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#### Govt appoints former SC judge Hemant Gupta as chief of NDIAC

**APURVA VISHWANATH** NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 21

TWO MONTHS after his retirement as a judge of the Supreme Court, the Centre has appointed Justice Hemant Gupta as Chairperson of the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre.

In a notification issued December 19, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Justice Gupta's appointment. He retired on October 16, after a four-year tenure in the top

During his tenure as a judge of the apex court, Justice Gupta delivered several important judgments, including the verdict in the Karnataka Hijab ban case. In the split verdict in the Hijab case, Justice Gupta, just three days before his retirement, had dismissed the appeals challenging the March 15 judgement of the Karnataka High Court which had refused to lift the ban. Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia disagreed with Justice Gupta.

Justice Gupta was also part of another two-judge bench split verdict delivered in August this year in which the Karnataka High Court's decision allowing the use of Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru's Chamarajpet for Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations was challenged. The case was heard by a three-judge bench the same day which stayed

the High Court ruling. The Centre also appointed Ganesh Chandru, Partner at Dua Associates, and Advocate Anant Vijay Palli as its part-time members. Palli is the son of former Punjab and Haryana High Court Judge P K Palli and is married to Justice Rekha Palli, judge of the Delhi High Court. His brother, Justice Arun Palli, is currently a judge of the Punjab and Haryana

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REVIEW MEETING: COVID IS NOT OVER YET, CAUTIONS HEALTH MINISTER

# **Covid advisory** again: Random test at airports, try to use mask

Two cases of sub-variant BF.7 reported in India so far — from Odisha, Gujarat

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

REVIEWING THE situation in India in view of rising cases in China and some other countries, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Wednesday urged people to follow Covid-appropriate behaviour, including wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, washing hands frequently, and getting vaccinated. He also directed officials to "fully gear up and strengthen surveillance".

Official sources said random testing of international passengers on arrival will start again. It had stopped after a revision in travel advisories in Novemberend. Prior to that, 2% of international passengers were being randomly tested at airports.

Sources in Delhi said two cases of the Omicron sub-variant BF.7, which is reported to be

driving the surge in China, have the first in Odisha in September, and the second in Gujarat in November. "The cases were detected a while back and haven't spread so far. It is likely to be similar to other variants that were on the watch list for other countries but resulted in marginal increase in cases in India." said a senior official.

(In Gujarat, officials said two cases of the sub-variant had been reported — in Vadodara in September, and in Ahmedabad in November — and both patients have since recovered.

A press release issued by the Vadodara Municipal Corporation said a 61-year-old woman, who had arrived from the US on September 11 this year, had tested positive for the sub-variant. "The patient had taken three doses of the Pfizer vaccine and was in home isolation," it said.

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Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya chairs a review meeting with experts and officials in view of rising Covid-19 cases in some countries, on Wednesday. ANI

### Minister tells Rahul to follow Covid protocol, Congress asks why just us

**ANONNA DUTT** & MANOJCG

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

WITH HEALTH Minister Mansukh Mandaviya asking Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to either follow "all Covid-19 guidelines" during his Bharat Jodo Yatra or suspend it "in national interest", the Congress hit back at the government on Wednesday, accusing it of selectively targeting its programme.

In a letter addressed to Rahul and Rajasthan Chief Minister

Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday, Mandaviya wrote: "Please ensure that in the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra in Rajasthan, all Covid-19 guidelines are strictly followed, masks and sanitisers are used, and only those vaccinated against Covid-19 participate. People must isolate themselves before and after they join the yatra... If it is not possible to follow these Covid-19 protocols, then, keeping the public health situation in mind, please suspend the

interest..." The yatra completed its

Bharat Jodo Yatra in the national

Rajasthan leg on Tuesday and entered Harvana on Wednesday morning.

Mandaviya said he wrote the letter after three MPs from Rajasthan wrote to him saying many people who had participated in the vatra had contracted the infection. He said Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, who participated in the yatra some **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

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### US university that signed MoU with UP govt had its approval revoked days earlier

State says tie-up not with university but consulting group; founder says students were online, blames Covid



Moustafa (2nd from left) with UP minister Suresh Khanna and former minister Sidharth Nath Singh. ANI file

### Poll bonds account for 10% to 100% donations to regional parties

**DAMINI NATH** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

FROM 100% of all grants, donations and contributions received by the Biju Janata Dal to about 10% of all declarable contributions to the Samajwadi Party in 2021-2022, electoral bonds contributed a large chunk of the income of regional parties in the last financial year.

According to the BJD's annual audit report for 2021-2022, which was published by the Election Commission on its website Wednesday, the party declared it received Rs 291 crore in the category of "grants, donations and contributions" and the entire amount was in the form of electoral bonds. The income from electoral bonds accounted for 94% of the total income of the BJD: Rs. 307.28 crore.

Similarly, the YSR Congress Party's annual report showed the party received Rs 60 crore from electoral bonds in 2021-



POLITICAL PARTIES are

required to submit details of all contributions in excess of Rs 20,000 each to the ECI in their annual reports. However, contributions from electoral bonds are exempt from the requirement and most prominent national and state parties do not include them in their contribution reports.

2022 and it accounted for 64% of its total income of Rs.93.72 crore and 75% of the income from grants, contributions and donations. The Telangana Rashtra Samithi, which recently changed its name to Bharat Rashtra **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

#### high resolution cameras for ITBP **IN PARLIAMENT**

**MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

AMID SIMMERING tension along the India-China border following the recent clash between Indian and Chinese troops, the **Cabinet Committee on Security** (CCS) has approved the procurement of around 17 high-resolution cameras for the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to

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Watching China border: CCS clears



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The demand for high-resolution cameras was part of the

ITBP's modernisation plan-IV, which was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), it is Sources told *The Indian* 

monitor the activities of Chinese

forces, The Indian Express has

Express that the cameras will be among key technical equipment being procured under the plan. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 **SOURAV ROY BARMAN** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

ON DECEMBER 18, the Uttar Pradesh government announced in an official statement the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with "Austin University in San Francisco, USA, to build a Knowledge Smart City at the cost of USD 42 billion (about Rs 35,000 crore)". The MoU was described as one of the several signed by the state in its latest push to attract investment from abroad.

On Wednesday, UP's Additional Chief Secretary (Infrastructure Development) Arvind Kumar clarified that the MoU was signed not with the university but "Austin Consulting Group".

Official records from the US. reviewed by The Indian Express,

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### Bali echoed PM advice to Putin, now CIA chief says Modi concern has had impact on Russians



**UNIVERSITY BAN FOR AFGHAN WOMEN** 

**HEARSES QUEUE AT** CHINA MORGUES, W.H.O. CAUTIONS **PAGE 14** 

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

WEEKS AFTER the G20 Bali Declaration echoed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "not an era of war" advice to Russian President Vladimir Putin, CIA Director William J Burns has said concerns raised by Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping over



William J **Burns, CIA** Director. Reuters file

the Kremlin's threat to use nuclear weapons has had an "impact on the Russians".

In an interview to US public

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some, I think, very dangerous

and others around him have

broadcaster PBS, Burns said, "Well, he's done — there's been done. That was part of the conversation I had with one of my Russian intelligence counterparts, Sergey Naryshkin." Asked where he saw it going,

nuclear sabre-rattling that Putin

he said, "Well, I think the sabrerattling is meant to intimidate. We don't see any clear evidence today of plans to use tactical

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### 2 decades in Nepal jail, Bikini Killer Charles Sobhraj to walk free

YUBARAJGHIMIRE KATHMANDU. DECEMBER 21

KNOWN TO the world as the 'Bikini Killer', Charles Sobhraj, the notorious serial killer and French citizen who has spent close to two decades in Kathmandu prisons, will soon walk free.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court of Nepal ordered Sobhraj's release within 15 days and his immediate deportation to France.

A division bench of Justice Sapana Pradhan Malla and Justice Dil Kumar Shrestha ordered Sobhraj's release on "humanitarian grounds" under rules that al-

low for 25 per cent waiver on the punishment awarded to any convict above 65 years of age.

Sobhraj's release comes 10 months before he would have completed his life term.

Wanted in Nepal for a murder committed way back in the 70s. he was arrested in 2003 from a casino in Kathmandu when he arrived on a tourist visa, before being

tried and convicted. Sobhrai had then told his interrogators that he was under the impression that, like in some other countries, Nepal had 'laws of limitation' which would have given him immunity for crimes committed more than 20 years ago.

Sobhrai also served time in India for 21 years, which included a 22-day break period when he escaped Delhi's Tihar Jail in 1986. Back then, he had drugged prison guards on the pretext of sharing

sweets for his birthday. But once they got him, police in Nepal reopened an investigation from 1975 — of the murder of US citizen Connie Jo Bronzich, who was killed in Kathmandu by Sobhraj, who had approached her by posing as a "charming" gem

The body of Bronzich, who was staying in the same hotel as Sobhraj, was found lying in a deserted area around 20 km from



Charles Sobhraj had spent two decades in India jail earlier. The Nepal SC has now ordered his release. Archive

the building.

Sobhraj was convicted by the district and appellate courts and

the Supreme Court. Sobhraj, 78, had petitioned the government seeking early release citing a poor heart condition and dental problems. Over the years, French embassy in Kathmandu too lobbied for Sobhraj's release.

"...During the pendency of the petition, I have been suffering from a major heart disease requiring an open heart surgery of the replacement of heart left valve and a repair of the right valve..," Sobhraj had said in an application to the Frenchembassy on August 4, 2017.

The Indian Express in 2017, Sobhraj, who had collapsed in jail a few days earlier and was scheduled to undergo a valve replacement at the Gangalal Heart Centre in Kathmandu, said, "I don't know if I will survive this. I have been threatened with death in the

courtroom. Besides, the risk factor of an open heart surgery in Nepal is higher than France. In Nepal, it is between 3-5 per cent while in France it is only 1 per cent. But the cardiologists here have decided I should have the replacement as quickly as possible since there is significant damage in one

valve and mild damage to the

In an exclusive interview to other. Of course, I am nervous about all this."

Sobhraj's notoriety earned him nicknames such as 'Bikini Killer', (many of his victims were mostly backpacking Western tourists in Asia) and 'Serpent' for the skill with which he evaded the police.

then killing them. It is estimated that Sobhraj, who was most active between 1972 and 1976, killed 15-20 people in this period. Sobhraj's chilling murders and

His modus operandi allegedly

involved drugging his victims and

jailbreaks have been recounted in countless documentaries, movies and books.

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AVATAR THE WAY OF WATER: ALL HAIL JAMES CAMERON FOR PUTTING MARVEL IN **ITS PLACE** 

James Cameron's 'Avatar: The Way of Water' alternately embraces and rejects genre tropes. And nothing is as dazzling as the second act stretch in which the movie forgoes plot in favour of endless vibes.

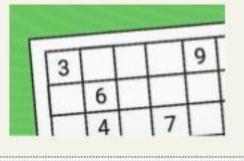
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### Won't execute warrant against TMC leader until Jan 9, ED tells Delhi HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) on Wednesday made an oral statement before Delhi High Court that it will not execute the production warrant issued by a trial court against Trinamool Congress leader Anubrata Mondal until January 9, 2023.

The production warrant was issued in a money laundering probe related to the cattle smuggling case in West Bengal.

Following the agency's oral statement, a single-judge bench of Justice Jasmeet Singh listed the matter on January 9, 2023. Mondal, in judicial custody at a jail in West Bengal's Asansol at present, has challenged a December 19 order issued by the Rouse Avenue Court in Delhi to produce him. The order was issued on a plea moved by the ED.

On Wednesday, the ED's counsel said at the outset that the matter be kept for December 23. Appearing for Mondal, senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi said that as long as the agency does not execute the production warrant until after the court vacation, the matter can be taken up once the

**SHAJU PHILIP** 

DECEMBER 21

THIRUVANANTHAPRUAM

KERALA CHIEF Minister Pinarayi

Vijayan Wednesday said that his

government would not take any

action that would affect the lives

and livelihood of the people with

regard to fixing buffer zones for

protected forest tracts in the state.

Vijayan blamed the Opposition

for creating misunderstandings

biguity on the buffer zone issue.

The Opposition is trying to hide

real facts to spark emotional out-

burst from people against the gov-

ernment. The government is com-

mitted to ensuring that no action

is taken to affect people's lives

even as it remains watchful in pro-

tecting the environment." he said.

came in the wake of mounting

protest from farmers in the hilly

regions against an alleged faulty

survey report on the structures

in the proposed one-km buffer

zone for 22 wildlife sanctuaries

The chief minister's remarks

among the people in the issue.

Addressing the media,

"The government has no am-

**KERALA FOREST BUFFER ZONE** 

that would affect

Won't take any action

people's lives: Pinarayi

High Court reopens. Also appearing for Mondal, senior advocate N Hariharan informed the court that the production warrant issued against Mondal is expiring in between the vacation period.

Thereafter, the ED counsel said he will write an email to the authorities in Asansol jail for not executing the production warrant as of now. The HC thereafter renotified the matter for January 9, 2023.

Earlier in the day, Mondal's plea was listed before another single-judge bench of Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani, where Hariharan submitted that the matter be transferred to court of Justice Jasmeet Singh, as other connected matters were listed before him and also since there is an urgency in the matter of the present plea.

On Tuesday, a lower court in

Birbhum district sent Mondal to seven-day police custody in an attempt to murder case that was registered on Monday evening. Although the incident involving the alleged attempt to murder took place in 2021, the FIR was filed on Monday evening, hours after a court in New Delhi granted a production warrant to the ED to bring Mondal to Delhi for questioning in connection with the cattle smuggling case.

Kerala Chief

**Minister** 

Pinarayi

Vijayan

and protected forest belts in the

state after the June verdict of the

SC. The court wanted a report on

the existing structures in the pro-

posed zone abutting the forests.

led to the present imbroglio,

Vijayan said the Congress-led

UPA government had intro-

duced a 10 km buffer zone as

part of its Wildlife Conservation

Strategy, 2002. "During the sec-

ond UPA regime, then Union

Forest and Environment

Minister Jairam Ramesh had de-

clared the buffer zone and he

had been very obstinate about it.

He had even blamed the state

governments stating they were

delaying the implementation of

wanted a 10 km buffer zone

from the boundaries of forests.

the Congress government in the

sities. Data from the National

state extended it to 12 km.

Vijayan said when the Centre

the buffer zone," said Vijayan.

Explaining the incidents that

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### Covid advisory again: Put on masks, test at airports

The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation said a 57-year-old man, who had arrived from Australia on November 11, had tested positive for the sub-variant. "He was asymptomatic. He returned to Australia on November 21. All his family members were also asymptomatic at that time," said Dr Bhavin Solanki, medical of-

In Odisha, the sub-variant was found in the sample of a woman from Khordha district who got tested before travelling to the US.

The parent sub-variant BA.5 accounted for 2.5% of all the samples sequenced in India in November, according to data from the country's Sars-CoV-2 genome sequencing consortium INSACOG. To keep an eye on any emerging variants, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan wrote to all states and UTs on Tuesday, asking them to sequence all positive samples on a daily basis.

"Covid is not over yet. I have di-

rected all concerned to be alert and strengthen surveillance. We are prepared to manage any situation," Mandaviya tweeted after the review meeting on Wednesday.

During the meeting, attended by experts and senior officials, Mandaviya was briefed on the global Covid situation and the domestic scenario, including the preparedness of all stakeholders.

According to data presented at the meeting, the number of daily cases has remained low in India, with an average of 158 positive cases reported per day during the week ending December 19. Globally, there has been an increasing trend over the last six weeks, with an average of 5.9 lakh cases reported daily during the week ending December 19.

While over 90% of eligible beneficiaries have received the first two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, the coverage of the precaution dose, which began earlier this year, has remained low. According to ministry data, only 27% of eligible beneficiaries had received the third dose till September-end, at the conclusion of a 75-day programme to provide free booster shots to all adults.

According to data from the government's CoWIN platform, the numbers remained low after that – only 96.3 lakh third doses were administered from October 1 to December 20.

During the meeting, it was highlighted that Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Tamil Nadu are the top five states contributing to the daily case load. These five states accounted for 84% of the daily new cases reported on December 20. Among those present at the meeting on Wednesday were NITI Aayog member (Health) Dr V K Paul, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Director General Rajiv Bahl, National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation

(NTAGI) Chairman Dr N K Arora, and the secretaries of health, department of pharmaceuticals, department of biotechnology, Ayush.

The government will hold a meeting again next week to monitor the situation.

In his letter on Tuesday, Bhushan noted that a "sudden spurt of cases (was) being witnessed in Japan, United States of America, Republic of Korea, Brazil and China".

Other than increased surveillance, there is no change in protocol for international arrivals as of now. The protocol revised last month does away with the need for either a negative RT-PCR or complete vaccination certificate. It said in-bound passengers should "preferably be fully vaccinated as per the approved primary schedule of vaccination against Covid-19 in their country."

WITH ENS INPUTS FROM VADODARA, AHMEDABAD

and he discussed the situation in

Ukraine and India-Russia bilateral

ties in a telephone conversation.

#### • UP tie-up with US university

cial approval to operate was revoked barely 10 days before the

behind "Austin University in San

According to an order issued by the California Department of Consumer 2011 to Austin University in San Francisco to operate as a "nonaccredited private postsec-2022 -- and a fine of USD 9,965 was imposed on it.

performance fact sheets between 2016 and 2020 uploaded on the university's website under US government regulations, it offers MBA courses but does not have any registered students.

When contacted by *The* 

The two Ministers were not available for comment. A top UP government official said the state government will follow all procedural requirements before finalising the deal. "We signed the MoU with Austin Consulting Group. All due processes shall be followed before going ahead with the project. This is just an MoU, which is not binding on us," the official said.

The order shows that the Bureau listed two counts: the university did not pay its "annual fees" for 2019 and 2020; an inspection by the bureau could not find the university at its registered address.

from the Bureau dated August 19, 2021. It states: "Bureau staff attempted to conduct an unannounced Compliance inspection at the Institution... Bureau staff arrived at the Institution's office space located on the second floor of the building and found that there was no one at the school, the front door was locked, and there was no furniture inside and the lights were off. Bureau

with the Institution's name or business hours..." The California order, mean-

while, described Moustafa's testimony as "not credible". "Al Moustafa also testified

again not credibly, that respondent charges its students only \$4,500 for degrees, and that respondent's instructional staff members are all unpaid volunteers. Al Moustafa's evasive and occasionally dishonest testimony gave no information about how respondent has conducted its business since 2019 or will conduct its business in the future. It did not even establish that respondent actually continues or intends to continue offering instruction as a private postsecondary educational institution, the order stated.

When asked about the order, Moustafa said: "The university had to shut down in 2020 due to Covid. It also moved to a different place."

Ouestioned about the status of Austin University, Moustafa claimed that the institution has 5,000 students enrolled, including those who stay "on the residential campus".

Asked about its submission to the California administration that it does not have any students, he said, "There are no oncampus students. But we have students who attend our classes online. I can send you pictures also. Look, this is just an MoU. It

is not binding on either the UP government or us." The website of Austin

Consulting Group describes it as an "American leading management consulting firm based in the San Francisco Bay Area". According to Moustafa, the

Group's valuation runs into "10 billion USD". When asked about the UP investment proposal, he said, "We plan to invest 7 billion USD in the first phase of the UP project. Of the total amount, 1 billion USD will be invested by the Austin Consulting Group, while the remaining will come from other investors. The campus will be spread over 5,000 acres. We will be in UP next month to scout for land, which we will buy in cash."

Responding to another question about the events leading to the MoU, Moustafa said he had made a presentation to the Uttarakhand government in 2019. "There was an investors summit when I made the presentation. But the Uttarakhand government could not offer more than 20 acres of land. This time, I met the UP ministers who were visiting the USA and the MoU happened," he said.

"In UP, if the project works out, we will roll out the first phase in three years. The first phase will be spread over 1,000 acres and six programmes will be launched. We will tie up with the best institutions in the world like Standord and Oxford, Moustafa said, adding that the MoU was signed in San Francisco.

On its website, the Austin University claims to be accredited by the UK-based Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges and Universities (ASIC). But the university is not listed in the directory of accredited institutions maintained by the ASIC.

In October, records show, the US Bureau conveyed to the university that "ASIC is not a U.S. Department of Education recognized accreditor".

#### show that the university's offistaff could not locate any signage

announcement. They also show that the face

Francisco" and "Austin Consulting Group" is the same: Ashraf Al Moustafa, who described himself in an interview to The Indian Express as a US citizen of Egyptian royal descent.

Affairs, approval granted in ondary education institution" was revoked on December 8, Furthermore, according to

*Indian Express* over the phone, Moustafa said: "I recently formed the Austin Consulting Group, which is for-profit, specifically for the project in UP and another one in Egypt. I also happen to be the founder president of Austin University, which is non-profit, but that has no connection to this MoU." Moustafa said he holds "over 50 per cent stake" in Austin Consulting

Photographs shared by the UP government along with its initial announcement of the MoU show that Moustafa was present at the signing along with **UP Finance Minister Suresh** Khanna and former minister Sidharth Nath Singh

UP Additional Chief

Secretary (Infrastructure and Development) Kumar said the proposal on the investment was shared with the UP government on December 16, and signed by Moustafa, Austin University Chancellor Dr William Kent, and Chief Operating Officer of Austin Consulting Group and Austin University Dr James Kennedy. According to the California

Department of Consumer Affairs' order against the university, dated November 7, action was taken on a complaint from Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, State of California.

The records include a memo

Last week, Union Minister for passed by voice vote.

been declared to be an institution of national importance and is mandated to be a seven-member body that is headed by a former Judge of the Supreme Court or a High Court or an eminent person.

### Donations to regional parties

Samithi, received Rs 153 crore in electoral bonds, accounting for 70% of its total income of Rs 218.11 crore and 79% of the income from grants, contributions and donations.

Almost 10% of the SP's declarable donations in 2021-2022 came from electoral bonds received by the party in the mail, according to its contribution report submitted to the EC.

The Samajwadi Party's annual contribution report showed that the party received a total of Rs 33,00,55,516 in donations from individuals, companies and electoral trusts. Political parties are required to submit the details of all contributions in excess of Rs 20,000 each to the ECI in their annual reports as per the Representation of the People Act

However, contributions from electoral bonds are exempt from the requirement and most prominent national and state parties do not include them in their contribution reports.

The Samajwadi Party chose to declare contributions of Rs 3.21 crore in electoral bonds. The bonds were received on two days – January 10 and January 12, 2022 – via post. For the six electoral bonds declared in the report, the party wrote: "electoral bond, by post no name" as the description. In the years since the

Electoral Bond Scheme was introduced by the government in 2018, the Samajwadi Party has declared its electoral bonds in the contribution report in one other year – 2019-2020, when it received electoral bonds of Rs 10 crore, 10 bonds of Rs 1 crore each. These accounted for the majority of its total contributions that year: Rs 15.23 crore. The party's total declared contributions went up from Rs 50.44 lakh in 2020-2021 to Rs 33 crore in 2021-2022, likely due to the recovery after the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

While the annual audited reports of all major national parties for 2021-2022, including the BJP and Congress, are not available yet, in 2020-2021, the BJP declared Rs 22.38 crore in income from electoral bonds, just under 4% of its total income from voluntary contributions.

The Congress got about 10% of its total income from contributions through electoral bonds in 2020-2021, according to its report submitted to the Election Commission.

### CIA chief on Modi

nuclear weapons."

"We have made very clear, the (US) President has made very clear to the Russians what the serious risks of that would be. I think it's also been very useful that Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Modi in India have also raised their concerns about the use of nuclear weapons as well. I think that's also having an impact on the Russians," he said.

The CIA chief's comments are perceived as an endorsement of India's carefully calibrated position on the Russian invasion of Ukraine. While not explicitly criticising Moscow for the war, Delhi has raised concerns on the Bucha massacre of civilians as well as Putin's nuclear rhetoric. In September, on the sidelines

of the SCO Summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, Modi told Putin that this was "not an era of war" – and this was also reflected in the Bali Declaration of the G20 Summit last month.

India's diplomatic tightrope walk is seen as paying some dividends as it seeks to balance Western interests and Russian sensitivities.

On December 16, days after it became clear that Prime Minister Modi was not going to Russia for the annual summit this year, Putin

This was their fifth phone conversation since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Asked about cooperation between the Russians and the

Chinese, Burns, who served as Deputy Secretary of State in the Obama administration, said, "I don't think any foreign leader has paid more careful attention to that war and Russia's poor military performance than Xi Jinping has, as he thinks about his own ambitions in Taiwan and elsewhere."

"A few weeks before Putin launched his invasion in Ukraine, when they met at the Winter Olympics in Beijing, they proclaimed a friendship without limits. So, it turns out that there actually are some limits to that partnership, at least in terms of President Xi's reluctance to supply the kind of military assistance to Putin that he's asked for in the course of the war in Ukraine."

"So, I wouldn't underestimate for a moment the commitment between the Chinese and Russian leaderships to that partnership. But it's been interesting to watch the Chinese leadership's reaction to the war in Ukraine," he said.

#### Minister tells Rahul to follow Covid norms

days ago, had also tested positive. "I consulted experts in the

ministry and, on the basis of those discussions, I wrote letters to both Gehlot and Gandhi. I asked them to take adequate precautions and follow Covid protocol. But, since this morning, I have been subjected to questioning... As the Health Minister of the Government of India, it is my responsibility to ensure that Covid doesn't spread," said Mandaviya. Congress leaders asked if he would send similar letters to the

BJP's Karnataka and Rajasthan units which are also organising yatras. Jairam Ramesh, AICC general secretary in charge of communications, pointed out that Parliament was meeting normally and masks were no longer compulsory anywhere, including on flights. "The BJP has organised yatras in Rajasthan and Karnataka. There has been no advisory from the Centre to states of late, except the one issued yesterday on genome sequencing. It also bears recall that in March 2020, the Modi government delayed imposition of lockdown by at least a week to enable the toppling of the Congress government in Madhya Pradesh," he said.

Saying that "public health is far too serious an issue on which to play party politics", he added: "If there is a protocol for gatherings,

the Bharat Jodo Yatra will abide by it undoubtedly".

"The Union Health Minister writes to Rahul Gandhi on the babeen following Covid protocol. This MP's letter was sent following the enormous success of Bharat Jodo Yatra in his state," said Ramesh. "I can understand that the BJP is afraid and is in trouble after seeing the success of the Bharat Jodo Yatra."

Pawan Khera, AICC media department head, spoke on similar lines. "We are wondering why a similar letter was not sent to the president of the BJP in Rajasthan, Satish Poonia, who is carrying out a Jan Akrosh Yatra there. We understand there is not much of a response to the Jan Akrosh Yatra. There are no people there." Saying that the BJP was also or-

said: "Has the health minister also sent this letter to the Karnataka you were to travel by air, nobody would ask you to wear a mask or use sanitiser." Why has the government of India not introduced transport, he asked. "Why just Rahul Gandhi, why just Congress party, why just Bharat Jodo Yatra? Parliament session? If physical Parliament can take place, if the Ian Akrosh Yatra can take place, if the BJP yatra in Karnataka can take place, if there is no mask compulsory in air travel, why are you picking on Rahul Gandhi and Bharat Jodo Yatra? Please announce Covid protocol, we will all follow it," he said. In a series of tweets, Gehlot ac-

cused the BIP of attempting to suppress the groundswell of support for the Congress that the yatra had generated. "This clearly shows that BIP's aim is to disturb the Bharat Jodo Yatra, fearing the increasing public support. Two days ago, the Prime Minister held a rally in Tripura where no Covid protocol was followed. During the second wave of Covid, the PM addressed huge rallies in Bengal. If the purpose of the Union Health Minister was not political, then his concern is justified, then he should have written the first letter to the Prime Minister." he said. Responding to the Congress

attack, Mandaviya said he was doing his duty and subjecting him to such questioning at the behest of a "particular family" amounted to obstruction from discharging his duty. "I am a small member in pradhan sevak's team...How can I question special people? If that is the mindset then I don't have any answers," he said.

#### • ITBP

km of the India-China border and manning 180 Border Out Posts (BOPs) at altitudes ranging from 9,000-18,750 ft in the western, middle and eastern Himalayas -from Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Bum La in Arunachal Pradesh. The Army guards land along the Line of Control with Pakistan.

with the BSF -- and the Line of Actual Control with China, with the ITBP. The ITBP had been allocated Rs 7,461.28 crore from the Centre in the Budget for this fiscal compared to Rs 6,965.02 crore last time. "Since modernisation plan-III came to an end on December 31, 2021, modernisation plan-IV for CAPFs was approved by CCS to be implemented till March 31, 2026," MHA officials said.

On December 9, troops from

#### sis of a letter sent to him by a BIP MP from Rajasthan who alleges that Bharat Jodo Yatra has not

ganising a vatra in Karnataka, he

BJP? We want to know. Today, if stringent measures in public Have they postponed the

"As of now, the cameras have a zoom-in feature of 40-50 megapixel. But the force has decided to procure cameras with a zoom-in feature of 100 megapixel. All these cameras will be used in border areas for surveillance," sources said.

Along with the Army, the ITBP

is responsible for guarding 3,488

India and China clashed in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang sector, beating each other with sticks and canes, in the closest such encounter since the deadly Galwan incident in eastern Ladakh in June 2020.

#### Set up in 2019, the NDIAC has Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju in-

SC ex-judge is NDIAC chief

troduced a Bill to rename the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre as the India International Arbitration Centre in the Upper House and it was

Haryana (46,206), Sarkar replied. CUET is the first single gateway for admission to undergraduate programmes at all central univer-

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University Entrance Test (CUET) this year, the Union Ministry of Education (MoE) told Parliament.

**MOKSHIDA BHAT** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

DELHI AND UP account for over

half the number of candidates

who appeared for Central

CUET in July and August, of whom 4.81 lakh were from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. This was followed by Bihar (84,496 candidates) Madhya Pradesh (52,385), and

Replying to a question, MoS for Education Subhas Sarkar informed Rajya Sabha last week that 9.25 lakh candidates appeared for

Over 50% CUET candidates

from Delhi, UP: Govt in House

said classes this year started earlier than last year. "Last dates for admissions in the University of Delhi during the last three years were as follows: 31.08.2019 (2019-20), 15.01.2021 (2020-21) and 31.12.2021 (2021-22)," he stated.

Testing Agency (NTA) shows that 90 universities used CUET scores for admissions this year. The examination's debut this

year was marred by technical glitches. Repeated rescheduling of the exam was said to have led to a delay in the start of admissions to undergraduate programmes this year. However, the Ministry of Education dismissed the allegation in Parliament while replying to a question from Congress MP Deepak Baiji.

Citing DU's example, Sarkar

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16-YEAR-OLD'S SUICIDE IN FARIDABAD

### 'Upscale school ignored mother's email on son being sexually abused'

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA FARIDABAD, DECEMBER 21

AN EMAIL complaint by the boy's mother to the school authorities alleging that her son had been sexually abused and bullied and was having 'suicidal' tendencies; a handwritten note allegedly by the victim mentioning sexual assault by some students; and phone call recordings of the boy discussing the alleged assault with friends – these are some of the crucial pieces of evidence in the chargesheet filed by Faridabad police against the academic headmistress and the principal of a prominent school in the case of suicide of a class 10

student in February this year. Faridabad police filed a

chargesheet against the two accused earlier this month before a district court. The academic headmistress has been charged under IPC section 306 (abetment of suicide), and section 21 (punishment for failure to report or record a case) of POCSO Act, and the principal under section 21 of the POCSO Act. Three former schoolmates of the victim, who are also accused in the case, are yet to be chargesheeted.

Police have listed 36 witnesses in the chargesheet.

The 16-year-old committed suicide on February 24, 2022, with his mother – a teacher at the same school – alleging that he was harassed over his sexuality and the school ignored her complaint. In the FIR, the boy's mother had said that one year before the incident, her son had confided in her that some boys in school harassed him and called him gay.

recovered by the police, the boy had stated, "This school has killed me. Specially higher authorities... Police said the statements and

In a purported suicide note,

evidence collected by the SIT, during its probe, suggest that the school principal did not inform the local police about sexual harassment allegations levelled against some school students by the boy's mother in an email to the authorities dated September 23,

2021 – over five months before the incident. This, the chargesheet states, is a crime punishable under section 21 of POCSO Act.

Police said the special investi-

gation team (SIT) sought the details of communication between the complainant and school authorities, and it was found that in an email to the principal on September 23, 2021, the boy's mother had accused three of her son's schoolmates of "sexually abusing" him, while five other schoolmates were alleged to have had "bullied verbally and harassed him" by her. On these five students, the chargesheet states that the probe did not find them to "have behaved with any sexual intent" and that they simply made fun of each other.

"Because of the abuse done by these students to my son, he has lost its mental composure, he is having suicidal tendencies," read the mother's email to the school. The mother had mentioned in the email that after morning sports practice and during lunch breaks, her son was sexually assaulted by the students on school premises.

Police said on October 25, 2021 – a month later – the school principal replied to the complainant stating: "... all five students named by you in your mail have departed from school and are no longer on its rolls. Of the four students mentioned in context of verbal abuse, the school

is not in receipt of any complaint against them in the past from your end or any other quarter. The same notwithstanding, consequent to your mail... highlighting your concern in a communication to school for the first time. we have made immediate and concerted efforts to pursue the matter by speaking... to the said four students in presence of their parents. They have vehemently denied their involvement in any such act and expressed shock at

The principal, in the email, further stated, "The alleged incident as stated by you carries no specific particulars or evidence. Yet a strong message of positive

with such behaviour."

the possibility of any association

respect for every student has been reiterated by school with all of them in presence of their parents..."

Days after the incident was reported, police had formed an SIT to investigate the case. In the chargesheet, police said that a week before the incident, the boy told a friend over the phone that during an exam, the headmistress was "repeatedly torturing and putting pressure on

On February 21, during another exam, the headmistress troubled him by putting pressure on him in the middle of the exam, he told his friend, the chargesheet states, adding: "As a result, due to the mental torture suffered, he became so scared that he started having panic attacks and had to seek medical treatment and the boy ended his life..."

In the chargesheet, police also said that 10 call recordings from the victim's phone were submitted by the complainant and sent for forensic analysis. Police said that as per the transcripts of three phone calls of the victim with his friends in October 2021, November 2021 and February 2022, the boy mentioned that he was allegedly sexually harassed by some students at school and the students had tried to rape him in the school washroom when

he was in class 8.

#### **AMID SPIKE IN CASES IN CHINA**

# Covid shadow re-emerges, CM calls emergency meet

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

THE DELHI government is monitoring the Covid situation and the health department has asked officials to ensure genome sequencing is done for all positive cases being reported in the city. Officials said they will also take stock of oxygen plants and other logistics available in the state governmentrun hospitals.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has called an emergency meeting on Thursday to discuss the Covid situation in the national capital and make preparations.

The move comes amid a

spurt in Covid cases in China. The Union Health Ministry Tuesday urged all states and Union Territories to gear up the whole genome sequencing of positive samples to keep track of emerging variants.

According to senior officials, the state health department will implement the Centre's guidelines, which were issued on Tuesday.

"We are also taking stock of infrastructure and redoing it

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According to the Delhi government's health bulletin, on Wednesday, the city recorded five Covid cases. Archive

wherever required. Whatever preparations we did in the last phase of the pandemic, we will take it further and add more," said an official.

According to the Delhi government's health bulletin, on Wednesday, Delhi recorded five cases of Covid and one death. A total of 2,642 tests were conducted, and 19 people were recorded to be in home isolation while three were in hospi-

There are 8,211 beds in Covid-dedicated hospitals, out of which 17 are occupied and 8,194 are vacant, the bulletin showed.

The genome sequencing will be conducted at the lab in the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS).

Doctors at Lok Nayak hospital, the nodal hospital for Covid infections, have been instructed to send all samples for genome sequencing.

"We have not had any Covid patients for the last 20 days; whenever a patient comes we will send samples for genome sequencing," said Dr Suresh Kumar, the medical director at Lok Nayak Hospital.

According to Dr Ekta Gupta, a virologist at ILBS, the Delhi government has instructed to conduct 100% genome sequencing sampling.

"All positive cases will be tested for now. We have the data till November 20, and all samples were XBB variant-dominant." said Dr Ekta.

The Covid numbers in Delhi have been low and the city has been reporting less than 20 positive cases in a day since December 4, while the number of tests hovered between 2,500-3,000. One death was reported

on December 5. Till December 20, three Covid positive patients were admitted to hospitals across the city, and 21 were in home isolation, according to the data.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Wednesday reviewed the Covid situation in the country, and directed officials to be alert and strengthen surveillance.

### After AIIMS scare, Safdarjung and RML begin bolstering cyber security

**ANKITA UPADHYAY** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

AFTER THE recent cyber attack at All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) Delhi, the central government-run hospitals in Delhi — Safdariung and Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) hospitals are strengthening their cyber security. Officials at the hospitals said that a review meeting will be conducted by National Informatics Centre (NIC) as well.

According to official sources, there have been instructions from the Union Health Ministry for Safdarjung and RML on steps to be taken to enhance cyber security. "We have been told in writing on what actions need to be taken, whether we need to increase our manpower, manager and routine audits," said an official.

According to officials at Safdarjung Hospital, a security audit will be conducted soon, af-



Safdarjung Hospital officials said a security audit will be conducted soon

ter the recommendation of the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). "We have been asked to conduct a security audit by CERT, and we will get it done soon. Our vulnerabilities will be identified, and steps to tackle them will be taken by the administration," the official at Safdarjung Hospital added.

So far, the server at Safdariung hospital is cloud-based and firewalls have been installed in the local servers.

Officials said that earlier, the super speciality block, oncology, dental and burns, and plastics were on local servers, but firewalls were installed in those servers as well. "The local servers were only limited to respective departments. Now we have switched all the departments to cloud-based servers," he added.

The hospital is also going to revamp its website. "We are taking inputs from NIC and have been discussing with their senior officials how we will revamp the website. We need to do a technical assessment for which we will hire experts from IIT," the official said. The Union Health Ministry has

asked health officials at both hospitals that since they are dependent on NIC, all matters surrounding security should be checked. "We don't have a team like AIIMS which has a dedicated IT cell. Whenever there is any issue, we communicate with NIC," said an official at Safdarjung Hospital.

At Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, authorities have been conducting regular cyber security workshops and a circular of do's and don'ts have also been issued.

"We issue these advisories on a regular basis where we tell our staff on changing passwords often." said an official from RML. Officials said the whole sys-

tem has been on the NIC cloud for a very long time, and no local servers are present in the hospital service. "We have a closed local area network (LAN) system which is run by the hospital. The NIC has been taking care of our ehospital service. Our e-hospital is cloud-based and data is stored there so there is no scope of hacking," the official added.

tal also has a 1,500-user LAN net work and no WiFi is being used. "The LAN is more secure along with a central firewall and a centrally controlled anti-virus," the official added.

In addition to that, the hospi-



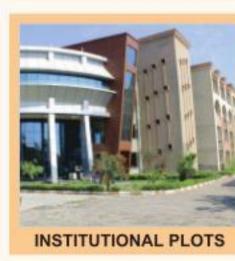
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### Schoolgirl kills self over leaked video, 1 held

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GHAZIABAD, DECEMBER 21

AN 18-YEAR-OLD schoolgirl hanged herself in Ghaziabad on Monday evening, allegedly after a neighbour posted objectionable videos of her on social media.

The accused, Irfan, was arrested on Wednesday evening. The girl's father has alleged that earlier this month, the ac-

cused drugged her drink and recorded an objectionable video, which he later posted online. He also alleged that he was threatened by the accused's father, and that personnel at Khoda police station had not registered an FIR when he and his daughter went to the police station on Saturday.

DCP(Trans Hindon) Deeksha Sharma said six police teams were deployed to arrest the accused and his father. The latter has not been caught yet, police

The DCP said that an investigation into why an FIR was not filed when the woman earlier approached the police would also be conducted.

The FIR has been filed under sections relating to criminal intimidation, abetment of suicide and criminal conspiracy, as well as relevant provisions of the

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**ALLEGATIONS FALSE, NO EVIDENCE: SISODIA LEGAL TEAM** 

### In liquor chargesheet, ED claims bizman took over as Nair was busy in polls

#### **ANAND MOHANJ**

NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 21

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate. in its chargesheet filed in connection with the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy, has alleged that businessman Dinesh Arora acted as a "conduit for kickbacks" between the 'South group' and the Aam Aadmi Party. The ED chargesheet relies on

statements made by Arora, Indospirits MD Sameer Mahendru and South group member Arun Pillai to allege that Arora took over from AAP communications in-charge Vijay Nair when the latter was busy with the Goa and Punjab Assembly elections. Arora, who is an approver in the CBI case, is not an accused in the ED case, but the agency has relied on his statements to make allegations of kickbacks from the South group, of which Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's daughter Kalvakuntla Kavitha is accused of being a

member. According to chargesheet, on an occasion, Delhi Deputy CM Manish Sisodia allegedly held a meeting of retailers, and when Arora arrived late, Sisodia asked

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date and time specified in the table and will be opened on the same day, in the presence of the bidders who wish to

attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the bids as specified, the bids will be received and

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Rs. 1854.79

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GST:-

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him to sit next to him. This is based on Mahendru's statement. recorded by the ED on September 10, 2022. According to the statement, Sisodia "gesturing" to Arora

"to come and sit next to him" was a "message which was received by the market that he was close to AAP and specifically Dy CM", the chargesheet alleges.

Sisodia's legal team denied the allegations made in the chargesheet. "The allegations made in the chargesheet are false and there is no evidence apart from the statement of the accused. The agency does not have witnesses in this case and relies on the statement of the accused. We will make our case before the court during the trial."

In Pillai's statement to the ED, recorded on September 18, 2022, he told the agency that he met Nair and Arora at India Habitat Centre in November-December. 2021, the chargesheet states.

The chargesheet alleges that in this meeting, Nair told him that since he was busy with the elections in Goa and Punjab, "all matters related to the Delhi Excise will be managed by Arora". It is alleged that Nair "meant that whatever demands/directions of kickbacks from Delhi Govt they will come

through Dinesh Arora and he has been authorised to do so and that everyone in the liquor industry should follow his directions". It is alleged that "Nair had total

control with regards to the policy drafting and all of its implementation; that Arora has been closely associated with AAP since the first time they came into power in Delhi; that he used to collect cash from all hoteliers and restaurants in Delhi for the AAP". The chargesheet alleges that

Pillai told ED that Nair was staying in a house next to the Delhi CM's office and had "full access to him since he handled the social media handles and advertisements for AAP". He, however, clarified that Nair has "not specifically told him that he discussed excise matters with the CM" but since he was working closely with the party, "it may be understood that he was discussing these policy formulation issues with Delhi CM and CM office", the chargesheet alleges. Arora claimed that when L1 application file of Indospirits was stuck with Excise department, he brought this to Nair's notice, who "spoke to... Secretary to Manish Sisodia, who sent necessary instructions to the Excise department", it is alleged.

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**AFTER L-G NOD** 

# Restaurants at Siri Fort Complex can now stay open till 1 am

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

IN A bid to increase revenue and boost nightlife across the city, Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena Wednesday permitted restaurants and cafeterias in the Delhi Development Authorityowned Siri Fort Sports Complex,

Outab Golf Course and Bhalswa Golf Course to stay open till 1 am. Currently, the food and beverage services at the Siri Fort Complex are allowed to remain open till 11 pm. Every day thousands of people visit the complex, which offers a wide range

of sports facilities. "This comes as a gift to the people of the city during the ongoing festive season and the forthcoming new year celebrations. Starting today, residents of the capital will be able to enjoy a richer nightlife at these premier locations. The decision will also result in increased economic activities resulting in more revenue generation," said officials.

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and directed it to examine the Delhi (MCD) recently granted liexisting regulations and suggest ways of expediting the licensing "In an order issued to this effect, the DDA has directed the concerned authorities at the three complexes to ensure adequate security, lighting and park-

Officials added that the L-G has been consistently pushing for Delhi to have a nightlife comparable to other metropolitan

ments for restaurants/eateries The Municipal Corporation of

cences to around 150 eateries/restaurants for open, terrace, and outdoor dining in different localities of the city. In October this year, the L-G approved 314 commercial establishments, including online delivery services of food and medicines, logistics, transport and travel services and other essential commodities as well as business process outsourcing (BPO) centres, to operate 24x7.

In which world will this trial end in foreseeable future: Khalid Saifi to HC

**MALAVIKA PRASAD** NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 21

**UNITED AGAINST Hate activist** Khalid Saifi booked by Delhi Police in its 2020 Northeast Delhi riots "larger conspiracy case" told the Delhi High Court Wednesday that the restrictions on the power of a court to grant bail should not be pushed too far.

A special bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Rajnish Bhatnagar reserved orders on Saifi's bail appeal on December 12. On Wednesday, senior advocate Rebecca John made additional arguments before the bench on what constitutes a prima facie case while referring to certain judgments. Saifi and several others were booked under UAPA and provisions of the IPC for being the alleged masterminds of the February 2020 riots which erupted during the anti-CAA and NRC protests in the city.

John submitted that the expression prima facie has been stipulated under UAPA section 43D(5) which states that bail will not be granted to a person accused of offences under certain chapters of the UAPA unless the public prosecutor is heard on the accused's bail plea. The proviso further states that the accused will not be given bail if the court is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that a "prima facie" case exists against the accused.

John thereafter referred to a 2019 judgment of the Supreme Court in NIA vs Zahoor Ahmad Shah Watali where the apex court had set aside a Delhi High Court order granting bail to I&K businessman Watali, arrested by the NIA on charges of "terror fund-

ing". Later, John referred to a 2021 judgment of the apex court, UOI vs K A Najeeb, where a threejudge bench of the Supreme Court headed by then Chief Justice N V Ramana upheld the grant of bail under UAPA when the accused had undergone incarceration for a significant period even as it recognised that bail

under UAPA was an exception. She argued, "The chargesheet in FIR 59/2020 (larger conspiracy case) has 495 witnesses, 33 protected witnesses, 63 investigating officers, and three supplementary charge sheets. In which reasonable world this trial will

end in the foreseeable future

which has about 15 accused?" John concluded by saying that



Currently, the food and beverage services at the Siri Fort Complex are allowed to remain open till 11 pm. Archive

### Tensions flare over Sunday mass in Burari, police called in testers were dispersed and the

processes.

ing," said officials.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

A SUNDAY mass inside a hall at a residential area was interrupted and a protest was staged, allegedly by locals in North Delhi's Burari area. Delhi Police said residents started protesting outside the hall based on suspicion that the tenant and a pastor were forcing people to convert.

The incident took place around 10 am on December 11 in a hall where the tenant had invited more than 20 people, including the pastor, who is from Kerala.

Both police and the neighbours were called by the building owner, who has been having issues with the tenant over Christmas carols and the use of loudspeakers.

Police said neither the tenant nor the pastor have approached them with a complaint. No case has been registered against the residents, though police have taken action against the person who posted a video of the incident for sharing "offensive/sen-

A purported video shows a group of people protesting outside the hall chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'

sitive/trouble-fomenting posts". As per the video and the police, protesters stopped the mass and removed chairs while asking people to vacate the prem-

Meanwhile, the building owner made a PCR call alleging the pastor was converting people. A purported video shows a group of people protesting outside the hall chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'.

Sagar Singh Kalsi, DCP (North), said the place is not a church but a private room in Burari's Baba Colony.

"The residents had gathered based on suspicion... We had sent adequate police staff to attend the PCR call and nothing cognizable was found. The pro-

place was vacated. The matter has been resolved. There was no vandalism. The tenant had only called her friends and pastor for a Sunday gathering. There was no disruption or break-in...," said the DCP. "There's no communal issue

here. The landlady had issues with the tenant, who had gatherings at the hall. The issues have been going on for some time. On the day of the incident, she made allegations of religious conversion. The tenant is still there. The pastor returned to Kerala and also doesn't wish to lodge a complaint," said an officer.

Meanwhile, the letter sent to the Twitter user who shared the video mentions that the post has the "potential to foment trouble amongst the peace-loving and law-abiding citizens".

The video has now been deleted. The user had posted the video with a caption that the vandalism took place at a church. Police said the date of the incident is incorrect, and the incident took place in a residential area, not a church.

#### the judgment in Najeeb's case asks the court that "if you have constitutional powers to intervene, those powers have to be used concomitantly along with the powers to grant bail".

### Gurgaon: First arrest in Chintels collapse

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GURGAON, DECEMBER 22

A SPECIAL Investigation Team arrested the proprietor of the firm, which was carrying out repair and renovation works at a tower in Gurgaon's Chintels Paradiso society where a portion of a sixthfloor apartment had collapsed all the way to the first floor.

Police said the accused, Amit Austin, the proprietor of Manish Switchgear and Construction, was arrested Wednesday by an SIT formed to probe the case. His firm was carrying out tiling work in a flat of the tower allegedly without adequate safety measures, said police.

The district administration had ordered an enquiry and a structural audit of the society. Last month, the Gurgaon deputy commissioner passed an order and directed the society's developer to permanently close tower D, which has 17 floors and 64 flats, so its demolition can begin. The deputy commissioner had said that on recommendations of an IIT Delhi report and an enquiry by district administration committee, the tower had been deemed unsafe for habitation.

The enquiry report of the district administration had claimed that the representative of the developer of the society and M/s



The collapse took place in February 2022

Manish Switchgear and Construction had allegedly failed to regulate and monitor the retrofitting works, which led to the collapse of slab and ensuing damage to lower floors in February 2022. "After perusing the IIT Delhi's

report..., it is clear that wrong methodology was adopted for the repair work, which led to the immediate collapse. The shuttering support was required before undertaking the retrofitting in flat D-603, but it was not provided," the report had said. The committee's report had said the manner in which the slab of floors below sixth floor collapsed indicated that there were structural deficiencies in the structure of Tower D. "This apprehension has been confirmed by IIT Delhi report, wherein it was mentioned that there is rapid and early corrosion of reinforcement that occurred due to the presence of excessive

chlorides in the concrete," it said.

### on row between Metro staff, CISF constable

HC expresses concern

**MALAVIKA PRASAD** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

WHILE HEARING two petitions seeking quashing of an FIR involving an altercation between a DMRC employee and a CISF constable at a Metro station, the Delhi High Court Wednesday expressed concern on the behaviour of the parties stationed at a public place which is "teeming with people".

A single judge bench of Justice Jasmeet Singh was hearing two cross petitions filed by Mahendra Singh Meena, a DMRC employee, and Sajukta Patra, a CISF constable, both stationed at Ramesh Nagar Metro station when the altercation took place in 2015.

Patra's counsel submitted that she had three daughters and the matter be quashed as the parties had arrived at a settlement. Similarly, Meena's counsel submitted that situations like this happen sometimes. Meena was asked by the court what had happened and he submitted that he was on "guard duty" at the station and was asked not to open a "side gate" by his superiors, when the constable asked him to open it several times which eventually ended in an altercation. Justice Singh remarked, "What's the problem if you have to open the

gate four times?"

In the FIR, Meena had accused Patra of physically abusing him. the court noted. The HC said, "This is a case where you are dealing with people...Metro stations are teeming with people..."When the counsel for the parties submitted that such situations sometimes occur and their clients were human, the HC said, "My only concern is how will you serve people if you can't control your temper."

However, the HC noted that the parties had arrived at a settlement and submitted their respective affidavits indicating that they did not have a grievance against each other would assist in the quashing of the FIR.

The parties submitted that

they had arrived at a settlement without any threat, pressure, coercion or undue influence and had no objection if the FIR was quashed. The parties stated that they "regret their actions and undertook to never repeat them". Observing that the FIR was lodged in 2015, chargesheet had been filed and considerable time had been spent in the matter, the HC quashed the FIR subject to both parties paying Rs 10,000 each as cost and depositing it with Delhi Legal Services Authority within a week.

#### Note :-

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# IN PARLIAMENT WINTER SESSION

From The Gallery

#### FROM THE CHAIR **RAJYA SABHA**

"I urge all of you to plant minimum one hundred trees in a year. And, when the members do it. geographically well spread out, it may not be much in numbers, but surely it will send a very good message which will be motivational and inspirational."

**JAGDEEP DHANKHAR** Chairman

#### **LOK SABHA**

"You can ask questions during the question hour. People have elected and sent you here to ask questions."

OM BIRLA, Speaker, to protesting Opposition MPs

#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The latest World Bank Report has given an accurate analysis... Speaking about India, (it) has given a clear and pointed analysis where it says, 'Macro-fiscal fundamentals are better than they were during the taper tantrum episode in 2013, when India was classified under a fragile five'..."

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, Union Finance Minister, in the Rajya Sabha

# Sonia questions govt over China; Opp walks out of House over no discussion

At CPP meeting, says 'calculated attempt' to delegitimise judiciary, refers to challenges

**MANOJCG** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

LAUNCHING A multi-pronged attack on the BIP-led Union government, Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi Wednesday accused it of making a "calculated attempt" to delegitimise the judiciary in an effort to reduce its standing in people's eyes and said the "stubborn" refusal to allow a discussion in Parliament on Chinese "incursions" shows its "disrespect for democracy".

Sonia's comments came at a meeting of the CPP she chaired, the first after Mallikarjun Kharge took over as party president.

She said India continues to face significant internal and external challenges — inflation, unemployment, social polarisation, weakening of democratic institutions, and repeated border incursions. Led by Sonia, Opposition members staged a demonstration at the Gandhi statue in Parliament and demanded a discussion on the Chinese transgressions.

Sonia said continuing "incursions" by China are a matter of serious concern. "The whole nation stands with our vigilant soldiers who repelled these attacks under difficult conditions. The government, however, stubbornly refuses to allow a discussion on the issue in Parliament, As a result, Parliament, political parties, and the people remain ignorant of the true situation on the ground," she said. Sonia said: "When facing a sig-

nificant national challenge, it has been the tradition in our country to bring Parliament into confidence. A debate can shed light on several critical questions. Why is China emboldened to continually attack us? What preparations have been made to repel these attacks, and what more needs to be done? What is the government's policy to deter China from future incursions? Given that we continue to have a severe trade deficit with China, importing far more than we export, why is there no economic response to China's mil-



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, party leaders Sonia Gandhi, P Chidambaram and K C Venugopal, as well as DMK leader TR Baalu and other MPs protest at Parliament complex demanding discussion on the Indo-China border issue, on Wednesday. PTI

itary hostility?"

"What is the government's diplomatic outreach to the global community," she asked.

A frank discussion strengthens the nation's response, and it is the government's duty to inform the public and explain its policies and actions, she said. "This refusal to allow a Parliamentary debate on such a matter of grave national concern shows disrespect for our democracy, and reflects poorly on the government's intentions. It demonstrates its inability to bring the nation together," she said

"On the contrary, by following divisive policies, by spreading hatred and targeting some sections of our society, the government makes it harder for the country to stand up as one against foreign threats.... At times like these it must be the government's endeavour and responsibility to unite our people, and not divide them as it has been doing these past several years," she said.

#### As 1st step, Opp shows unity inside

Inflation under close watch, apt handling of

THE WINTER Session EXPLAINED has so far seen seemless coordination among opposition parties. For instance, the TMC on Tuesday led an Opposition walkout in Rajya Sabha in protest against NHRC singling out non-BJPruled states. On Wednesday, many opposition MPs joined a demonstration led by the

She also tore into the government for entering into a confronta-

tion with the Supreme Court. "A troubling new development is the calculated attempt underway to delegitimise the judiciary," she noted. "Ministers, and even a high constitutional authority, have been enlisted to make speeches attacking the judiciary on various grounds. It is quite clear

that this is not an effort to provide reasonable suggestions for improvement. Rather, it is an effort to reduce the judiciary's standing in the eyes of the public."

Congress demanding

a discussion in

Parliament on the

Chinese aggression.

While Opposition

unity — or formation of an

Parliament — appears diffi-

cult, the parties seem to be

aiming at the low hanging

Parliament this time around.

fruit of unity inside

anti-BIP alliance outside

Sonia said the economic situation continues to be distressing, despite the government's repeated insistence that all is well.

**FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

### Shah spars with Cong's Gogoi over snooping claims

**LIZ MATHEW** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

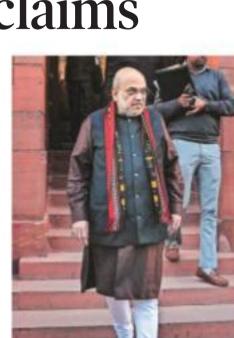
ON A day when the Opposition forced an abrupt adjournment and staged a walkout seeking a statement from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on India-China border issue, Lok Sabha witnessed Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi sparring over latter's snooping

Taking strong exception to Gogoi's allegation that the government had used a software to spy on political opponents and journalists, Shah asked the Congress MP to give proof of the accusation he made. "He has levelled a very serious allegation that a spyware has been installed on his mobile. He must submit the basis of his accusation in the House. Either his words are removed or he must submit the basis," Shah said, adding, "the House is for serious discussion, not for reckless politics". Shah pointed out that the Supreme Court-appointed committee had clarified that it didn't find any evidence of spyware on the 29 phones that were examined and that the Union government did not assist it in the probe.

But Gogoi, who was participating in a discussion on the problem of drug abuse in the country, was not ready to give up. "You spy on us... and reporters. How many drug mafias have been arrested on the basis of the spyware. The surveillance that you mount on us... How many drug mafias have been caught on the basis of surveillance?" the MP asked.

He also asked if he had made a mistake, the government should say that it has not used the spy-

The Supreme Court had constituted a panel to probe into whether the Centre or any state government acquired Pegasus spyware for surveillance of Indian citizens, and to also ascertain details of people targeted. Its report,



**Union Home Minister Amit** Shah at Parliament House complex, Wednesday. PTI

however, said it didn't find any evidence of spyware on the 29 phones that were examined. But the panel had also noted that the central government "has not cooperated" in its probe. Earlier, when the House met

in the morning, Opposition MPs, who staged a protest outside the Parliament House asking the government to break its silence on India-China border issues, got up seeking a discussion on the matter. "Prime Minister should come to the House to give a statement," MPs were heard saying. Some of the MPs were shouting 'Bharat Jodo' slogans also. But the Speaker insisted that the questions should be taken up during the question hour. With MPs not obliging, Birla adjourned the proceedings in a few minutes till 12 noon. As soon as the Lok Sabha met

at noon, members of Congress, DMK, NCP and Left parties repeated the demand. Congress' leader of the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury urged Speaker Om Birla to allow a discussion on the India-China issue.

With the Speaker not allowing the issue to be taken up, they staged a walkout. Janata Dal (United) MPs also joined them.

Zero tolerance towards drugs, all dealers will be in jail in two years: Shah in LS

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah said on Wednesday that Modi government has zero-tolerance policy towards drugs, the result of which was that drug seizures and cases against traffickers went up in recent years.

During a debate in the Lok Sabha, Shah said: "Our government has a zero-tolerance policy towards drugs. Those countries promoting terrorism in our country are using drug money.. presence of this dirty money also hollows our economy," he said.

The minister said the government has mapped possible routes and drug trafficking networks in 472 districts across the country. "No matter how big the culprit is, in the next two years.. they will be behind bars," he said.

As per the data shared by the minister, 62.6-lakh kilo of drugs were seized between 2014 and 2022 as compared to 22.45-lakh kilo between 2006 and 2013 The value of the drugs seized went up from Rs 33,000 crore to Rs 97,000 crore in the same period. Shah also said that the number of cases registered increased from 1.45 lakh between 2006 and 2013 to 4.14 lakh be tween 2014 and 2022. The num ber of arrests increased from 1.62 lakh to 5.23 lakh, he said.

Shah said the Home ministry has adopted a three-pronged strategy — strengthening of institutions; empowerment and coordination among agencies; and extensive awareness and rehabilitation campaigns.

When Congress and Trinamool Congress members raised the issue of drug haul in Gujarat, Shah said such instances were a reflection of the state machinery doing its job well. "If non-recovery of drugs is a mark of a drug-free state, Punjab will have to be seen as a drug-free state," he said, adding that Gujarat is a border state and drug smugglers may use its ports to push drugs into India.

Shah said the Centre has empowered the Border Security Force, Seema Suraksha Bal and Assam Rifles to register cases under the NDPS Act, while lashing out at those politicising the issue saying agencies cannot work effectively if they are powerless.

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there is no regular

connectivity between

them... My contention is

that Lakshadweep needs

UDAN (Central scheme to

connect under-serviced air

routes) services. We can

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Lakshadweep?

even use large helicopters

instead of planes, since the

You are a Rajya Sabha MP

from Uttar Pradesh. Why

are you raising the issue of

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Lakshadweep BJP

went to Agatti and

Kavaratti for two days. I could see

their problems

to meet civil

myself. I am going

in-charge of the

organisation. I

### Dhankhar rejects two notices under House rule, says not in order

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

RAJYA SABHA Chairman Jagdeep

Dhankhar on Wednesday did not accept two notices under Rule 267 of the House for discussion on the border issue with China and rising prices of essential commodities and said they were not in order. He assured Opposition

members that he will invoke Rule 267 on merit. Dhankhar had given a similar assurance to the MPs while rejecting six notices under Rule 267 on Tuesday.

Conduct of Business, a listed business of the day can be suspended to take up an urgent matter with the Chair's approval. After the listed papers were

**WRITES TO RS CHAIRMAN** 

**RJD MP demands Goyal** 

apology for Bihar remark

Under Rule 267 of Rajya Sabha's Rules of Procedures and

New Delhi: RJD MP Manoj Kumar

Iha on Wednesday shot off a letter

to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep

Dhankhar, drawing his attention

to what he called a "demeaning"

remark about Bihar made by

Union minister and Leader of the

House Piyush Goyal in the House.

He demanded an apology from

Goyal and urged the Chairman to

Tuesday when Jha was speaking

on the discussion on the

Appropriation Bill. "I was mak-

ing a point that the government

should devote equal attention to

the poor and the corporate

epaper indianexpress.com

Goyal's remark came on

expunge the remarks.

Tiwari's notice was over "ille-

Observing that his predeit," he said.

laid on the table of the House during Zero Hour, Dhankar said he had received notices from TMC's Dola Sen and Congress member Pramod Tiwari for suspension of rules under Rule 267. "The same is not in order," he said on Sen's notice on rising prices.

gal and unprovoked Chinese transgressions" in Depsang Plains and parts of Arunachal Pradesh. Dhankhar said the notice lacked in every element of Rule 267.

cessors have invoked Rule 267 during their respective tenures, the Chairman said the number has never been in double digits during their five-year tenure. "But I am not a statistics-driven person. If there is an occasion, I will invoke the rule. If there is no occasion. I will not invoke

houses. And then suddenly

Goval said inka bas chale toh desh

ko Bihar hi bana de (if they have

their way, they will turn the

would have thought it impos-

sible that a member of the rank

of the Leader of this esteemed

House would make a statement

demeaning one of the greatest

states of the Union of India. As

the Leader of the House of

Rajya Sabha... Goyal should

ponder and reflect on whether

the sneering tone with which

he speaks about Bihar is

appropriate.'

In his letter, Jha said, "One

country into Bihar)," Jha said.

#### pandemic averted recession: Sitharaman **MANOJCG** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

AGAINST THE backdrop of the Opposition raising heat over price rise, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Wednesday said the government is keeping a close watch on inflation to ensure there is no surge in prices. She said India is "somewhere very close" to doubling its GDP and argued that the government's handling of the pandemic disruptions ensured that the country didn't slip into recession like many other nations.

The minister was replying to a discussion in Rajya Sabha on Supplementary Demands for Grants, which Lok Sabha passed last week, authorising the government to spend an additional Rs 3.25-lakh crore in the current financial year.

The debate saw the Opposition tearing into the gov-



Nirmala Sitharaman at Rajya Sabha, Wednesday. PTI

ernment over its management of the economy and issues like unemployment and price rise. Sitharaman replied in equal measure, attacking the Congress, Left and several other parties.

The Opposition had accused the government of "gross miscalculation of expenditure" in the Budget and sought to know if there was any "misplaced focus" when the funds were allocated.

Responding to the criticism, Sitharaman said it was not unusual for governments to come with Supplementary Demands for Grants and exuded confidence that fiscal deficit will not breach the target because of enough revenue buoyancy to take care of the additional expenditure

of Rs 3.25-lakh crore in 2022-23. "The apprehensions people have in their mind that this was because we could not estimate it rightly earlier, and therefore, we are coming with a correction, is not well founded at all. Situations developed in such a way...that we needed this additional support to be extended," she said.

Participating in the debate, former finance minister Chidambaram wanted to know how the government plans to fund the additional spending. "In September itself, the government made it very clear that we are not changing our borrowing schedule... We have not changed our borrowing plans, which means

we are very clear that we are going to see that the revenue that we are generating is sufficient to take care of this addition," she said.

Sitharaman said many countries, including large developed economies, are facing recession because of "the way in which they handled the Covid is different from the way we handled it".

"Because the tendency was that we should give money in the hands of the people, go for printing notes," she said, noting that even Chidambaram had then asked the government to 'borrow and spend and even print money to reboot the economy'. "As we close the calendar year 2022, we should look at the negative effect of the implementation of such a suggestion by the other countries and recession is happening there, perhaps," she said, adding, India did not get into recession because of the "targeted way" it gave the relief during Covid.

### LS passes Bill to add communities

New Delhi: The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed a Bill to include Dhanuhar, Dhanuwar, Kisan, Saunra, Saonra and Binjhia communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Chhattisgarh.

The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes)Order(Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022 was passed by Lok

The Bill also seeks to formalise Bhuinya, Bhuiyan and Bhuyan as synonyms of the Bharia Bhumia community. It also includes three Devanagari versions of the name

### **5 QUESTIONS**

BJP MP RADHA MOHAN DAS AGARWAL ASKED THE CENTRE TO ENSURE LAKSHADWEEP IS CONNECTED WITH THE MAINLAND BY REGULAR FLIGHTS. HE SPEAKS TO LIZ MATHEW ON THE ISSUE.

#### 'Lakshadweep is not connected properly with the mainland'

You raised the issue of a lack of connectivity to the Lakshadweep islands... Lakshadweep is a strategically important

place for India. it is near strategic points of Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Recently, we found Jamaat-e-Islami working there, and some PFI units are also there. The majority of residents there are Muslims, and they are nationalists. They are not connected properly with the mainland. These islands

recreation. But there is only

Kochi, and that also is just a

1,000 people would come to

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the mainland if there is a regular flight service. People

there are also not getting

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services between Kochi and

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Lakshadweep consists of

people in these islands are

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You also mentioned

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one flight from Agatti to

are 200-500 km

away.

What was your demand? Most people from Lakshadweep travel to Kerala for medical care, higher education and even shopping and aviation minister

> **Jyotiraditya Scindia** tomorrow (Thursday) for a detailed discussion. I have already met him once and discussed it.

islands against some development proposals made by the

There were protests on the

administration. Did anyone raise that issue with you? Some people have told me about their issues, and I had a discussion with the administrator. We are trying to find out solution for many issues. Some problems are

already sorted out.

#### RS passes Maritime Anti-Piracy Bill line with the gravity of offences.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 21

RAJYA SABHA on Wednesday passed a Bill which the government said would provide an effective legal instrument to combat maritime piracy. The Bill provides for stringent punishment to those convicted of such crimes.

The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha earlier this week.

Moving The Maritime Anti-Piracy Bill, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, "Ensuring maritime security is key to safeguarding India's security and economic well-being." He said the security of sea lanes of communication is critical as



on Wednesday. PTI

more than 90 per cent of India's trade takes place by sea routes and more than 80 per cent of the country's hydrocarbon requirements was sea-borne.

He said the Bill addresses the issue of death penalty as an "exceptional case" and the quantum of punishments envisaged are in

law or a legal provision in the Indian Penal Code or the Criminal Procedure Code on piracy, this Bill would provide an effective legal instrument to combat maritime piracy. It would enable us to discharge our obligations under the UNCLOS which we had signed in 1982

and ratified in 1995," he said.

"In the absence of a specific

He said between 2008 and 2011, there have been 27 maritime incidents in which 288 Indian nationals were involved. And between 2014 and 2022, there were 19 piracy cases in which 155 Indian crew members were involved and the numbers show why the country needs this bill so badly, he said.

### in list of STs in Chhattisgarh

Sabha through voice vote.

of the Pando community.

### THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022 GOVT & POLITICS





#### SNAP, CHAT

THE SMOOTH functioning of Parliament in the Winter Session seems to have deprived members to interact much. So, on Tuesday, when Lok Sabha was adjourned for a short while over the India-China border issue, women MPs from the Opposition found a few minutes to catch up. Some of them — members from the TMC, YSRCP, NCP, DMK and the Congress — were looking to click a photograph inside the House and initially missed Sonia Gandhi, who was engaged in a conversation with National Conference's Farooq Abdullah in the front row. When both leaders realised that the women MPs were having fun, Abdullah alerted them about Sonia's presence. NCP's Supriya Sule said they were coming to her side to click a picture but Sonia immediately got up and joined them — with a big smile.

#### JUST TWO MINUTES

A STICKLER for discipline in the House, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla does not make an exception even for ministers. During laying of papers on the table on Wednesday, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ashwini Kumar Choubey was not present when his name was called. As he came in, Choubey received a warning from the Speaker to be present on time. Later, when MoS Kapil Moreshwar Patil stood up to lay papers listed against his senior minister, Giriraj Singh, Birla asked him to say specifically that he was tabling the papers on behalf of Singh. When the debate on drug abuse resumed, Birla asked members to limit their speeches to two minutes and to not repeat what others have already stated. BJP's Sunita Duggal made a special request for more time, as the fight against drugs is an issue she is involved with in her constituency. But Birla repeated, "Just two minutes."

#### No Monkey Business

GOVERNMENT OFFICES in Lutyens' Delhi have tried it all when it comes to warding off monkeys living in the lush green spaces surrounding the buildings. From hiring monkey-chasers to men imitating langur sounds, many options have been employed over the years. The latest attempt is installing photo cutouts of langurs in the corridors of Shastri Bhawan, seemingly to scare away any monkey that wanders in. According to some officials, the cutouts placed on corners and staircases seem to be working.

#### HEADLESS IN GOA

EVEN IN the normal course of things, appointments of heads of centrally funded higher education institutions is a lengthy process. In the case of IIT Goa, which has been awaiting a fulltime director since July, the wait has turned longer. The Education Ministry had in September appointed Pasumarthy Seshu, the then director of IIT Dharwad, to take over. But Seshu has expressed his inability to take up the position. As a result, the appointment process, which will take at least four to six months, has started afresh.

# No salary for those sitting at home, J&K L-G warns protesting Pandit govt staff Apart from this, the adminis-

**ARUN SHARMA** JAMMU. DECEMBER 21

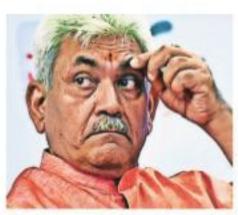
Kashmir AND Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, in a "clear message" to agitating Kashmiri Pandit employees and reserved category employees, said no salary would be given to them while they "continue to sit at home".

"We have paid all of them salary up to August 31, but it cannot be allowed that their salary is released when they continue to sit at home," Sinha said. "This is a clear message which all shall understand," he said after reporters asked him about the non-payment of salary to a number of Kashmiri Pandit and reserved category Dogra employees of the Union Territory

administration who had left their postings in Kashmir and went to Jammu six months ago following targeted killings of minorities in the Valley by militants. The employees have been agitating in Jammu for the past six months seeking the relocation of their posts outside the Valley.

Sinha said he has full sympathy with the employees, and asserted that the I&K administration is fully prepared to help them and ensure their safety. However, he added, "The minority employees should also keep in mind that they are employees of the Kashmir division... Like a district cadre employee of Poonch cannot come to Jammu, those of Kashmir division, too, cannot be posted here. Everyone should understand this."

He said the administration



**I&K Lieutenant Governor** Manoj Sinha

had no transfer policy for reserved category employees as of now, and that a committee was examining the matter.

The reserved category employees from Jammu division have been posted in the Kashmir Valley from time to time as part of the inter-district recruitment

policy framed in 2006. Over the years, the government appointed 3.000-3.500 people from the Scheduled Castes in Jammu and posted them in the Valley. The Lt Governor said that

while it was true that unfortunate incidents took place, "We have resolved most of their (protesting employees') problems," he claimed, saying that they wanted postings at safe places.

"I have had personal interac-

tion with senior officers, and

most of them have been posted at district headquarters, while some have been posted at the tehsil headquarters," he said. "There are some employees in the Rural Development Department who cannot be posted in cities and towns and they have been posted in villages nearer to the cities," he added.

tration also made arrangements so that no Kashmiri Pandit or minority community employee is posted alone at any school or any other place in the Valley, and to ensure that there are at least two or three such employees there, Sinha said. "They have just one problem of accommodation, which I accept is their genuine concern. The land has been provided and tenders floated for most of the work. By April, the administration will give 1,200

more such units," he said. To take care of their security issues, an officer has been appointed in every district, he said, adding that one such officer is posted in his office as well for redressal of their grievances.

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also, it will give 1,700-1,800

MP: Cong moves no-trust motion in Assembly

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BHOPAL, DECEMBER 21** 

THE OPPOSITION Congress on Wednesday moved a no-confidence motion against the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led government in Madhya Pradesh in the Assembly, targeting it over issues such as corruption and atrocities against women and tribals. The debate, which saw heated exchanges, will continue Thursday.

After Question Hour, Leader of Opposition Govind Singh moved the no-confidence motion. The motion was admitted by Speaker Girish Gautam. Opposition members targeted the BIP government over law and order, unemployment, inflation and corruption among other other issues.

The BJP MLAs rejected the charges, claiming the Opposition has failed to come up with any concrete issues.

### Yatra leaves Rajasthan, Rahul carries 'mohabbat ki dukaan' to Haryana

**PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA** 

REITERATING THAT that they are "opening a shop of love in BIP's market of hate" through the Bharat Jodo Yatra, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday said that the fight today is between two ideologies: one which benefits a select few, and the other being "the voice of people, the farmers, labourers". Addressing a gathering

around 7 am in Doha village in Ferozepur Jhirka of Nuh, as the vatra entered Haryana, and its 105th day, Rahul said leaders of parties from across the political spectrum are increasingly losing connect with the people. "I am talking about all political parties — whether it is the Congress, the BJP or the SP, netaon aur janta ke

beech mein khaai ban gayi hai (there's a gulf between leaders and the people). Leaders think there is no need to listen to the people. They give long speeches. This yatra has tried to change that...we have given a vision for the nation's politics."

Rahul said he will ask Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge to ensure that wherever the party was in power, party leaders must walk with the people once a month and discuss their problems. He added, "Sadkon pe chalna chahiye, dhakke khaane chahiye, ghutne chheelne chahiye



Rahul Gandhi with ex-servicemen during Bharat Jodo Yatra in Nuh on Wednesday. PTI

(it is important to walk with people, get pushed around, and hurt your knees in the process)."

Talking about spreading love, Rahul said: "BJP leaders asked me the reason for the yatra; they asked what is the need to walk from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. I replied: Aapke nafrat ke bazaar mein, mohabbat ki dukan khol rahe hain [we are opening a shop of love in your market of hate through the yatra.] When these people go out to spread hatred in this country, people of our ideology go out to spread love and affection."

Calling unemployment the "biggest issue" facing India, Rahul said that during the yatra, he met thousands of youths — "some of them were engineers, some had studied medicine and wanted to be doctors; some wanted to be in the IAS and a few wanted to work in the judiciary. When I asked them what they are doing now, (one learnt that) some are driving an Uber or working as labourer... aisa Hindustan humein nahi chahiye (we don't want India to be like that)."

Rahul also questioned the silence of BJP leaders, including the Prime Minister, on inflation. "You must remember that the price of a gas cylinder was Rs 400 when UPA was in power. Today, a cylinder costs Rs 1,200. The price of petrol was Rs 60 per litre; today it is Rs 107 a litre.

Wherever Narendra Modi-ji and BJP leaders used to go (before 2014 elections), they spoke about inflation. They do not mention it now."

Talking about infrastructure in BJP-governed Haryana, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said he had not come across any state over the course of the last 104 days of the yatra where the condition of roads was worse than what he saw during the walk from Mundaka to Ferozepur Jhirka grain market. "I counted more than 350 potholes over 14 km. Aaj hum raaste par nahi chale, hum gaddhon mein chale (we did not walk on road, we waded through potholes)," he said.



CM Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata on Wednesday. Express

#### **GANGASAGAR MELA**

### Attempts could be made to spark communal tension: Mamata to cops

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA, DECEMBER 21

**WEST BENGAL Chief Minister** Mamata Banerjee Wednesday said she suspects that a conspiracy may be hatched by some to trigger communal tension during the Gangasagar Mela scheduled for January next year.

She was speaking during a high-level review meeting on preparations for the Mela, which is slated to be held from January 11-14 next year on the Sagar island. She directed senior police officers to step up security in the run-up to the mela. She said, "Many will plan for communal tension. We have to foil their plan."

Bigger crowds are expected this time after a lull induced by the Covid-19 pandemic situation in the past two years. The state

government expects nearly 30 lakh people to attend the mela and take holy dip during 'Makar Sankranti., official sources said. "I will ask the state health de-

partment to be alert about the Covid situation and instruct them to form a team comprising expert doctors, led by the health secretary. We must ensure surveillance," Banerjee said.

She added that on the lines of Ganga Aarti in Varanasi, from this year aarti would be done at Gangasagar too.

Representatives of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Eastern Railway, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port, BSNL and the NDRF, among others, were present at the meeting. The Chief Minister is likely to visit the Sagar island by the month-end to review preparedness. Over 3,000 buses and barges will be deployed for the Gangasagar Mela.

#### Could defeat Covid-19 due to Jesus blessings: Telangana public health director

**SREENIVAS JANYALA** HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 21

TELANGANA'S DIRECTOR of Public Health Dr G Srinivasa Rao said on Wednesday that it was due to the "blessings and kindness of Lord Jesus Christ" that the country could defeat Covid-19. Speaking at a Christmas

function, organised by Dr G S R Charitable Trust that he had founded in September 2021, at Kothagudem in Bhadradri-Kothagudem district, Dr Rao said that it was due to Lord Jesus Christ that India has progressed so much. "We could defeat Covid not because of our work, but due to the blessings and kindness of Lord Jesus Christ," he said.

The Trust had invited "pastors and laypersons" for the 'Joy of Christmas' event at Srinagar Colony at Kothagudem on Wednesday.

Dr Rao, who was appointed Telangana Public Health Director in May 2018 after starting his career in the health department in 2004, guided the state through the pandemic. Dr Rao, who hails from Aswapuram in Bhadradri Kothagudem district, had founded the Trust in memory of his father, also a doctor, who mainly worked in tribal areas.

He said that the Trust will open a hospital in the coming years for tribals in his home district where treatment will be free of cost. He also promised to support education and skill enhancement in the district.



**ADITI RAJA** 

VADODARA, DECEMBER 21

UNION HEALTH Minister Mansukh Mandaviya Wednesday shot off a letter to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi asking him to "suspend the Bharat Jodo Yatra" or strictly follow the Covid-19 protocols in view of the rising coronavirus cases across the globe, especially in China.

However, during the recent Gujarat Assembly polls, in which the BJP registered a record landslide by winning 156 of the 182 seats, the party's key campaign plank was to focus on the Narendra Modi government's "successful fight" against Covid, highlighting how "crowds could gather without masks" in India even as other countries continued to witness a surge in Covid cases.

In the course of their Gujarat campaign, top BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, other Union ministers, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and party president J P Nadda, as well as party candidates, proiected a narrative that spotlighted the "visionary actions of PM Modi" in developing indigenous

vaccines to fight Covid-19. While PM Modi himself mentioned the Covid vaccination drive in his every speech, the BJP's campaigners and candidates credited him for "ensuring that we can gather in such big numbers without masks, even as



A BJP election rally in Ahmedabad. File

Europe, America and China" continue to battle the Covid surge.

However, during PM Modi's campaign at various locations in Gujarat, their respective district health departments had followed the Covid protocol and got persons in proximity to the PM undergo RT-PCR tests although the mask mandate was not enforced.

At a rally in Vadodara's Padra on November 19, Union Minister Parshottam Rupala had said, "Look at the crowd and no one is wearing a mask, neither am I... Two days ago, there was a news that a city in China has been put under lockdown. A country like China has to grope in the dark to come out of Covid and you and I are sitting here and holding massive gatherings without masks. The reason is double dose of vaccination and then a booster. Modiji has brought us out of it."

During his electioneering, Nadda recounted his days as the Union Health Minister and spoke of the number of years it had taken pre-Modi India to develop vaccines for various diseases. Addressing a gathering in

Ankleshwar on November 18, Nadda said, "It is because of PM Modi's efforts that India is able to come out of Covid-19. In countries like US, where even President Joe Biden has to wear a mask. Many countries in Europe have not been able to complete their double vaccine dose but we have reached the

stage of the booster dose." Addressing a rally in Sehra on November 22, Nadda said: "It took 25 years for a TB dose to reach India, 28 years for tetanus to be available in India and a century to have a vaccine against Iapanese Flu. The vaccine had been ready in 1906 in Japan but came to India in 2006. But look at how Covid-19 came in April 2020 and Modiji had formed a task force immediately." And within nine months, we had not one but two vaccines."

**FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

### Before Mandaviya-Rahul row, OPS challenge to EPS: If you don't want a united AIADMK, then start a new party

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAI, DECEMBER 21

OUSTED AIADMK leader O Panneerselvam on Wednesdav challenged the AIADMK interim general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami to start a new party and run it if he has the courage instead of "capturing" a legacy party built by MGR and nurtured by I Jayalalithaa using "money power".

Addressing a gathering of office-bearers of his faction in Chennai, Panneerselvam, called as OPS, said it was Palaniswami's self-styled attitude without any self-respect that has led to the weakened state of AIADMK in the state despite its legacy.

Unlike his usual calm style, OPS, who was in a confrontational tone, asked, "Who are vou (Palaniswami or EPS) to bring disgrace to the party founded by



O Panneerselvam speaks at a meeting of AIADMK (OPS faction) district secretaries in Chennai on Wednesday. PTI

MGR and nurtured by Jayalalithaa?'

Soon after OPS made strong remarks about EPS leadership, AIADMK spokesperson and the former minister D Jayakumar said "OPS means nothing but a private limited company."

"What they are having today is a board meeting of directors. They have issued an advertisement to hire people and recruited them for jobs... We don't consider it as a political party," Jayakumar said.

In his speech at the meeting, OPS said it was EPS's autocratic attitude without any self-respect which led to the party's defeat in the 2021 Assembly elections.

"It all started from Koovathur," he said, referring to

that if Modi is the Rashtra Pita,

an internal party crisis in the AIADMK in which V K Sasikala faction had taken custody of the majority of AIADMK MLAs that eventually led to the defeat the then CM OPS in an assembly floor test in early 2017.

It was that defeat of OPS that helped EPS, then a trusted aide of Sasikala, to become CM. However. five years later, OPS joined hands with Sasikala while EPS, who is controlling the party with the support of majority office-bearers, is opposing the re-entry of OPS and Sasikaka into the party.

Referring to a recent statement of EPS, OPS said: "He says there is not even one per cent chance for the party to get united again. You start a new party and run it then... If you have the courage, you run the party on your own... Come to the street, and declare that 'I am starting a new party," OPS challenged EPS.

### Modi father of new India, says Amruta Fadnavis

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 21

AMRUTA FADNAVIS, wife of Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, on Wednesday courted controversy once again by calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi the "Rashtra Pita" of modern India.

"It is my firm view that we have

is the father of new India and Maintaining that the India Mahatma Gandhi is the father of has two fathers of nation, the nation of earlier times." A year ago, too, Amruta had Amruta, a banker and singer, said during a mock court interview called Modi the father of modern India. It was in this context (Abhirup Nyayalay) in Nagpur:



the interviewer sought to know

then who is Mahatma Gandhi. There are 2 The remark invited criticism Rashtra Pita: from Opposition parties. Maharashtra Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Deputy CM's Raut said, "I am absolutely

speechless. I don't know how to react to this. I leave it to Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra two Rashtra Pita. Narendra Modi Fadnavis to speak on the matter."

Congress leader and former minister Yashomati Thakur said, "People who subscribe to BJP and RSS are repeatedly trying to undermine and malign Mahatma Gandhi. The agenda of BIP and RSS is to change history. They are master at spreading lies and creating their own narrative to mislead the people. It is a well thought out attempt towards changing history." A senior NCP leader, request-

ing anonymity, said, "How should we react? It is shocking. Can anybody be compared to Mahatma Gandhi? This is so trivial."

A BIP leader, on the condition of anonymity, said: "It is her individual view. Since she is not with the BJP, we cannot react. We have to respect the opinion of a private person."

#### SDM, executive officer held in UP housing scam

Lucknow: The Chandauli police in Uttar Pradesh on Monday arrested a sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) and an executive officer (EO) in connection with the alleged anomalies found in house allotments made under the Manyawar Kanshiram Housing Scheme.

The accused SDM, Sunil Kumar, and EO Rajendra Prasad were posted in Ambedkar Nagar and Ballia districts, respectively.

In 2013, an FIR was lodged after allegations that houses were allotted to people under the Manyawar Kanshiram Housing Scheme in violation of norms. Additional SP, Chandauli, Vinay Kumar Singh said.

"The FIR also alleged that houses were allotted to ineligible candidates, in lieu of money. Initially, the police investigated and filed a final report in the case. However, the complainant filed a protest application, following which, further investigation was conducted," police said.

**SAGAR RAJPUT** PALGHAR (MAHARASHTRA),

DECEMBER 21

AT 12.05 am on Saturday, hours after she was confined to a vacant bungalow in a Palghar village and allegedly gangraped, the 15-year-old called her family but before she could get a word in, the phone was snatched from her. As her ordeal continued, the family spent the night looking for her, police said.

Police said the girl, who was confined to the bungalow for about 15 hours starting last Friday evening, was raped eight times by six men, while three others attempted to rape her. All nine accused have been arrested and booked under relevant sections of the IPC and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The girl dropped out of

According to police, around 6 pm Friday, the girl left the village market, saying she had to take back her mobile charger that she had given a friend. She told police that while in the market, one of her friends, whom she had known for about four months, met her and offered to drop her

Gangraped, girl made desperate call

to family, phone was snatched: Police

Instead, he allegedly took her to the bungalow, where two of his friends were present. "They were consuming alcohol there," said a police officer.

Sometime later, police said, the three accused allegedly snatched her phone and took turns to rape her through the

The police officer said four other men reached the bungalow late in the evening. "When the victim pleaded with the men to help her get out of there, one of them agreed and took her on

his bike, but he brought her back to the same bungalow. Following this, four of the accused took her to the beach and forced themselves on the 15-year-old," the investigator said.

Police said that sometime around midnight, while the accused were drinking and talking among themselves, the girl managed to get her phone and called her family. During the call, which barely lasted a few seconds, the girl sobbed and before she could talk, the accused snatched the phone from her.

The girl's family, police said, tried calling back several times, but the accused allegedly kept disconnecting and later switched off her phone. Members of the family then set out to look for her, but failed to locate her. Police say the family didn't approach them that night.

On Saturday morning, two other men allegedly went to the

bungalow and raped her.

Later in the afternoon, the accused allegedly used her phone to send a message to a friend of the victim saying she had been kidnapped.

Around 2 pm, after being informed by the girl's friend, the family went to the police station and lodged a complaint.

By then, the accused had released the girl, and handed over her phone. However, she did not go home and remained seated under a tree near her house, where the police found her.

"We traced her through her mobile location, after which we took her into confidence. When she revealed her ordeal, we dispatched different teams and arrested the accused involved in the case," the officer said.

Police said the incident has left the girl traumatised and that they are providing her psychiatric counselling in a hospital.

# HC nod to make Ajanta firm party to Morbi case

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** RAJKOT, DECEMBER 21

THE GUIARAT High Court on Wednesday allowed an application seeking to summon Ajanta Manufacturing Private Limited (OREVA Group) as a respondent in a suo motu public interest litigation (PIL) on the suspension bridge collapse in Morbi on October 30 that killed 135 people. The firm was in charge of maintenance and operations of the suspension bridge.

However, the court rejected an application by 46 councillors of the Morbi municipality, seeking to join the proceedings in the case, on the ground that they apprehended that the state government may supersede the civic body.

On December 19, the councillors made a representation to Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, requesting him to not supersede the municipality and thereby allow them to complete their fiveyear tenure as councillors.

On Wednesday, taking up the PIL which the HC had initiated suo motu in November, a division bench of Chief Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice Ashutosh Shastri allowed a civil application filed by Dilip Chavda through his advocate Utkarsh Dave.

In his application, Dilip, whose



The bridge collapse in Gujarat's Morbi killed 135 people. File

younger brother Ashok Chavda (38) and Ashok's wife Bhavna Chavda (34), were among those who died in the tragedy, prayed that AMPL of OREVA group be summoned as a respondent in the PIL. After the couple's death, their six-year-old daughter Harshi was orphaned. The tragedy has orphaned six other children as well.

The AMPL was the private party in charge of maintenance and operations of the suspension bridge, as per an agreement the Morbi municipality had signed with the private firm in March this year. However, the cable-stayed bridge, constructed in 1987, collapsed just four days after AMPL managing director Jaysukh Patel threw it open to visitors after repair and maintenance.

"...it is clear that the entire ad-

ministration/repair/operation of the ill-fated bridge was within the control of M/s Ajanta... M/s Ajana did owe a duty of care to the public at large, which it failed to exhibit and which led to the unfortunate incident. Such acts of malfeasance on the part of M/s Ajanta will make it liable for the payment of exemplary damages.. it is necessary that M/s Ajanta be joined as Respondent No.7 to this petition," Dilip pleaded.

Admitting the application, the division bench ordered to serve a notice on AMPL. The state government, the state home department, commissioner of municipalities, Morbi municipality Morbi district collector, and Gujarat State Human Rights Commission are the six other respondents in the PIL.

**GAURI LANKESH MURDER CASE** 

### Tissues on toothbrush match DNA of 'shooter': forensic expert in court

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU. DECEMBER 21

A FORENSIC expert has confirmed in court his finding of DNA match between tissue samples obtained from a toothbrush abandoned at a hideout and 30year-old Parashuram Vagmore — the alleged shooter in journalist Gauri Lankesh, 55, murder

September 5, 2017. L Purushotham, an assistant director and technical manager of the DNA section at the Karnataka State Forensic Science Laboratory, confirmed his findings in the trial

that took place in Bengaluru on

court on December 15. Purushotham presented a series of findings, including the DNA match of tissues found on a toothbrush with Vagmore, as well as hair found on bedsheets at hideouts with other key players in the murder plot.

The DNA match is considered a key evidence to link the Vagmore's presence in Bengaluru during the execution of the crime plotted by a right-wing group. The SIT charge sheet filed in November 2018 identifies Vagmore as the one who shot Gauri Lankesh at the doorstep of her house.

The toothbrush with Vagmore's DNA material was among the personal belongings dumped following the murder by a building contractor, H L Suresh, whose house was used as a hideout for planning and ex-

Lankesh was shot dead in Sept 2017

ecuting the murder by six men, including Vagmore. The SIT recovered a bag containing toothbrushes, clothes, and fake vehicle number plates in August 2018 following the arrest of Suresh – an alleged activist of the Sanatan Sanstha affiliate the Hindu Janajagruti Samiti.

The DNA analysis of the abandoned toothbrushes at the hideout did not throw up a DNA profile match for other accused like Ganesh Miskin — the alleged rider of the motorbike that took the shooter to Lankesh's house, or Amit Baddi who provided logistical support or Suresh.

Apart from the DNA evidence linking the shooter to the hideout ahead of the murder, the SIT also found a match between DNA strands from hair found on a blanket at the hideout and the DNA profile of the alleged mastermind of the murder, Amol Kale, 39, a former Pune convenor of the Hindu Janajagruti Samiti. Kale has been named as the main accused by the SIT in the Lankesh murder case.

Purushotham told the trial court that the DNA derived from hair samples sent by the SIT was identical to the DNA profile of Amol Kale but not Vagmore.

### Manipur: Seven students dead, over 35 injured in bus accident

**JIMMY LEIVON** IMPHAL, DECEMBER 21

AT LEAST seven school students died and over 35 others sustained injuries Wednesday after the bus they were travelling in fell off a cliff near a village in Manipur, about 55 km from state capital Imphal, officials said. All those who died were girls aged 14-17 years. The incident occurred around

11 am near Longsai part-III village in Noney district when students from the Yairipok Thambalnu Higher Secondary School in Thoubal district were travelling in two buses on an excursion to the scenic Khoupum valley. Officials said the driver of one

of the buses, mostly carrying girl students, lost control of the vehicle at a sharp curve with no guard rails. Five students died on the spot and two more succumbed

to injuries at the Bishnupur district hospital, about 25 km from the site. The injured were later referred to hospitals in Imphal. "I heard a loud noise. Seconds

later, I heard people crying and calling for help," said a resident



Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh with a student injured in the school bus accident, in Imphal on Wednesday, ANI

"This is an accident-prone zone and it's the third road mishap here this month. But the authorities have not addressed the issue," said another resident. Official sources said the death

toll may rise with five other students in critical condition. Following the accident, the state's Education department

banned school excursions till January 10. Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs 5 lakh each to

the families of those who died, Rs

1 lakh each for the seriously injured, and Rs 50,000 each for those with minor injuries. He also announced that the state government would bear the medical expenses of those injured.

Taking to Twitter, the Chief Minister posted that he "visited the injured students in the accident that happened today at the Old Cachar Road" and "met the families of the students who passed away".

Singh also acknowledged the timely response of Longsai residents in the rescue operation.

### CAT result out, engineers dominate toppers list

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

ENGINEERS CONTINUED to dominate the Common Admission Test (CAT) toppers list, according to the result of the 2022 edition of the exam—the pathway to the Indian Institutes of Management. The result was declared on Wednesday. Around 2.22 lakh candidates

appeared for the entrance exam that was held on November 27. Around 35 per cent of the candidates were women and 65 per cent were men. In the list of 55 toppers, who

scored between 99.98 and 110 percentiles, four were women. Last year, there was just one woman in this category.

Engineers made up 74.5 per cent of this year's toppers.

Among the candidates with 100 percentile — all men — two each were from Delhi, Maharashtra and Telangana, and one each from Gujarat, Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Only one candidate with 100 percentile was from a

non-engineering background. Three candidates each from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal scored 99.99 percentile each. Also in this category were two each from Delhi, Karnataka, UP and one each from Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

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#### Water supply survey begins was launched on September 9, the

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE UNION Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on Wednesday said it has started a survey of water supply in cities in order to assess the quality, quantity and coverage of supply.

Though the Pey Jal Survekshan under the Ministry's Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0)

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ground survey was started on December 15, a MoHUA statement said. "The survey will serve as a

monitoring tool and an accelerator for the AMRUT mission while also fostering healthy competition among cities...Water utility services, used water utility services, water bodies, non-revenue water (NRW) estimation, best practices and innovation are the key focus areas," the ministry said.

Date: 22-12-2022

### Shot down by BSF along Punjab border, drone falls on Pak side

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, AMRITSAR.

A PAKISTAN drone that entered India from along the International Border in Punjab was intercepted by BSF troops following which it fell on the other side, a senior officer said

away by the Pakistan Rangers.

the Daoke border post in Amritsar.

inside Pakistan territory opposite Indian border post Bharopal when a search was conducted on Wednesday

"It hovered in the sky for a few minutes when counterdrone measures were taken, and fell while returning. Search is in progress to find if it dropped anything on the

In an another narcotics recovery case from along the same border but not related to the drone, the BSF recovered 25 kg of suspected heroin from a farming field

in Fazilka dis-

troops got alerted after some activity

on both sides of the India-Pakistan border fence near Gatti Ajaib Singh village of the said district.

"BSF troops fired towards Pakistani smugglers ahead of the border fence. However, smugglers managed to run away taking advantage of dense fog. A total of 25 packets suspected to be heroin weighing approximately 25 kg, a PVC pipe and a shawl were recovered in this incident," the spokesperson said.

बिहार 🏙 सरकार

भवन निर्माण विभाग

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय भवन प्रमण्डल, मधेपुरा।

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Construction of C type quarter (Two Nos.) (G+3) building in old

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वेश्म में एवं दिनांक

30.12.2022 को 1:00 बजे

मुख्य अभियंता (उ०) भवन

निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना

के कार्यालय वेश्म में।

दिनांक 20.12.2022 से

10.01.2023 को अप0 3:00

बजे तक।

दिनांक 12.01.2023 को अप0

3:30 बजे तक।

दिनांक 13.01.2023को अप0

3:30 बजेतक।

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नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

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समय एवं स्थान

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करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं

निविदा खोलने (तकनीकी

वीड) की तिथि एवं समय

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पत्रांकः वाई.ई.ए./SM/WC-Hort./2022-23/581 दिनांकः 21.12.2022 सार्वजनिक नीलामी सुचना

सर्वसाधारण को सचित किया जाता है कि उ०प्र० वन निगम लखनऊ विक्रय प्रभाग के माध्यम से जेवर एयरपोर्ट पर कटे पड़े गोल प्रकाष्ठ व जालौनी प्रकाष्ठ का सार्वजनिक नीलामी, वुड स्टॉक, जेवर एयरपोर्ट नीलामी स्थल पर कुल 7993 वृक्षों जिसमें मुख्यतः शीशम, नीम, बबूल, ज्यूलीफ्लोरा, युकेलिप्टस आदि के लाटों की उपलब्धता के आधार पर किया जायेगा। इच्छुक क्रेता नीलामी में गेट मनी धनराशि रू० 20,000.00 के साथ उपस्थित होकर प्रकाष्ठ क्रय करने का कष्ट करें। प्रकाष्ठ की स्थिति वृड स्टॉक जेवर एयरपोर्ट पर देखी जा सकती है।

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Details of Election Program is available on the notice board of MCA and the website http://www.cricketmaharashtra.com/ election.html By the Order of

Shri. J. S. Saharia, Ex-State Election Commissioner and Electoral Officer, MCA

### HC extends stay on Anil Deshmukh's bail order

**OMKAR GOKHALE** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 21

THE BOMBAY High Court on Wednesday extended till December 27 the time to make effective the bail order to former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh. On December 12, Justice Makarand S Karnik, while granting bail to Deshmukh in a corruption case, had said the order will become effective only after 10

days, so that the CBI can approach the Supreme Court to challenge the same by then. The 10-day period was to end Wednesday.

"It is made clear that no further request under any circumstances will be entertained," noted a single-judge bench of Justice Makarand S Karnik. The CBI had approached the High Court seeking extension of the stay on effect of the bail order till reopening of the Supreme Court as the vacation bench was not available.

DECEMBER 21

on Wednesday.

The drone was "downed" by Border Security Force (BSF) troops around 7.20 pm on Tuesday and it has been taken

he said. The incident took place near

It was found lying 20 metres

morning, a BSF spokesperson

Indian side," he said.

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Manager (HR&A)

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- Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Limited (BSTDCL), a nodal agency for executing tourism infrastructure projects in the state of Bihar, India, intends to execute tourism infrastructure projects at its tourism potential locations.
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- 8. Place of opening of bid Through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in 180 days 9. Period of bids validity 10. Officer inviting bids Chief Engineer, BSTDC Ltd.

Time and date of opening of financial bids

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

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- 12. (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.
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#### वरीय परियोजना अभियंता का कार्यालय हिंहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लि0 वाह्य परियोजना प्रमण्डल सं0-02, किशनगंज



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#### Doc.No:-BRPNNL/KNG/C00/921

#### निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (केवल ई-टेन्डर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

बिहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड / केन्द्रीय / राज्य सरकार / एम.ई.एस. / सी.पी.डब्लू.डी. / सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवदेकों से SBD आधारित ई–निविदा प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से दो बीड प्रणाली (तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय) अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित आरुसी, सी, सेतु निर्माण हेतु प्रतिशत दर प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। यदि संवेदक बिहार राज्य पूल निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड में पूर्व से निबंधित नहीं है, तब एकरारनामा के पूर्व इन्हें निगम में निबंधित कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

事.	जिला	कार्य का विवरण	प्राक्कालत शक्ति (लाख रू० में)	परिमाण विषत्र का मूल्य (रू० में) (अप्रत्यर्पणीय)	अग्रधन की राशि (लाख रू० में)	Processing Fee (Online Payment) ( स्ह में) (अप्रस्थर्पणीय)	काय की अवधि (मारु में)
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1	किशनगंज	किश्चनगंज जिलान्तर्गत पोठिया लिक पथ के 5वें कि0मी0 में उच्चस्तरीय आर0सी0सी0 पुल निर्माण कार्य। पुल की लम्बाई—50,00 मी0 (लगभग)	792.35	10,000.00	15.85	17,700.00	15 माह
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11.00	(लगभग)	
SI. No.	Activity	Duration
1.	Download date of bid documents	From 05/01/2023 (10:00 Hrs.) to 27/01/2023 (15:00 Hrs.) (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.)
2.	Pre-bid Meeting	14/01/2023 at 15.00 Hrs. (Meeting Hall of BRPNNL 7, Sardar Patel Marg, Patna – 800015)
3.	Last Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	30/01/2023 . upto 15:00 Hrs. (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.)
4.	Last Date of Submission of Bank Draft, bid security and Hard copies of document in original.	01/02/2023 upto 15:00 Hrs. at BRPNNL Office.
5.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	02/02/2023 at 15:30 Hrs. (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in )
6.	Date, time and place of opening of Financial Bid	To be informed later to technically qualified bidder. (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.)

- 7. निविदा की वैद्य अवधि :- बीड समर्पित की अंतिम तिथि से 120 दिन तक | वैद्य अवधि समाप्त होने की स्थिति में निविदाकारों से निविदा की वैद्य अवधि बढाये जाने की सहमति ली जा सकती है।
- क्रमांक 2, 3, 4 एवं 5 (निविदा संबंधित तिथि) में किसी दिन अवकाश घोषित होने की रिथित में अगला कार्य दिवस मान्य होगा तथा अलग से इसकी कोई सूचना नहीं दी जायेगी।
- 9. तकनीकी बीड में सफल संवेदकों का ही वित्तीय बीड सिर्फ वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
- 10. ई-टेन्डरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु संवेदकों को www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर पंजीकृत होना होगा। यह उन्हें वेबसाइट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) से डाउनलोड करने / ई–टेन्डर की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु अनिवार्य है।
- 11. ई-निविदा पत्र, अन्य नियम एवं शर्ते वेबसाईट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) से प्राप्त किया जा
- 12 संवेदक द्वारा परिमाण विपत्र सिर्फ वेबसाईट से प्राप्त करने के उपरान्त वेबसाईट पर ही इलेक्ट्रानिक निविदा पत्र को भर कर अपलोड करना है। अन्य सभी महत्वपूर्ण कागजात बँक ड्राफ्ट / अग्रधन की राशि / सभी प्रमाण पत्र जो निविदा के लिए आवश्यक है को स्कैन कर ई-निविदा के साथ संलग्न करना अनिवार्य है। इसकी हार्ड कॉपी (मूल में) दिनांक-01/02/2023 के अपराहन 3:00 बजे तक वरीय परियोजना अभियंता, बिहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लि., वाह्य परियोजना प्रमण्डल सं0-02, किशनगंज / उप मुख्य अभियंता, कार्य अंचल-02, बिहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लि., पटना में परिमाण विपन्न का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि को मूल रूप से जमा करना अनिवार्य है।
- 13.किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी अथवा शृद्धि पत्र को वेबसाईट www.brpnnl.bihar.gov.in एवं www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर प्रकाशित किया जायेगा।
- 14.दस करोड से अधिक प्राक्कलित राशि होने पर Joint Venture भी मान्य है।
- 15. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत करने वाले पदाधिकारी को बिना कारण बताए निविदा की तिथि विस्तार, स्थगित या रदद करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित होगा।
- 16.ई-टेन्डरिंग की प्रक्रिया से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी एवं पंजीकरण हेतु ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट 2.0 हेल्पडेस्क, एमजंक्शन सर्विसेज लिमिटेड आर जे कॉम्प्लेक्स, दूसरी मंजिल, केनरा बैंक कैंपस, खाजपुरा, आशियाना रोड, पी.एस.– शास्त्री नगर, पटना–800014, बिहार (दूरभाष संख्या–18005726571) से सम्पर्क किया
- 17.विशेष जानकारी हेत् अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में कार्य अवधि में सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है अथवा वेबसाइट www.brpnnl.bihar.gov.in/state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर देखा जा सकता है।
- तिविदा Download/Upload की तिथि एवं समय पर Network Failure हेतु निगम की जिम्मेवारी
- 19.अपर मुख्य सचिव, गृह विभाग, बिहार सरकार, पटना के पत्रांक-29 दिनांक-25.01.2021 एवं अभियंता प्रमुख (कार्य प्रबंधन) पथ निर्माण विभाग के पत्रांक-2033 (E), दिनांक-11.04.2022 द्वारा निर्गत आदेश के अनुपालन में संवेदक को संबंधित जिला पुलिस अधीक्षक से निर्गत चरित्र प्रमाण संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- सम्पर्क पदाधिकारी का नाम:-
- 1. श्री मुनीन्द्र ठाकुर, वरीय परियोजना अभियंता, मोः नंः-9473400397.
- श्री असित कुमार, वाणिज्य सहायक, मो. नं.—9709049306 वरीय परियोजना अभियंता,
- बिहार राज्य पुल निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड,
- PR- 12288(Ni.Ni.) 2022-23

वाह्य परियोजना प्रमण्डल सं0-02, किशनगंज

Govt. 🌺 of Bihar

#### Rural Works Department Notice Inviting Tender (No.-RWD/PMGSY/HQ/ET/-22-23/35)

Rural Works Department, Bihar invites Percentage rate Tender on behalf of Governor of Bihar (through e-procurement system) from bona fide, approved and eligible Contractors registered with RWD/RCD/CPWD/MES/ Railways/Other State/Central Govt. departments for the following PMGSV-III works including maintenance for five years after construction of roads and Bridges

SL	District	Block	Packag e No.	New Technology/ Bridge	Name of Road / Bridge	Length (in mt/	Package Amo (Rs. in I	unt	Money (Rs. in	Amount Payable to Works
No			173,57,573.6		175/117875	kms)	Const.	Maint.	Lakhs)	Division
1	2	3	4	5 Cold Mix Technology/	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Araria	Forbisganj	BR01P 3R21	Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T02-Morballa to Forbesganj	20.75	1967.30	83.43	41.12	EE, RWD Works Division, Forbisgan
2	Banka	Chanan	BRO3P 3R26	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRLO5-Suiya Barwa Reo Road To Haradiya Khurd	18.60	1429.14	152.59	31.71	EE, RWD Works Division, Banka-2
3	Darbhanga	Kiratpur	BR10P 3R42	Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T29-Koshi Bandh Mushariya To Jhagruwa Tetri Kuboul Hote Huye Kiratpur Tak	14.82	1415.08	114.41	30.67	EE, RWD Works Division, Biraul
4	Gopalganj	Kuchaikot	BR13P 3R15	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL14-KONWAHA MORE TO BHARTWA MORW VIA SIPAYA	13.30	1725.38	161.73	37.84	EE, RWD Works Division, Gopalganj
5	Kaimur (Bhabhua)	Nuawan	BR05P 3R13	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T01-MOHANIA RAMGARH BUXAR CHAUSA ROAD TO BHATPURWA RCD ROAD	25.36	1815.09	165.93	39.72	EE, RWD Works Division, Mohania
6	Katihar	Balrampur	BR16P 3R17	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL15-Barsoi Sima Adampur To Baluganj Bajar Tak Via Kalyan gawn via madhopur via chandani chowk	18.30	1986.74	215.04	44.15	EE, RWD Works Division, Barsoi
7	Katihar	Ajamnagar	BR16P 3R24	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T07-PWD ROAD BHARAT CHOWK TO KALHAN VIA RADHANAGAR ,NIMOL,RAGHOPUR, KARSOTA	22.71	2475.84	215.95	53.97	EE, RWD Works Division, Manihar
8	Katihar	Ajamnagar	BR16P 3R25	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T03-Salmari Barsoi SH98 Narayanpur Chowk To Bartabari Via Sitalmani Chowk	15.00	1584.33	141.73	34.61	EE, RWD Works Division, Manihar
9	Katihar	Ajamnagar	BR16P 3R27	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T04- Marbatpur Paikbahab Pmgsy Road To Kusaul Via Deoganwa babhangama Damodarpur	14.62	1500.54	137.72	32.85	EE, RWD Works Division Manihar
10	Katihar	Ajamnagar	BR16P 3R28	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T06-Azamnagar PWD Road To Hat Baraul Via Surti pokhar Via Marbalpur	19.89	1967.40	179.85	43.05	EE, RWD Works Division Manihar
11	Katihar	Manihari	BR16P 3R35	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	TO2-KATIH AR MANIHARI TO SIMLAPARA (TRACK2)	15.25	1548.45	156.71	34.19	EE, RWD Works Division Manihar
12	Kishanganj	Dighalbank	BR18P 3R30	Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL41-KURHAILI - PATHARGHATTI - LAKSHMIPUR- FAUDAR PALSA PATH	14.95	1488.75	68.85	31.23	EE, RWD Works Division Kishangan
13	Kishanganj	Thakurganj	BR18P 3R55	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL41-NH327E (PIPRISTHAN)TO GOEALDANGGI BENGAL SIMA TAK	14.91	1455.97	58.85	30.37	EE, RWD Works Division Kishangan
14	Madhepura	Kumarkhand	BR20P 3R42	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL02-Madhepura NH106 - Rauta Bridge via Belari Rampatti Road	21.84	2146.81	216.12	47.38	EE, RWD Works Division, Madhepu
15	Madhepura	Bihari Ganj	BR20P 3R46	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL03-Laxmipur To gamail via kamalkund via parmanandpur	17.44	1766.43	186.77	39.16	EE, RWD Works Division, U Kishunga
16	Madhubani	Andhrartharhi	BR21P 3R13	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T03-Kanhauli Andhrathadi Sima To Andhrathadi Block Head Quarter Tak Via Bhaduar, Gadhrain, Barsam	16.40	1845.06	211.84	41.24	EE, RWD Works Division, Jhanjharp
17	Purnia	Baisa	BR27P 3R72	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL05-Dharmabari To Kuti Ghat Via Dhusml,Angad Thana	17.65	1843.59	182.95	40.63	EE, RWD Works Division, B
18	Purnia	Banmankhi	BR27P 3R77	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL02-NH 107 MOHANIA ARRARIA SIMA VIA DHRUBVILAS SE YADAV TOLA BHITA TOLA	20.95	2385.05	244.95	52.73	EE, RWD Works Division Purnia
19	Purnia	Kasba	BR27P 3R78	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T01-KASBA TO GERUA	12.97	1533.89	150.18	33.77	EE, RWD Works Division Purnia
20	Purnia	Sri Nagar	BR27P 3R80	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRL07-Uphorail To Jalalgarh NH57 Via Dimia	13.50	1564.69	131.59	34.01	EE, RWD Works Division Purnia
21	Saharsa	Saurbazar	BR29P 3R13	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	MRLO9-SAMDA SA BHABURIYA BAZAR	15.16	1615.81	158.89	35.58	EE, RWD Works Division Saharsa
22	Samastipur	Ujiarpur	BR30P 3R16	Cold Mix Technology/ Panelled Cement Concrete/ Surface Dressing	T26-Samastipur Ujiarpur sarairanjan via Morwa to Tajpur	29.30	3226.04	311.36	70.92	EE, RWD Works Division Dalsingh Sa

Last date and Time of Online Bid Submission

(including Scanned copy of Affidavits)

Online Bid Opening Date and Time

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:31.01.2023 at 15:30 Hours.

Place, date and time of Pre-Bid Meeting : 27.01.2023 from 15:00 Hours. (Office of Respective Works Circle, RWD) The Cost of Package and Earnest Money is indicative and the actual amount of Earnest Money will be as per uploaded BOQ. Cost of nonrefundable Bid Document (Rs.10,000.00 for Bids costing more than Rs. 50 lakh and Rs. 5000 for Bids costing Rs. 15 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh) and Earnest Money will be submitted online (PMGSY e-tender online Account-through PMGSY e-tender portal by Internet Banking only). All concerned please note that the bidding process will not move onward if the Bid Document's Cost (Tender Fee) and Earnest Money is not paid through PMGSY e-tender portal

by Internet Banking. No other form of Bid Document cost and Earnest Money will be accepted. The bidders are required to submit the following document is original at the time of signing of contract Bond in the office of the Concerned

(a) Affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions.

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(b) Self-attested bid id sheet generated (Acknowledgement Slip) when the bid is successfully submitted by the bidder. Original documents must match the scanned copies submitted along with the bids submitted on line.

In case, of any discrepancy in this respect, it will be treated as missrepresentation by the Bidder. Such Bidder shall be liable to be debarred for participating in bids for five years.

Details of tender related information can be viewed/ downloaded from the website http://pmgsytendersbih.gov.in. Interested Bidders will have to register with their DSC (Digital Signature Certificate) in the web site http://pmgsytendersbih.gov.in. Engineer-in-chief

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Rural Works Department,

Bihar, Patna

### Chinese aggression is another reason to strengthen ties with India: US lawmakers

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** WASHINGTON, DEC 21

THE LATEST Chinese aggression against India is yet another reminder of why a strong Indo-US security partnership is crucial to their national security, top American lawmakers have said.

The Chinese and Indian troops were engaged in a fresh clash in Yangtse area of Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang sector on December 9. in first such major flare-up after the deadly hand-to-hand combat in the Galwan Valley in June 2020 that marked the most serious military conflict between the two sides in decades.

"China's most recent aggression in Arunachal Pradesh is yet another reminder of why a strong security partnership with India is crucial to the national security of the United States and our allies," the India Caucus Co-Chairs said in a statement.

"This event marks yet another threat of the People's Republic of China to the Indian territory, including China's premeditated aggres-

sion on the Line of Actual Control in 2020 which saw the death of approximately 20 Indian troops," it said. "As co-chairs of the India

Caucus, we have worked for years to deepen the US-India bilateral relationship. The India Caucus built on this progress by including the Khanna-Sherman-Schweikertamendment in the House-passed FY23 NDAA, highlighting the immediate and serious regional border threats that India faces from China." said the statement.

The co-chairs applauded the inclusion of Section 1260 in the FY23 Final Conference Report to strengthen military cooperation in critical areas like intelligence gathering, fifth generation aircraft, and emerging technologies to deter China's aggression and encroachment in the Indo-Pacific region. "The US and India share a

unique bond as the world's oldest democracy and the world's largest democracy, and as co-chairs of the Caucus we will continue to grow our security engagement and bilateral ties," said the statement.

### 27-yr-old woman killed in moving car, two held

**SAGAR RAJPUT** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 21

TWO MEN have been arrested by the Navi Mumbai Police Crime Branch for allegedly killing a 27-year-old woman by strangulating her in a moving car and disposing her remains in the river bank of Dhamani village near Matheran.

The police said Urvashi Satyanarayan Vaishnav was identified with the help of her slipper. The accused, Riyaz Samad Khan (36) and Imran Sheikh (28), are employed as a gym trainer and a courier delivery boy, respectively. The police said Khan, who

having an extra marital affair with Vaishnav – a resident of Koparkhairne in Navi Mumbai – for the last six months. Terming it a pre-planned murder, Inspector Ravindra Patil said, "Urvashi was mur-

dered because she was pres-

is married and has a son, was

suring Khan to marry her." The police said that around 5 pm on December 13, Khan went to Vaishnav's

house. At 9 pm, they left as she wanted to go to work. "Urvashi worked as a bar dancer. While Khan was driving her to work, Urvashi again started pressuring him to marry her," said an officer. Mid-way, the police said,

Khan picked up Sheikh "After he sat in the rear seat Sheikh strangled her with a rope in the moving car from behind while Khan held her hands. Later in the night, the two dumped her body near Dhamani village," the officer said. On December 14, the Navi

Mumbai police were informed that the remains of a woman had been found lying at the river bank. "The post mortem revealed she was strangled to death, following which a case of murder was registered at Panvel Taluka police station," said an officer. "Her slippers had a tag of the shop from where it was bought. A team went to the shop and scrutinised CCTV footage that showed Urvashi and Khan buying the footwear," he said.

#### **UTTARAKHAND**

### Ankita murder case: HC junks plea for CBI probe

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** DEHRADUN, DECEMBER 21

**EXPRESSING SATISFACTION** with the probe by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) into the murder of 19-year-old receptionist Ankita Bhandari, the Uttarakhand High Court on Wednesday rejected a petition requesting the probe to be transferred to the CBI.

Uttarakhand Advocate General SN Babulkar, who represented the state government, said a petition was filed before the High Court with a prayer that the probe be taken from the SIT and given to the CBI.

"The court rejected the prayer, saying that the SIT investigation has been satisfactory and appreciable. The court also mentioned that the SIT is working independently and headed by a senior

other state, and there is no reason to doubt the investigation. The court said that this is a sensitive matter and the SIT is moving in the right direction," Babulkar told The Indian Express. Earlier, a plea seeking a

police officer who is from an-

CBI probe was moved by journalist Ashutosh Negi, accusing the police and SIT of hiding crucial facts in the case. The petitioner alleged that the SIT did not make public Ankita's autopsy report and demolished the room of the resort where she used to live. Ankita's father Virendra Singh Bhandari and mother Soni Devi later joined as petitioners.

On Wednesday, a singlejudge bench of Justice Sanjay Kumar Mishra decided on the plea. The SIT team, headed by DIG P Renuka Devi, has filed a charge sheet in the case.



बर्ध में हात का ज़ल में हैं-निविद्य खोलने की तिथि व तमक ओप्पी कार्य का नाम विनांक 30.12.2022 Class-A Repair of Administrative Building at I.A. Masoorie Gulawathi Road, Distt. Hapur. को 11.00 बजे या इसके पश्चात दिनांक 30.12.2022 | Class-B Construction of Road at I.A. Masoorie

Gulawathi Road (From Plot No. F-70 to F-73 को 11.00 बजे या and From Plot No. F-99 to F-105), Distt, इसके पश्चात उक्त कार्यों की निविदा दिनांक 22.12.2022 को 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 29.12.2022 को सार्य 05:00 बजे क अपलोड की जा सकती है। निविदाताओं द्वारा शफ्थपत्रों की मुल प्रतियों दिनांक 02.01.2023 के तायं 05:00 बजे तक पंजीकृत डाक / व्यक्तिगत रूप से कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती है ।

नोट : 1. निविदा दाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर एवं जी0एस0टी0 सहित दरें अंकित करें। अलग से कोई कर देय नहीं होगा। 2. निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तत जानकारी वेबसाइट www.upsidc.com पर स्थापित लिंक यूपीएलसी की website: http://etender.up.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है। उप महाप्रबन्धक (सिविल), निर्माण काण्ड-प्रथम, उवप्रवरावऔवविव्याव, गाजियाबाद।

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### Classifieds

#### PERSONAL

I**,shrishti** D/o-nagender mishra,R/O L 008 vivek-vihar sector-82 noida -gautam budh nagar,up-201304,Have changed my Name to shrishti mishra. For all future purposes. 0040646236-9

**I,hitherto** known as Devinder Dua alias Devinder Kumar Dua, S/o Sh. Deen Dyal Dua, R/o 623, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Devinder Dua.

0040646218-5

I.ZEENAT KHAN W/O-SUHAIL KHAN/SUHAIL AHMED,R/O-1945, DDA JANTA-FLATS, GTB-ENCLAVE.DELHI-110093.have changed my name to JEENAT BEGAM. 0040646213-5

I, Yogesh Kumar S/O-Mahinder Malhotra, H. No-B-8/5, Krishna Nagar, East Delhi-110051, Have Changed my Name to Yogesh Kumar Malhotra.

0040646231-1

**I,Vimla** Devi W/o Binod Kumar Gautam R/o RZ D-2/83 Gali.No.5, Mahavir Enclave Delhi-110045 changed my name to Vimla. 0040646231-2

I.Vikrant, S/o Prakash, R/o:2/282 NDMC Staff Qtrs,Bapu Dham,San Martin Marg,Chanakyapuri,New Delhi-110021, have changed my name to Vikrant Tanwar, for all purposes.

I,Tushar S/O Prakash Chand Upadhyay R/O,K-388,Gali.No-8.Mahipal-Pur.Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Tushar Upadhyay,for All, future purpose.

0040646216-7

0040646218-4

I.Tarun S/o Anil Kumar Yadav.R/o.H.No.72.Main Road, VPO. Bagrolla, New Delhi 110045, have changed my name to Tarun Yadav, for all 0040646236-2 Purposes.

I.Tanvi Goval W/o Sudhir Kumar R/o 2946, Kashmiri Block, Trithankar Nagar, Jain Nagar, Karala, Delhi-110081, have changed my name to Tanvi Sharma for all future purposes.

0040646231-7

I,TABASSUM PARVEEN.W/O MOHD RIZWAN, R/O.H. NO B-106.B-BLOCK, MAIN MARKET, NEW SEELAMPUR, NORTH EAST DELHI-110053, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TABASSUM. 0040646213-2

**I,Syyed** Faizan Ali S/O Kayad Ali R/O, New F-120, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Faizan Ali For All future purpose.

0040646218-2

**,Sweta** Dheeraj Chandak W/o Dheeraj Chandak R/o B-8/220-221, 3rd-Floor, Sector-3, Rohini, New Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sweta Chandak. 0040646251-2

**,Sunil** Vasdev s/o OM PRAKASH VASUDEV, R/o House. No.0904, Tower-22, Paras Tierea, NSEZ Block-A, Sector-137, Noida, Uttar-Pradesh-201305, have changed my name Sunil Kumar Vasudev for 0040646213-9 all.Purposes.

**.Shobha** Devi W/o No.14619806H Rank HAV ACP NB/SUB Jitendra Kumar Yadav R/o,Flat.No.304,2nd-Floor,Om Vihar Phase-I, Gokul Dham Society, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-5, have changed my, name to Sarla Devi Vide.affidavit date.21.12.22 before, Delhi.

0040646236-10

0040646218-1

I**,Sharmila** Devi,W/o Gore Lal Singh, R/o C-2/821 Khasra.No.1586 Phase-4, Aya Nagar, New Delhi-110047, have changed my name, from Sharmila Devi to Rani Devi, for all, future Purposes.

I.Shama Azaz.W/o-Mohammad Azaz R/o-A-249, Buland Masjid, Shastri Park, Gandhi Nagar, Bhajanpura North-East-Delhi-110053, Have Changed My Minor-Daughter Name, From Inaya To Inaya

Azaz, For All Purposes. 0040646231-4

**I,Sarla** Rani Gulati,W/o Deep Chand Gulati R/o.H.No.310, Sector-3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012, Have Changed my Name to Sarla Gulati, for All, future purposes.

0040646213-4

**I,Sarasan** Kochukuni Narayanan S/o Kochukunj Narayan D-45, Top Floor, Block10, Subhash Nagar, Mayakuni Mayapuri, Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Sarasan Kochukuniu Narayan. 0040646227-9

I,Sahil Rathore S/o,Sanjay Rathore, R/o-H.No.D-40, Shiv-Ram Park, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, that my-mother's name has been wronglywritten in my-Educational Documents as Babita Rathore

instead-of her correct-name is Shashi. 0040646251-5 I, AURANGZEB REHAN CHAUDHARY. S/O.SALAHUDDIN CHAUDHARY, HOUSE, NO-1590. RODGRAN LAL KUAN,

CENTRAL, DELHI-110006, changed my name to **CHAUDHRY AURANGZEB** 

REHAN.for all.future Purposes.

0040646236-8

I,SURJEET KUMAR S/o-SH.PARSHOTAM DASS R/o-N-504, JALVAYU VIHAR, SECTOR-25, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, U.P-203101, have changed my, daughter's name, from AYANNA SHARMA to AAYANA SHARMA for all, future purpose.

0040646218-6

Al.Rupanshi Garq W/o Aman Kumar Singhal R/o H.No.14. 4th-Floor, Deepali Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Rupanshi Singhal. 0040646251-3

I,Rajesh,S/o Bal Kishan, R/o 28/844, 2nd Floor, DDA Flats, Kalkaji, Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Rajesh Kanojia, for all purposes.

0040646218-3

I.Raiesh S/o Sh. Veer Bhan.R/o.H.No. 1012, Gali No.-1, Near Apna-Enclave Phase-01,Laxman-Vihar,Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar, for all Purposes.

0040646236-1

I,RAKHI AHRAWAL,W/O ANAND AGRAWAL, R/o FLAT. NO. 806, TOWER-4, LOTUS PANACHE.SECTOR-110.NOIDA. GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR,UTTAR PRADESH-201301, changed my name to RAKHI AGRAWAL. 0040646236-7

I,Priti Spouse of Dileep Kumar Resident of H.No.2, Gali.No-01, Rajokri Village, New Delhi-110038 have changed myName from Priti to KM.Priti Sharma vide affidavit dated-19.Dec.22 before NCT. of Delhi.

0040646212-1

I,Prakash S/O-Jagdish Chand Upadhyay R/O,K-388, Gali,No-8, Mahipal Pur, Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Prakash Chand Upadhvav.For All.future 0040646216-8 purpose.

**I.Parveen** kumar.S/o-Shyam Chand Address-511 D-2/5A govind-Puri kalkaii New-Delhi-110019, changed my name to Parveen Kumar khatana.

0040646213-1

**I,Pankaj** S/o-Dharm Pal,R/o-Gandhi Metal Colony, Near-Old Power House, Adarsh Nagar(Qutubpur),Rewari (HR.) 123401.have changed my name to Pankaj Kumar Khatawala. 0040646236-6

I,Pankaj Jain,S/o Sh.Om Prakash Jain R/o.480/11.Jain-Gali.Near-Purani-Sabzi Mandi-Gohana, District-Sonipat, Haryana-13130, have changed my-minor daughter name, from Navya to Navya Jain, for all, future purposes

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**Shanti** W/O-Prakash Chand Upadhyay R/O,K-388,Gali.No-8, Mahipal Pur Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Shanti Upadhyay, for All, future purpose.

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I.PRAMOD KUMAR SHARMA. S/O.PURAM MAL SHARMA, ADD-F-BLOCK SHIV MANDIR NARAYANI DHAM HARI-NAGAR, SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110064, changed my name to PRAMOD KUMAR SHASTRI, for all, future Purposes.

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I.Rupali Lamba D/o S. Dalieet Singh Walia R/o 46, Munirka Enclave, J.N.U., New Delhi-110067, have changed my name to Rupali Walia. 0040646203-1

**I,NORBU** TSHERING S/o SHRI.PHURBA TSHERING, R/o-90/83, Third-Floor, Malviya Nagar, New-Delhi-110017, permanently residing at-J.P.Sharma Road-4, Passang Building, Darjeeling, W.B-734101, have changed my minor son's name from LOVITH SINGH to LOVITH TSHERING, and henceforth he shall be known as the LOVITH TSHERING, for all

purposes. 0040646160-5 I,NAZIA ANWER,W/O-HAIDER MEHNDI, R/o-1545-46, AZIZ **GANJ,BAHADURGARH** ROAD, DELHI-110006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO 'NAZIA HAIDER MEHDI' FOR ALL

PURPOSES. 0040646224-5 I.Mukund Madukar Paithankar, S/o Madhukar Narayan-Paithankar, R/o-1135, Iffco Colony, Sector-17B.Gurgaon (Harvana)-122001, have changed my name

to Mukund Madhukar

Paithankar.

I,Meenakshi W/o,Gaurav Arora R/o,Plot-No.70-71-72, First-Floor, Flat-No.202, Jain-Colony, Part-1, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, that name of mine has-been wrongly-written as Tani Arora in my-minor daughter Hazel Arora aged-10years in her School-Records and Birth Certificate.The

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Meenakshi. 0040646251-6 I, Mahender Kumar S/o Sh. Suraj Bhan R/o-17/1, Rohtak-Road. Nangloi, West Delhi-110041, have changed my name to

actual-name of mine is

Mahender Kumar Garg. 0040646251-4

I.Madhu Pathak W/o Bhisham Kumar Pathak R/o-102, Partap Nagar, Jail-Road, Delhi-110064, inform that in my-Passport my Given-name was written as Madhu Pathak, whereas my Given-name is Madhu and surname is Pathak i.e.-Madhu Pathak.

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I,Bane Khan s/o-Mohd Rafiq,R/o H.No-D-363,Gali.No-11,Shri Ram Colony, Rajiv Nagar, Delhi-110094.have Changed my name to BANNE KHAN.permanently. 0040646218-7

I,M INGOCHA SINGH, FATHER OF, MONGJAM DINESH SINGH presently, residing at, NONGPOK KEITHEL MANBI MAKHA, LEIKAI, ANDRO, IMPHAL EAST, MANIPUR-795149, have changed my name, from M INGOCHA SINGH to MONGJAM INGOCHA SINGH.vide-affidavit

dated.21-Dec-2022.

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I,Kavita,D/o Krishan Lal.H.No. 1316/28, Arjun Ali,R/o-BB-104 Gali Nagar, Rohtak (Haryana) -No.3, Subhash Basti Nabi 124001, have changed my name to Kavita Paruthi for all Shahdat Ali Purposes. 0040646236-3

R/o U-131,Vijay Nagar, Narela, Delhi-110040, have changed my name to Kavita for all future purposes. 0040646231-3

I.Kavita Rani w/o Sanjeev Kumar

I.JC-594830P.Sub H/Lt Jaffar Hussain, S/O- Ghulam Mustafa Mattu ,R/O-Soti, Tehsil-Gandoh, District-Doda-182203. In my service records the D o B of my son namely Junaid Jaffar Matoo has been wrongly mentioned as 28-02-2012 instead of 28-12-2014. It needs correction. Objections be filled to 13 JAKLI within seven days.

I, Hardip Grewal, S/o Surinder Singh Grewal, H.No.32, Amaltas Marg, DLF City Phase-1, Gurgaon(Haryana)-122002, have changed my name to Hardip Singh Grewal.

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I.Fekhrool Hasan s/o-Mohd Siddiq,R/o H No.B-181,Gali.No-11,B-Block, Shri Ram Colony, Rajiv Nagar, Delhi-110094.have Changed my name to FAKHRUL HASAN. permanently. 0040646218-10

I.Ekta D/o Saniav Kumar.R/o C-1A, 207, T-Huts, Ring Road, I.P.Depot, New Delhi declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Ekta Chauhan and Sanjay Chauhan in my 10th Class Educational Documents. The actual name of mine and my father are Ekta and Sanjay 0040646216-9 Kumar.

I.Mamta Sachdeva, D/O-Late Shri Brij Mohan Sachdeva, R/o-C-4/154, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035.inform that Mamta Manocha and Mamta Sachdeva both the names are one and Same person.D.O.B.-17/02/1976. 0040646224-2

I.Balwinder Singh Mehra (Old Name),S/o-Gyan Chand,R/O-5/9,Ramesh Nagar,Single Story, Ground Floor, Front Side, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Balvinder singh(New Name) permanently. 0040646224-7

I.Ankur.S/o-Ranbir Singh R/o-T Jaat Mohalla, Ratan wali Gali, Dhool Siras Dhulsiras South West Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Ankur Soni for all purposes.

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I,Ampli KK W/o Sarasan Kochukunju Narayan D-45,Top Floor, Block10, Subhash Nagar, Mayakuni Mayapuri Delhi-110064, have changed my name to Ambili Sarasan.

0040646227-10 I,Amit Kumar,S/O-Narsingh Upadhyay, residing at flat No.D-4/508, Phase-1, Bharat City, Tila More Nistoli, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201003, have changed the name of our minor Son Aradhya Upadhay aged 11years and he shall hereafter be

known as Aradhya Upadhyay. I.Aftab Ali S/o Mukhtayar R/o.H.No-92,Dabri Village,New Delhi-110045, have changed my name and shall hereafter be

known as Aftab Badgujjar. 0040646216-1 I,ANKUSH S/O HARISH KUMAR

WADHWA,R/O G-45,GROUND FLOOR.KIRTI NAGAR.WEST **DELHI-110015, HAVE CHANGED** MY NAME TO ANKUSH WADHWA. 0040646213-3

I.ABID S/O-NAWAB ALI.R/O PLOT.NO.S-1, FLAT.NO.202, SHALIMAR-GARDEN EXTN.-1,DAYANAND-PARK, SAHIBABAD, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201005,, have changed my

name to ABID CHOUDHARY. 0040646213-6 I, Yudhit Jain, S/o Rajesh Jain, R/o 21-B, K.D. Block, Ashok Vihar, Delhi - 110052, have

changed my name to Yudit Jain for all purpose. 0070818612-1 I, Vikrant S/o V.P.Bahal R/o M-1-806, GD-Block, Gulmohar

Garden, Rajnagar Ext. Ghaziabad have changed my name to Vikram T Bahal.

0070818647-1 I, Vailji Bhai Dantani s/o Punja Bhai Dantani r/o K-287, JJ Colony, Raghubir Nagar, Tagore Garden, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to VELJI BHAI DANTANI.

0040646145-1 I, Surender, S/o Govind Singh, R/o C-56. Third Floor, Front Side, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Dk, West Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Surender Gusain. 0070818597-1

I, Shikha Sharma, W/o Mohd Anas,R/o-3132, Gali Sushila, Delhi Police Bhawan, Turkman Gate Delhi-110006, have changed my name Madiha Anas 0040646227-6 I,BHISHAM OMPRAKASH

DEWANI, S/O.OMPRAKASH DEWANI, ADD-G-58,2ND-FLOOR LAJPAT-NAGAR 1, SOUTH-EAST DELHI-110024, changed my name to BHISHAM DEWANI, for all future Purposes.

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I, Shiji BS, Spouse of Army No.15313501K, Hav., Ajaya Kumar C, resident of JC-30F, 2nd Floor, LIG Flats, Hari Enclave, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name from Shiji Ajayan to SHIJI BS, vide affidavit dated 19/12/2022 before Adv. O.P. Chaudharv.

Notary Public, New Delhi. 0040646145-2

I. Shahadat Ali, S/o Rehmat Karim, Pahar Ganj Delhi-110055 have changed my name to 0040646227-4

I, Saloni Singh D/o Sanjay kumar Singh R/o F-92, Gamma-1, Greater Noida U.P. have changed my fathers name from Sanjay Singh to Sanjay Kumar Singh for all future purposes. 0070818645-1

I, Sunita Choudhary, W/o Kuldeep Rana, R/o 191 pkt 11, Sec 23, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name to Sunita Rana. 0070818641-1 I. Saiid Akhtar S/o Shahbuddin

Inderlok, Delhi-110035 have

name Rida to Aleeza for all

changed my minor daughter's

R/o 390, Shahzada Bagh,

future purposes. 0070818656-1 I, Ruchika Verma W/o Lalit Verma R/o-EA-170/2, Tagore Garden Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Ruchi **Verma Permanently** 

0040646160-2

I, Rizzu, W/o Samim R/o-B-863, Dera Gazi Khan, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my minor son's name from Ashraf to Sahil 0040646227-2

I, Reena Gaur W/o Sanjay Kumar Singh R/o F-92, Gamma-1, Greater Noida U.P. have changed my name to Reena Singh for all future purposes. 0070818651-1

I, Ram Kishan Singh S/o Bhoora Singh R/o-House.No-15. Gali.No-1 Ashok Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Ram Kishan Chhoker, Permanently 0040646160-3

I, Rakesh Shrivastav, S/o Balmukund, R/o 45, Street No.6, Mohani Enclave, Akbarpur Behrampur, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Rakesh Kumar. 0070818644-1

I, Ragini Saxena W/o Gopal Saxena R/o S-3, Shiv Appartment, E-Block, Patel Nagar, U.P.-201001 have changed my name to RAGNI SAXENA for all future purposes. 0070818643-1 I, RAJEEV RAI, S/o Gokul, R/o 97,

Narar, Nibhapur, Jaunpur,

Uttar Pradesh - 222204, have

changed my name and shall

hereafter be known as SUBEDAR SAROJ. 0070818642-1 I. Pushpa Devi, W/o Shri Niwas, R/o B-102, Vivek Vihar, Sector-82, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201304, have changed my name and

shall hereafter be known as Pushpa. 0070818605-1 I, Mohd Meraj, S/o Serajuddin.R/o-H.No.2723, GALI **BADLIYAN PAHARI BHOJLA CHURI WALAN DELHI-**110006, have changed my name

to Meraj Ul Haq. 0040646227-8 I, Mohammad Azmaan Khan, S/o Mohammad Akram, R/o-A-35, Idgah Road, near mother dairy, sadar bazar, Delhi-110006, have changed my name

0040646227-3 I, Mirza Chand Beg Zakhmi, S/o Mirza Evaz Ali, R/o-N-86, Gali No.16, Brahampuri, Seelampur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Chand Baig, for all

**Mohammad Azmaan** 

purposes. 0040646227-1 I, Miku Goel, S/o Pawan Goyal, R/o I-66, First Floor, Kirti Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name

to Yash Goyal for all purposes. 0070818646-1 I, Md Adnan Khan,S/o Rais Khan.R/o-1940, Gali Unth

Wali, Suiwalan Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Adnan Khan 0040646227-5

I, Lalit Kumar S/o Ved Prakash R/o-EA-170/2, Tagore Garden Delhi-110027, have changed my name to Lalit Verma 0040646160-1 Permanently

I, Kuldeep, S/o Paresh Chandra Roy, R/o H. No. 224, Kajiyana Hathgam, Thana-Hathgam, Tehsil- Khaga, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh-212652, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kuldeep Roy.

0070818596-1

I, Km. Shahana Begum, D/o Mohd. Ismael Shami, Residence AF Enclave, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, South Delhi-25, have changed my name to Shahana Begum Shamsi for all future purposes. 0070818658-1 I, Kenheya Lal Sharma S/o Shri.

Ishwari Dutt, R/o-117, Sec-17C, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Kenheya 0070818471-2 I, Arshad Siddigui s/o Abdul Samad,R/o H No.A-12/3A,G/F,

khasra No-49, Ambedkar-Colony, chattar pur, Delhi-110074. have Changed my name to MOHD ARSHAD SIDDIQUI.permanently. 0040646218-9

I, Mohd Riyaz s/o Mohd

Vihar, Delhi-110053. have

permanently. 0040646231-5 I. Mohd Irfan s/o-Chand Khan R/o.H No.E-356, Gali No-04, Shri Ram Colony, Rajiv Nagar, Delhi-110094.have Changed my name to IRFAN KHAN. permanently.

Ishak, R/o H No. C-12/5, Yamuna

Changed my name to RIYAZ.

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I, Kavita Paruthi D/o krishan lal R/o H.No 1316/28 Arjun nagar Rohtak HR124001 have changed my name to Kavita for all purposes. 0040646213-10

I. Kausar Siddique. D/o Murtaza Ali Khan, W/o Yousuf Naseem Siddique, R/o 495, Shahabad, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh-243001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kausar Begum. 0070818598-1

ANTHONY R/O S-126/629, KANAK DURGA COLONY, SECTOR-12, R. K. PURAM, NEW DELHI-110022, have changed my name to JULLIAN ANTHONY. 0040646149-1

1. JULLIAN D/O ALEXANDER

H.No. 188, HARI CHAND WALI GALI, Tigi Pur, North West Delhi, Delhi - 110036, have changed my name to Himanshu Rana. 0070818616-1 I, Gurvinder Kaur, W/o

Sukhwant Singh, R/o Dera

Dachar Road, Nissing, V.P.O-

Nissing (34), Karnal, Haryana-

and shall hereafter be known

132024, have changed my name

I, Himanshu, S/o Ombeer Singh,

as Sukhvinder Kaur. 0070818599-1 I, Gowardhan Singh Sankhla, S/o Devi Lal Hajuri, R/o Ward No-07, Near Bavadi Bassi Kheda, Bassi, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan-

312022, have changed my name

to Govardhan Lal Hajuri. 0070818662-1

I, Diksha Gupta R/O B-5/327, Sector-8, Rohini, Delhi-110085 inform that my father name Naresh Kumar Gupta and Naresh Gupta both are the same person. 0040646224-1

I, Dhirendra Bhati, S/o Natthi Singh, R/o D-75, Alpha-1, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Dhirendra Singh Bhati for all future purposes. 0070818676-1

I, Dhananjoy Singh Yadav, S/o Shyam Lal Yadav, R/o Bishrampur, Sabuan, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh-233302, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Dhananjay Singh Yadav.

I. Aniali Nirvan, D/o Subhash Chand, R/o B-4, Omicron 1A, Uttar Pradesh -201310, have changed my name to Anjali. 0070818640-1

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I, Anil Heber Frank, S/o Austin Frank, R/o A8/1403, CASA Greens-1, Sec-16, Greater Noida, UP, have changed my name to Anil Frank for all purposes. 0070818648-1 I, Amit Shankar, S/o Lalta

Shankar, R/o B-805, Parsvnath Green Ville, Sohna Road, Opp. Omaxe Mall, Sector 48, Gurgaon, Haryana-122018, I have changed the name of my minor Son Manhar Shankar, aged about 15 years and he shall hereafter be known as Manhar Shankar Bhardwaj.

I, Alok Singh, S/o Rajmohan Singh, R/o Rumsi, Rudraprayag, Rumsi, Uttarakhand-246421, have changed my name to Alok Rawat.

I, Aksa Aji Thomas, D/o Aji Thomas, R/o 136-B, Pocket C-2, Mayur Vihar, Phase 3, East Delhi-110096, declare that name of my Mother has been wrongly written as Nisha Aji in my Birth Certificate. The actual name of my Mother is Nisha Mathew, which may be amended accordingly.

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I, Aiman Mariya,W/o Habib Ur Rehman, R/o-R-242 Gali No.11,Ramesh Park,Laxmi Nagar Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Aiman 0040646227-7 Habib

I, ATUL SINGH S/o ARVIND KUMAR SINGH R/o 312, Raibigo, Kadipur, Sultanpur, UP-228145, declare that name of mine, my father & my mother has been wrongly written in my educational documents as ATUL, ARVIND SINGH & VANDANA instead of ATUL SINGH, ARVIND KUMAR SINGH AND VANDANA SINGH. respectively. which may be amended accordingly.

0040646154-1 I. Aishwarva D/o Harbans Lal. R/o-CA17A, DDA-Flats, Hari-Nagar.New Delhi-110064.have changed my name Aishwarya to Aishwarya Gakhar, for all purposes. Aishwarya and Aishwarya Gakhar, one and the 0040646160-4 same person.

I change my name from Sarthak

Date of Birth 14/03/2001 resident of Maharana Pratap Nagar, Morai Nagar Khurja, District Bulandshahr, UP to Sarthak Raghay and Date-of-Birth 14/01/2002. Hereafter I, Shall be known as Sarthak Raghav S/o Shri Rakesh Raghav, Date of Birth:14/01/2002 and current address HNo-403, Tower.No-02, G-2, (Parting Green) Sec Omega-1, Greater Noida, District-Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201310 0070818661-1

I Vijay Kumar Sharma S/o Vishwamitra Sharma R/o A-76, Gali No-16, Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Vijay Sharma for all purposes 0070818635-1 **I.MONGJAM** 

OF, MONGJAM DINESH SINGH presently, residing at, NONGPOK KEITHEL MANBI MAKHA, LEIKAI, ANDRO, IMPHAL EAST, MANIPUR-795149, have changed my name.from MONGJAM NUNGSHITOMBI to MONGJAM NUNGSHITOMBI DEVI.vide-affidavit dated-21.Dec-2022. 0040646251-9

NUNGSHITOMBI, MOTHER

IRitu Goel /Ritu Goyal W/o-Shri Sumit Bansal R/o-D-201, Sai Baba Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Ritu Bansal for all purposes.

I Gaurav Nayyar S/o Late Sh. Gurusaran Dass Nayyar R/o Flat No.177, Ground Floor, Block No.DG-3. Vikas Puri, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed the name of my minor daughter from Aaliya Nayyar to Aalia Suman Nayyar for all purposes. 0040646143-6

T,SMRITTD/O.LATE-HARISH BATRA ADD-F-9/1,2ND FLOOR MALVIYA-NAGAR, SOUTH DELHI-110017, changed my name to SMRITI BATRA, for all, future Purposes.

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R/o.H.No-694/B,Gali.No-13, Shahid Bhagat Singh Colony, Karawal Nagar, Delhi-110094.have changed the name of my minor daughter, from RIYA RAI TO RIYA RAY.

I,RAAGHAV,S/O.YOGINDER

URBAN ESTATE KARNAL

BHATT, H.NO-1343, SECTOR 7

HARYANA 132001, changed my

I, Rabin Ray, s/o Shakti Pado Ray

name to RAAGHAV BHATT, for all, future Purposes.

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T,MOHAMMAD OMER ALAM, S/O.MAZHAR ALAM, ADD-1640, GALIKHATIYAN RODGRAN LAL KUAN CENTRAL, DELHI-110006, Changed my name to MOHAMMED OMER MAZHAR, for all, future

Purposes.

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I,ABHISHEK,S/O.ASHOK KUMAR, ADD-RZ-240,T/F FLAT.NO-4, **GOKUL DHAM APARTMENT** PALAM-COLONY, SOUTH-WEST DELHI-110077, changed my name to ABHISHEK KUMAR, for all, future Purposes.

I, Narendra Singh Jeena, S/o-Padam Singh Jeena, R/O-G-72, Gali no.3,near Krishna mandir, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Narendra Jeena (New Name) permanently.

I, S.N. SINGH S/O-FUDO SINGH,

R/O-SINGHPUR BEGUSARAI **BIHAR-851129, CHANGED MY** 

NAME TO SACHCHIDA NAND SINGH FOR ALL PURPOSE. 0040646079-9

LOST & FOUND I, KANTA KHANNA, W/o LATE SH. DALJIT SINGH KHANNA, R/o HOUSE NO.B-5/154 SAFDARJUNG ENCLAVE, SOUTH DELHI-110029, I HAD LOST/MISPLACED ORIGINAL DEMAND LETTER, POSSESSION

LETTER & SLIP, FORM C&D OF

No. F.4(74)71/LAB. LR No

MY CITED ABOVE Property, File

1102184/2022 Dated 20-12-2022.

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0070818607-1

I, Nalin Bhushan Chandhok son late Sh. Ravi Bhushan Chandhok R/o H-6, Maharani Bagh, New Delhi-110065 0070818659-1 declare that documents of Car Parking License Agreement with M/s. Gee Vee Construction Ltd. of Car Parking Space No.25

> anybody found, may please contact #9811855444.

0040646018-1 It is notified for the information that my, original certificate of main secondary school examination of year-2020 and Roll.No-14235778,issued by CBSE Delhi, has been actually lost Rahul Meena, Rz-P/26,Street.No-4,Indra Park,Palam colony,Palam Village, South West, Delhi-110045. 0040646216-10

& 26, Vandana Building, 11

Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-

110001 have been lost, if

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE , for and on behalf of my client Smt. Nirmal Puri D/o late Shri D.C. Mehta R/o D-4/1, Model Town, Delhi-110009, nereby inform to the General Public a arge that the original Partition Deed legd. as Document No.30842, in book No.1, Vol. No.5159, on pages 123 to 133, Read, on 21.9.2004, duly Regd, in office of the Sub-Registrar-VI, Pitampura, Delhi, regarding Property No.D-4/1, Model Town, Delhi, have been lost/misplaced on 17.12.2022 at .S.C., Gujranwala Town-I, Delhi, which FIR/NCR (online) has been lodged in P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi, Bearing LR No.1096761/2022. Dt.19.12.2022. Anybody found the same anywhere, please contact at 9891234252 Devendra Pal Singh Advocate Enrol. No.D/2621/06 Office No.G-4, Balaji Plaza, Plot No.8, L.S.C., Guiranwalatown, Part-I.

Delhi-110009. Ph. No.9891234252

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General

public that MRS. SNEHLATA W/O MR. MUKESH KUMAR is owner of Freehold Residential land measuring 50 Sq. Yards., ie. 41.805 Sq. Mtrs., falling under Khasra no. 26 & 27, Situated at Residential Colony Deendayalpuri, Village Saddig Nagar, Loni, Ghaziabad, UP, vide registered sale deed dated 15.06.2020 registration No. 2711 with Sub Registrar III GHAZIABAD, All persons are hereby informed that MRS. SNEH LATA W/O MR. MUKESH KUMAR has approached Janasha Finance Private Ltd to take aLoan and they have lost Registered Sale deed dated 22.03.1999 in respect of said property executed by Mr. Naveen Kumar S/o Mr. Gyanshwer in favour of Mr. Milinder Morya S/o Mr. Nain Singh duly registered at sub registrar office -III GHAZIABAD vide documents No. 2228, volume no. 930, book no.1, pages no 249-253, dated on 22.03.1999, MRS. SNEHLATA W/O MR. MUKESH KUMAR has informed the Delhi Police LR No 1098980/ 2022 about the loss of the above mentioned sale deed. If any body has any charge/ interest/title in the said property or any kind of dispute kindly inform the under signed in writing in the below mentioned address within 7 days of the present. For Mrs. Prasoon Lata, Advocate, SG Associates (Law Firm)

Unit No7, Basement, Plot No C78. Sector-2, Noida, UP-201301 E-mail: sgassociatespl@gmail.com. Ph: 7011172764,8130200837.

Vr. PP Gaind, Mrs. Mridula Gaind, W. Mr. Man Mohan Gaind & Mr. Dines Cumar Gaind, S/o Late Mr. PP Gaind, ar ne absolute owners of Property No M-2/43, DLF City Phase II, Gurugran laryana & have approached State Ban of India, RACPC Branch, Naraina, Ne Selhi, to seek credit facilities and offer said property for mortgage. That Origin avour of Mrs. Shibani Guha, POA avour of Mr. DP Guha, Sale Deed Vr. Hare Krishna Dass & Mrs. Uttara Da /asika 10955 are missing. If any pers

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The General Public is informed at large hat Mr. Man Mohan Gaind, S/o Le

GPA in favour of Mr. Anurag Garg, GPA avour of Mr. Joydeep Guha & Mr. D Guha Vasika 12860, Sale Deed in favor f Mr. Joydeep Guha & Mr. DP Guh nas any information about said docume or has objection with respect to the same or has any interest whatsoever the said property, may submit the sections before the undersigned vid E-Mail adv.shalabh.gupta@gmail.com.o vide telephone No.+91-9717215434

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tays from the date of this publication SHALABH GUPTA, ADVOCATE

Be it know to all that my client Sh. Mai Kumar, Resident of Jhuggi No. N-118/413 New No. WPX-207, Ashok Vihar, Phase-Wazirpur, Ashok Vihar, do hereby deba and disown their daughter Smt. Palvee D/ Sh. Manoj Kumar, from their all movea and immovable property, as she a and is presently threatening her parents implicate them into false cases. Now onwards they cease to be the leg heirs of my client for all purpose whatsoever and she will never claim a right, title and interest in the proper properties of my client in present a future. Anybody deals with them shall be a his/her/their own risks and responsibility, f which my client shall not be responsible

> (SAURABH GOEL) **ADVOCAT** Chamber No. 394, Block

Lawvers Chambers, Delhi High Cour

New Delhi-11000

PUBLIC NOTICE Sh. Dhani Ram Gupta who expired on 18-01-1987, was a partner of 20% in the firm M/s. Harvind Cycle Co.,

Address: 2737, Ranjit Nagar, Main

Road, West Patel Nagar, New He has only two legal heirs namely, Harvind Kumar Gupta & Anand Kuma Gupta, both son's of Late Sh. Kishan Chand Gunta There are no other legal heirs of Late Mr. Kishan Chand Gupta. There are no

nending Legal Disputes or Loans on

the firm, M/s. Harvind Cycle Co.

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### A DIFFERENT NPA

High rate of defaults in low-value education loans has worrying implications – poorer students are at risk of being excluded

ATA OBTAINED UNDER the Right to Information Act has thrown up some worrying trends about education loans in the country. As this newspaper reported on Wednesday, about 8 per cent of all education loans disbursed by 12 public sector banks (PSBs), where repayments have started, have turned into non-performing assets (NPAs or loans that never get repaid). This level of NPAs is higher than the overall NPAs in the banking system. Worse, still, is the revelation that a bulk of the defaults in the education loan portfolio of banks comprises low-value education loans (that is, loans up to Rs 7.5 lakh). There is a glaring gap between the default rate for loans disbursed to students in premier institutes — such as the IITs, IIMs, NITs and AIIMS — as compared to those in secondary institutes. If one takes into consideration just four PSBs — State Bank of India, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank — that account for 65 per cent of the total loan portfolio among PSBs, the default rate for education loans to students in premier institutes is 0.45 per cent, while the overall average of defaults is more than ten-times of that at 4.7 per cent.

Far from being a mere statistic that is only of academic interest, this trend is already beginning to have real-world implications. Faced with a high rate of defaults in low-value education loans of PSBs, banks have started shying away from extending such loans. In November, this paper reported that the education loan disbursal target for public-sector banks during the current financial year has been set at about 13.5 per cent lower than total disbursal by all scheduled commercial banks in FY22. PSBs typically account for 90 per cent of all study loans and data shows that the target for the country's 12 PSBs for the current year is Rs 20,450 crore while loans worth a total Rs 23,640 crore were disbursed in the last financial year.

Simply put, the poorer students in India who need a loan the most are at risk of being excluded because it doesn't make as much business sense for banks, even in the public sector, to provide education loans. For its part, the government has expressed concern over the slowdown in disbursal of education loans and asked the banks to expedite loan distribution. However, the key point to understand is the reason why students from secondary institutes fail to pay back: The lack of adequate jobs, or at any rate, well-paying jobs. Unless the economy is enabled to create more and better jobs, forcing banks to disburse more loans will only result in higher NPAs, which, in turn, will require more taxes from the general public.

#### SLIDING BACK

With women banned from universities in Afghanistan, regression to '90s Taliban rule is complete

ARLIER THIS MONTH, there was a glimmer of hope from Afghanistan. Against the grain of its policies since resuming power in August 2021, the Taliban regime had allowed girls in 31 out of 34 provinces to appear for their secondary school examinations. Girls had not been allowed to attend school for over a year. But that hope, tragically and predictably, stands belied. Last month, women and girls were banned from parks, swimming pools, gyms and other public spaces. This week, the Taliban has reportedly banned women from universities in Afghanistan. With this latest move, it is undeniable that the country has been plunged back into the regressive, authoritarian, misogynistic rule that was the hallmark of the Taliban in Afghanistan in the 1990s. It is also a sign of the limitations of the leverage the international community has to influence the Afghan Taliban.

In the last few weeks alone, in addition to the actions against women citizens, the Taliban has brought back public flogging and executions. These "policy" decisions put paid to the notion that the regime's desire to escape sanctions and gain international legitimacy post the US withdrawal would force it to maintain at least the veneer of following global norms with respect to human rights. A year later, even those states that had recognised the Taliban in the '90s — Saudi Arabia, UAE and Pakistan — have not done so this time. The Pakistan security establishment was not-so-subtly jubilant at the return of the Taliban. As the Taliban's closest ally, it saw the negotiated US withdrawal as a diplomatic and strategic win, in no small part because regime change undermined New Delhi's position in the country. But that relationship too seems set to sour, as the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has renewed hostilities against the army: Earlier this week, the TTP attacked a counter-terrorism centre and took hostages and on Thursday, the Pakistan army stormed the building, and claims to have killed all the hostage-takers.

The need for international legitimacy, economic logic and even the imperative of maintaining a cordial relationship with its closest "ally" — it seems that the Taliban is relatively immune to these pressures. The West is preoccupied with the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the economic and geopolitical crisis that it has engendered. With few internal pressures, the Taliban regime, it seems, can trample on the rights of citizens, particularly women, with impunity. The constraints of the international community in such a situation must be recognised and addressed urgently in multilateral fora.

#### THE BAZBALL EFFECT

In Pakistan, England played a flamboyant game. Next up will be the Ashes where Australia awaits

ARRING WEST INDIES in their heyday, rarely has a non-subcontinental team won in the Subcontinent playing as aggressively as England did to achieve a historic 3-0 whitewash in a Test series in Pakistan. Hitherto, the Bazball effect, termed after their coach Brendon McCullum's philosophy of aggressive play, had shown in their batting; in Pakistan, it reflected in their bowling. With Pakistan's inexperienced bowling (their main fast bowlers were all injured) and the batting-friendly pitches, England's flamboyant batting wasn't a surprise. But their bowling on these pitches was something else.

Constantly innovative, always striving for possible chances, their charismatic captain Ben Stokes re-aligned their field at angles not always explored by other teams in modernday cricket. An umbrella field close on the leg side, usually Pakistani batsmen's strong areas, stood waiting for an aerial flick. The bowling was imaginative, more than a couple of wickets fell to leg-side catches by the wicketkeepers; a dismissal which seemed unfortunate in the past (from the batsmen's perspective) now seemed a conscious effort from the fielding team. If the batsmen showed patience, then the seamers formed a ring on the off side, consistently inviting a drive. And then in the final game, they unleashed the young

legspinner Rehan Ahmed to spin the game England's way. In the past, even Australia under Steve Waugh couldn't achieve this effect. In fact, in the failed attempt in 2011, in what was called their last frontier, Waugh's men's learning was that they were too attacking with their bowling. And so when they returned next time under Adam Gilchrist, their bowlers shifted to a well-outside off line, moving away from the stumps, in the hope that their smartly defensive approach would do the trick. It did. Seldom, though, has a team worked so aggressively in the Subcontinent as England have. This was Ben Stokes and McCullum's first series in this region and the world had waited to watch how "Bazball" would hold up. Next up will be the Ashes where Australia awaits. Can England pull off even that?

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# One hundred days of Yatra

Party politics isn't often linked to politics in the larger sense. But Bharat Jodo Yatra is underperforming Suhas Palshikar

AT THE PRESENT juncture, India has become a fractured social entity. It holds on with a glue of hate, imagined victimhood and empty dreams. Therefore, the present moment more than any other moment in the post-Independence past requires all-round efforts to rediscover the spirit of fraternity, nationalism and democracy. The Bharat Jodo Yatra needs to be seen and assessed in this sombre context.

The Yatra has two objectives. As the name of the project explicitly suggests, the first is to (re)unite India, to address the challenge mentioned above. The other one, which some of its participants may not be very enthusiastic about, is to facilitate the acceptability of the Congress party, or more particularly, to rejuvenate it. Since its defeat in 2014, this is probably the first significant step taken by Congress to seriously respond to its decline. Thus, while there is an ambition to fill the vacuum marked by the absence of a strong and meaningful Opposition, there is also an ambition to at least touch upon the audacious project of identifying and overcoming the pitfalls in the forward march of a country that promised so much to its citizens at the time of freedom.

Sceptics and critics would say that this is only another route for a non-BJP party to serve its self-interest. But it is quite legitimate for a party to democratically explore the possibilities of its rejuvenation; it is even more urgent for all political players believing in constitutional democracy to devise programmes that would stem the tide of the authoritarian politics that is engulfing Indian society. In a complex sense, the two objectives are interconnected too, because only by ensuring a truly united India can the idea of Congress (and the idea of an alternative to the BJP's majoritarianism) be saved.

After a hundred days of journey through a large part of India, it is not clear what the Yatra has achieved on either of these two counts. And yet, it is no mean achievement to physically walk through such a long tract of the country. In particular, the Yatra has demonstrated that politics is/can still be about actual people rather than their virtual incarnations and that face-to-face interactions are still part of politics in the times of social media. This development in itself will save an element of democracy when the idea of living It is understandable that in view of the participation of many non-Congress groups, it does not want to overemphasise the objective of Congress rejuvenation. However, this need not stop Congress-persons from mobilising their party when the Yatra is traveling through their states. But except somewhat formal public functions, Congress has so far remained muted outside the actual route of the Yatra. One would expect that when it enters a state, the party would make it an occasion to organise substantive and impressive rallies and meetings to educate the public on the core issues the Yatra is raising. This is simply not happening. There is, on the one hand, a careful

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But on both counts — the rejuvenation of the party and the rediscovery of our democratic national self — the Bharat Jodo Yatra seems to be underperforming in comparison to its stated ambition. It is understandable that in view of the participation of many non-Congress groups, it does not want to overemphasise the objective of Congress rejuvenation. However, this need not stop Congress-persons from mobilising their party when the Yatra is traveling through their states. But except somewhat formal public functions, Congress has so far remained muted outside the actual route of the Yatra. One would expect that when it enters a state, the party would make it an occasion to organise substantive and impressive rallies and meetings to educate the public on the core issues the Yatra is raising. This is simply not happening. There is, on the one hand, a careful show of strength on the route of the Yatra and a deafening silence elsewhere. Formal functions are organised only for the purpose of creating a record that may help the organisers

later in claiming tickets in elections. But let us not dwell on the deep organisational crisis and debility of Congress. The more pertinent issue is the limits of the message that the Yatra has been able to put across. This is for three reasons. First is the nearly unabated popularity of the prime minister. Because he is popular, any discussion of an alternative imagination falls into the trap of addressing the criticism at him and once that is done, the reception becomes limited only to those who are not attracted by the voodoo of the prime minister. Secondly, and related to the first, the Yatra offers criticism of the regime in a highly abstract or academic manner. This often fails

to connect with the audience. But more importantly, the idea of Bharat Jodo does not seem to move beyond clichés and attractive optics. These are indeed important but evocative and yet substantive messaging seems to be in short supply. As mentioned in the beginning, never before in the past hundred years, despite the caste struggles and the communal carnage at the time of Partition, did India appear so disparate, broken and incoherent. It has become an overlapping mosaic of injustices and unconcern. Does the Yatra frontally address this problem? Does it offer non-state pathways for citizens to address it? Does it have the ideological repertoire to reform the state so that it will not be complicit in these maladies?

While 2014 inaugurated a new phase formally, the callous unfolding of the communal events of 1990s ushered in a new socio-cultural order. These developments have altered the identity of India. But with them and beyond them, other roadblocks to fraternity, nationalism and democracy have gained in acceptability across society. The demeaning of women, caste prejudices, regional chauvinism, religious discrimination, have all been on the rise. They have raised their ugly heads even as the Yatra is on the move. The Yatra could have taken such instances to situate its exhortations of Bharat Jodo. In other words, the challenge is not merely confined to party politics in the sense of attacking one party for the ills that we witness. Because all parties are responsible for the present condition and Congress must upfront confess its share of neglect and mistakes. The most effective route to the success of the Yatra would have been for Congress to ask its followers to not only mouth appropriate slogans but to actively stand with the oppressed and the marginalised. This new and impossible idealism alone holds the key to the success of the idea of Bharat Jodo and the success of the Yatra itself. If the Yatra can advertise every day an instance of active upholding of the goals of Bharat Jodo, that would bring substance to its dreams and sharpness to its criticism of the current regime.

It is not very often that politicians choose to risk time and energy and decide to link party politics to politics in the larger sense. The Bharat Jodo Yatra is one such experiment. As the Yatra takes a break, it should mull over these limitations and aim at converting the event into a movement. Today's challenge is about reasserting the constitutional project reimagining the Indian self and redefining the contours of democracy. Bypassing the current practice of turning politics into event management, will the Yatra expand its geographical, political and intellectual scope?

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### READING THE SPECTACLE

Global acclaim notwithstanding, RRR's majoritarian nationalism is jarring

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A "BIGGER-THAN-LIFE and bolder-thanmainstream action-adventure epic" that is an "intoxicating celebration of cinematic excess" — this is how a recent review in the American

publication Variety described S S Rajamouli's RRR. The review reflects the spectacular reception the Tollywood film is receiving worldwide. The film has received two nominations at the Golden Globes, five at the 28th Annual Critics Choice awards and has won the Best Director award at New York Film Critics Circle.

Following the massive success of the two Baahubali films, Rajamouli's 12th film, RRR, is also in the tradition of what is called a spectacle film. Spectacle films focus on well-choreographed set pieces that are enjoyable in themselves, which may or may not further the narrative. Across the world, with the decline of cinema theatres, it is spectacle films that often do well at the box office — Marvel films being the most successful example.

Cinema's beginnings too were in spectacle — film scholar Tom Gunning called it the "cinema of attractions". This was a style of film interested in presenting a series of tricks, as opposed to telling a story. The magician-turnedfilmmaker Georges Meliès, for example, was known to use film as spectacle, and many of the first films were about celebrating the illusion of the new medium. They were also often about its shock and awe. More than 100 years later, as cinema theatres decline, the success of spectacle films marks a return — perhaps a

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last-ditch, desperate reminder of the possibil-

ities of cinematic projection.

RRR's spectacle is centred on imaginatively choreographed action pieces set in 1920s British India that have often been termed "audacious". Even when you know the actions are improbable, you enjoy how they are executed. It is a film after all. It is not life. The pleasure is in that relief. And yet, RRR is very rooted in life, and more specifically in a dangerous, myopic politics. Its technical audacity is not matched by a politics that is imaginative or egalitarian. As many critics pointed out at the time of its release, it is regressive. The film recounts the anticolonial struggle through a story said to be based on real-life figures Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem. To outsiders unaware of India's history and politics, this could appear an unproblematic, perhaps even subversive telling of the anti-colonial struggle privileging

the local and the mythical. It is the opposite. Indian cinema used to represent the freedom struggle as a secular one. RRR narrates the anti-colonial struggle by using Hindu religious iconography. There are literal references to the mythic Ram, Hanuman and Bhima. Its gaze privileges an upper-caste Hindu nationalist imagination, which is most evident in the dynamic between its protagonists. The film makes it a point to emphasise their identities — the *janeu*-wearing, upper caste Raju, and the tribal Bheem (who also disguises himself as the Muslim Akhtar for a sig-

nificant part of the plot). By the end of the film, both reaffirm their assigned place in the caste hierarchy. Bheem concedes that "he is such a tribal" that he did not understand that unlike his own, Raju's struggle was for a larger good. Their coming together does not transcend their place assigned at birth — it celebrates it

Towards the end, Raju becomes a visual embodiment of Ram — wearing saffron, carrying bow and arrows. To romanticise the weaponisation of Hindu religious icons in current times can hardly be an innocent choice. When this is followed by the film's closing song paying a tribute to freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, it feels even more jarring and unsettling. It is like the film is trying to claim legitimacy for its conservative politics by building false connections.

RRR's success in the West is reminiscent of another time. That was the successful nomination of Lagaan, in 2001, to the best foreign film category at the Oscars. Both films have an anti-colonial storyline. Lagaan's narrative combines nationalism and cricket with a token representation of a Dalit character ("kachra"). RRR shrinks its nationalism to a majoritarian one, making it more specific to current times. The imagery at its end where Ram is distributing guns to a group of people is haunting in present-day India. Unlike the relief of a spectacle, this is life.

The writer teaches film studies

### DECEMBER 22, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO



military questions — a suggestion New INDIA AND PAKISTAN have already arrived Delhi has been averse to accepting. at a compromise through diplomatic channels on the scope of the Indo-Pakistan joint CHINA ON BORDER commission they intend to set up after CHINESE PREMIER ZHAO Ziyang said there talks between the foreign secretaries of the had been "some improvement" in relations two countries in New Delhi. The foreign with India. He said the border dispute beministers are likely to be the co-chairmen tween the two countries was rooted in history and added that with good intentions of the joint commission which will meet solve this problem." CM vs Dissidents

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arms proposal, the new Soviet leader, Yuri V Andropov, offered to slash Soviet medium-range missiles deployed in Europe to the number of missiles possessed by France and Britain. He mentioned no specific figure.

#### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

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GM mustard in Indian farms

# The odds of mass prosperity

India will cross China's population next year. We must anchor our strategy in human capital and formal jobs rather than fiscal or monetary policy



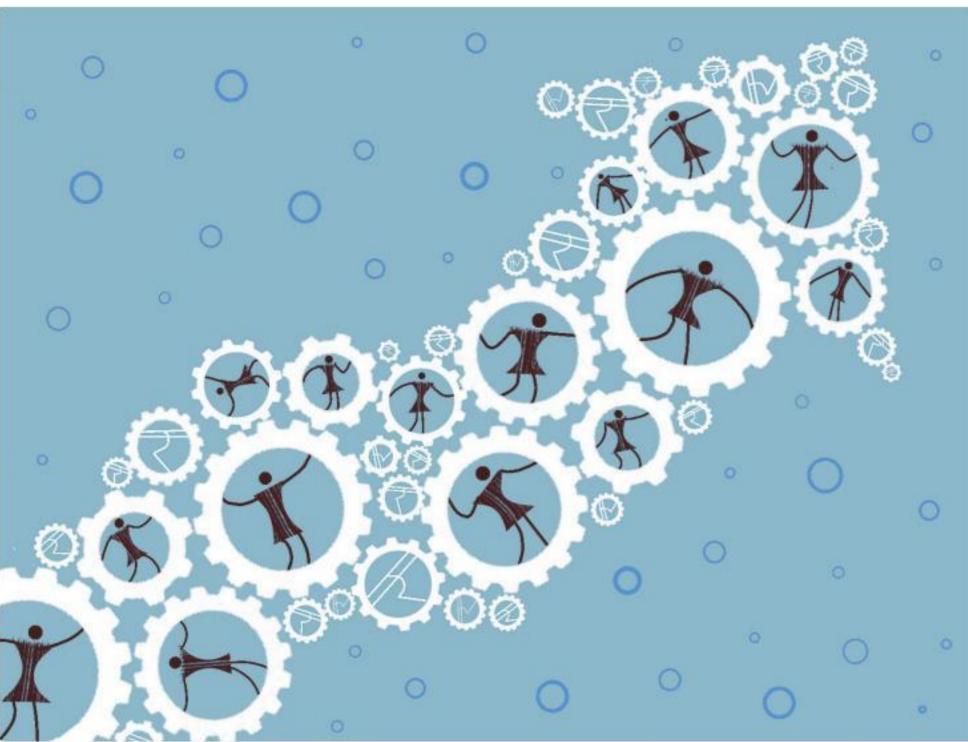
Manish Sabharwal and Ashish Dhawan

SOMETIME IN APRIL 2023, we estimate that India's 1.43 billion people will exceed China's population. This milestone is bittersweet. Sweet because we have more than doubled the horrible 31-year life expectancy the British left us with in 1947, without brutal freedomdestroying state interventions (China's onechild policy means it will lose workers equalling France's population in the next decade). Bitter because mass prosperity for massive populations is hard. India's large remittances from a small population overseas reinforce that our mass prosperity strategy should be human capital and formal jobs.

A strong case for human capital-driven productivity is our software employment — 0.8 per cent of workers generate 8 per cent of GDP. This case is reinforced by remittances from our overseas population of less than 2 per cent of our resident population crossing \$100 billion last year. A World Bank report suggests that the qualitative shift during the previous five years from low-skilled, informal employment in Gulf countries (the share of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar dropped from 54 per cent to 28 per cent) to high-skilled formal jobs in high-income countries (the share of the US, UK, and Singapore increased from 26 per cent to 36 per cent) is significant. Last year, the US replaced the UAE as the single biggest source country with 23 per cent of remittances. Our rich forex remittance harvest – roughly 25 per cent higher than FDI and 25 per cent less than software exports is fruit from the tree of human capital and for-

A modern state is a welfare state, but this does not default to muscular fiscal and monetary policy. Monetary policy is, at best, a placebo, painkiller, or steroid especially since credit availability is a bigger problem in India than credit cost. And if fiscal deficits could make countries rich, no country would be poor. The freebie rejection by Gujarat's electorate is heartening but this generationally unfair policy will resurface in the 2024 national elections. Global experience suggests where governments spend money (pensions, interest, salaries, education, healthcare, roads, etc) and how this spending is financed (taxes or debt) matters more than how much is spent (about Rs 80 lakh crore in India this year). Covid made enormous fiscal and monetary policy demands, but the bigger the binge, the bigger the hangover. Western central banks are struggling to shrink their balance sheets because they used what Harvard's Paul Tucker calls "unelected power" to chase goals outside their mandate, administer medicine with poorly understood side effects, and speed down highways with no known return paths.

Academics encouraged these articulate technocrats by suggesting interest rates will remain low indefinitely so fiscal deficits matter less than they did. This lack of history and humility has not aged well — rich-country borrowing rates have risen by 300 per cent plus and inflation hurts the poor the most. India avoided these fiscal and monetary pol-



C R Sasikumar

It should reduce the gap between chitthiwaali salary (money numbers in employment letters) and haath-waali salary (money received in hand) by making employees' provident fund contributions optional but raising employer PF contributions from the current 12 per cent to 13 per cent. It should notify a previous budget announcement to create employee choice in their contributions to health insurance (ESIC or insurance companies) and pensions (EPFO or NPS). Most importantly, it should link all employer subsidies and tax incentives to high-wage employment creation (a difficult-to-fudge and easy-to-measure effectiveness metric for this public spending is employer provident fund payment).

India and China's per capita GDP was equal in 1991; theirs is now five times higher. Arguably, unlike when China started serious reform in 1978, India today faces a more unfavourable global context of growth, exports, and manufacturing. Also, China's reforms were faster and crisper without the fixed costs of democracy. But this deficit led to their unchallenged policies of Cultural Revolution, one-child norm, and zero-Covid. India's cantankerous democracy is a strength. An excellent new book, We the People of the States of Bharat by Sanjeev Chopra, suggests our constantly changing internal maps since 1947 reflect India's ability to reconcile diverse aspirations because people think in decades, countries think in centuries and civilisations think in millennia. Experience and evidence now firmly suggest the odds of mass prosperity in the planet's most populous nation rise from possible to probable by anchoring our strategy in human capital and formal jobs rather than fiscal or monetary policy.

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the facts.

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), propagate themselves and proliferate. This process cannot be reversed. Therefore, any deliberate environmental release has to be only after thorough, independent, peer-reviewed assessment of long-term implications. The precautionary principle is a cornerstone because of the unpredictability and time lag of serious outcomes manifesting in highly complex living systems, and their irreversibility. To draw a parallel, not a single one of 330 invasive species (for example, lantana, parthenium) in India has yet been eliminated, despite estimated damage of Rs 8.3 trillion by just 10 of them! More than 25 years after their introduc-

Dilnavaz Variava

THOSE WHO OPPOSE GM crops, and favour

an agro-ecological or biosafety or precau-

tionary approach, are repeatedly derided as

"unscientific" and "Luddites". Let us look at

technologies, is uncontrollable and irre-

versible after environmental release. Living

Modified Organisms (LMOs), as the

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety refers to

Transgenic technology, unlike other

tion, GM crops are still globally grown in just 29 out of 172 countries. Moreover, 91 per cent of GM crop area continues to be in just five countries (USA, Brazil, Argentina, Canada, India). Most countries of Europe and Japan, Israel, Russia, Malaysia etc., do not grow GM crops. In China, a first adopter, Bt cotton area has been declining and non-GM hybrid technology is used for rapeseed/mus-

Only two traits are present in over 85 per cent of GM crops grown — herbicide tolerance (HT, where crop plants are modified to withstand large amounts of toxic weedkilling chemicals), and/or insect resistance (pesticidal toxin, usually Bt, is produced inside the plant). In 2000, 761 scientists warned of adverse impacts. Scientific evidence shows that adverse impacts are ex-

HT crops result in not only ecological damage, but human health impacts for consumers. Like tobacco, once declared safe, the effects take long to manifest. Beekeepers say that HT mustard will affect honey production and contaminated honey will damage exports. As regards human health, probable carcinogenicity, neuro-toxicity, reproductive health problems, organ damage etc. have been documented by independent research on GM crops and associated herbicides, once claimed by developers and regulators to be "safe". Like thousands of doctors in other countries, over 100 eminent Indian doctors have conveyed their concerns to the Prime Minister and asked that no HT food crops be released and the planted GM

mustard be uprooted before flowering. It is claimed that DMH-11 is not an HT crop as the use of the Bargene — which confers a herbicide tolerance trait — is essentially for the pollination control technology in creating hybrids, and glufosinate herbicide will only be used during seed production. The reality is that by virtue of the Bar gene being present in both parental lines,

and thereby also in all their hybrid offspring, this GM mustard can withstand application of a toxic weedkiller, glufosinate, including in farmers' fields. It should therefore have been assessed as an HT crop. If governments, for over 10 years, have been aware of the illegal planting of herbicide tolerant cotton and rampant illegal use of glyphosate on such HT cotton, and have been unable or unwilling to stop this, what "regulatory process" will now prevent farmers in search of low-cost weeding options from spraying glufosinate on herbicide tolerant mustard?

The ongoing litigations in the Supreme Court are about serious shortcomings in our regulatory regime. Minutes of meetings of the regulatory body GEAC and the "guidelines and protocols" on the regulator's website reflect an absence of regulatory protocols for HT crops. And yet a crop with an HT trait is being released in the environment! The technical expert committee (TEC) appointed by the SC and the unanimous multiparty reports of two parliamentary standing committees have exposed serious lapses and inadequacies in bio-safety testing. They all advised that herbicide tolerant crops, which GM Mustard is, should not be released in Indian conditions. Even the government-nominated experts in the TEC asked for a ban on HT crops. The government, surely, cannot call them unscientific

Testing on GM mustard has been done with test protocols evolved by the crop developer, and most tests were done by the applicant. No independent health expert participated in the committees that looked at GM mustard safety. To this day, biosafety data of GM mustard has not been posted on the regulator's website for independent scrutiny.

Initial publication by the developer's team publicised GM mustard's herbicide tolerance ability as a great benefit to farmers. When strong evidence of the hazards of HT crops and herbicides emerged, claims of yield increase were made, with a higher yield of 25-30 per cent being projected When it was shown that the yield increase claims were based on comparison with an old, non-hybrid variety, and there were several higher-yielding mustard hybrids that should have been the comparators, it is claimed that DMH-11's parental lines will be very useful for breeding better hybrids, though the countries with the highest yields in the world do not use this GM HT technique. The benefits claimed, hence, are

therefore questionable. It is claimed GM mustard is necessary to reduce India's edible oil import bill. Most of the edible oil we import is not GM oil, but cheap, non-GM, palmolein oil. For mustard yield improvement, safe agro-ecological solutions such as the "system of mustard intensification" are showing significant yield increases. This technology should be promoted, not GM HT mustard of dubious yields and safety.

What is the urgent necessity for GM mustard release when the Supreme Court's Technical Expert Committee and two unanimous reports of multi-party parliamentary standing committees have recommended that HT crops should be banned in India and the precautionary principle followed?

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DEEP-ROOTED ISSUES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Judicial

independence above all' (IE,

December 21). Clashes between the

iudiciary and the Centre do not bode

well for a country with 3.93 crore

pending cases, 5,500 vacancies in sub-

ordinate courts and poor infrastruc-

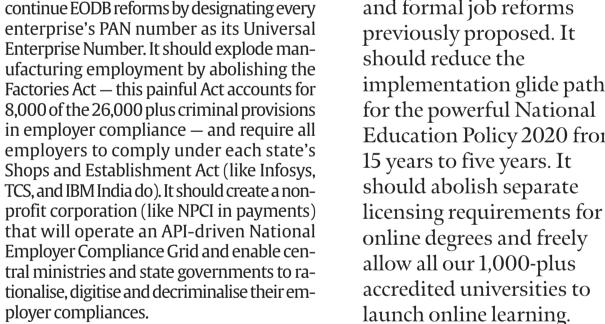
ture. A collaborative approach be-

tween the two branches of the

government is needed, perhaps with

**Abhishek Mishra,** Allahabad

action plan for agriculture.



productivity and continuity by legislating human capital and formal job reforms implementation glide path Education Policy 2020 from

The Finance Bill must target

# Listen please, Imam saheb

Barring Muslim women from contesting polls is against Quran and Constitution

EARLIER THIS MONTH, Imam Shabbir Ahmed Siddigui of the Jama Masjid in Ahmedabad ordained that Muslim women should not be given election tickets. He has claimed that Islam itself is against women coming out in the open and hence, it is against them standing for elections and campaigning or even visiting mosques for prayers.

Islam is Siddiqui's religion as well as mine. So, without the benefit of his pulpit, here's a factual pushback.

The Imam said that political parties are giving election tickets to Muslim women for general seats because they aim to weaken Islam. "Are there no men left? Is there a dearth of men," he asked. The answer, Shahi Imam saheb, is "no". There are plenty of talented men — as well as women, There's also a Constitution that forbids discrimination against women. The Quran, the holy book you claim to uphold, too makes no such discrimination.

Benazir Bhutto was the elected prime minister of Pakistan twice (1988 and 1993). Khaleda Zia was the elected prime minister of Bangladesh in 1991. Megawati Sukarnoputri served as the president of Indonesia from 2001-2004. Vjosa Osmani is the president of the de facto Republic of Kosovo, and before her was Atifete Jahjaga. In 2010, Roza Otunbayeva became the president of Kyrgyzstan, Ameenah Fakim became the president of Mauritius in 2015 and Mame Madior Boye became prime minister of Senegal in 2001. I would like to tell the Imam and his ilk that all these women are Muslim and that he should not be letting down

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both the Constitution and the Quran in such a pitiable manner.

icy excesses. This prudence now combines

with previous structural reforms (GST, IBC,

MPC, UPI, DBT, NEP, etc) and a reform "tone

from the top" to create a fertile habitat for pro-

the reform agenda. The Ministry of Finance

is the closest we have to a Ministry of

Employment. The Finance Bill must target

productivity and continuity by legislating hu-

man capital and formal job reforms previ-

ously proposed. It should reduce the imple-

mentation glide path for the powerful

National Education Policy 2020 from 15 years

to five years. It should abolish separate licens-

ing requirements for online degrees and

freely allow all our 1,000-plus accredited uni-

versities to launch online learning. It should

accelerate growing our 0.5 million appren-

tices to 10 million by allowing all universi-

ties to launch degree apprentice courses un-

der tripartite contracts with employers

all central-list industries while appointing a

tripartite committee to converge them into

one labour code by the next budget. It should

It should notify the four labour codes for

under the Apprentices Act.

The Union budget in February will renew

ductive citizens and firms.

Sadly, not a single Muslim voice has called out this religious leader's patriarchal diktat. Will one amongst them speak up against discrimination within the larger community, openly practised under the guise of religion?

Some fellow Muslims I know stay away for reasons of political convenience. Their existence rests on citing Islamophobia and crying persecution — anything, as long as the ruling dispensation is pilloried. It is not for them to cite a solid example of religious discrimination by this political regime in its policy, governance or dispensation of welfare schemes.

In percentage terms, my Muslim brethren only outnumber the other religions, proportionally to their population, as beneficiaries of housing, educational and all other welfare schemes because of the base effect (being consigned to the lowest socio-economic indices by the secular rahnumayiat [leadership, the mercenary politics of tokenism and appeasement).

Most of the clergy in India have led unsuspecting millions astray. Consumed by a visceral hatred for the Narendra Modi juggernaut of vikas and vishwas, this tribe of medievalists thinks nothing of disfiguring the word of the Holy Quran, undermining its authority and supremacy over all other interpretative texts.

On triple talaq and hijab, for instance, they decided to undermine the holy book as opposed to either the Hadith or local norms. Talaq-e-biddat or triple talaq — the annulment of a marriage by the oral denouncement of a man to his wedded wife — is banned in most Islamic nations (including Pakistan). The enactment of the legislation banning triple talag saw resistance from the same "secular brigade", which used the minority card to build political capital but worked against the real "minority within the minority" by opposing the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage), Bill, 2019, popularly called Triple Talaq Bill, in Parliament.

I wonder when the "liberals" of India will expose the obvious marginalisation of the "minority within the minority" by the socalled secular parties. Or do they also believe that Muslim women are less than Muslim men and, therefore, not worth defending?

Similarly, during the hijab controversy, the Islamists could not cite a single verse from the Quran that espoused the burga for women. Arab men, like the women, also wear the traditional kufiyah or ghutra, a headdress to protect them against heat and sand.

Is it possible that this Imam and his kind have no idea that women not only congregate in mosques in many Islamic and non-Islamic countries, but also at the Masjid Al Haram itself? So, while Muslim women are welcome in Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia and at the holy Al Aqsa mosque in Israel, they must not congregate in Indian mosques. My women friends and I too have offered prayers in various masjids, including Al Aqsa, unhindered.

The denial of political participation for women and their invisibilisation should be taken up by every Muslim man or woman. Intervention by courts or political entities is misinterpreted as interference. Muslims must rely on their own conscience, instead of ceding their powers to a regressive clergy or political parties whose raison d'être is a hatred of PM Modi. The truth must be spoken and ar-

ticulated from within the community. Many will predictably have just a single point of contention: That this author is from the BJP. Yes, the same party that enabled 40 per cent more Muslim girls to pursue primary education. "The school dropout rate among Muslim daughters was more than 70 per cent and this situation persisted for 70 years," the PM said in a speech. "The government started the Swachh Bharat Mission, built toilets for school-going girls. Now, this (dropout) rate has fallen to nearly 30 per cent," he added.

I contend that my political moorings are preceded by my birth and upbringing in a Muslim neighbourhood in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, and by my being the daughter of a Maulana and being given the title of "Ilmi" by the Deoband seminary. Those who think that I've written this article because I'm in the BJP must realise that they have gotten the theory of cause and effect all wrong. First-hand experience of leftist hypocrisv is what has led to this moment.

And I will never allow any intermediaries between my Allah and I.

> The writer is a women's rights activist and national spokesperson, BJP

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### PRIORITISE UNITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Battle for Belagavi' (IE, December 21). Both Maharashtra and Karnataka are currently under the BJP's control. It is ironic that the chief ministers of these states are battling it out in public, while the party claims to stand for "Akhand Bharat". Unity, rather than states' claim over a few towns and villages, should be the priority. It is crucial that both states maintain the status quo until a legal remedy is found. SS Paul. Nadia

#### AN INSPIRING FIGHT

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Looking back at Shaheen Bagh' (IE, December 21). The author has rightly noted the various shifts that the Shaheen Bagh movement marked for Indian feminism. It was spearheaded by Muslim women who raised their voice on issues beyond their religious identity and gender. Their fight inspired many others across the country at the time. It was a version of feminism that was rooted in issues deeply Indian, not borrowing definitions from the West. H Upadhyay, via email

#### FRESH WORRIES THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Centre

a joint screening committee.

sounds Covid alert, asks to track positive samples' (IE, December 21). The Centre has asked state governments to track Covid cases and provide samples for genome sequencing to identify different variants. The alert comes on the back of other nations reporting a rise in Covid cases. Genome sequencing will enable timely detection of new variants and help prepare to tackle a spike in cases. Meanwhile, the government should issue fresh guidelines for the public.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

#### Swiss Govt Rejects 3rd Gender Option

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TALIBAN SECURITY forces in the

Afghan capital on Wednesday en-

forced a higher education ban for

women by blocking their access

to universities, with video ob-

tained by The AP showing women

weeping and consoling each other

day earlier ordered women na-

tionwide to stop attending private

and public universities effective

immediately and until further no-

tice. The Taliban-led administra-

tion has not given a reason for the

ban or reacted to the fierce and

swift global condemnation of it.

outside four Kabul universities

Wednesday. The forces stopped

some women from entering,

while allowing others to go in and

finish their work. They also tried

to prevent any photography, film-

ing and protests from taking place.

spokesman for Kabul University,

confirmed that classes for

women students had stopped. He

said some women were allowed

to enter the campus for paper-

work and administrative reasons.

and that four graduation cere-

called the Unity and Solidarity of

Afghanistan Women gathered

outside the private Edrak

University in Kabul on Wednesday

morning, chanting slogans in Dari.

"Do not make education political!"

Members of an activist group

monies were held Wednesday.

Rahimullah Nadeem, a

Journalists saw Taliban forces

The country's Taliban rulers a

outside one campus in Kabul.

KABUL, DECEMBER 21

The Swiss government on Wednesday rejected the idea of introducing a third gender option or no-gender option for official records, a position which differs from that of some neighbouring countries. Responding to two proposals from Parliament, the governing Federal Council said "the binary gender model is still strongly anchored in Swiss society."

Women students

weep as Taliban

enforce univ ban

### TOPOFTHE WORLD



The win means that Deuba will possibly be the PM. File

#### **NEPAL**

#### **Deuba elected** parliamentary party leader

*Kathmandu:* Nepali Congress Chairman Sher Bahadur Deuba on Wednesday earned first legitimacy towards his bid to retain the PM's post as he won the election for the NC's Parliamentary Party leadership. Deuba (78) defeated his lone rival Gagan Thapa (56) for the post securing 65 votes against Thapa's 24. The NC has together 89 members in the House of Representatives that has a total of 275 votes. The new PM will have to secure vote of confidence within 30 days of being sworn in . If he makes it, this will be the sixth term that Deuba will be serving as the Prime Minister. The NC-led coalition has secured

three short of a majority. **YUBARAJ GHIMIRE** 

around 135 votes, but is still

THE BAHAMAS

FTX founder

extradited to US

Nassau: Sam Bankman-

Fried has consented to be

his lawyer read on

Wednesday at a court hearing in The Bahamas. It

paves the way for the

founder of the FTX cryp-

tocurrency exchange to be flown to the US as early as

Wednesday afternoon.

Federal prosecutors in

Manhattan last week

charged the 30-year-old

cryptocurrency mogul

with stealing billions of

dollars in FTX customer as-

sets to plug losses at his

hedge fund, Alameda

Waiting time for

Indian visas eased

*London:* The post-pandemic

travel demand spike result-

ing in long delays for trav-

ellers seeking Indian visas

has considerably eased in

time for the busy Christmas

travel period, visa facilita-

tion service VFS Global

said. The restoration of e-

visa facility for UK travellers

earlier this month is ex-

pected to ease the pressure.

The opening up of new visa

centres, extra visa appoint-

ment slots and the launch of

a bespoke Visa At Your

Doorstep facility have been

described as delivering re-

sults.

**REUTERS** 

Research.

the

extradited to

where he

faces fraud charges, ac-

cording to

an affidavit

US

ready to be

### LONG WAITS, HIGH FEES FOR CREMATION SERVICES IN BEIJING

# As hearses queue at China morgues, WHO cautions Covid-19 emergency not over yet

#### Beijing limits how it defines Covid deaths in official count

**AGENCIES** BEIJING, DECEMBER 21

DOZENS OF hearses queued outside a Beijing crematorium on Wednesday, even as China reported no new Covid-19 deaths in its growing outbreak, sparking criticism of its virus accounting as the capital braces for a surge of cases.

At a crematorium in Beijing's Tongzhou district, a witness saw a queue of about 40 hearses waiting to enter while the parking lot was full.

Inside, family and friends, many wearing traditional white clothing and headbands of mourning, gathered around about 20 coffins awaiting cremation. Staff wore hazmat suits and smoke rose from five of the 15 furnaces. There was a heavy police presence outside the crematorium. Some residents in Beijing

face waiting days to cremate relatives or paying steep fees to secure timely services, funeral home workers said, indicating a growing death toll as the Chinese capital battles a sharp rise in Covid-19 cases. Workers at two different funeral parlours in Beijing said over the weekend there has been a surge in residents looking to cremate deceased relatives, leading to queues and delays.

Amid the surge in cases in China, several leading scientists and World Health Organization advisors said it may be too early to declare the end of the Covid emer-

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TORONTO, DECEMBER 21

EIGHT TEENAGE girls who ap-

parently met on social media

have been charged with second-

degree murder in the stabbing

death of a 59-year-old man in

girls assaulted and stabbed the

man in the city's downtown core

early Sunday morning. Toronto

Police said medics took the man

girls were arrested near where

the attack happened. Three of

the girls are 13 years old, three

of the Toronto Police Service

Homicide Squad said investiga-

tors think the girls were trying to

take a bottle of alcohol from the

man. "Anyone who isn't shocked

with hearing something like this

has clearly just thrown in the

towel and just said anything is

possible in this world. Eight

young girls and most under the

age of 16. If this isn't alarming

and shocking to everyone, then

we're all in trouble quite frankly."

Detective Sgt. Terry Browne

are 14 and two are 16.

According to police, the eight

to a hospital, where he died.

Investigators allege that the

Toronto, police said Tuesday.

8 teens charged with

murder of man they

met online in Toronto

EXPLAINED

#### **LATEST TREND IN CHINA**

- Cases have decreased by 93% from the average two weeks ago
- Deaths have increased by 250%.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, 1,906,817 cases have been reported
- At least 1 in 266,638 residents have died from the coronavirus, a total of **5,242** deaths

60,000

40,000

20,000



Patients at the Baoding No. 2 Central Hospital in Zhuozhou city in northern China's Hebei province on Wednesday. AP

#### **GERMANY SENDS 1ST BATCH OF VACCINES**

Germany has dispatched a batch of the BioNTech-Pfizer Covid vaccine to China, where it will be administered to Germans who live in the country. Am official said the vaccines were sent on a flight that was due to land in China on Wednesday. He said China informed Berlin that its citizens can be inoculated with vaccine, which otherwise isn't cleared for use in China. REUTERS

■ US Covid cases since the start of the pandemic in early 2020 exceeded a staggering 100 million, Johns Hopkins University said.

■ Japan, Republic of Korea and Brazil have witnessed a sudden spike in Covid cases over the last week

Source: Data for China comes from the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. Population data from the National Bureau of Statistics of China. Data does not include Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan. Daily cases are the number of new cases reported each day. The

gency phase. Projections have sug-

seven-day average is the average of a day and the previous six days of data.

1,801

cases per day

reported in the

last week

**NEW REPORTED CASES IN CHINA (Last 90 days)** 

gested the world's second largest economy could now face an explosion of cases and over a million deaths next year after the abrupt change in course.

"The question is whether you can call it post-pandemic when such a significant part of the world is actually just entering its second wave," Dutch virologist

In low crime

rate Canada.

an uptick

CANADA'S CRIME rate is

relatively low compared

with that of the United

crime rate rose by 5% in

2021 from a year earlier,

a trend found in many

North American cities,

Browne said the same girls got

into an altercation earlier in the

night in the area. "They met each

other through social media. They

come from varying parts of the

city," Browne said said. "We don't

know how or why they met on

that evening and why the desti-

nation was downtown Toronto.

We don't know how long they

were acquainted with each other.

I wouldn't describe them as a

gang at this point." Browne said

they took part in a "swarming."

there are similar attacks online.

according to data re-

leased in August.

States, but the violent

Marion Koopmans, who sits on a WHO committee tasked with advising on the status of the Covid emergency, said. "It's clear that we are in a very different phase [of the pandemic], but in my mind, that pending wave in China is a wild card."

China has always been conservative in how it counts illnesses, whether from the flu or

from pneumonia or respiratory failure in its official Covid-19 toll, a Chinese health official said, in a narrow definition that limits the number of deaths reported, as an outbreak of the virus surges following the easing of pandemicrelated restrictions.

Covid-19. It only counts deaths

**New Cases** 

Deaths that occur in patients with pre-existing illnesses are not

counted as Covid deaths, said Wang Guiqiang, the head of infectious disease at Peking University's No. 1 Hospital. That narrower criteria has meant China's Covid-19 toll will always be significantly lower than those of many other nations. On Wednesday, China reported no new Covid deaths and in fact subtracted one death from the overall toll.

### U.S. SENDING PATRIOTS TO UKRAINE UNDER \$1.85B AID PACKAGE

### As Zelenskyy lands in US, Kremlin warns more arms to aggravate war

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS** WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 21

UKRAINIAN **PRESIDENT** Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrived in Washington on Wednesday for a summit with President Joe Biden and an address to Congress in a bid to shore up support for his country and send a defiant mes-

sage to its Russian invaders. A US official confirmed that a US Air Force jet carrying the Ukrainian leader landed at Joint Base Andrews, just outside the capital. Zelenskyy said on his Twitter account before his arrival that the visit, his first known trip outside Ukraine since the war began in February, was "to strengthen resilience and defense capabilities" of Ukraine and to discuss cooperation with the US.

Just before his arrival, the US announced its largest single delivery of arms to Ukraine, including Patriot surface-to-air missiles, and Congress planned to vote on a spending package that includes about \$45 billion in emergency assistance to Ukraine.

Poland's private broadcaster, TVN24, said Zelenskyy crossed into Poland early Wednesday on his way to Washington. The sta-He said they will look to see if tion showed footage of what ap-



US and Ukrainian flags are put in place along Pennsylvania Avenue, Wednesday ahead of a visit from Zelenskyy. AP

peared to be Zelenskyy arriving at a train station and being escorted to a motorcade.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said the visit "will underscore the United States' steadfast commitment to supporting Ukraine for as long as it takes, including through the provision of economic, human-

itarian, and military assistance." Zelenskyy was to meet with Biden at the White House in the afternoon and then join Biden for a news conference in the East Room. The address to Congress was expected in the evening.

The Kremlin, meanwhile, warned that increasing the supply of US arms to Ukraine would aggravate the devastating war, and Russia's defence minister called for expanding Moscow's military by at least 500,000 people.

Speaking at a meeting Putin held with top military brass, Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said the 1.5 million-member military should include 695,000 volunteer contract soldiers Putin also said the Russian military's new Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile will enter service shortly. We always considered the Ukrainian people as brotherly, and I still think so," Putin said. "What's going on is certainly a tragedy, but it's not a result of our policy."

She referenced the suicide of 35-year-old Dr Vaishnavi Kumar, who worked at Birmingham Queen Elizabeth Hospital and whose inquest last month heard how she felt "belittled" at work

#### **DECISION WILL COME** WITH CONSEQUENCES FOR TALIBAN: BLINKEN

Washington: The US has strongly condemned the Taliban's "indefensible decision" to ban women from universities and keep secondary schools closed to girls, with Secretary of State Antony Blinken warning that this decision will come with "consequences" for the hardline Islamist regime in Afghanistan. "The Taliban cannot expect to be a legitimate member of the international community until they respect the rights of all in Afghanistan. This decision will come with consequences for the Taliban,'

they said. "Once again university is banned for women, we do not want to be eliminated!"

Blinken warned.

Despite initially promising a more moderate rule respecting rights for women and minorities, the Taliban have widely implemented their interpretation of Islamic law, or Sharia, since they seized power in August 2021.

They have banned girls from middle school and high school barred women from most fields of employment and ordered them to wear head-to-toe clothing in public. Women are also banned from parks and gyms.



'Do not make education political' slogans were raised outside Kabul University on Wednesday. AP

### British Sikh MP calls for bullying probe after PIO doctor's suicide

**ADITI KHANNA** LONDON, DECEMBER 21

BRITAIN'S FIRST woman Sikh MP

has written to the UK government calling for an independent inquiry into a state-funded National Health Service (NHS) hospital trust in Birmingham following the suicide of an Indian-origin junior doctor and several reports of bullying she has received from staff.

Preet Kaur Gill, who is the MP for Birmingham Edgbaston where the hospital trust is based, on Wednesday published her letter to UK Health Secretary Steve Barclay on Twitter, which calls for an inquiry into the culture at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB).

and would come home and cry. "In the wake of the inquest following the suicide of Dr Vaishnavi Kumar, where bullying and condescension at work was cited as a contributing factor in her death, I am absolutely determined that this must be a turning point for the Trust," read

Gill's letter dated December 14. "UHB Staff have been bullied and demeaned for raising concerns about policies and practices that they believe have compromised patient care, and in some

cases even led to deaths," it notes The Opposition Labour Party MP and shadow secretary of state for international development said many of the staff who have been in contact with her have described a "put up or shut up" cul-

ture at the NHS hospitals trust. "We welcome the support that is being put in place and we look forward to working positively and constructively with our NHS colleagues," UHB said.

#### Weinstein Was Found Guilty Of One Count Of Rape, Two Counts Of Sexual Assault Against Jane Doe 1

### One woman's story of rape convinced all Harvey Weinstein trial jurors

#### ANDREW DALTON

LOS ANGELES, DECEMBER 21

MOST OF the jurors at Harvey Weinstein's Los Angeles trial were ready to convict him of crimes related to three of the four women he was charged with raping or sexually assaulting.

Yet after weeks of deliberation the eight men and four women voted unanimously to convict him of crimes against only one: a Russian-born model and actor known as Jane Doe 1. She lived in Rome and was visiting California for a film festival at age 34 in 2013, when she said the now-disgraced film mogul ap-

peared uninvited at her Los Angeles hotel room door in the middle of the night. The jurors were released

from service and allowed to talk publicly after more than two months Tuesday, when they could not reach a unanimous decision on two aggravating factors that might have made for a higher sentence. Their deliberations took nine days spanning more than two weeks, but those who spoke to reporters said the talks were never contentious.

Weinstein was found guilty of one count of rape and two counts of sexual assault against Jane Doe 1. He now faces up to 18 years in prison in California to go

with a 23-year sentence for a rape and sexual assault conviction in New York.

Jurors said Jane Doe 1's composure, and the fact that she did not contact Weinstein after he raped her, allowed the divided group to reach consensus on her accusations. "I thought Jane Doe 1 was convincing in her story," said one juror, a 62-year-old man who works in banking and only provided his first name, Michael,. The physical and technical ev-

idence surrounding Jane Doe 1 was some of the thinnest at the trial, but jurors were told that under the law, if they found an accuser's story credible, that alone could be enough to convict.



Harvey Weinstein at a Manhattan courthouse in his rape trial in New York. AP File

They acquitted Weinstein on a count of sexual battery against a massage therapist. They were deadlocked, with 10 of 12 voting

for guilt, on a count of sexual battery against model Lauren Young; and voting 8-4 in favour of conviction on rape and sexual assault counts involving Jennifer Siebel Newsom, a documentary filmmaker and wife of California Governor Gavin Newsom.

Jane Doe 1 only one among them who had no further direct dealings with Weinstein or his representatives after the incident. She testified she had barely known who he was, having been introduced only briefly at the film festival, and wanted nothing from him. Others, including Siebel Newsom, had friendly email exchanges with Weinstein or sought out future meetings after their incidents, a point the defense pounded in their cross-examinations and closing arguments. That resonated with some jurors.

Michael said he voted to convict on the Jane Doe 1 counts, but reluctantly voted to acquit on the counts involving Siebel Newsom. The difference, he said, was the women's "subsequent action." "In a 2 ½ year period she had sent

Weinstein over 35 emails," he said of Siebel Newsom. "She wanted access to Weinstein. It sounded like she wanted access to a lot of his resources. It raised a reasonable doubt in my mind." Weinstein has repeatedly de-

nied engaging in any non-consensual sex. "Jane Doe 1 is lying. Period," Weinstein lawyer Alan Jackson said in closing argument. While tearful at times, Jane

Doe 1's testimony was restrained

Esqueda said the intensely emotional testimony of Siebel Newsom, who was screaming

and straightforward in compar-

ison to some that followed. She

spoke slowly with a Russian ac-

cent, and made nearly no use of

a translator on hand.

through tears at times during her testimony, might have been too much for some fellow jurors. The panel was divided 6-6 on the counts involving her when he suggested getting a read-back of her testimony from the court reporter. "She had a little drama," Esqueda said. "So I suggested let's re-readit, and I think after we read it it switched a couple of people in her favor, without the drama." AP

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### COULD INDIA PLAY IN THE 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP IN NORTH AMERICA?

**ARJUN SENGUPTA** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

ON TUESDAY, V K Sreekandan, the Congress MP from Palakkad, asked the government in Lok Sabha whether it was a fact that "football is the most loved game all over the world", and that "India never qualified, except in 1950 by default, or participated in FIFA World Cup".

He also asked "whether the Government is considering to take effective steps for getting India qualified for the next FIFA World Cup". In response, Sports Minister Anurag Thakur said "while the primary responsibility" for this was the All India Football Federation's (AIFF), "football has been placed in the 'Priority' category" under the government's scheme of assistance to national sports Federations (NSFs).

#### **Next FIFA World Cup**

The 2026 football World Cup will be cohosted by Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The tournament will be bigger than ever before — 48 teams, 16 more than in this year's edition, will take part. As a result, the number of slots that the Asian Football Federation (AFC) receives will almost double from 4.5 to 8.

#### Could India make it?

While Asian teams will benefit from more slots, the Indian men's football team is still far away from being in contention.

■ India is 106th in the latest FIFA rankings, and 19th in Asia, behind teams like the Kyrghyz Republic, Vietnam, and Lebanon. Even with eight slots, India will have to cause some major upsets in qualifying to make it to the tournament.

■ Since the ranking system began in 1992, most teams who have reached the biggest stage have been under rank 50 (though this will change in the expanded tournament). This year, the lowest ranked team was Ghana (61). India could draw in-

spiration from North Korea, which qualified with a rank of 105 in 2010.

■ In matches against other Asian teams since 2021, India has beaten Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Maldives, and Nepal (thrice), but it has struggled against better competition, having lost to Bahrain, Jordan, and UAE.

#### Why is this so?

Indian football's problems begin at the top. In August, FIFA suspended the AIFF for "undue third-party influence" after the Supreme Court relieved the former AIFF president Praful Patel of his duties, and appointed a Committee of Administrators (CoA).

The suspension was lifted soon, but the mess at AIFF is far from over. In September, after losing the AIFF president's election to BJP member and former East Bengal goalkeeper Kalyan Chaubey, former India captain Baichung Bhutia said, "I was shocked because I personally did not expect that the political interference (in AIFF elections) would be of such a high level."

In 2006, former FIFA president Sepp Blatter referred to India as "the sleeping giant of football". At that time, India ranked between 117 and 157. It is in a somewhat better place today, but is still not able to stay in the top 100 for an extended period.

Indian football academies lack the infrastructure and coaching of European standards, and India does not house established European scouting networks that identify and develop talent at a world-class level. Some European clubs have announced India ventures, but their impact is yet to be seen.

Football lacks cultural appeal except in Kerala, West Bengal, the Northeast, and Goa. Cricket remains king. For football to flourish, this needs to change. But this change itself can probably come only if a successful national team captures the country's imagination.

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# Changes to the Co-ops Act

SIMPLY PUT

The Bill, now referred to a Joint Committee of Parliament, proposes a number of amendments in the way multi-state co-operative societies function. The Opposition has said that it infringes on powers of states

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

LOK SABHA on Tuesday referred the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill 2022 to a Joint Committee of Parliament. The Bill was introduced on December 7, when Opposition members argued that it seeks to "take away" state governments' rights, and demanded that it be sent to the Standing Committee. The Bill is aimed at overhauling the existing law, which was en-

#### Need to amend existing law

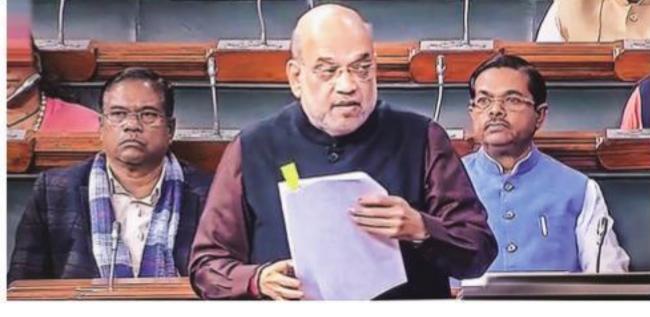
acted 20 years ago.

The Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022, piloted by Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, was introduced by his deputy, BL Verma, in Lok Sabha. The existing law — the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002, was enacted by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. Since then, many changes have taken place in the field of cooperatives.

At that time, Cooperation was a department under the Ministry of Agriculture. However, on July 6, 2021, the government carved out a separate Cooperation Ministry and Shah became the first Cooperation Minister of the country. Soon after taking charge of the Ministry, he announced that a new National Cooperative Policy would be brought and the existing law amended.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill said, "The Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 (the Act) was enacted to consolidate and amend the law relating to co-operative societies, with objects not confined to one State and serving the interests of members in more than one State, to facilitate the voluntary formation and democratic functioning of co-operatives as people's institutions based on self-help and mutual aid and to enable them to promote their economic and social betterment and to provide functional autonomy and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto."

"Part IXB was inserted in the Constitution, vide the Constitution (Ninety-seventh Amendment) Act, 2011. In view of insertion



Amit Shah, the first Cooperation Minister, in Parliament Tuesday. PTI

of the said Part, it has become imperative to amend the Act. Further, developments over the years also necessitated required changes in the Act so as to strengthen the co-operative movement...," it added.

#### New rules for merger

The Bill provides for the merger of "any co-operative society" into an existing multistate co-operative society. "Any co-operative society may, by a resolution passed by majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting of such society, decide to merge into an existing multi-State co-operative society," it said. At present, only multi-state cooperative societies can amalgamate themselves and form a new multi-state co-operative society.

#### **Election authority**

Also, the Bill seeks to establish a "Co-operative Election Authority", with a view to bring "electoral reforms" in the co-operative sector. As per the proposed amendment, the authority shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and members not exceeding three to be appointed by the Centre.

#### Criteria for chairperson

As per the proposed amendments, a person shall not be qualified for appointment as Chairperson unless he has held the post of Additional Secretary to the Government of India or equivalent rank; Vice-Chairperson of the Authority unless he has held the post of Joint Secretary to the GoI or equivalent rank; and Member unless he fulfils such qualification and experience as may be prescribed.

#### **Ninety Seventh Amendment**

Through the 97th constitutional amendment, Part IXB (The Co-Operative Societies) was inserted in the Constitution. The right to form cooperative societies was included as Right to Freedom under article 19(1), Part-3 of the Constitution. In addition to this, Article 43-B (Promotion of Cooperation societies) was also inserted as one of the Directive Principles of State Policy under Part 4 of the Constitution of India.

#### Stricter punishments

Clause 37 of the Bill seeks to amend section 104 of the Act to increase the amount of penalty for certain offences.

"Where the board of directors or officers of the multi-State co-operative society receive any unlawful gains while transacting matters related to such society or utilise any assets of the society for personal unlawful gains, such directors or officers concerned shall be punishable with imprisonment for a

term which shall not be less than one month but which may extend to one year or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees but may extend to one lakh rupees or with both and the proceeds of such unlawful gains shall be recovered from them and deposited in such manner as may be prescribed," said the proposed sub section (6) of the Section 104 of the principal Act.

#### Ombudsman's powers

The government has proposed to insert a new Chapter IXA relating to "redressal of complaints". Under this new chapter, the government has proposed to appoint one or more "Co-operative Ombudsman" with a territorial jurisdiction for inquiring into the complaints made by the members. For this, a new section 85 will be added in the law.

The Co-operative Ombudsman shall, on receipt of a complaint, complete the process of inquiry and adjudicate within three months. The Co-operative Ombudsman will have powers of civil court in summoning and examination.

#### Fund for revival

The Bill also seeks to insert a new section 63A in the principal Act, relating to "establishment of the Co-operative Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Development Fund" for revival of "sick multi-State co-operative societies". It also proposes to insert a new section 70A relating to "concurrent audit" for multi-state cooperative societies having an annual turnover or deposit of more than the amount as determined by the Centre.

#### State subject

Some of the Opposition's objections to the Centre's Bill were based on the fact that cooperative societies are a state subject.

The subject 'cooperative societies' is mentioned in the entry 32 of the State List under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. Besides, Entry 43 of the Central List also makes clear that co-operative societies do not come in the Centre's domain.

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### Cut coffee intake if you have very high BP: new study indicates why

DRINKING TWO or more cups of coffee a day may double the risk of death from cardiovascular disease among people with severe high blood pressure (160/100 mm Hg or higher) compared to non-coffee drinkers, according to research published in the Journal of the American Heart Association.

In contrast, one cup of coffee and daily green tea con-

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sumption did not increase the risk of death

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measurement, even though both drinks contain caffeine, the study, conducted among more than 18,600 men and women in Japan, found.

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According to the USFDA, an 8-ounce (about 240 ml) cup of green or black tea has 30-50 mg of caffeine, and an 8-ounce cup of coffee has 80-100 mg.

**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION** 



### NIT plot case at centre of Maharashtra row

**ALOK DESHPANDE** NAGPUR. DECEMBER 21

OPPOSITION PARTIES in Maharashtra on Tuesday demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for "obstructing judicial process" by allowing the regularisation of a plot that was under litigation. The Opposition also said that the plot was regularised for 2 crore, instead of the Rs 83 crore charge it should have attracted.

The CM has denied any wrongdoing, saying he was not aware of the Bombay High Court orders regarding the plot when he passed the order.

#### What is the case?

In 2020, an application came to Shinde, who was then Urban Development Department Minister, to regularise a layout of 16 plots spread over 4.5 acres, of the Nagpur

Improvement Trust (NIT). This land was being used for a slum redevelopment scheme.

In 2007, 34 such layouts had been regularised under the Maharashtra Gunthewari Act, and the applicant approached Shinde asking to be charged as per the 2007 rate, under the principles of justice. Shinde signed the order to apply the 2007 charges on April 20, 2021, and the plots were regularised for Rs 2 crore. Meanwhile, in 2004, the CAG report had

pointed out irregularities in plot distribution under the NIT, based on which a writ petition was filed before the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court. The HC in 2016 had appointed the Gilani Committee to look into the NIT land-related matters, and appointed Anand Parchure as amicus curiae.

On August 5, 2020, the NIT conveyed to the state government to not take any decision to regularise the plots.

After reports on Shinde's decision ap-

14, 2022, apprised the court of this. Parchure said if the news items were true, there was a possibility of the state government having interfered in the administration of justice, as the issue was pending before the court. The court ordered status quo if any order of regularisation had been passed.

peared in the media, Parchure on December

Once the court's order came, the issue was picked up by political parties, and on Tuesday, was raised in both the Legislative Assembly and the Council.

#### What has Chief Minister Shinde said? Shinde has said he did not violate the

court order, but instead acted in the spirit of equal justice to all.

"When the applicant came to me in April 2020, he said he was first asked to pay as per the Gunthewari Act and later as per the ready reckoner. My order only stated that he be charged as per the 2007 order. I did not recom-

mend any reduction of charges," Shinde said The chief minister claimed that he came to know about the Gilani committee and its directions only when the NIT informed his

office about the December 14 HC order. "I was not made aware about the Gilani committee either by the NIT or the applicant. After coming to know about this, I passed an order saying the observations of the Gilani

committee were brought to my attention after the December 14 court order. Considering this, the 2021 directions have been cancelled," he said.

#### What has the Opposition said?

The Opposition has claimed that it was impossible that the CM was not aware about the sub judice matter, and has alleged that the decision was taken to benefit builders. Demanding his resignation, the Opposition has alleged that Shinde as Urban Development Minister interfered in judicial processes.

# Could Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra lead to a new surge of Covid-19?

#### **ANONNA DUTT**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

UNION Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday wrote to Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Ashok Gehlot asking them to either follow all Covid-19 protocols during the Bharat Jodo Yatra or suspend it "in national interest".

The letter said: "Please ensure that...all Covid-19 guidelines are strictly followed, masks and sanitisers are used, and only those vaccinated against Covid-19 participate. People must isolate themselves before and after they join the Yatra."

Congress leaders hit back, saying Rahul and the Bharat Jodo Yatra were being singled out, while the BJP's own yatras in Rajasthan and Karnataka, and the Winter Session of Parliament continued.

#### What is the Covid-19 situation in India? The number of Covid-19 cases contin-

ues to remain low in India, with an average of only 158 cases reported daily during the week ended December 19.

The advice to states to send all positive samples for genomic sequencing on Tuesday and the Health Minister's review meeting on Wednesday came after a spike

France, and the United States. Cases have been trending upward glob-

in infections in China, South Korea, Japan,

ally over the last six weeks, with an average 5.9 lakh new cases reported daily during the week ended December 19.

India saw no significant increase in cases September through November, the time when the incidence of the recombinant variant XBB that led to the spike in Singapore, increased from 8% to 65.6%.

#### What is Covid appropriate behaviour?

On March 23, the Ministry of Home Affairs advised all states to "appropriately" discontinue, after March 31, guidelines that were issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 for the containment of Covid-19. The order effectively signalled a return to full normalcy from April 1.

The Health Ministry's advisories on measures such as masking up and maintaining social distance continue, but are no longer enforceable by law. The Ministry has asked states to follow the five-fold strategy of 'Test-Track-Treat-Vaccinate-Ensure Covid-19 appropriate behaviour' to contain the spread of the infection.

After a small spike in cases in August, the Union Health Secretary had written to states urging them to maintain adequate

testing with high levels of the more accurate RT-PCR tests, and to send samples from international travellers, sentinel sites, and clusters for genome sequencing. In his review meeting in October, the

Health Minister had urged people to get their precaution (booster) doses, and officials to closely monitor ports of entry. In June, the Ministry had asked states to

ensure that participants in festivals and religious yatras were asymptomatic and vaccinated, and to have adequate testing facilities at these events.

#### Could there be another wave of Covid?

Most experts believe that deadly waves like the ones of August-October 2020 and April-May 2021 (Delta) are now unlikely. The Omicron wave of January 2022 driven by the BA.1 and BA.2 sub-variants, along with the high levels of vaccination in the country, means people are largely well protected against Omicron variants.

The BF.7 variant that is thought to be driving the surge in China was reported in India in September and November, but did not spread. "The recent variant is likely to be similar

creases in cases in India," an official said.

to other variants that were on the watch list Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the for other countries but resulted in small in-Bharat Jodo Yatra in Nuh, Wednesday. PTI

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#### **BF.7 SUB-VARIANT**

#### Omicron sub-variant driving the surge in China

#### **ANONNA DUTT**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE CURRENT surge in Covid-19 infections in China is thought to be driven by the BF.7 sub-variant of Omicron. This isn't the first time that BF.7 has made news — in October, it started to replace then dominant variants in the United States and several European countries.

#### Highly transmissible

When viruses mutate, they create lineages and sub-lineages — as though the SARS-CoV-2 tree is sprouting branches and sub-branches. BF.7 is the same as BA.5.2.1.7, which is a sub-lineage of the BA.5 sub-lineage of the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2. Omicron was first reported to the World Health Organisation by South Africa in November 2021, and more than 500 sub-variants of Omicron are currently in circulation.

A study published in *Cell Host and* Microbe journal earlier this month reported that the BF.7 sub-variant has a 4.4-fold higher neutralisation resistance than the original D614G variant — meaning that in a lab setting, antibodies from a vaccinated or infected individual were less likely to destroy BF.7 than the original Wuhan virus that spread worldwide in 2020.

But BF.7 is not the most resilient sub-

variant — the same study reported a more than 10-fold higher neutralisation resistance in another Omicron sub-variant called BQ.1. A higher neutralisation resistance

means there is a higher likelihood of the variant spreading in a population and replacing other variants. BF.7 accounted for more than 5% of US

cases and 7.26% of UK cases in October.

Scientists in the West were watching the variant closely; however, there was no dramatic increase in the number of cases or hospitalisations in these countries.

#### **BF.7 sub-variant in India**

The January 2022 wave in India was driven by the BA.1 and BA.2 sub-variants of Omicron. The sub-variants BA.4 and BA.5 that followed were never as prevalent in India as they were in European countries; thus, India saw very few cases of BF.7 (which is an offshoot of BA.5).

As per data from India's national SARS-CoV-2 genome sequencing network, BA.5 lineages accounted for only 2.5% of cases in November. Only two cases of BF.7 have been detected so far in India — one each in Gujarat and Odisha. A recombinant variant called XBB is currently the most common variant in India, accounting for 65.6% of all cases in November.

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7.	ADVT-EFF- 99427-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 19055 Valsad to Jodhpur to Valsad (BL-JU-BL) & 22909/22910 Valsad to Puri to Valsad (BL-PURI-BL) (01 rake)				
8.	ADVT-EFF- 131874-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 12911/12912  Valsad - Haridwar - Valsad BL-HW-BL, 20929/20930 Udhna to Banaras to Udhna (UDN-BSBS-UDN) & 20933/20934 Udhna - Danapur - Udhna (UDN-DNR-UDN) Danapur Express (01 rake)				
9.	ADVT-EFF- 132401-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface Mumbai Central - Jaipur - Mumbai Central (MN	through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 12955/12956 ICT-JP-MMCT) (02 rakes)	1826	27/12/22 16:50	

		Auction catalogue No.	Auction Start (All Lots)				
	MMCT-PnU-22-9 15:00 hrs 27.12.2022						
Sr. No	Lot No.	Location / A	rea	Days	Close Date & time of e-Auction		
1.	PnU-BCT- BDTS-WRL- 46-22-1		for work of up-gradation, maintenance and manning of AC waiting rooms with modern amenities like multipurpose stalls and Tourist Kiosk at Bandra Terminus Station.				
2.	PnU-BCT- VAPI-WRL- 48-22-1	E-auction for work of up-gradation, maintenance an facilities, amenities like multipurpose stalls and Tourist	1827	27-12-22 15:40			

10. ADVT-EBW-S1- Display of advertisement through Vinyl wrapping on the exterior side wall surface of 35 nos. of EMUs

EMUExteri-22-1 over Mumbai Division, Western Railway for a period of 5 year.

Ü		Auction catalogue No.	Auction Start (All Lots)			
		MMCT-ADVT-22-43	15:00 hrs 28.12.2022			
Sr. No	Lot No.	Location / Area		Days	Close Date & time of e-Auction	
1.	ADVT-EFF- 89802-22-1	있다면 이 집에 얼마 없는 그리고 아내는				
2.	ADVT-EFF- 155692-22-1		splay of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22921/22922 andra Terminus - Gorakhpur - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-GKP-BDTS) Antyodaya (01 rake)			
3.	ADVT-EFF- 141344-22-1	Dander Terminus Ulass Dander Terminus (DDTC UCD DDTC) 9 00075/00076 Dander Terminus				
4.	ADVT-EFF- 132404-22-1 Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 20941/20942 Bandra Terminus - Ghazipur City - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-GCT-BDTS), 22931/22932 Bandra Terminus - Jaisalmer - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-JSM-BDTS) & 22935/22936 Bandra Terminus - Palitana - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-PIT-BDTS) (02 rakes)				28/12/22 16:00	
5.	ADVT-EFF- 131997-22-1	[18]   [프라이아 (18] 전 (18]				
6.	ADVT-EFF- 141411-22-1	F- Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22901/22902				
7.	ADVT-EFF- 99426-22-1		through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22965/22966 minus (BDTS-BGKT-BDTS) & 22971/22972 Bandra IBE-BDTS) (01 rake)	1826	28/12/22 16:30	
8,	ADVT-EFF- 99439-22-1	- II TORE A TERMINE IN A SECURE TO SECURE THE SECURE AND A SECURE TO SECURE TO SECURE THE SECURE TO SECURE THE	through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 19027/19028 nus (BDTS-JAT-BDTS) Vivek Express & 22949/22950 DTS-DEE-BDTS) (01 rake)	1826	28/12/22 16:40	
9.	ADVT-EFF- 153231-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface Mumbai Central - Amritsar - Mumbai Central (N	through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 12925/12926 MMCT-ASR-MMCT) Paschim Express (04 rakes)	1826	28/12/22 16:50	
10.	0. ADVT-EFF- 132405-22-1 Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 22933/22934 Bandra Terminus - Jaipur - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-JP-BDTS), 22989/22990 Bandra Terminus - Mahuva - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-MHV-BDTS) & 22993/22994 Bandra Terminus - Mahuva - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-MHV-BDTS) (01 rake)		1826	28/12/22 17.00		
11.	ADVT-EFF- 130877-22-1	Display of advertisement on full exterior surface	through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 19037/19038 (BDTS-BJU-BDTS) (05 rakes)	1826	2/12/22 17:10	
12.					28/12/22 17:20	

		Auction catalogue No. Auction Start (All L	ots)	
		MMCT-ADVTM-22-1 15:00 hrs 03.01.20	)23	
Sr. No	Lot No.	Location / Area	Days	Close Date & time of e-Auction
1.	MSS-BCT- MMCT- TWnOPS-5-22-1	ovision of packing services for two wheelers and parcel/luggage packages by setting up of Facilitation unter at Parcel Office of Mumbai Central Station		03-01-23 15:30
2.	MSS-BCT- BDTS-	Provision of packing services for two wheelers and parcel/luggage packages by setting up of Facilitation Counter at Parcel Office of Bandra Terminus Station	1096	03-01-23 15:40

Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 20955/20956

Display of advertisement on full exterior surface through vinyl wrapping on Train no. 12907/12908

Bandra Terminus - Hazrat Nizamuddin - Bandra Terminus (BDTS-NZM-BDTS) Maharashtra Sampark

Surat - Mahuva - Surat (ST-MHV-ST) (02 rakes)

Counter at Parcel Office of Surat Station

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Kranti Express (01 rake)

TWnOPS-7-22-Note: Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The lost wise details are available there in under the mentioned catalogue

Provision of packing services for two wheelers and parcel/luggage packages by setting up of Facilitation

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E-TENDER NOTICE FOR ONLINE BIDDING (A) NIT NO: PUR/ASK/OT(PRESS)/CU-NI DK/LTA17/ STOCK/RA-1917

SUB: Supply of CU-NI DK/BHD Fittings for Long Term Agreement (B) NIT NO: PUR/ASK/OT(P)/GHD-BHD FTTNG/LTA13/ STOCK/RA-1918

SUB: Supply of GHD/BHD Fittings for Long Term Agreements Due Date: 21 days from date of publication

 Details will be available in e-procurement portal https://eprocuregrse.co.in and Websites http://www.grse.in & https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp/ 2. Any addendum/corrigendum to this tender enquiry will be published in above websites only

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#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that this man namely Jairam Das, S/o Radhakishan Das, R/o A 591/4, Shastri Nagar, Delhi, is missing since 27.11.2022 at about 01:30 PM from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 67A, dated 04.12.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light

Jairam Das

The description of the missing man is as under:

Gender: Male, Age: 66 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Sallow, Face: Round, Hair: White, Built: Thin, ID Mark: Mentally weak, Wearing: Black sweater, white pyjama, plastic sleepers in feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing man, kindly inform to the following:

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax: 011-24368639

DP/3679/N/2022

P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-23691106

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#### TAMILNADU NEWSPRINT AND PAPERS LIMITED Kagithapuram - 639 136. Karur Dist. Tamil Nadu. Ph.: 04324 - 277001 (10 Lines). NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Material Description Tender No. Due date 222313 Procurement of Caustic Soda Lye for 04.01.2023 005699 Unit - I and Unit - II 222313 Procurement of Non Ferric Alum for Unit - I 05.01.2023 005691 222333 Procurement of White Clay 30.12.2022 000474 06.01.2023 000475 83% CaCo3 Procurement of PM#3 HW Refiner Seament Set 222313 10.01.2023 005632 (Stator & Rotor) 222323 Supply and Erection of 2 No's of 20m2 MSRL 06.01.2023 Bulk Acid Storage tanks for WTP at TNPL Unit - II 003557 222313005699 & 5691 - purchase.rawmatl@tnpl.co.in 222333000474 & 0475 - purchase.lsfm@tnpl.co.in E-Mail

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only, Detailed Terms & conditions, Tender fee, EMD, etc., are available in tender document at our websites: www.tnpl.com / www.tenders.tn.gov.in https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

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Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-35/2022-23

1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Road work as mentioned below:

: Road work

No. of work : 4 Nos. : Rs.10,000.00 Tender Paper cost

Nature of work

**Class of Contractor** : 'A' Class/Special Class/Super Class

Available of bid document: From 10.00 A.M. of 23.12.2022 to 5.30 PM of 12.01.2023 in the website

: Dt.13.01.2023 at 11.30 AM Date of opening of Bid

The Bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in. Any addendum/ corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

> Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha OIPR-34111/11/0070/2223

#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead in MV Hospital Pooth Khurd Bawana, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 36-A, Dated 18.12.2022 has been lodged at P.S. Bawana, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown R/o:

Unknown, Age: 30 years, Height: 5'6" Feet, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, ID Mark: Right Hand "OM" Tatoo mark, Wearing: Sky Blue Colour lining Shirts & Blue Colour Pant.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned. S.H.O

DP/4015/ON/2022

P.S. Bawana, Delhi. Ph.: 011-27752534

**GOVERNEMENT OF ODISHA** 

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER. SOUTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR Phone: 0680-2281582, e-mail: ccescbam@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CCE, S.C (R&B)-BAM-15/2022-23 No. 4891//Dated: 13.12.2022 1) The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** from eligible contractors for construction

**INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement]** 

of Building / Road Works as detailed in the table below. 2) Nature of work : Building / Road works

3) No. of work : 05 Nos.

4) Tender Cost : Rs.10,000/- (online)

5) Class of Contractor : "B" Class, "A" Class & Special Class 6) Availability of Bid document in the: From 27.12.2022 10.00 AM to 11.01.2023

4.00 PM website 7) Date of Opening of Bid

: 12.01.2023 at 11.30 A.M. 8) The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can

be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. 9) Any addendum / corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in

the said website only Sd/- (D.C.Behera) **Chief Construction Engineer** 

Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur OIPR-34103/11/0018/2223

#### MADHYA PRADESH RURAL ROAD **DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

(An Agency of Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of M.P.) 5th Floor, Block-II, Paryavas Bhawan, Bhopal (M.P.) 462 011

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. 1046** 

#### (PMGSY-III-BRIDGE) (PMGSY-III, Batch-III, Year 2021-22)

No./17840/22/D-12/MPRRDA/2022 Bhopal, Dated : 21.12.2022

Online Tenders for Construction of Bridges with 5 years defect liability & maintenance are invited on the E-Procurement System portal https://www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. as detailed below:-Name of Work – Construction of Bridges under PMGSY

including maintenance for Five year after construction. S. Name of No. of No. of **Total PAC** 

No	. District	Packages	Bridge	(In Rs.)
1.	Balaghat	1	1	18635000.00
2.	Chhindwara	2	4	53027000.00
3.	Dewas	3	10	64952000.00
4.	Indore	1	1	6785000.00
5.	Ratlam	1	1	7287000.00
6.	Satna	2	2	27279000.00
7.	Seoni	1	1	8937000.00
1.	Availability of E	Bid Documents	s and mode	of submission:

- The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. Bid document may be purchased online from 23.12.2022
- (17:30 hrs.) and last date for online bid submission is 10.01.2023 (17:00 hrs.) Other Critical dates and details can be viewed in the detailed
- N.I.T. and SBD for PMGSY Works (June-2020) on the above-mentioned portal and concerned PIU. **CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER**
- M.P. Madhyam/107789/2022

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(TENDER)

#### शुद्धिपत्रक क्र. १ (ई-निविदा सूचना क्र. ५८ सन २०२२-२३) संदर्भ :- या कार्यालयाचे पत्र जा.क्र. पवि/लेशा/निविदा/५३५५, दि. २३.११.२०२२ कामाचे नाव : खालापर, जिल्हा रायगड येथे तालकास्तरीय प्रशासकीय इमारत बांधकाम करणे. सुधारित वाचावे

प्रसिद्ध झालेले ऑनलाइन निविदा विक्रीचा अंतिम दिनांक १९.१२.२०२२ ऑनलाइन निविदा विक्रीचा अंतिम दिनांक २३.१२.२०२२ (१८.००) वाजेतर्यंत (१८.००) वाजेतर्यंत निविदा उघडण्याचा दिनांक २२.१२.२०२२ रोजी १५.०० वा. निविदा उघडण्याचा दिनांक २६.१२.२०२२ रोजी १५.०० वा (सदर निविदेसचनेमध्ये अथवा निविदेत काही बदल होत असल्यास खालील संकेतस्थळांवर कळविण्यात येईल.)

१. http://mahapwd.com

२. http://mahatenders.gov.in

जा.क्र.साबांवि/पनवेल/ई-निविदा/२०२२/ कार्यकारी अभियंता यांचे कार्यालय. सा.बां. विभाग, पनवेल दिनांक :-

person-months input.

**HOME DEPARTMENT (PORTS & TRANSPORT)** 

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डीजीआयपीआर/२०२२-२३/४८८७

गह विभाग (बंदरे व परिवहन) महाराष्ट्र मेरिटाइम बोर्ड इंडियन मर्कन्टाइल चेम्बर्स, ३रा मजला, १४ रामजीभाई कमानी मार्ग, बेलार्ड इस्टेट, मुंबई-४०० ००१. **दुरध्वनी क्र. :** ०२२-२२६५८३७५, **फॅक्स क्र. :** ०२२-२२६१४३३१

Invitation for EOI for recruitment of Project Management, Design & Supervision support Consultant (PMDSC)

DEPARTMENT of Ports, Government of Maharashtra, through Government of India, has applied for a financing from the Asian Development Bank in the form of a Loan towards the cost of Maharashtra Sustainable Climate Resilient Coastal Protection and Management Investment Project. The project objectives are to address the immediate coastal protection needs and coastal instability using environmentally and socially appropriate solutions for sustainable management, development and use of the coastal environment, in addition to enhancing institutional capacities for effective shoreline management and development.

The Project will include (i) sustainable shore protection measures implemented and (ii) Capacity for sustainable and integrated shoreline protection enhanced. The project will mainly support reduction in coastline erosion and instability through implementation of 3 to 4 identified sub-projects at three coastal locations of the state.

Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) will be the implementing agency for the loan project. MMB will be assisted by the Project Management, Design & Supervision support Consultant (PMDSC) in project management, design of subprojects, providing required technical and construction supervision support in implementation of identified subprojects with 29 International key person months and 166 National key

MMB, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this Loan to eligible payments under the consultancy services for which this Expression of Interest is issued. Chief Executive Officer, MMB now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for the consultancy service named

above from the reputed consulting firms from ADB member countries having prior experience in providing similar services. Shortlisted consultant will be issued Request for Proposal (RFP) document for seeking technical and financial proposals. Consultant will finally be selected using Quality Cost Based Selection (OCBS 80:20) method using Full Technical Proposal. The executing agency will apply (i) Technical competence (ii) Geographical competence and (iii) Management

competence criteria in evaluating eligible EOIs for short listing.

Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Maritime Board

and submit Expression of Interest (EOI) at adb.org following the instructions in the CMS-CSRN website.

Indian Mercantile Chambers, 2nd floor, Ramjibhai Kamani Marg, Ballard Estate-400 001 Email ID: ceommb@gmail.com / ddcmmb@gmail.com; Phone No. 022-22658375

DGIPR/2022-23/4891

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM

#### Dv CMM-Aimer, acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender

against Tender No. 42225533 closing date 16/01/2023 at 14:25 Hrs. Due to administrative reasons this tender will be opened from date 16/01/2023 to date 06.01.2023 at 14:30 Hrs., all other terms and conditions will remains unchanged 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. 1. Description of work : DOOR FRAME COMPLETE FOR AUTOMOBILE CARRIER COACH WITH SIDE ENTRY AS PER RDSO DRG. NO.RDSO/CG/ DRG/ 21043 (SHEET 1 & 2). ALONG WITH HINGE-2 ITEM NO. 17 OF DRG. NO. RDSO/CG/DRG/21042, QTY, 6 NOS./ SET, NOTE: HINGE ITEM NO. 8 OF DRG. NO. RDSO/CG/DRG /21043 TO BE SUPPLIED IN LOOSE CONDITION I.E NOT WELDED WITH DOORS, 2 Quantity: 130 Set 3, Revised date and time for submission of tender: Submission of E-tender up to 06/01/2023 at 14:30 Hrs. 4. Website particular www.ireps.gov.in SMM/CSD/Ajmer 1083-SN/22

### S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Tender Notice No.: e-Tender/2022/54. For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-Tender for the following work before 15:00 hrs. on the date mentioned against item and will be opened at 15:30 hrs. Sl. No. 1, Tender No. E-KGP-WEST-23-2022. Description of work : Improvement & widening of cess for running line under the urisdiction of DEN/West/KGP. Tender Value : ₹ 4,06,85,009.26. Earnest Money: ₹ 3,53,400. Bidding Start Date: from 22.12.2022 and up to 15:00 hrs. on 05.01.2023. Sl. No. 2, Tender Notice No.: e-Tender/2022/55; Tender No. E-KGP-WEST-24-2022. Description of work : Transportation of P.Way materials from any station in Indian Railway to work site/store Depot at Kharagpur. Tender Value : ₹ 88,84,157.82. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,77,700. Bidding Start Date: from 29.12.2022 and up to 15:00 hrs. on 12.01.2023. Tender Document Cost : ₹ 0 for each. Date of Opening: 05.01.2023 for Sl. No. 1 and 12.01.2023 for Sl. No. 2. Completion Period: 12 (twelve) months for each. Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/ descriptions/specifications of the tenders

and submit their bids online. In no case

Interested consultants should visit ADB's website for Consultant Management System-Consulting Services

Recruitment Notice (CMS-CSRN) (http:/cms.adb.org) for the terms of reference, criteria and specific requirements,

manual tenders for these works will be accepted. N.B.: Prospective bidders may regularly visit "www.ireps.gov.in" to participate in all tenders.

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#### **SECTOR WATCH** SOCIAL MEDIA

### Musk says will step down as CEO: What it means for Twitter

**SOUMYARENDRA BARIK** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

ELON MUSK will step down as the chief executive of Twitter while continuing to be in charge of the social media company's software and server teams. In response to a Twitter poll he created that voted in favour of him leaving his position as head of Twitter, Musk said he will resign as CEO as soon as he finds "someone foolish enough to take the job".

The poll received more than 17 million votes, with a decisive majority, close to 58 per cent, of the accounts voting that Musk should step down as the head of Twitter. In what has become a defining feature of his reign over Twitter, Musk has previously adhered to decisions made in such informal referendums, including reinstating former US President Donald Trump's account.

#### What this could mean for **Twitter**

While Musk had earlier said that he will abide by the results of the Twitter poll, it is unlikely that much would change even if Musk were to

actually keep his word and step down as CEO. He has made it clear that he will still be in charge of Twitter's software and server teams, and given that the microblogging platform largely consists of those two teams after the mass layoffs at the company, Musk could still retain direct control

over Twitter. In his other companies such as Tesla and SpaceX, Musk maintains a high degree of control over the product, and given that at the end of the day he also owns Twitter, his latest move may not necessarily put an end to the ebbs and flows that the social networking site has gone through since he took control of it in October. In a separate tweet, Musk said, "No one wants the job who can actually keep Twitter alive. There is no

**BRIEFLY**—

Reliance Capital

New Delhi: Torrent Group

emerged as the highest bid-

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New Delhi: BYIU'S has de-

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company by National

Commission for Protection

of Child Rights. **PTI** 

firm, sources said.

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**Elon Musk** 

However, it is worth noting that the results of the poll gave a boost to the stock price of Tesla which has fallen more than \$100 since November 1. as investors believed that Musk would start spending more time at the electric car company.

#### Musk's reliance on unscientific Twitter polls

In a short time of his reign over Twitter. Musk has taken a number of key policy decisions on the basis of results of polls that he himself creates. He has also indicated that this could be a norm for the company go-

ing forward, despite acknowledging multiple times that bots and fake accounts were influencing the results of such polls. In response to a

tweet which speculated that bots may have influenced the results of the poll on Musk's leadership of Twitter, he tweeted "interesting". Hours before launching that poll, Musk was publicly criticised for a controversial new policy that had banned links to certain other social media platforms such as Facebook, Mastodon and link aggregator Linktree. The policy was deleted within 24 hours after its introduction and Musk said that "going forward," he would poll Twitter's users to let them decide on policy changes. Last month. Twitter had reinstated Donald Trump's account on the basis of a poll run by Musk, where users on the social media platform voted – by a slim majority — to lift a ban on the former US president placed

more than a year ago.

#### **MONETARY POLICY ACTION**

# MPC minutes: Premature pause to be a costly policy error, says Das

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** 

MUMBAI. DECEMBER 21

IN A scenario where inflation continues to remain elevated, a "premature pause" in monetary policy action would be a "costly policy error", Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said while voting for a 35 basis points hike in the reporate in the December policy, according to the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting released on Friday.

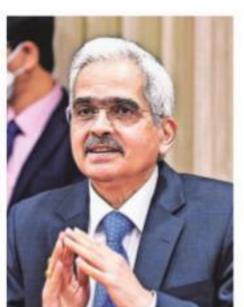
RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra, who backed the 35 bps increase, expects inflation to remain above target over the next 12 months. The rate setting panel needs to see a decisive decline in inflation over a series of monthly readings before it shifts stance, Patra said. In a 5:1 majority, the six-member MPC hiked the repo rate by 35 basis points (bps) to 6.25 per cent in the meeting held between December 5 to 7. The

4 out of 6 members to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation.

Das said while the worst of inflation is behind us, it remains above the upper tolerance level. Hence, there is no room for complacency and the battle against inflation is not over. This necessitates a constant vigil on prices. "I am, therefore, of the view

that a premature pause in monetary policy action would be a costly policy error at this juncture. Given the uncertain outlook, it may engender a situation where we may find ourselves striving to do a catch-up through stronger policy actions in the subsequent meetings to ward-off accentuated inflationary pressures," the Governor said. He said an increase of 35 bps in the reporate — a departure from 50 bps on three previous occasions — itself conveys the signal of an improvement in the inflation outlook.

"Any change in stance at this



Shaktikanta Das, Governor, Reserve bank of India PTI file

stage could be interpreted as weakening of our resolve to fight the inflation menace and will impede monetary policy transmission," RBI's Executive Director Rajiv Ranjan said.

Patra said the effects of monetary policy actions taken so far, supported by improvements in supply responses, could break the

7 per cent plus drift in average headline inflation and at best contain it in the range of 5-6 per cent over the year ahead. "Thus, inflation can be ex-

pected to remain above target over the next 12 months," he said. The consumer price-based inflation, or retail inflation, eased below 6 per cent in November – for the first time since January this year. It dropped to 5.88 per cent from 6.77 per cent in October. "Should the incoming information indicate that the recent small easing of inflation is transient rather than the onset of a durable downturn, the MPC should be prepared to respond appropriately in order to achieve the desired inflation objective," Patra said. One of the members of the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Jayant Varma voted against the 35 basis points hike in reporate.

"I believe that the 35 basis point rate hike approved by the majority of the MPC is not warranted in this context of reduced inflationary pressures and heightened growth concerns. I therefore vote against this resolution," Varma said. Varma also voted against the MPC stance on 'withdrawal of accommodation'.

MPC's independent member Ashima Goyal said inflation still exceeded the tolerance band for the 10th consecutive month and voted to raise the repo rate by 35 bps. "I would have preferred a smaller rise of 25 bps, but 6.25 per cent works well as a focal rate," Goyal said. Supporting the 35 bps rate hike, MPC member Shashanka Bhide said keeping in view the need to achieve moderation in the inflationary pressures in a sustained manner, continuing with the policy tightening measures is necessary at this stage. Ranjan said after front loaded rate hikes since May 2022, there is a strong case now to take the foot off the accelerator while keeping a vigil on the inflation trajectory. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

rising global Covid scare **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 21

**Markets** 

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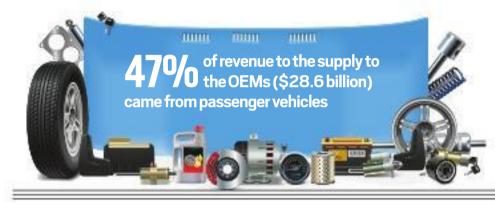
DOMESTIC STOCK markets on Wednesday fell by 1 per cent as selling pressure intensified over rising Covid scare in China and some countries. The benchmark Sensex declined by 635 points to 61,067.24 and the NSE Nifty Index declined by 186 points to 18,199.10.

Barring healthcare and IT segments, all other sectoral indices ended in the red as benchmark indices lost over a percentage in afternoon trade despite opening in the green even as developed markets continued to trade in the green.

S Ranganathan, head of research at LKP Securities, said, "benchmark Indices dropped yet again on the back of Covid scare in China and elsewhere, but today's fall was more noticeable to participants since the red colour on the screen engulfed all over, barring pathology labs, hospitals and select pharma counters involved in covid related drugs."

#### 'Auto component sector grows 34.8% in H1FY23'

*India's auto components industry witnessed a 34.8% growth* to Rs 2.65 lakh crore in first-half of 2022-23, the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India said



There has been a demand shift towards SUVs, and the value proposition has also been enhanced, ACMA said

Two-wheeler industry was under pressure, as it accounted for about 18% of the revenue against 21% in the first half of the last fiscal

8.6% growth in exports of components to \$10.1 billion during the period, while imports climbed 17.2% to \$10.1 billion

Source: ACMA/PTI

### New pension scheme with assured returns by May-June

**PRASANTA SAHU** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

THE PENSION Fund Regulatory and Development Authority will roll out the world's first minimum assured return scheme (MARS) by May-June next year under the National Pension System (NPS), guaranteeing 4-5 per cent annual re-

turns on the pension corpus for ten years, its Chairman Supratim Bandyopadhyay said.

The minimum annual contribution for MARS would be Rs 5,000 per annum and the upper age for subscribers would be below 50 years, keeping in mind the retirement age of 60, he said. Currently, the schemes under NPS do not guarantee any kind

of returns or benefits as they are

market-determined. Of course the government-backed Atal Pension Yojana guarantees a minimum monthly pension of Rs 1,000-5,000 to the subscribers based on their contributions. The guaranteed returns from MARS would be nearly half of the actual returns under the market-linked NPS schemes and it would also come with a higher fund management fee. **FE** 

### Next crisis will come from private cryptos: RBI Guv

Was Messi also

Mumbai: In response to a

compliment about him

being the 'Lionel Messi' on

the central bank turf, the

Reserve Bank Governor

Shaktikanta Das good-na-

turedly responded with a

question, "Is Messi also a

post graduate in history?"

He was referring to com-

ments made in the past

about the relevance of his

background to his current

role. "I am sometimes re-

minded by people that I

am supposed to have done

history," he said. ENS

a History PG?

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI. DECEMBER 21

RESERVE BANK of India Governor Shaktikanta Das Wednesday warned that private cryptocurrencies, if allowed to grow, would lead to the 'next financial crisis' and reiterated his stance to prohibit them. Das said the cryptocurrencies

have certain huge inherent risks which could pose threat to the country's macroeconomic and financial stability. "Our view is that it (private cryptocurrencies) should be prohibited because if it is allowed to grow, that is, if you try to regulate it and allow it to grow ... please mark my words the next financial crisis will come from private cryptocurrencies," he said

while speaking at BFSI Insight Summit organised by *Business* Standard. "After all the developments over the last one year, including the latest episode on the built around

FTX, I don't think we need to say

anything more about our stance

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(on crypto)," he said. Private cryptocurrencies owe their origin to bypassing and to breaking the system, Das said, adding that these currencies do not believe in the central bank currency and also in the regulated financial world.

The Governor said that according to some estimates, the total value of cryptocurrencies has currently shrunk to \$140 billion from \$180 billion or \$188 billion. "The change in value in any so-called product is the function of the market. But unlike any other asset or product, our main concern about crypto is that it doesn't have any underlying, whatsoever. I think the term cryptocurrency or private cryptocurrency is a fashionable way of describing what is otherwise a 100 per cent speculative activity," Das noted. Speaking on the economy, the Governor said despite the slowdown in global growth, the underlying economic activity in India continues to remain strong. He said most of the 70 fast moving indicators of the economy, which the RBI monitors,

are in the green zone. Full report

### on www.indianexpress.com Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR

http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in तथा http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrdc पर देर जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवा

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Name of the Material proposed Quantity Tender No. for Procurement MESCOM/2022-23/ No.15 Strain Insulator The interested eligible bidders may log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 27.12.2022.

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Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal (MAVIM), A Government of Maharashtra Indertaking, invites Expression of interest from Human Resource Management Cum Placement agency/Organization. For detail document, interested bidders should visit on portal

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ast Date & Time for submission of Tenders: Till 16th January 2023, before 5.00 pm at Managing Director, Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal, Griha Nirman Bhavan, Mezzanine Floor, Kalanagar Bandra East, Mumbai - 400051

Managing Director, MAVIM, Mumbai



# एसजेवीएन ग्रीन एनर्जी लिमिटेड SJVN Green Energy Limited (A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of SJVN Limited)

CIN: U40100HP2022GOI009237 E- Tender No. : SGEL/CHQ/Contracts/BOS-Jamui SPP/2022 Online bids (E-tender) on Domestic Competitive Bidding (DCB) are

invited on behalf of SJVN Green Energy Limited for Balance of System Package including three (03) years comprehensive Operation & Maintenance for 125 MW(AC) grid connected solar PV power plant at Jamui, Bihar. For details, visit websites: https://www.bharat-electronictender.com,

www.eprocure.gov.in and www.sjvn.nic.in. Last date for bid submission is 17.01.2023 (13:00 Hrs). Amendment(s), if any, shall be issued on websites only.

DGM (Contracts) SJVN Green Energy Limited Corporate Headquarters, Shakti Sadan, Shanan, Shimla (H.P) Email- contracts.sgel@sjvn.nic.in

### Derivatives trade: Sebi extends suspension in seven agri commodities

New Delhi: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has extended the suspension on derivatives trading of seven commodities for one more year till December 20, 2023. The ban was on paddy (non-basmati), wheat, chana, mustard seeds, sovabean, crude palm oil and

latest was the year-long futures trading ban on 7 agri-commodi-

ties on December 20. 2021. A September report by NCDEX said the suspension of futures contracts in the past have not resulted in the desired impact of controlling the prices. At best, there have been minor corrections in the short term. The extension will hit the NCDEX as these commodities contributed nearly 54 per cent of the total deposits between April 2021 and

General Manager (Equipment)

Derivatives on several commodities have been banned/suspended as many as 19 times in the last two decades, with some facing multiple suspensions. The July 2021. **FE** 

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(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)

No.417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai-600 008.

INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (1) The Government of Tamil Nadu has received a Loan (Loan No. ID-P251) ) from the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Urban Healthcare Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for which this (2) The General Manager (Equipment), TNMSC Ltd. now invites online bids from eligible bidders for supply

Phone: 28191890 / 28190259; Fax: 044 -28190636 E-Mail: equipment.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

SI. No.	Online Tender/Item with Qty/Document cost	Sale start date	Pre-bid Meeting	End of Submission of bid	Opening of bid
1.	PKG21(R)/C3.2/P2/LCB/TNUHP/JICA/TNMSC/ ENGG/2022, DT: 20.12.2022 – Wheel Chair (30), Transport Stretcher with Oxygen Cylinder, IV stand (41), Bowl stand with wheels (42), IV Stand 4 Pole (166) & Treatment Table (14)	23.12.2022	30.12.2022 11.30 AM	19.01.2023 11.00 AM	19.01.2023 12.00 Noor
2.	PKG23(R)/C3.2/P2/LCB/TNUHP/JICA/TNMSC/ ENGG/2022, DT: 20.12.2022 — Revolving Stool (50), Step Stool for patients (134), Drug Trolley (55), Instrument Trolley (38), Mayo Trolley (13) & Food Trolley (39)	23.12.2022	03.01,2023 11.30 AM	19.01.2023 03.00 PM	19.01.2023 04.00 PM
3.	PKG24/C3.2/P2/LCB/TNUHP/JICA/TNMSC/ ENGG/2022, DT: 20.12.2022 — Episiotomy Set (10), Vasectomy Set (4), Genito Urinary Instrument Set (4), Appendectomy Set (4), Ortho Basic Set (1) & Tracheostomy Set (6)	26.12.2022	04.01.2023 11.30 AM	20.01.2023 11.00 AM	20.01.2023 12.00 Noor
4.	PKG25/C3.2/P2/LCB/TNUHP/JICA/TNMSC/ ENGG/2022, DT: 20.12.2022 – Minor Laparotomy Set (8), Major Basic Set (12), Minot Set (3), Suturing and Suture Removal Set (37), Dressing Set (33) & Incision and Drainage Set (4)	26.12.2022	04.01.2023 12.30 PM	20.01.2023 03.00 PM	20.01.2023 04.00 PM

(3) For details visit www.tenders.tn.gov.in and TNMSC website www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in.

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(4) All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in Indian rupees as specified in the bid document.

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No.		price		tender in e procurement solution
1	Engagement of valve operator for operation of valves of water supply network of Ward No.91S Govind Puri under Kalkaji Constituency AC-51 Kalkaji (Re-invite)		51700/-	2022_DJB_233253_1 17.12.2022
	ther details in this regard can be seen at <b>govtproc</b>	urement.d	delhi.gov.	in.

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### **Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority**

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No. GMDA/DEV/174/2022/20

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER The Chief Executive Officer, Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority, Bhangagarh, Guwahati-05 invites bid through e-Procurement System from Contractors/ Firms/ Limited Company etc. registered under any Assam Government Department or Central Government

SI. No.	Name of Work	Value (in ₹)	Bid Security (₹ in lakh)	Cost of Bid (in ₹)	Completion
1	Pilot Project for Design, Supply, Construction & Commissioning of 2 MLD STP on UASB Technology including O&M for Rejuvenation of	537.00 Lakhs	2% of Bid value (1% only for the tenderer belonging to ST, SC, OBC & UGE)	10,800.00	12 (twelve) months

Department/ Organization of appropriate class and having requisite experience in executing

The detailed tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement porta https://assamtenders.gov.in from 23-12-2022. Interested bidders are required to create their own user ID & password in the e-tendering portal. Amendment/ Addendum to the tender, and further notifications, if any, shall appear in the website https://assamtenders.gov.in.

The Formal Work Order will be issued only after receipt of Administrative Approval and in event of cancellation of the tender no any kind of claim/ compensation will be entertained.

> Sd/- Chief Executive Officer Guwahati Metropolitan Dev. Authority Bhangagarh, Guwahati - 781005

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#### DEVELOPMENT OF APPROACH ROAD

Tender Notice No.: CON/MLG-1/ DECEMBER/2022/01. The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following works: **Tender** No. DYCE1-MLG-Reno-22-05. Name of work: Development of approach road from GM/CON to Gate No. 3 including circulating area of GM/CON and CSTE/ CON office & renovation of Concourse area of Main Building of GM/CON Complex including other ancillary works under the jurisdiction of Dy.CE/CON-I/ Maligaon. Tender Value: ₹3,16,55,535/-Bid Security: ₹3,08,300/-. Date & Time of closing of tender: 15:00 hrs. of 06-01-2023 & opening at 16.00 hrs. of 06-01-2022. For details please visit

> Dy.CE/const.-I,Maligaon at 14:30 Hrs. 4. Website particular **NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY** (Construction Organisation)

#### NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM Dy CMM-Ajmer, acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 42225534 closing date 10/01/2023 at 14:25 Hrs. Due to administrative reasons this tender will be opened from date 10/01/2023 to date 06.01.2023 at 14:30 Hrs., all other terms and conditions will remains unchanged .Bidders will be able to submit their original revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed agains this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 1. Description of work : SET OF SLIDING DOOR ARRANGEMENT (RH & LH) AS PER RDSO DRG. NO. RDSO/CG/DRG/ 21008 ITEM NO. 7 & 8. ONE SET CONSIST OF ONE NO. OF RH DOOR AND ONE NO. OF LH DOOR, TOTAL 02 DOORS IN ONE SET. 2 Quantity: 130 Set 3. Revised date and time for submission of tender Submission of E-tender up to 06/01/2023

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#### NORTHERN RAILWAY 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 1 Name of work with its location: Replacement of AL Bus Bar & 150 sq. mm Jumper

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2 Approx cost of work : Rs. 1,61,31,752.69/-3 Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 2,30,700/-

4 E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period: 04.01.2023 5 E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time 18.01.2023 (15:00 Hrs.)

6 Fund Allocation: 20366203 Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be

Date: - 21.12.2023 No.: 27-TRD-NDLS-2022-23 Serving Customers with a Smile

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Please refer to Institute's Tender notice No. GBPNIHE/NMSHE-TF-3(IInd Phase)/2022-23/03, published in "Indian Express" (Delhi edition) dated **20.10.2022** for supply & Installation LINTAB Tree-Ring-Station LTM06-E (Measuring Machine) under NMSHE-TF-3 (IInd Phase) Project.

The last date of receiving of tender is hereby extended up to 05.01.2023 at **03:00 pm.** The documents shall be submitted online at website https://moefcc.euniwizarde.com.

The full details of Documents are available in the Institute Website http://gbpihed.gov.in.

Office Superintendent Email: store@gbpihed.nic.in

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#### कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता निर्माण खण्ड, लो.नि.वि., सहारनपुर ई- प्रोक्योरमेन्ट निविदा सूचना (अति अल्पकालीन)

पत्रांक 2443 / ई0 निविदा / 22-23 / 3ए., 1 – महामहिम, राज्यपाल उ०प्र० की ओर से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड, लो.नि.वि., सहारनपुर द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेत् ऑनलाइन निविदायें वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से अधिकृत पंजीकृत निविदादाताओं से दिनांक 26.12.2022 प्रातः 11 बजे से 03.01.2023 को अपरान्ह 03.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन / टैक्नीकल बिड दिनांक 03.01.2023 को अपरान्ह 03.30 बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय कक्ष मे उपस्थित / अधिकृत पंजीकृत फर्म के प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा ऑनलाइन खोली जायेगी। टेक्निकल बिड में पात्र पाये गये ठेकेदारों की फाईनेंशियल बिड खोले जाने के दिनांक व समय हेत् पृथक से सूचना इस कार्यालय द्वारा जारी की जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा राजकीय अवकाश होने की दशा में प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/टैक्नीकल बिड उसी

कम एवं समयानुसार अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। कार्यो का विवरण निम्नवत है—

			(रू0 लाख में)	(रू0 लाख में)	अवधि (वर्षा काल सहित)	जी०एस०टी सहित (रू० में)	श्रेणी
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		वर्ष 2022—23 के अन्तर्गत वि	शेष मरम्मत	न के कार्य	(चतुर्थ आमन	न्त्रण)	110
1		देवबन्द—मुजफ्फरनगर मार्ग से डांडी मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	11.00	1.10	03 माह	856.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
2		थामना से आखलौर मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	15.00	1.50	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
3		महेशपुर-शिमलाना से नन्हेडा कलां मार्ग से चिराउ रतनहेडी मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	20.00	2.00	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
4		मुजफ्फरनगर—सहारनपुर मार्ग से भांयला इण्टर कालेज से ग्राम तल्हेडी बारात घर तक मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	11.00	1.10	03 माह	856.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
5		नानौता—देवबन्द—मंगलौर मार्ग से बन्दरजुङ्डा मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	28.00	2.80	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
6		जडौदा पाण्डा से जयपुर मार्ग के किमी० 1 में क्षतिग्रस्त पुलियां के पुनः निर्माण का कार्य।	24.00	2.40	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
7		ग्राम मुण्डीखेडी से अल्लाउद्दीनपुर पर विशेष मरम्मत तथा मुण्डीखेडी आबादी में सी.सी. निर्माण का कार्य।	31.00	3.10	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
8	सहारनपुर	गांव सम्भलहेडी से गुडम्ब मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	25.00	2.50	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
9	सह	रामपुर–किशनखेडी से नौरंगपुर मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	16.00	1.60	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
10		सहारनपुर-बडगांव मार्ग से मिर्जापुर मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	14.00	1.40	03 माह	856.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
11		सैफपुर से शेरपुर सैनियो के मजरो तक विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	14.00	1.40	03 माह	856.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
12		सोना अर्जुनपुर से कुराली मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	20.00	2.00	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
13		तुरमतखेडी से अनन्तमऊ यमुना नहर के पुल तक मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	19.00	1.90	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
14		दिल्ली-यमनौत्री मार्ग से भैंसराउ मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	30.00	3.00	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
15		चोरा से भैंसराउ मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	29.00	2.90	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
16		जाण्डखेडी से याहियापुर तक मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	12.00	1.20	03 माह	856.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
17	9	भोजपुर से मुजफ्फरनगर बार्डर तक चन्देना की ओर मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत का कार्य।	26.00	2.60	03 माह	944.00	ए,बी,सी एवं डी
नोट	: क्रम र	नंख्या—६ पर अंकित कार्य हेतु सेतु का	पंजीकरण	होना आ	वश्यक है।	` `	0

3 — समस्त प्राप्त निविदाओं का तकनीकी मूल्यांकन प्रहरी साफ्टवेयर के माध्यम से किया जायेगा, जिसका URL http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/ है। उक्त को खोलने पर लॉगिन पेज खुल जायेगा, जिस पर Contractor Select करने पर लॉगिन किया जा सकता है। निविदादाता का लॉगिन आई-डी एवं पासवर्ड वही होगा जो रजिस्ट्रेशन कराते समय चाणक्य पोर्टल पर बनाया गया था। निविदादाता द्वारा प्रहरी साफ्टवेयर पर दिये गये निर्देशों के अनुसार अपनी समस्त सूचनायें / दस्तावेज अपलोड करने होंगे। यदि निविदादात द्वारा अपनी समस्त सूचनायें / दस्तावेज अपलोड नहीं किये जाते हैं तो निविदादाता द्वारा डाली गई निविदा का तकनीकी मुल्यांकन किया जाना सम्भव नहीं होगा, जिसके लिये निविदादाता स्वयं उत्तरदायी होगा।

निविदा से सम्बन्धित नियम / शर्ते तथा विवरण वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है। अधिशासी अभियन्ता UPID-183346 Date 21/12/2022

निर्माण खण्ड, लो०नि०वि०,

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

The Divisional Railway Manager (Engg)/E.

C.Railway/Samastipur for and on behalf of

the President of Indian invites Open Tender

From experienced and financially capable

tenderers for the following works in E-

Tendering mode of IREPS web portal of

Indian Railways: (1) Tender Notice No.:

TC-182-2022-SPJ, Name of work:

Samastipur Division: TFR- (DBG-

SKI:19.46Km and MFP-SMI:64.51Km)

83.97 Km. Tender Value (In₹)

,21,05,468.70, Earnest Money (In₹):

,10,500.00, Completion period of the

work: 12 Months, (2) Tender Notice No.:

TC-183-2022-SPJ, Name of work: At

Janakpur Road- Raising of platform no.1 to

high level platform. Tender Value (In₹):

2,02,97,935.99, Earnest Money (In₹):

2,51,500.00, Completion period of the

work: 12 Months, (3) Tender Notice No.:

TC-184-2022-SPJ, Name of work: At

Sonebarsa Kacheri-Widening of unloading

wharf. Tender Value (In₹): 1,90,69,696.19,

Earnest Money (In₹): 2,45,400.00.

Completion period of the work: 12

Months, 1. Last Date & time for receiving

of Tender in E-Tender mode on IREPS

web portal: 11/01/2023 upto 12:00 hours. 2.

Opening Date & time for E-Tender:

11/01/2023 after 12:00 hours. 3. Website

particulars where complete details of

tender & tender document can be seen

on Website: www.ireps.gov.in Amendments

modifications if any shall not be published

in the newspapers but the same shall be

uploaded in the website. Sr. Divisional Engineer/I

PR/01727/SPJ/ENGG/T/22-23/44

East Central Railway, Samastipur

#### कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता द्वादशम् मण्डल सिंचाई कार्य गंगा सिंचाई भवन, तेलीबाग लखनऊ।

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No.

NER-BSB0SnT-OT-30-2022

'Open Tenders" through Online

E-Tendering) are invited by

Divisional Railway Manager (Signal 8

Telecomm)/Varanasi / N.E. Railway

for and behalf of the President of India

Tender Notice No. & Description of

work:- NER-BSB0SnT-OT-30-2022,

NAME OF WORK: Reliability

improvement of Mid Section LC gate

bet KHM-CHPG by providing IPS to

strengthen Power Supply

arrangement along with RTU, ELD

FACS for status monitoring (Total

05 No LC), Details:- Approx. value:-

Rs. 61,17,244.79, Earnest Money:-

Rs. 1,22,400.00, Cost of Tender

Form:- Rs. 00.00, Completion

period: - 08 Months, Tender

Closing date & Time: 12.01.2023 up

to 15:00 Hrs. NOTE:- 1. Tender

Online will be submitted up

to 15 Hrs on date 12.01.2023, 2. For

full details and submission of

bid kindly visit the official

website of Indian Railways i.e.

About any passenger amenity complaint

SMS on Mob. No.: 09794845955

Do Not Smoke Bidi/Cigarette in train

Divl. Rly. Manager (S&T

Varanasi

www.ireps.gov.in.

CPRO/Signal-85

for the following works: S.No .:- 1

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-07/द्वादशम्/2022-23

महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उ०प्र० मे सिविल कार्यों हेतू पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से ऑनलाईन http://etender.up.nic.in के माध्यम से निम्न कार्य हेत् निविदा दिनांक 31.12.2022 को अपरान्ह 3.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जिसकी टेक्निकल बिड दिनांक 31.12.2022 को अपरान्ह 3.30 बजे अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, द्वादशम् मण्डल सिंचाई कार्य, लखनऊ के कार्यालय में ऑनलाइन खोली जायेंगी। निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 26.12.2022 की पूर्वान्ह 10.00 बजे से दिनांक 31.12.2022 की अपरान्ह 3.00 बजे तक डाउनलोड / अपलोड किया जा सकता है। कार्यालय बन्द होने या छुट्टी होने पर बिड अगले कार्य दिवस में खोली जायेगी। निविदा नोटिस एवं प्रपत्र की जानकारी http://idup.gov.in पर उपलब्ध होगी।

110		(लाख रू० में)	(लाख रू० में)	पग जपाप	(जी०एस०टी० सहित)	श्रेणी	खण्ड का नाम
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		प्रशासकीय एवं	वित्तीय स्वीकृति	की प्रत्याशा में।	-		
1.	जनपद लखीमपुर—खीरी में शारदा सहायक योजक नहर के सोती साइफन के डाउनस्ट्रीम में किमी0 3.430 से किमी0 3.550 के मध्य क्षतिग्रस्त तली एवं बैंकों के पुर्नस्थापना के कार्य।	517.43	10.35	06 माह	₹50−8614.00 (7300.00+1314.00)	''एए'' अथवा उच्च	सिंचाई खण्ड, शारदानगर, लखीमपुर– खीरी।
	A					अधीक्षण	अभियन्ता

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उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार

सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता Office of The Superintending Engineer तृतीय मण्डल, सिंचाई कार्य, आगरा **IIIrd Circle Irrigation Works, Agra** 



अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या-15/एस०ई०/2022-2023 महामिहम राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतू ऑनलाइन निविदायें (https://etender.up.nic.in) सिंचाई एवं जल संसाधन विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश में वगीर्कृत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 03.01.2023 अपरान्ह 03:00 बजे तक आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन / टेक्निकल बिड अधिशासी अभियन्ता, हैड वर्क्स खण्ड आगरा नहर ओखला के कार्यालय कक्ष में गठित समिति के सदस्यों द्वारा दिनांक 03.01.2023 को अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन / टेक्निकल बिड में क्वालिफाइड पाये गये ठेकेदारों की ही फाइनेन्शियल बिड खोली जायेगी। कार्यालय बन्द होने अथवा अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदायें अगले कार्य दिवस में उसी समय खोली जायेगी। निविदा दिनांक 28.12.2022 को पूर्वाहन 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 03.01.2023 को अपरान्ह 03.00 बजे तक डाउनलोड / अपलोड की जा सकती है। कार्यों का विवरण निम्नवत है:-

तहरू संक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (लाख रू० में)	धरोहर धनराशि (लाख रुपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य + 18% GST (रुपये में)	पंजीकरण श्रेणी
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	मुख्य अभियन्ता (यमुना) के कार्यालय के निर्माण का कार्य।	784.00	15.68	18 माह	5000.00+ 900.00= 5900.00	.44.

विस्तृत निविदा सुचना का विवरण एवं नियम व शर्तें उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की वेबसाइट ((http://:upgovt.up.nic/infotech) तथा सिचाई विभाग की वेबसाइट (http://:www.ihup.gov.in) उपलब्ध है।

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पंजीयन की

मूल्य स्टेशनरी व

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता. तृतीय मण्डल, सिंचाई कार्य, आगरा

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता

निर्माण खण्ड-1, लो०नि०वि०, पीलीभीत। दि0 17/12/2022

पत्रांक 1723/ई0टी0 अल्पकालीन ई निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

1. महामहिम राज्यपाल महोदय, उ०प्र० की ओर से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड–1, लोनिवि, पीलीभीत द्वारा लोक निर्माण विभाग में श्रेणी ''ए0बी0सी0, डी'' मार्ग कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत योग्य ठेकेदारों से प्रतिशत दरों पर बिड आमंत्रित की जाती है। बिड प्रस्तुत करते समय निविदा के आई0टी0बी0 के प्रस्तर-4 में उल्लिखित शर्तो के अनुसार बिड अपलोड करें।

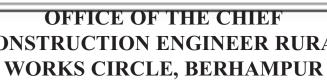
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2	पीर्राक्षीत	गांव शिवपुरी नवदिया से मतुकापुर सम्पर्क मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत कार्य।	10.86	1.08	Rs. 855.00	01HIE
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5	पीलीचीत	एरक्टबीठ मार्ग के किमीठ 420 से सुकटिया जराकरनपुर सम्पर्क मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्बत कार्य।	21:74	2.17	Rs. 944.00	01-FIE
0	पीलीचीत	रोहनिया से करमापुर सम्पर्क मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत कार्य।	18.37	1.83	Rs. 944.00	01FIE
7	पीलीबीत	भदारा भदारी सम्पर्क मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्भत कार्य।	6.64	0.66	Rs. 767.00	01-HE
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9	पीजीबीत	साम माजीपुर से बसई पुरेना सम्पर्क मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत कार्य।	11.17	1.11	Rs. 855.00	01-初度
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11	पीलीमीत	एलाबी० मार्ग किमी० 403 से पतर्राक्षण से इंडिया लब्डी सम्पर्क मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत कर्ता	27.07	2.70	Rs. 944.00	01~편공
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14	पीलीभील	असरा करोड मार्ग किमी० ०१ से हाफिजनगर बन्नाही सम्पर्क मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत कार्य।	21.00	2.10	Rs. 944.00	D1105
15	पीलीमीत	बीसलपुर खुदारांज मार्ग से अमृताखास सम्पर्क मार्ग पर विशेष मरम्मत कार्य।	21.16	2.11	Rs. 944.00	01-相信

3. बिड डाक्यूमेन्ट वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in पर दिनांक 30.12.2022 से दि0 06.01.2023 को मध्यान्ह है, 12:00 बजे तक अपलोड किये जा सकते हैं जनकी तकनीकी बिड तद्दिनांक 06.01.2023 को अपरान्ह 12:30 बजे खोली जायेगी।

4. निविदा से सम्बन्धित जानकारी http://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध होगी।

UPID-183338 Date 21/12/2022 www.upgov.nic.in

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### **CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL**

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

E-Mail: serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel/Fax:- 0680-2404287)

Bid 1	Bid Identification No. Online Tender/63-2022-23/BPR									
Identification No.	Name of work	No. of Works	Approx. Estimated Cost (In lakh)		Period of Completion					
Online Tender/ 63-202223/BPR	· •	01 No	Ks. <b>240.67 lakhs</b>	"B" Class & "A" Class as applicable	03 (Three) Calendar Month as provided					
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Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No Engineer, R.W.Circle, 63-2022-23/BPR i) No EMD is required as per O.M.No. 8484 Dt. 05.04.2022 of Finance Department Govt of Odisha. But Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders

as mentioned in the DTCN. ii) Non-submission of the information/documents through online by the bidder as per the items mentioned in the eligible criteria of the DTCN will also liable for

rejection of his tender. Further details & Corrigendum if any can be seen from the website: www.tendersodisha.gov.in

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**Chief Construction Engineer** R.W.Circle, Berhampur

#### **E-AUCTION FOR ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS**

rights at height gauge at level crossing gate SK-202 (near sevok station), NN-18 Near Jalpaiguri Road station) & ROB-123A (Near New Coochbehar station at Km-124/0-1). E-Auction Catalogue No.: OOHADVTROBLCGT; dated: 15-12 2022; Seq No.: AA/1;Lot No./Category: ADVT-APDJ-JPE-OH-527-22-1 (Advertising-Out of Home); Auction Lot Start Date: 04-01-2023 at 12:00 hrs. Auction Lot End Date: 04-01-2023 at 12:30 hrs. The above catalogue of E-Auction has already uploaded at E-Auction portal www.ireps.gov.in. DRM (C), Alipurduar Jn.

**NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY** 

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Regd Office: PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website: www.pspcl.in Contact Number: 96461-18773

Tender Enquiry No. QQ-2331/PO-P Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, Multistory Building, The Mall, Patiala, invites E-Tender for Procurement of 800 MT (Metric Tonne) Galvanized stranded steel wire Grade-5 size 7/3.15mm bearing ISI/PQM mark having tensile strength, 45 Kg per mm<sup>2</sup> conforming to IS: 2141(with latest amendments, if any) and Galvanizing by hot dipped process as per IS:4826 (with latest amendments, if any) applicable to

neavily coated wire against PSPCL Tender Enquiry QQ-2331/PO-P. For detailed NIT & Tender specification please refer to https://eproc.pun ab.gov.in from 22.12.2022 onwards. NOTE: Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online a https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. 19775/PB

#### **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA COMMERCE & TRANSPORT** (TRANSPORT) DEPARTMENT

**Expression of Interest (Eol)** 

#### "HIRING OF AIRCRAFTS FOR USE OF **STATE GOVERNMENT"**

Government of Odisha, Commerce & Transport (Transport) Department desires to hire Aircrafts (9-19) passengers & 20-80 passengers) from 07.01.2023 till 29.01.2023 complying to all safety norms as prescribed by the DGCA. The Aircraft will be required for charter operation between Bhubaneswar & Rourkela. The hired aircraft will be stationed at Bhubaneswar.

Eligible and interested aircraft operators may download the Expression of Interest (EoI) document which contains the details of the requirement from the following website of Government of Odisha and submit their offer. https://tendersodisha.gov.in/nicgep/app https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders.

Proposals complete in all respect should reach the undersigned latest by 05:00 PM on 29.12.2022. Bids received after the above deadline shall be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason thereof. Sd/-

Additional Secretary to Govt. & Director of Aviation. Commerce & Transport (Transport) **Department Government of Odisha** OIPR-38001/11/0020/2223

#### TAMIL NADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION HEAD OFFICE: 12, THAMBUSAMY ROAD, KILPAUK, CHENNAI - 600010 Ph. No. (044) 26426773 Email id : tncsc.tn@nic.in CIN : U15137TN1972SGC006157

No: BS7/039410/2022 SHORT e - TENDER NOTICE Dated : 21.12.2022

Short e-Tender No: TNCSC/22-23/ET-51 & 52 Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation invites Online Electronic

tenders for the supply of 610 MTs. of Black Bengal Gram (Whole) and 540 MTs. of Green Gram (Whole) at all 39 Regions for PTMGRNMP schemes and ICDS.

Complete short e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tncsc and also available in www.tenders.tn.gov.in

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-III or Class-III

For Registration and further details contact MSTC LIMITED Phone: 25222842/25251910/25261005 e-Mail: mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in Last Date and Time for Online Submission: Upto 11.00 A.M. on 29.12.2022 DIPR/ 5679 /TENDER/2022 MANAGING DIRECTOR " சோதனை கடந்து கதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"



कंत्राटी पद्धतीने बाह्य यंत्रणेमार्फत २ (दोन) कालावधीकरिता मनुष्यबळ उपलब्ध करुन देण्यासाठी फेरनिविदा मागविण्यात येत आहेत.

- १) वरील कामाचे निविदा फॉर्म व इतर सर्व माहिती Website: http://mahatenders.gov.in या संकेतस्थळावर दिनांक २१/१२/२०२२, सकाळी १० वाजेपासून ते दिनांक २७/१२/२०२२, दुपारी १२ वाजेपर्यंत या कालावधीत उपलब्ध होईल. २) कारण नमूद करून अथवा असे कारण न देता आलेल्या एक
- अथवा सर्व ई-निविदा स्वीकारणे अथवा फेटाळण्याचा अधिकार मा. अध्यक्ष, महाराष्ट्र राज्य परीक्षा परिषद, पुणे यांनी राखून ठेवलेला आहे.

स्थळ: पणे (सही/- २०-१२-२०२२) **दिनांक** : २०/१२/२०२२

- शैलजा दराडे, आयुक्त म. रा. प. प., पुणे-०१ (डीजीआयपीआर/२०२२-२०२३/४८९२)

#### North Eastern Railway e-Auction Notice C/52/Parking/E-Auction/ Publication/22 Date : 21.12.2022

The bids are invited from registered entities on IREPS by Sr. DCM/IZN (ACO) through e-Auction for Parking Stand. The Catalogues have already been published on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. The details of upcoming e-Auctions of Izzatnagar division is as under. Category: Parking, Catalogue No. IZN-PARK-22-10, Asset Detail

Parking contracts at IZN IInd entry, Barrajpur, Kalianpur, Kashipur (2 wheeler), Nigohi, Bhojipura, Khatima and Baheri Railway Stations. Auction Start : 28.12.2022, 11.00, Auction End: 28.12.2022, 12.40.00, Catalogue No. : IZN-PARK-22-11, Asset Detail: Parking contracts at Bisalpur, Kamalganj, Ganjdundwara, Jihani, Bazpur, Sikandrarao, Puranpur, Bhopatpur, Ghatpuri and Mendu Railway Stations.. Auction Start 05.01.2023, 11.00, Auction End 05.01.2023, 13.00. 1. Bidders are advised to visit website

www.ireps.gov.in for more information related to e-Auction. 2. The bids have been invited through e-Auction Leasing module of IREPS website. 3. All the e-Auction related information as eligibility, scope of work, contract period terms & onditions of contract etc. are available on IREPS. 4. Bidders can participate in e-Auction only as per the date & timing as indicated above. 5. All the prospective bidders are requested to visit website www.ireps.gov.in regularly for any corrigendum related to above e-Auctions. DCM/Izatnagar CPRO/C-231

About any Passenger Amenity complaint SMS on Mob. 09794845955 DO NOT SMOKE BIDUCIGARETTE IN TRAIN

#### OFFICE OF THE ADDL CE (P&W), SHREE SINGAJI THERMAL POWER PROJECT, MPPGCL, Dongalia Dist. Khandwa (MP) E-mail ID: sepnw.sstpp1@gmail.com , 9425635261 No. 515-1700/SSTPP/MPPGCL/P&W/12489 Date: 21.12.2022

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER [Website: www.mppgcl.mp.gov.in ] Estimated Cost EMD & Tender Cost Rs. Tender Particulars / Tender Number Last date & time for closing of online submission (respectively)

Vork contract for Round the clock Operation and Maintenance Rs. 398.56 Rs. 3,98,560.00/-06.01.2023 of Mill Reject Handling System (Operation and Routine/ & Rs. 5000/up to 15:30 hrs Preventive maintenance) of unit 1&2 at 2x600, SSTPP, MPPGCL, Dongalia (T-2022\_MPPGC\_218169\_2) Work contract of day to day routine maintenance of 220 KV & Rs. 60.74 18.01.2023 Rs.1,21,500.00/ 400 KV switchyards, all HT and LT transformers, overhead line Lakhs up to 15:30 hrs &Rs. 2000 faults, lighting in BOP & BTG buildings in plant to raw water ntake & inside colony as per scope of work for ph-1, SSTPP, MPPGCL, Khandwa (T-2022 MPPGC 230743) For extension & other details, the bidders are requested to please visit e-portal of GoMP at www.mptenders.gov.in

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**BAREILLY SMART CITY LIMITED (BSCL) BAREILLY (UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA)** 

Date: 21.12.2022 Bareilly Smart City Limited, Bareilly invites e-tender for the following projects:-Farnest Tender foe Work Bid Start

No		Money Deposit (Rs.)	with GST @ 18% (Rs.)	completion Period	Date Date
1	Providing, Supplying, Preparing and Installation of Physical Model (3 Nos.) of Various Buildings of Bareilly Smart City Limited.		826	10 days	23/12/22
2	Providing, Supplying, Preparing and Installation of Physical Model of ABD Area & Indoor Stadium Building Smart City Limited		826	10 days	23/12/22

- Detailed NIT and Bid Document shall be available on: https://etender.up.nic.in and http://www.bareillysmartcity.in
- 2 Tender call notice in two Bid systems (Part- I: General & Technical Bid and Part-II financial Bid/Price Bid/BOQ) from intending bidders fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in this
- 3 Amendment to NIT if any would be published on website only.
- 4 In case of any gueries on this RFP, intending bidders may contact THE SENIOR GENERAL MANAGER, BAREILLY SMART CITY LIMITED, Bareilly (Tel. No: - 0581- 25510074

Chief Executive Officer,

www.upgov.nic.in epaper\_indianexpress.com

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निर्माण खण्ड-1, लो०नि०वि०, पीलीभीत।

Smart City

Ref No:-BSCL/2022-23/2797

Name of the Work

Notice and other qualifying requirements mentioned in this RFP.

7055519602) or send an email to: ceo.bscl01@gmail.com

Bareilly Smart City Limited, Bareilly.

#### **DAY 2 ROUND-UP**

#### Kartikeya spins MP to thumping victory

Left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya grabbed his maiden 10-wicket match haul (10/64) in first-class cricket as defending champions Madhya Pradesh registered an innings victory over Chandigarh. Kartikeya ensured that the match got over in two days as Chandigarh were dismissed twice on the same day – for 57 and 127.

**Brief scores**: Madhya Pradesh 309 beat Chandigarh 57 (Kumar Kartikeya 6/20) and 127 (Ankit Kaushik 69; Saransh Jain 5/37, Kartikeya 4/44) by an innings and 125 runs.

#### Shahbaz puts Bengal in control

Shahbaz Ahmed bagged his fourth five-wicket haul to give Bengal control of their game against Himachal Pradesh. The hosts bundled out Himachal Pradesh for 130 to gain a first innings lead of 180. Bengal in their second essay were 89 for 1. **Brief scores**: Bengal 310 & 89/1 lead Himachal Pradesh 130 (Prashant Chopra 71 not out; Ahmed 5/32, Ishan Porel) by 269 runs.

#### Shorey shines for Delhi with 252\*

Dhruv Shorey scored a brilliant unbeaten double century to take Delhi to a strong total against Assam. Brief scores: Delhi 439 (Dhruv Shorey 252 not out; Sidharth Sarmah 3/53, Mrinmoy Dutta 3/79) lead Assam 158/4 (Rishav Das 71 batting; Prasun Vijayran 3/31) by 281 runs

#### Wicketless outing for leggie Chahal

India leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, playing a first-class match after four years, went wicketless against Baroda. Chahal bowled 27 overs and gave away 138 runs. Meanwhile, Baroda's 17-year-old

Priyanshu Moliya slammed back to back hundred for his side. **Brief Scores**: Baroda: 615 (Jyotsnil Singh 195, Priyanshu Moliya 144 not out, Pratyush Kumar 110, Vishnu

Solanki 64; Sanjay Pahal 3/80) vs

Haryana 70/1 -Express News Service

#### **RANJI TROPHY**

# Will never give up'

Rahane believes that Kohli, Pujara and his averages came down due to pitches

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** DECEMBER 21

AJINKYA RAHANE's dream to play for India again hasn't ebbed a bit, he says after a double hundred at Ranji Trophy, but he also said another interesting angle. That the averages of Virat Kohli, Cheteshwar Pujara and Rahane has dipped in the last three years because of the nature of the Indian pitches where they have played a lot of Test

'There was no mistake (in his style of batting that his average dipped), we were playing in India for the last three years. If you look at the players who are batting at number three, four or five their average has come down because of the wickets. Pujji-Virat and my (Pujara, Kohli) averages have come down," Rahane said.

"I don't think there were many mistakes; it's not every time that we are committing the mistakes. Sometimes the wickets are such, this is no excuse but everyone saw the kind of wickets we had in India," the middle-order batsman added.

The 34-year old Rahane has played 82 Tests for India in which 17 were played in the last three years. In the 2020-21 season his average was 29.23 in 14 innings (8 Test) while in 2021 it dipped further to 19 in nine innings (5 Test). In the 2021-22 season he averaged 21.87 in eight innings (4 Test). The only century that came from him was in the Australian tour in 2021 while two half centuries came in the past three years.

Out of 17 Test matches played since February 2021, five were played in India where the Indian team played England and New Zealand at home. Rahane scored only one half century in nine innings.

"As a batsman it is always challenging especially if you are batting as a middle-order. For openers it's easy. It's because of a hard ball but when a batsman gets out, we tend to think where did we do wrong."

Rahane's latest Ranji innings (204 against Hyderabad) came in 261 balls with 26 fours and three sixes as Mumbai declared on 651/6. Rahane wasn't the only one taking the honours with the bat. Sarfaraz Khan remained unbeaten on 126. Rahane said he didn't want to prove

anything. "I don't want to prove anything but one thing is sure, I will never give up." He said he wants to return to the style of

"I have scored whenever the team wanted to in crucial positions and we have won the games. Double ton is special, the way I was timing the ball. The way I wanted to, it has gone that way. I thought about my



Ajinkya Rahane slammed 204 against Hyderabad on Wednesday. Ganesh Shirsekar

"There was no mistake (in his style of batting that his average dipped), we were playing in India for the last three years. If you look at the players who are batting at number three, four or five their average has come down because of the wickets. Pujji-Virat and my (Pujara, Kohli) averages have come

#### **AJINKYA RAHANE**

old innings of under-19 and Ranji Trophy. I want to go as close to that."

Rahane said that he has been looking up his old diaries to see what notes he had made from those old innings to take cues.

batting he would play in his younger days. "I have a habit of making notes whenever I have scored or not, I'm going through that now," he adds. The Indian team currently seems to have moved on from Rahane and it will be interesting to track his progress.

Mumbai resumed at 457/3 and captain Rahane and Khan continued to grind the Hyderabad bowlers down. Rahane looked determined to cash in while Khan once again showed that he won't leave any stone unturned to get a place in the Indian side. The latter had returned to the Mumbai team after the India A tour to Bangladesh, where he didn't impress much.

However, Khan continued his dominance in domestic cricket. He resumed on 40 and added 196 runs for the fourth wicket with Rahane. Hyderabad had a tough day with the bat too. Chasing a mammoth first innings total, they were reduced to 173/6 at stumps with left-arm spinner Shams Mulani taking five wickets. He bowled 17 consecutive overs and got some help from the surface. Hyderabad's Rohit Rayudu slammed 72 but with wickets falling at regular intervals, it was tough for him to change the direction in which the match was heading.

**Brief scores**: Day 2: Mumbai 651/6 decl. (Ajinkya Rahane 204, Sarfaraz Khan 126 not out) vs Hyderabad 173/6 (Rohit Rayudu 72; Shams Mulani 5/76).

### Sudharsan follows up debut ton with 113

**VENKATA KRISHNA B** COIMBATORE, DECEMBER 21

TO SAY **BSai Sudharsan** is an extrovert would be a massive understatement. During his first Indian Premier League (IPL) season with

Gujarat Titans this year, the southpaw, who had not even turned 21 then, didn't even hesitate before walking into the hotel room of other illustrious names because he doesn't like being alone or in the same company for long.

It is the case with the Tamil Nadu team as well, especially this season, where the bio-bubble restrictions have been lifted and players have gone back to sharing hotel rooms. In a Tamil Nadu side that is filled with youngsters, he is already a popular boy, earmarked as a batsman who would carry the legacy of some big names to have donned the state cap. He is the latest left-hander who everyone is expecting to go the distance. After scoring a century (179) on debut against Hyderabad last week, he followed it up with 113 against Andhra in the second round of Ranji Trophy on Wednesday at Sri Ramakrishna Arts and Science College grounds. Tamil Nadu, after dismissing Andhra for 297 in the first session, ended Day at 273/4.

These hundreds have not really come as a surprise for anyone within the team setup. If anything, the only disappointment among a few players was he missed an opportunity to make it a daddy century. These expectations come with a reason. In the first Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) season he played in 2021, he scored 358 runs in eight innings, finishing the season as the second-highest rungetter which resulted in him playing five matches for Gujarat Titans. In the recently concluded Vijay Hazare Trophy where his fellow opener N Jagadeesan hogged all the limelight, he tallied 610 runs in eight innings. There has been considerable build-up to see how Sudharsan goes about his business in the Ranji Trophy, and if anything, he hasn't let anyone down as of now. "Actually, I've been craving for this,"

Sudharsan told The Indian Express. "Growing up in Chennai and listening to coaches and watching Test matches, this is a very special format. Last season I thought there would be an opportunity but since it was a short Ranji Trophy, I had to wait until this season. So more than the expectations, I was actually waiting for this moment, visualising it and practising for months," Sudharsan said. Visualisation and planning are two words

that Sudharsan uses often. When Gujarat

Titans bought him at the IPL auction,

Sudharsan joined the team with a belief that he

"Obviously I was excited, but I didn't go there thinking I won't play ahead of others. Even before the tournament started, I was preparing as if I'm going to play the game and I wasn't awestruck by anything. So when I got the chance, I was ready even to the extent that I know what Kagiso Rabada would bowl,' Sudharsan said. In one of the team meetings, Sudharasan

would get an opportunity. There is a very thin

line between overconfidence and confidence

and Sudharsan looks more a part of the latter.

remembers someone telling the players that Rabada often bowls full-tosses to left-handers to target the pads with one that swings in. Although it was not directed at Sudharsan, he remembered it when he took guard against Rabada. "That is the visualisation I'm talking about. When he bowled, I was ready and I just hit it for a boundary on the leg-side." The visualisation and planning became a

part of his routine after he was dropped from Tamil Nadu under-19 team in the 2019/20 season, one which saw him ultimately miss the bus for the under-19 World Cup in South Africa. In fact, TN had only benched him so that

other players would get an opportunity. But Sudharsan was having none of it. "I was not angry. Maybe they thought they should see how another player performs. They told me it is rotation, but I took it as a drop. That is when I became extremely meticulous with my planning- from diet to writing daily on what needs to be done and what I did on a particular day. If I'm part of the team, I should be in the XI, and helping my team win."

Sudharsan's father Bharadwaj represented India at the SAFF Games and his mother Usha was a national volleyball player, and they also happen to be his trainers. While many young players tend to go over awed by the situation and walking into star-studded dressing rooms, Sudharsan comes across quite different. In fact, some of Tamil Nadu's senior players privately reveal how the 21-year-old felt confident that he belongs to this level from the time he walked into the dressing room last season.

"I don't know where I got that confidence or that attitude from, but I know when I'm ready. To be honest, my first IPL net session gave me huge confidence and that sort of took any apprehensions I had over my own game. adapted very quickly to the pace that some of them bowled. When I played my first IPL game, it was the first time I'd played in front of a packed stadium and I wanted to enjoy and experience it rather than think about the pressure," Sudharsan said. On Wednesday, Sudharsan was on his usual elements, fully in control of what he did. Setting the ball rolling with a 65-run stand for the opening wicket with Jagadeesan he stitched 163-run partnership for the second wicket with Baba Aparajith (88) as the hosts ended Day 2 at 273/4.

Brief Score: AP 297 vs TN 271/4 (Sai Sudharsan 113, B Aparjith 88)

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

'weather'. The best way in

which you can help yourself is

to disengage from whatever

bothering you and take the

remember that other people

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

you must maintain a sense of

questions of cash. You are better

moment, in the sense that they

will be more dependent on you

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Everything seems to

hinge around your

need for status and

prestige. The

consistent and long-term effort,

whereas now you do seem to be

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problem is that such things

have to be earned through

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than you on them.

Warning signals

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your solar chart, so

source of controversy is

long-term view. Also,

might just be right.

BY PETER VIDAL

Planetary conditions

indicating upsets in your psychological

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#### CROSSWORD 4931



#### **ACROSS**

- 1 In such agreement cash too is
- involved (7) 4 Kind of ribbon used for

decoration (5)

it(4) 8 Its population was literally

7 Tom is pleased by the sound of

- very small (8) 10 Used to complete minute
- revolution (6.4) 12 Tied up and whipped
- 13 All the difference between life
- and death? (6) 15 In charge at the zoo he's not
- the man to panic (4,6)18 Doing nothing but fighting?
- 19 Illustrate one way to get lots
- 20 Blush when attacked

new trade (7)

- 21 One should be in entering a
- 14 Expert takes different road to it

Outstanding features of space

2 The opposite of soft currency?

4 Stayed well away from work

6 Tear all to pieces sideways

9 Though concerned, possibly

11 Young female accompanist

12 Falling behind in providing

winter insulation?

resented it (10)

Only a fool gives information

(4,4)

3 Trifling affront

- 16 Had an argument but we stick
- out(5)
- 17 Just a trade show (4)

Solutions Crossword 4930: Across: 1 Grand finale, 9 Risotto, 10 Usurp, 11 Garb, 12 Caboodle, 14 Darken, 16 Mirror, 18 Informed, 19 Ruin, 22 Trade, 23 Iterate, 24 Index finger. Down: 2 Riser, 3 Nuts, 4 Floral, 5 Neurotic, 6 Launder, 7 Drug addicts, 8 Appearances, 13 Reprieve, 15 Refrain, 17 Relief, 20 Usage, 21 Keen.

#### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis





BUT WHO WOULD



#### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson









#### **GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)** Increasingly, this is a time for a spot of raw ambition. What do

back position.

**DAY TODAY** 

**ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** 

There are some

powerful planetary indicators, most of

You may be tempted

to try your luck, but

the fact is that

gamblers usually

wonderfully

which favour Arien qualities, these being a mixture of good

humour with self-interest.

Suddenly the whole world

friendly place, in a strange

and unpredictable sort of

**TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)** 

lose. This is why the same

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you are determined to go

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to take a risk, also urge you to

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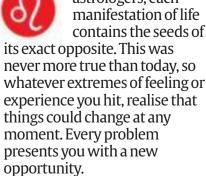
you really want do to? Who do you really want to be with? Once you have this little lot figured out you can begin to make your dreams come true. You might even emerge much wiser, if a little bruised.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)



that they are uncaring. Rather, you should realise that they may be suffering from the weight of their own emotional burdens, and unable to pay full attention to yours. LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

#### According to astrologers, each



#### **VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)** Today's most

interesting planetary aspect could have an influence that far outweighs anything that happens this week, propelling you into fighting for your beliefs and principles. Do not shirk your duty, but stand up for what you know to be right.

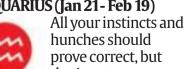
#### in danger of risking a few short cuts. If you leave out the difficult bits, then it's unlikely

easy bits.



#### elements in your daily life. AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

developing adventurous



prove correct, but that's not a great deal of use if other people refuse to listen or take any notice. In social engagements, go for change and excitement: you could be attracted to people who like to take risks.

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) An unexpected turn of events may come



ahead with the very un-Piscean task of building up your reputation. People at work may be overstepping the mark. But what are you going to do about it? If you tell them what you think then you may not be

prepared for the consequences.

#### **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. Among my most prized possessions are \_\_that I have never \_\_\_. - Orson Scott Card (5,.,6)

**HERON GIIDNP AEOSS CDEIKW** 

Answer: Among my most prized possessions are words that I have never spoken. -SOLUTION: HONER, OASES, PIDGIN, WICKED

THE EARLY DAYS

**MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong

AND YOU KNOW HOW TO FEED ME

YOU KNOW HOW TO HOLD ME



IF YOU CAN SWITCH TO

#### 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 SUDOKU rows and in each of the

nine boxes.

**Difficulty Level** 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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"Everyone has (an) opinion but nobody can doubt that he's there as the greatest of all time."

PEP GUARDIOLA,

MANCHESTER CITY MANAGER ON MESSI

### 24 wickets, 1 broken arm, concussion tests: Karnail pitch deemed unfit

**PRATYUSH RAJ** 

NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 21

THE RANJI Trophy fixture between Railways and Punjab at New Delhi's Karnail Singh Stadium had to be suspended after the surface was deemed "dangerous and unfit for play" by the match officials. The game will restart on a fresh pitch on Thursday and will be a two-day game. As many as 17 wickets fell on Day 1, Punjab were bowled out for 162 before Railways were reduced to 77 for 7. On the second morning on Wednesday, Railways all-rounder Yuvraj Singh (56) scored the only half-century of the match and took the Railways total to 150. Yuvraj then bagged four wickets and left Punjab reeling at 18 for 4 at Lunch.

Out of the 24 wickets that fell in the four sessions, 20 were taken by pace bowlers. "I have never seen anything like that. It

was a green surface with visible cracks beneath it. Bowlers operating at 120-125 (kmph) were bowling like (Jasprit) Bumrah and (Mohammed) Shami. I was hit twice on the right thumb. Thankfully, there is no fracture," Punjab captain Mandeep Singh told *The Indian Express* after the match was called off.

The decision was taken after on-field umpires K Madanagopal and Rajeev Godara discussed the matter with match referee Youraj Singh. "During the lunch break, referee Youraj Singh called me and Karn (Sharma) and asked us if we want to continue playing. It was a mutual decision and then the match was called off. It will start afresh on Thursday and will be a two-day game," Mandeep said."I have seen the other pitch as well and have my doubts. Let's see what is in store for us."

It is not the first time Karnail Singh Stadium has come under the scanner. In 2011, BCCI put the venue on a watch list for producing poor pitches. A year later, it was

#### WHY A TWO-DAY GAME ON A FRESH PITCH?

**DURING THE** drinks break on Day 2, on-field umpires K Madanagopal and Rajeeev Ghodara in consultation with match referee Youraj Singh decided to suspend the Railways vs Punjab fixture after both the captains raised

flags about the safety of the pitch. By then 24 wickets had fallen with Railways's batsman Arindam Ghosh already suffering a fractured finger and several others hit on their body.

**ONCE BOTH** the captains felt it unsafe to carry on, the match officials were left with two options. 1) To check if the pitch could be repaired and continue on it. 2) To start the game fresh on a new pitch.

With the former not being possible, they have opted for a new pitch.

**HAD THE MATCH** continued on the used pitch, then Punjab would have resumed their second innings

> at 18/4. Since it is a new pitch, a fresh toss has to take place and the play can't be extended beyond the remaining two days. So on Thursday, the match will start fresh and all the rules applicable to a four-

day fixture will remain in place and it will have four innings. In case, the first innings is not completed at the end of Day 2, then both teams will get one point each. ENS

banned for two years from hosting games after a committee arrived at a conclusion that local curators had deliberately under-prepared the wicket to help Railways, forcing the team to shift their home base to Bhubaneswar, before their original home venue was reinstated in 2014. Railways all-rounder Yuvraj Singh, who

could have walked away with the player of the match award with his all-round performance if the match had continued, said: "I was hit twice on the helmet, six or seven times on the ribs and hands. Our senior batsman Arindam Ghosh has fractured his hand. It was an uneven surface." "We were in a great position. Ideally, they

should have resumed the match on a different pitch with the same scorecard," he added.

Punjab openers Prabhsimran Singh and Abhishek Sharma were hit twice on the helmet in the second innings. "The bounce was too unpredictable making the pitch very unsafe. I was hit on the grille twice. From the same spot, some balls were hitting us on the head while others were below knee height It was neither a green-top nor a rank turner. I have never seen a wicket like that in Ranji Trophy before," said Prabhsimran.

Punjab's Anmolpreet Singh, who was hit on the helmet and lost his wicket right after the mandatory concussion test, said: "It was more like a boxing match than a cricket game. Either you were getting hit on the body or it was taking your edge. I hurt my fingers in the first innings and was hit on the helmet in the second, and was out the very next ball."

A result may be unlikely in the game now and it will affect both teams' chances in the tournament. Puniab's first match had ended in a draw after bad light brought an early end to their contest against Chandigarh, while Railways had lost to Vidarbha by 194 runs.

# A thoroughbred for all courses

Time has come to give Shubman Gill, the best among the next generation of batsmen, a long run

**ABHISHEK PUROHIT** DECEMBER 21

INDIA'S ORIGINAL Test squad for the Bangladesh tour had only six specialist batsmen. In a clear indication of how highly he was being rated by the selectors and team management, Shubman Gill was the reserve opener, and was also being looked at as a middle-order option, thus ruling out the need to pick a seventh specialist batsman.

It is another matter he wouldn't have got a look-in if captain Rohit Sharma hadn't got injured, and then, would have likely had to sit out the Dhaka Test had Rohit recovered in time, despite scoring a maiden Test century in Chattogram.

But now that Rohit has been ruled out of the second and final Test starting on Thursday, it provides Gill another opportunity to keep pushing his case to eventually become a firstchoice option for India. That he will become so at some point, appears beyond doubt at this stage. When exactly he will become so, also depends on how the remaining careers of some of the incumbents play out.

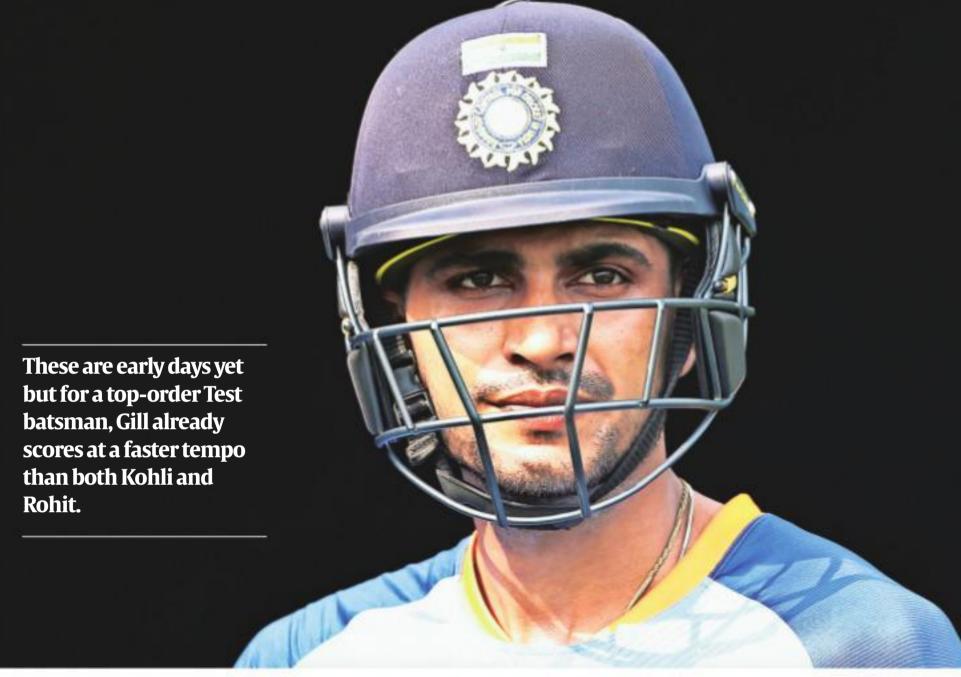
Given one or the other World Cup cycle always seems to be starting or ending, team transitions in the two white-ball formats tend to occupy the bulk of the attention, but India are gradually approaching a generational handing over of the baton in Tests too, especially in the batting department.

Rohit will be 36 in a few months, and has been spending considerable time in the injury ward in recent times. After the upcoming Australia home series, India's next major Test assignments will be a South Africa tour next December, immediately followed by a five-match visit by England in early 2024. Those are at least a year away, and the 2023 World Cup will be done by then. The 2019 World Cup ended the international career of one of India's all-time greats, MS Dhoni. Who knows how many farewells this one will bring? At any rate, whatever happens will likely impact the Test side too.

Meanwhile, Cheteshwar Pujara has made a successful comeback after being left out for the Sri Lanka home Tests earlier this year, but he will be on the wrong side of 35 from next month as well.

And while he may not be as injury-prone as Rohit, he is certainly no Virat Kohli either in terms of fitness, so any expectations of sustained longevity henceforth should perhaps be tempered.

Even among those with age on their side, Shreyas Iyer can't really be said to have firmly established himself in Tests. He's played only six games so far, and even on a lifeless surface on which Bangladesh's last innings stretched to 113.2 overs, Iver continued to have prob-



Shubman Gill has scored his maiden Test and One-day International hundreds this year. AP

lems with the short ball. A massive test awaits against the Australian bowling attack.

This team management has had limitless time for stand-in skipper KL Rahul, but his average of 36.77 as opener puts him way down at 45th out of the 61 openers who have played at least as many Test innings – 70 – as he has had. Gill has enough potential, and has arguably done enough so far in a short international career, to have been handed a sizeable rope, even if not one that is as last-

Someone who cracked that epic 91 in his debut Test series against the Australians in the historic chase at the Gabba was bound to get his share of chances sooner or later. Since his debut, Gill has been part of 12 of India's 21 Tests in that period, and it was his shin injury last year that took away some opportunities. He wasn't treated as well in ODIs, making his debut at the start of 2019, then getting his next chance at the end of 2020, and then getting ignored again until the West Indies tour in July this year. But how well has he grabbed this belated opening. Since his comeback, he has averaged 70.88 at a strike-rate of 102.57 in 12 ODIs.

Which is why the recent string of soft dismissals appeared uncharacteristic. Since his early years, Gill has been known to be the sort of batsman who will more often than not cash in when the opportunity is there to score big runs.

But twice in New Zealand, he flicked balls off his pads straight to fielders after getting starts in difficult conditions. Against South Africa at home earlier, he kept falling to incoming deliveries but that was due to his reluctance to get really forward, which is an unavoidable drawback of his backfoot-oriented game.

Even in the first innings in Chattogram, he had batted himself in for 40 deliveries be-

fore giving it away with a top-edged sweep. But he made amends in the second innings. Even if there is a Test hundred for the taking against a deflated opposition, it has to be actually taken by the batsman (as Sunil Gavaskar might say), and Gill did exactly that. It is a year in which he has got that maiden-hundred

monkey off his back in both ODIs and Tests. These are early days yet but for a top-order Test batsman, he already scores at a faster tempo than both Kohli and Rohit. And his perceived suitability to the middle order is further enhanced by the fact that he does not get tied down by spinners, and is instead often looking to unsettle them and score runs

by moving down the track. Against the seamers, he did take an initial step across in Chattogram but he would start on leg stump, thus still ending beside the line, which helped him combat the slowness of the surface, and maintain a wider range of scoring opportunities through the off side.

"There is something regal about him," former India head coach Ravi Shastri had said during the recent New Zealand tour. Gill has always given that feeling to watchers; it doesn't take more than a few deliveries to realise he's an extraordinary talent. Now, he's started forcing the decision-makers to give him a primetime slot. It can't be too far away.

2nd Test: Live on Sony network, 9 am

### What fuelled Gill: Not able to convert starts, shin injury, T20 WC snub

**PRATYUSH RAJ** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 21

AHEAD OF the Bangladesh tour, Shubman Gill made one promise to his childhood idol Gurkeerat Mann. He told Gurkeerat: "I will score my debut Test century on this tour, no matter where I am going bat."

The Punjab batsman made good his promise before texting Mann with an emoii of a hundred.,

It took Gill 12 Tests and 22 innings to achieve the landmark. Mann had taken him under his wing since the day the Gill family moved to Mohali from Fazilka. For nearly one and a half decades, Mann has been his mentor, elder brother, teammate and friend., Mann feels that the ODI century against

Zimbabwe earlier this year had taken the monkey off Gill's back but this Test century is more satisfying., "I will always tease him about that 91 at the Gabba. This time before going to Bangladesh, he was supremely confident of scoring a ton, and he did it," Mann told The Indian Express.

Mann, who has played three ODIs for India, explained how Gill remained focused during his lean phase.,

"He was a bit upset with the way he was getting out after scoring 30s and 40s. He knew that he was getting a longer rope just because of his immense talent.,

"It was his first lean patch. Right from his U-12 days, he was known for scoring big runs. Even during this phase, when he was not able to convert his starts, his work ethic never changed. He always trained hard, he's always hungry to do well," said Mann.,

A shin injury also played a part in Gill's drop in form. His father Lakhwinder Gill said, "It troubled him for several months.",

"It took some time to figure out what the injury was. After the World Test Championship final, he was out of the Test series against England. The injury recurred in December last year, during the home series against New Zealand. The shin injury troubled him for six months.".

Lakhwinder feels his son was never out of form or short of confidence.

"He was always scoring those 40s and 50s. But that century was not coming. Form was never an issue. A batsman is out of form if he is struggling to get into double digits.

He was always getting those starts." "He made his debut against the likes of, Pat, Cummins, , Mitchell, Starc, Josh, Hazlewood, Nathan, Lyon and did well against that attack. Confidence was never an issue. It was just a slight adjustment that

#### Rahul 'fine' after being hit on thumb

*New Delhi:* Stand-in Test skipper KL Rahul got hit on his thumb while taking throwdowns from batting coach Vikram Rathour but the batting coach said it was not serious and he "seemed fine". The India opener was seen applying ice-packs. "Doctors are looking after him, he seems to be fine," Rathour said. PTI

he did before the IPL season and is reaping the rewards," the proud father added.

What are the adjustments that Gill made in his game? Mann explains: "He has this immense self-belief and game awareness. He is also a very keen learner. He will observe Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma very closely, pick a shot that he doesn't have and will work on it."

"Before the IPL, he told him about how Kohli uses his feet against spinners, and his inside-out strokes against them. Ten minutes later, I saw him practising those shots in the nets."

#### Promise to score tons for runs

However, the T20 World Cup snub hit Gill very hard. He had played a crucial role in Gujarat Titans' victory in their inaugural IPL season, scoring 483 runs, but was still not given a chance in the shortest format.

"He was sad after that World Cup snub. But talents like Shubman try to find a way. His words were: 'I will score so much that they won't be able to drop me from the next world cups. From now onwards, I just want to perform in all formats and that is my only aim.' He is not someone who will shut himself down if runs are not coming. He continues to work hard."

Gill's strike rate in white-ball cricket was also made an issue. He was never known for his six-hitting prowess and has been given the role of an anchor by his IPL fran-

"Earlier, he would hardly play any aerial strokes and would hit down the ground, pick gaps, and run hard between wickets The new dimension he has added to his game is his six-hitting ability. And it has not come in a few days. I have seen him practising power-hitting right after his first IPL season. He used to hesitate while taking the aerial route, but now he smashes it with authority. That's the only change I have seen in his batting in recent times."

### Argentina parade cut short after chaotic scenes, players take helicopter

**ASSOCIATED PRESS BUENOS AIRES, DECEMBER 21** 

A PARADE to celebrate the Argentine World Cup champions was abruptly cut short as millions of people poured onto thoroughfares, highways and overpasses in a chaotic attempt to catch a glimpse of the national team that won one of the great World Cup finals of all time. So many jubilant, flag-waving fans swarmed the capital that the players had to abandon the open-air bus transporting them to Buenos Aires and board helicopters for a capital flyover that the government billed as an aerial parade.

"The world champions are flying over the whole route on helicopters because it was impossible to continue by land due to the explosion of people's happiness," Gabriela Cerruti, the spokesperson for President Alberto Fernández, wrote on social media.

After flying over key points of Buenos Aires where fans had gathered, the helicopters returned to the headquarters of the Argentine Football Association outside the capital. Some fans continued celebrating in the streets, while others headed out of

Buenos Aires with long faces, complaining they were unable to pay their respects to the team that brought home the country's first World Cup trophy since 1986. "We're angry because the government didn't organize this properly so we could all celebrate," said Diego Benavídez, 25, who had been waiting since early morning to see the team.

"They stole the World Cup from us." Others, however, took it in stride.

"I'm not disappointed, we lived the party," said Nicolás López, 33, who was in downtown Buenos Aires with his 7-year-old daughter. The parade was suspended shortly after two people jumped from a bridge onto the opentop bus carrying the players. One made it inside the bus, the other fell onto the pavement.

#### Football chief apologises

Football association head Claudio Tapia blamed law enforcement for the changeup of plans. "The same security organisms that were escorting us are not allowing us to move forward," Tapia wrote on social media.

"I apologize in the name of all the champion players." Toward nightfall, when most of the fans had already poured out of downtown Buenos Aires, there were isolated



Fans sit on the plaza of the Casa Rosada presidential palace, after waiting for hours for a homecoming parade of Lionel Messi's team. AP

clashes between a few stragglers and law enforcemen. At least eight people were injured, according to local media reports.

The incidents began when firefighters went to the Obelisk, the iconic Buenos Aires landmark that is the traditional site of cele-

brations, to evict a few people who had broken their way inside the monument.

The bus had been moving at a snail's pace for more than four hours through the throngs of humanity before the overland parade was cut short. Team Captain Lionel Messi and the

rest of the players waved at the massive crowd as they carried the World Cup trophy aloft after securing the country's third title. "This is madness, it's indescribable," said Brian Andreassi, 23, as he walked downtown wearing the team's jersey. "There are no words."

The World Cup and the success of the Messi-led squad brought much-needed good news for a country stuck for years in economic doldrums and suffering one of the world's highest inflation rates, with nearly 4-in-10 people living in poverty.

"There's an immense union among all Argentines — unity, happiness. It's as if you can breathe another air, there's another energy in the air," said Victoria Roldán. "My body and heart are about to burst." Carrying a World Cup replica, the 32-year-old and her 36-year-old sister, Mariana, were eager to catch a glimpse of the team and in particular its captain, Messi. "We're dying to see him," Roldán said.

"Seeing him with that immense smile, with those bright eyes filled with hope, it really fills our heart with joy and happiness... I think that Leo has deserved it for years, and this was his moment." The players were all smiles as they watched the multitudes hostling to get as close as possible to the bus. An estimated 4 million people were in the streets by Tuesday afternoon, according to local media citing police sources.

"I celebrate the way the people took to the streets to honor our squad," President Alberto Fernández wrote on social media after the parade was cut short.

Celebrating fans took over highways, avenues and the access routes into the capital as temperatures climbed to 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit). Thousands had set up camp since early Tuesday morning at the Obelisk.

The Argentine president declared a national holiday Tuesday so the country could celebrate the World Cup victory. The song "Muchachos," which was written by a fan and became a popular unofficial anthem for the Argentine team at the World Cup, filled the streets as fans joined in singing it over and over again.

Some fans also paid tribute to Argentine soccer legend Diego Maradona, the captain of the 1986 squad that won the World Cup and who died two years ago, with flags bearing his name and face. "This is for Diego, who's seeing it from heaven," fans chanted.

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