ 21039), Qty. 14 nos. (ii) Perforated Plate End Assembly as per RDSO Drg. No. RDSO/CG/DRG/ 21020 item No. 5 (RDSO Drg. No. RDSO/CG/DRG/ 21040), Qty. 4 nos. (Note- Thickness of perforated plate should be 6mm.)" **2. Quantity:** 40 Set; **3. Date and time for submission of tender:** Submission of E-tender up to 02/06/2023 at 14:25 Hrs. **4. Website particular.www.ireps.gov.in** **531-AN/23**
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BRIEFLY

Compound archers in World Cup final

Shanghai: India's compound archery team once again brought cheers confirming its first medal from the World Cup Stage 2, as recurve archers continued to falter, here on Friday. The new-look pair of Ojas Deotale and Jyothi Surekha Vennam remained on course for a second successive World Cup gold when they defeated their Italian rivals 157-157 (19*-19) in a dramatic finish to make the final. As expected, the sixth seeded Indian duo will run into top-seed Korea in the final on Saturday, in what would be their biggest test since they paired up for the first time, winning the Stage 1 World Cup gold in Antalya last month.

Rs 15 medal comment demeaning: Wrestlers

New Delhi: Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia has criticised former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh for his alleged comment that a medal is worth just Rs 15 and the grapplers should also return the crores of rupees the government has spent on their training. Brij Bhushan, who is in the eye of a storm for allegedly sexually harassing women wrestlers including a minor, said in a video interview that not just the medals, the athletes should also return the crores of rupees spent on their training. "He (Brij Bhushan) has not given me the medal in charity. I have earned it for the country with my blood and sweat. He shouldn't have uttered these words if he truly respects our achievements," added Bajrang.

Indian women hope to level hockey series

Adelaide: Their tour off to a disappointing start, the Indian women's hockey players will look to lift their all-round game to draw level in the three-match series with a morale-boosting win against world No.3 Australia in the second Test here on Saturday. The tour, a part of India's preparation for the Hangzhou Asian Games later this year, didn't start as they would have wanted as the Hockeyroos put up a dominating performance to score a 4-2 win in the tour opener at the Mate Stadium on Thursday. The third match of the series will be played at the same venue on Sunday before India take on Australia 'A' in two more practice games on the tour on May 25 and 27.

Rough start for Lahiri, likely to miss cut

Rochester: Returning to Major action after a full year, Anirban Lahiri had a disappointing start at the 105th PGA Championship as he was seven-over after 12 holes in the second round to seriously jeopardise his chances of making the cut at the Oak Hill Country Club here. Four over after 16 holes when play ended on a weather-hit opening round on Thursday, Lahiri finished with pars for a round of 74

PTI & REUTERS

What Kohli's spectacular six says about his batting in shortest format

Maestro's display against SRH illustrates how he keeps evolving to stay relevant in T20s without changing his game too much

SANDIP G
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Virat Kohli hit a 103m six off Nitish Kumar against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Thursday. *Sportspicz*

SOME SHOTS are single-ball events, to be devoured in isolation, its backdrop blurred to appreciate the sharper edges of the canvas. Virat Kohli's short-arm jabbed (or on-driven? or both?) six off Sunrisers Hyderabad's Nitish Kumar was one such single-ball event that thrills, marvels and fascinates the beholder, and with every rewatching it unravels more marvelous and mysterious layers, like a piece of transcendental art.

The short-arm jab has now become a frequent stroke of Kohli in this format. Nothing would be as cult-worshipped as the short-arm jabbed howitzer of Haris Rauf at MCG in the T20 World Cup that still floats in the mind. But he is embellishing the list. He has already essayed a few thunderous ones this IPL — the most thunderous being the one off Mark Wood's 148kph thunderbolt in early April. So when Nitish Kumar steamed in, all raw vigour and intensity of a debutant, he shaped up to execute one. When employing the shot, he picks and chooses his bowlers carefully. Not the full-ball flingers; not the short-ball merchants — he has other strokes to deal with them -- but those that hit the borders of good and hard lengths, as Nitish does.

So his back foot remains static, you could see the off and middle stumps, the front-foot goes front and across, both movements more gentle than pronounced. As the ball is about to land, he opens up his body slightly, the back-foot is dragged a trifle back and the bat comes down at an angle, at a semi-vertical, semi-horizontal shape. It's his default angle when he short-arm jabs. All his energy is coiled into his shoulders and forearms, the body arching back to gather the power to propel the ball into a distant orbit. The back-leg collapses a touch, in the writhing energy of his upper body. The front-leg is upright, like the axis of a compass, and it makes half a stride forward and then back, to set the base for the shot. The down-swing of the bat is narrow, it can't be expansive, as the short-arm jab, in essence, is a non-horizontal batted pull shot played when there is no room to free the arms.

A freeze-frame of the sequence when he is just about to strike the ball reveals his impeccable alignment of his body. The upper body is about to pirouette, rather than swivel, the front-foot is facing a really straight mid-off and the back-foot, balanced on the toe, is staring at the bowler. The head and the ball is in a ruler-straight line. This alignment is the foundation of the batting genius that he is, the secret behind his still eyes.

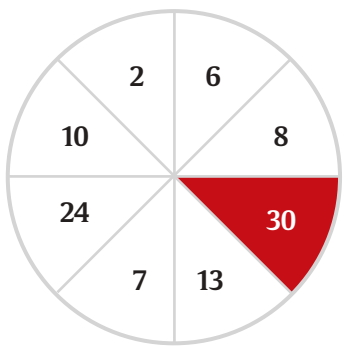
Then suddenly, Kohli changes the shot, ever so subtly. Maybe because the ball did not bounce or angle in as much as he had anticipated; or a whim kicked in; a streak of inventiveness winked in. He straightened the bat a bit, not fully, and lofted-drove him, between deep midwicket and long-on. The wrists do not snap or whirl as much, and hence a golf-swing like follow-through, closer to the body than away from it, the bat recoiling behind his head.

The crowd leapt instinctively from their seats. Faf du Plessis whispered an "ooh; a content grin spread over Kohli's face. Watching him in such sublime touch should come with a health warning that you might need someone to pick your jaw off the floor or to fix your eyes back in their sockets when the match is over.

Then, Kohli has reeled out an even more jaw-dropping six of a similar hue some years ago, in an ODI against England in Pune in 2017. India were chasing 350 and Kohli had to sustain the tempo. He premeditated a bit by backing away from the stumps. His initial plan was to target extra cover. But Chris Woakes followed him and shortened his length. Kohli got under the bounce and drove him in text-book style, the front-elbow skyward and all, over long-on.

As much as the majesty of the stroke, it illustrates how Kohli keeps evolving, how he is still a diligent student of the game and how he keeps himself relevant in the shortest format of the game in his own inimitable manner. Irresistible could have been the temptation to overhaul the game and retool himself to meet the new-age demands of T20 cricket, to morph into a genius of improvisations, more so in the onslaught of criticisms that he bats too slow for the demands of the format. But quite early on in his career, he realised the importance of sticking to his game, though stretching its scope and range. The framework of batting remains strictly orthodox, it has little new-age frills, yet he continues to be a dominant force in the game. He has copped criticism for not scoring rapidly enough in the format, not hitting as many sixes as others, but he continues to define T20 games and seasons.

KOHLI'S WAGON WHEEL



More joy on the leg side with midwicket the most productive area

In the post-match interview, he admitted as much. "I've never been a guy who tries so many fancy shots, because we have to play 12 months of the year, For me, it's not [about] playing fancy shots and throwing my wicket away," he said. "We've got Test cricket after the IPL, so I've got to stay true to my technique and find ways to win games for my team, something that I take a lot of pride in," he added.

His genius is so outsized that he does not need to resort to T20 banalities. Little adjustments yield the desired results. It's a trait of great batsmen, they keep evolving with subtle alterations and inventions in their game. A classic case is Sachin Tendulkar, who by the end of his career rarely punched on the back-foot on the rise or pulled, but was more adept at harnessing the pace of the bowlers, an expert in paddle-sweeping and glide-drives to third man. Tendulkar was reacting to the spate of injuries that could have curtailed his career, whereas Kohli is responding to the escalated demands of the T20 format.

The cover drives in Test are converted to lofted extra-cover drives in T20s but with a longer extension of arms and by tilting wrists upwards, or by going inside-out, or by just chipping the ball over cover (there was a gorgeous chipped four off Bhuvneshwar Kumar). He flips the wrists a bit more so that he could flick aerially.

To access the gaps on the off-side, he backs away at times; he sometimes hangs back and opens up his body so that he could muscle the ball down the ground. Like when he bludgeoned a low full toss on off-stump from Bhuvneshwar through long-on. To strike a contrast, a T20 faithful would have scooped the same ball over the keeper's head.

There is finesse and fearlessness in a scoop, but not the audacity and technical mastery required for a short-arm jab. Only as masterly a batsman as Kohli would have struck as audacious a stroke as the half short-arm jab, half on-drive Kohli stroked against Sunrisers Hyderabad. A genuine single-ball event—and one that captures the depth of his outsized talents.

'Even if they had offered me captaincy, I wouldn't have accepted'

Axar Patel says the Test fifty against NZ and his unbeaten 64 off 35 balls in ODI at Port of Spain broke that mental block for him

PRATYUSH RAJ
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

AXAR PATEL has always had the basics of both defence and attack in place, having been nicknamed 'Jayasuriya' in hometown Nadiad in Gujarat for his big hitting in junior days. But at the senior level, he had struggled to replicate it.

However, in the last one year, Axar Patel's batting has begun to garner some attention. More evidence of that potential came in during the Border-Gavaskar Test series, where he scored three fifties and ended up being the second highest run-getter after Virat Kohli with 264 runs. In the ongoing IPL, Axar has been the lone bright spot for Delhi Capitals. The southpaw has scored 268 runs with a strike rate close to 140 and has picked up 11 wickets with the economy under seven.

With just one game to go in their IPL campaign, Delhi Capitals and India all-rounder Axar Patel spoke exclusively to *The Indian Express*. The 29-year-old believes the Test fifty against New Zealand at Wankhede and his unbeaten 64 off 35 balls in ODIs at Port of Spain broke that mental block he had in his batting.

Excerpts:

What exactly did Ponting change about your batting?

I am working with Ponting for the past five years. In 2020, when IPL was shifted to Dubai, I approached him and spoke to him about my weakness. I told him that I am not facing issues when the ball is pitched up but against short-pitch bowling, I am not able to hit the aerial pull, and in order to keep it down to the ground (the traditional thing I have been taught since childhood) I end up top-edging it. Ponting said 'you need to open your shoulder a bit, and it will help you play more shots. Your off stump will be open, and you will have more space and more time to play your shots.' It was a minor tweak, and I executed in two or three practice sessions.

But stock in your batting skyrocketed in the last one year.?

Us baat ko kaafi time ho gaye but kuch ho nahi raha tha (For the next two or three years, nothing was happening.) I needed one knock.

What was the game-changing knock for you?

The game-changing knock for me was at Port of Spain ODI last year. We needed around 100 runs in the last ten overs and we had lost five wickets in the chase. I scored my first ODI fifty (35-ball 64) and pulled it off. That knock gave me confidence and from there onwards, I started believing in my batting. Now I have the confidence that If India needs 100 runs in the last 10 overs, I can win the match for the team. The mental block is gone. I have so much self-belief in my batting that even if fielders are placed at the boundary line, I know I can easily clear any rope. *Wo jigda us knock se aaya* (That knock boosted my confidence). My first Test fifty against New Zealand at Wankhede is also very close to my heart as well.

In the Border-Gavaskar Test series, you didn't pick many wickets? In the rank-turner at Indore, you kind of struggled. What could you have done better? What went wrong?

After the series, I did a lot of self-assessments of what I was doing wrong. When you don't get to bowl much, you start doubting yourself. And when I saw Ashwin bhai and Jaddu bhai were taking wickets for fun, I also started expecting to take a wicket on every ball. In that greed, I forgot my tappa. I was thinking too much about the result, and back of my mind I knew that I would not get an extended spell, so I was just trying to do so many things. I lost my process. In Ahmedabad, I found my rhythm. It was a flat surface but I bowled accurately. In the IPL also, when I bowled the first ball, I felt myself again. The ball started to release from the hand very nicely. The Australia series was a bad phase, where I was not backing my process. Next time I will play in India, the learnings will help me.



Axar Patel has had a good run with bat and ball for DC this season. *Praveen Khanna*

Please talk about your wrist position. When you bowl, it looks very effortless but for a spinner, you bowl close to 100 kmph. Is it natural or have you worked on it?

It is natural. I was a fast bowler till my early teens. I switched to spin late. Being a fast bowler in an early age helped me. My wrist position is also different from the other spinners. My wrist position is more of a fast bowler than a spinner.

In this season for Delhi Capitals, where the team is struggling, did you ever have a chat with Ponting to send you up the order or anything about captaincy?

Mai chaalu series mey kisi ko kuch nahi bolta (I don't say much during the mid-season). Agar mere pass captaincy aati bhi toh mai leta nahi (even if they had given me the captaincy, I would not have accepted it.)

When your team is going through such a bad season, these kinds of things make it worse. You need to back your players, your captain and if you will change captaincy in middle of the season it doesn't send a good message. *Mere captaincy lene se sab kuch change nahi ho jata. Aisa nahi tha ki ek banda kharab kar raha tha. Usme captain kya kar sakta hai* (Things could have remained the same even if I was the captain. We failed collectively as a team, and you can't blame the captain) I never had a chat about captaincy, but if I became a captain, then I would not take responsibility in the middle of a season. I don't want to ruin the atmosphere of the dressing room.

Your wife (Meha Patel) is a nutritionist. How has your lifestyle changed post-marriage?

In diet and all, I was always very disciplined. I am not a typical Gujrati. But she had advised me to stay away from junk food, especially when I am playing four-day cricket. You need to be strict with your diet. In the last two or three years, we are continuously playing, and there is no off-season. So, her input has helped a lot.

Lifestyle has definitely changed after the marriage. Now you don't have to worry about making the protein shake or the diet chart. Now I am getting things on time. *Thoda discipline bhi aaya hai* (She has brought a bit off field discipline as well.) Now there is no more late-night outs, I sleep on time. I hit the gym on time. These are little things, but it has been very effective.

How are you preparing for the WTC final?

BCCI has given us instructions to all the bowlers to carry a Duke ball. I am practising with it. From bowling four overs in a day to bowling 10-12 overs in Test cricket. Tell us about the switch from white-ball to red-ball. Cricket as a sport is not easy. If you stress on this shift from white-ball to red, it gives you unnecessary pressure. The focus should be on the game and backing your strengths. You need to make minor adjustments. I will be getting more time to prepare since Delhi is not in the playoffs. By WTC, I will be ready.

BCCI calls SGM, moves to comply with PoSH laws

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, MAY 19

A FEW days after the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) issued a notice to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for non-compliance with the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) Act, the Indian board has now decided to act on this missing piece of legislation. The BCCI has called a special general body meeting on May 27 in Ahmedabad and in its five-point agenda, secretary Jay Shah has included "Ratification of Prevention of Sexual harassment policy." The Indian board doesn't have an Internal Committee to looks into any allegations of sexual harassment. In 2019, the BCCI had appointed Rajlaxmi Arora as the head of its IC alongwith Saba Karim (BCCI's then general manager, cricket operations), Rupawati Rao (treasury department) and Veena Gowda (external member). However, since the subsequent dispensation took charge of the board, the BCCI hasn't re-appointed an IC.

A week ago, taking suo motu cognizance of a report in *The Indian Express*, that highlighted the non-compliance with the PoSH laws by national sports federations, the NHRC issued notices to the erring bodies as well as the Union Sports Ministry and the BCCI. The NHRC called it a 'matter of concern' which could 'impact the legal right and dignity of sportspersons', and gave the federations four weeks to submit detailed reports. In 2021, the Indian board had decided that its officials, players and contracted individuals will come under POSH guidelines. However, it didn't have any committee to look into allegations. Meanwhile, the other points which the members will discuss are the formation of committees for infrastructure development and subsidy. The BCCI will also issue guidelines for appointment of physiotherapists and trainers for state teams. It will also form a working group for the World Cup and a committee is also going to be formed for the Women's Premier League (WPL).

PLAYING TODAY
INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE
DC vs CSK, 3.30pm; KKR vs LSG, 7.30pm
Live on Star Sports Network and Jio Cinema

Royals knock Kings out to stay alive

The four-wicket win keeps Rajasthan in contention but their fate depends on the results of other matches

SYNOPSIS

Jaiswal, Padikkal fifties and Hetmyer's 46 off 28 laid the foundation while cameos from Jurel and Parag seal the win

VENKATA KRISHNA B
MAY 19



Yashasvi Jaiswal scoops the ball to the boundary during Rajasthan Royals' successful run chase against Punjab Kings. *Sportzpics*

HAVING COVERED the length and breadth of India over the last 50-odd days as summer set in, Dharamshala must have been a respite for Punjab Kings and Rajasthan Royals. Having assembled at the start of the campaign full of hope – like it has been the case every season – they have seen it veer off the track. A déjà vu moment once again for two sides that are supremely talented, but seem to lack the cutting edge to get beyond the group stages.

Punjab, who were in a position to qualify when they arrived in Dharamshala, had their fate sealed on Wednesday itself. So this was of no academic interest to them. On the other hand, Rajasthan seemed to have broken the jinx last season, by making it to the final, and at the halfway stage looked every bit a contender for the title this year.

But, here they are, their fate sealed and locked. Their destiny is not in their own hands as they still remain in the fifth spot and for Rajasthan to qualify, both Royal Challengers Bangalore and Mumbai Indians have to lose their last league matches on Sunday. For the record, even if Bangalore lose (not by a big margin), they can still make it to the playoffs ahead of Rajasthan as they have a better net run rate.

Cat and mouse game

Chasing 188, a total that seemed par, Rajasthan once again lost Jos Buttler early for nought – the third successive and fifth of the season, which is the most for any batter. From there on the 73-run partnership between Yashasvi Jaiswal and Devdutt Padikkal kept Rajasthan firmly in the chase as the two left-handers cut the risks out and batted sensibly. Although Jaiswal was not at his free-flowing best, he still scored at a brisk pace as Padikkal made it look easy against a Punjab attack that seemed resigned to its fate. But as Padikkal and Sanju Samson fell in successive overs, Punjab were back in the game and when Jaiswal too departed in the 15th over, Rajasthan were in more than a spot of bother.

However, Shimron Hetmyer, once again aced his role as a finisher as he found boundaries and sixes to keep the required run-rate under check. Although leg-spinner Rahul Chahar was mixing up his deliveries and keeping batsmen guessing, Arshdeep Singh, Kagiso Rabada and Sam Curran were guilty of being predictable in the death overs as Hetmyer and Riyan Parag found game-changing boundaries and sixes.

Although both didn't hang around till the chase was done, Dhruv Jorel – coming in as Impact Player – once again played a cameo to take his team home as Rajasthan managed to live for another day.

As they showed during their chase, time and again Rajasthan appeared to throw away all their good work -- something that has become a recurring theme this season -- one which has ultimately put them again in a spot where they could miss out on play-offs.

Kings recover

While there is no denying the fact that Punjab have missed Jonny Bairstow at the top and missed the services of Liam Livingstone in the earlier part, they still had enough talent in the batting group to fetch them at least 8 wins that would have carried them into playoffs. But, they have seldom looked at putting their pieces together. With no hopes of qualification, Punjab looked totally drained out, losing four wickets inside seven overs for just 50 on board. From there on, it was once again down to their lower middle order to not just rescue them but take them to a good enough total. It has been Punjab's case all through the season where they haven't been able to click as a batting unit and it continued on Friday as well.

While their batting performance has been exceptional in patches, for the majority of it, it has been ordinary and nothing illustrated it more than the dismissal of Livingstone, who swung his bat without even being in a position to execute the shot. In a season where most established names in their ranks have failed to be consistent, Jitesh Sharma has stood out and has been one of the finds of the edition. While India are definitely not short on wicket-keeping options, what sets Sharma apart from the rest has been his ability to hit big shots as a finisher, a role that very few do and India badly lacks in their T20 set-up.

Against Rajasthan, Sharma with 28-ball 44 (3x4, 3x6) once again took Punjab out of a hole in the company of Sam Curran as Rajasthan, sans R Ashwin, failed to make inroads in the middle overs. The 64-run partnership, not only brought Punjab back into the game, but it also set a base for Shahrukh Khan to provide finishing touches. The tall, well-built right-hander started tentatively as ever against spinners and struggled when pace was taken off the ball, but once he got going, he was hard to stop as he finished with a typical 23-ball unbeaten 41 taking Punjab to 187/5. The last two overs alone cost Rajasthan 46 runs.

BRIEF SCORES: Punjab Kings 187 for 5 in 20 overs (Jitesh Sharma 44, Sam Curran 49 not out; Navdeep Saini 3/40) lost to Rajasthan Royals 189 for 6 in 19.4 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 51, Yashasvi Jaiswal 50, Shimron Hetmyer 46; Kagiso Rabada 2/40) by 4 wickets

STANDINGS

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Pts	NRR
GT	13	9	4	18	0.835
CSK	13	7	5	15	0.381
LSG	13	7	5	15	0.304
RCB	13	7	6	14	0.180
RR	14	7	7	14	0.148
MI	13	7	6	14	-0.128
KKR	13	6	7	12	-0.256
PK	14	6	8	12	-0.304
DC	13	5	8	10	-0.572
SRH	13	4	9	8	-0.558

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Trent strikes early... again



Trent Boult took a wicket in the first over of the match. *Sportzpics*

In Rajasthan Royals' two debilitating recent defeats that likely knocked them out of playoff contention, against Hyderabad and Bangalore, the absence of Trent Boult was sorely felt. His ability to swing the new ball, despite not getting much help from the surface, has allowed him to take eight wickets in the first over in the IPL, and it was Punjab's in-form opener Prabhsimran Singh's turn to fall prey to that ability this time around. The Kiwi loaded a full-length inswinger that held its shape until the last moment, outfoxing Prabhsimran in the crease who had committed to an aggressive stance with hard hands. He retracted his shot at the last minute but it was not enough, knocking the ball back into Boult's hands. Atharva Taide nearly lost his wicket in exactly similar fashion, this time the ball was hit harder and Boult was forced to dive to his right and couldn't get a hold of it. The use of a left-arm fast bowler that can make use of the new ball has been a trend seen across the board in the IPL, and Boult's iteration is the archetype.

Swing and a miss



It was a tense moment for the Punjab Kings in the middle of the eighth over as they lost their fourth wicket for just 50 runs. But moments after seeing his stumps knocked over, as Navdeep Saini flailed in celebration in front of him, **Liam Livingstone** could not help himself and let out a laugh.

His dismissal was comedic in a way, although Shikhar Dhawan may not see it that way. After struggling for clean connection throughout his 13-ball stint at the crease, he unleashed a wild swing of the bat - his head position and bat face as out-of-sync as physically possible - going across the line and completely missing the ball which bundled over his off and middle stump. A swing that would not be out of place in baseball or golf which somehow feels commonplace in the IPL.

THE TAIL WAGS

Hoping for a favour



After Yashasvi Jaiswal and Devdutt Paddikal put up a solid partnership to set the base for a win for Rajasthan, it was down to Shimron Hetmyer and **Riyan Parag** to go one better and attempt to win the game with 9 balls to spare to sufficiently improve their run rate to make sure, in the case that both Bangalore and Mumbai lose their final game, but it was not to be.

Parag hit back-to-back sixes off Rabada, who kept banging it in short and had pressure piled on him with a huge over-stepping no ball. Hetmeyer continued his onslaught, leaving in the penultimate over after smashing four fours and three sixes, all in the final four overs. The chase was round out by the tail in the end, but Rajasthan are still dependent on Gujarat Titans, who need to beat RCB by six runs or more, to qualify.

Inconsistent KKR hope for Eden miracle against LSG

RAHUL SADHU
KOLKATA, MAY 19



LSG mentor Gautam Gambhir during training at Eden Gardens on Friday. *PTI*

KOLKATA KNIGHT Riders (KKR) host Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in what will be their final game of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2023 at the Eden Gardens on Saturday. KKR are currently in seventh place in the points table with six wins and seven losses, while LSG is third with seven wins and five losses.

So, merely a win will not suffice for the Knights. They will have to beat Lucknow by a significant margin and also hope that other results go in their favour, needing Punjab Kings (vs Rajasthan Royals), Gujarat Titans (vs Royal Challengers Bangalore) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (Mumbai Indians) to win their respective matches. A win, however, would be enough for their opponents, LSG, to seal their playoff berth.

KKR only have themselves to blame for their position, failing to find consistency with the bat, ball, or in the field, ultimately following up some impressive wins with disappointing losses.

KKR have also been unable to take advantage of the home conditions with an apparent lack of communication between the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) and the franchise. Their captain Nitish Rana has rued the lack of home advantage, but the Eden Gardens pitch curator Sujan Mukherjee has made it clear that he is not obligated to provide pitches that the home team wants.

KKR head coach Chandrakant Pandit, speaking on the eve of the match, shed some light on the matter and said, "Home advantage is a bit of a misunderstood concept. In my experience, I have seen teams failing to win games despite having favourable conditions. It is all about how to win games. Yes, we are playing at home, but despite having this home advantage, we could not win enough games, which was unfortunate."

"But in the IPL, many other teams have also failed to take the home advantage. However, we should have taken the advantage of playing at home," he explained. "As far as pitches are concerned, they have changed over time. Nobody can give a guarantee on it, and it happens sometimes,"

Where KKR have also faltered is not being able to crack the code of a winning combination, thereby suffering seven defeats. Out of those seven, four losses were at the Eden Gardens.

The only shining lights in this season have been the performances of Rinku Singh and Varun Chakravarthy. It is probably due to the duo that KKR have kept their campaign alive, albeit mathematically.

Pandit believes their team is focused on winning the game rather than looking at the table. "We won our last game, and momentum is with us, and we want to finish on a good note and make it to the playoffs by winning the game," he said.

Reflecting on the season, Pandit said, "The tournament was very tough, and despite whatever our team has done, we could have done much better. (We) still want to do much better."

Jersey Talk

LSG's decision to wear a special jersey with Mohun Bagan colours on it (with both the teams having the same owner) has led to much chatter on social media. While some fans are divided over whom to support, others have called for mature behaviour and take it as a mark of respect being shown to the 100-year-old football club of the city and not make too much about it.

One eye on the weather

Players of both teams will have one eye on the weather amidst predictions of a storm. Over the last couple of days, the city of joy has been witnessing thunderstorms and rains in the evening, and as per Accuweather, there is a chance of a similar event on Saturday as well.R hope for Eden miracle against LSG

Watson blames Kotla pitch for exposing Delhi Capitals batting

RAHUL PANDEY
NEW DELHI, MAY 19

DAYS AFTER Kolkata Knight Riders captain Nitish Rana stated that every team in the Indian Premier League enjoys home advantage 'except KKR', Delhi Capitals assistant coach Shane Watson has blamed the pitch at their home ground, the Feroz Shah Kotla, for the side's dismal performance in the 2023 season.

"The pitches here in Delhi haven't been great, to be totally honest," Watson told reporters ahead of DC's final game of the tournament against Chennai Super Kings on Saturday.

"They probably are great if you've got a lot of Indian top order batters. Then that wicket will suit that team. But that's not the make-up of our squad."

Watson referred to Delhi's penultimate game against Punjab Kings at Dharamshala, where they posted 213/2, their highest total of the season. The former Australia all-rounder said the pitches at the Kotla were not in sync with the strengths of the home team.

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"As we saw the other night, if we're able to play on a good traditional cricket wicket, where the ball goes through nicely, doesn't really turn a lot, we saw exactly what can happen from our batting line-up," he said. "We've got Prithvi Shaw with the overseas players (at the top). That's our strength. But unfortunately, when we come to Delhi, due to the amount of cricket that's been played on this wicket block, it's very dry. There's not much grass, if any. Which, unfortunately, exposes the set-up of our batting in particular." Watson hoped that the franchise would get pitches more to its liking in 2024.

"Next season, hopefully the conditions are going to be more suitable to the make-up of our team. And there'll be more true batting surfaces, which will then really showcase the world-class batters that we have on traditional cricket wickets."

Swift rebuttal

DC, who are ninth in the 10-team league going into the last round of games, have only won two of the six games they've played at home so far.

However, an official of the Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) said that they have been told not to heed the franchise's demands as far as the pitch is concerned, and that the three-year gap between IPL games at the Kotla was the reason for DC not being able to adjust to the conditions.

"We've been given clear instructions not to listen to the franchise. (The absence of grass) is owing to the heat that has increased," the official told *The Indian Express*. "The wicket was tougher in the 2019 season. If you look at the average scores from that year, they were somewhere around 135-140."

Recently, Kolkata Knight Riders had complained about the pitches at their home venue Eden Gardens, not catering to their strengths, responding to which curator Sujan Mukherjee had told this paper that he was not bound to produce wickets as per the directions of the home team.

"IPL is not played on home advantage, and the captain may say anything he wants," Mukherjee said. "Does IPL have a clause where it is written that pitches have to be produced according to the wishes of the IPL franchise?"



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