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INDIA'S LARGEST ENGLISH NEWSPAPER

British author Samantha Harvey wins the 2024 Booker prize for her ambitious work 'Orbital', which becomes the first novel set in space to win the 50,000-pound literary award, P 19

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In a meet with his **Saudi Arabia counterpart Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, EAM S Jaishankar underlines India's support for an early Gaza truce**, saying while India condemns acts of terror, it's deeply pained by continuing death of innocent civilians

Tilak Varma's maiden T20I hundred forms the fulcrum of India's narrow 11-run victory over South Africa in third match at Centurion. India now have a 2-1 lead in the four-game series, P 23

4 men molest new bride on train from city, thrash hubby

Four men allegedly molested a 22-year-old newly-wed woman on a Delhi-Aligarh train Tuesday midnight, **reports Mohammad Dilshad**. The woman, on way to her in-laws' house in Aligarh, alleged that instead of acting against the culprits, GRP personnel initially detained her husband. Relatives of the couple reached Aligarh station and staged a protest. Following the uproar, GRP released the husband and registered a case against the four. One of them, Jitu, was arrested.

Her ordeal began after the train departed Delhi. She said, "The goons started staring at me. When I objected, they tried to touch me and misbehaved. My husband was attacked. But others watched silently." P 6

4-yr-old molested on city school bus

A four-year-old girl was allegedly molested on a school bus in Anand Vihar while returning home Monday. A case under Pocso Act was filed against the driver, conductor and an attendant after school authorities filed a complaint with police Tuesday on being alerted by the girl's parents. Cops will record the statement of the child for further probe. P 6

CHANGE *Begins Here* | P13

SC bans 'bulldozer justice', calls it unconstitutional, drafts norms

'Errant Officers To Rebuild Properties At Their Own Cost'

Dhananjay Mahapatra & Amit Anand Choudhary

New Delhi: Imposing a pan-India ban on instant 'bulldozer justice', Supreme Court Wednesday said demolition of a citizen's house merely because he is an accused or a convict, that too without following the due process as prescribed by law, will be "totally unconstitutional". It laid down a lengthy process for razing illegal structures and ruled that a state can't breach a family's right to shelter by demolishing their house because a member is accused of a heinous crime.

A bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan, which had taken suo motu cognisance of demolition of houses and properties belonging to families of accused in many states, especially in UP, ordered strict compliance and warned of serious consequences for guilty officers.

"Violation of any of the direction of this court would lead to initiation of contempt proceedings in addition to prosecution of officers. (They) would be held responsible for restitution of the demolished property at his/their cost in addition to payment of damages," the bench said.

▶EDIT: Bulldazed no more?

▶Exec's abuse of power, P 16

'15-DAY RAZING NOTICE A MUST'

"The **executive can't become a judge** and decide that a person accused is guilty and, therefore, punish him by demolishing his properties. Such an act would be **transgressing executive's limits**

➤ When a particular structure is chosen...for demolition and the rest...aren't even touched, **mala fide may loom large**

➤ The chilling sight of a bulldozer demolishing a building...reminds one of a **lawless state of affairs, where 'might was right'**

➤ If demolition...is permitted...only on the ground that one person... is either an accused or convicted...it will amount to inflicting a **collective punishment on entire family**

—Supreme Court

SC GUIDELINES ON RAZING | No demolition of any illegal structure without 15-day prior notice to owner, both by registered post and pasting it on the outer walls of the property. Intimation of notice to be sent simultaneously to collector/ district magistrate concerned

DETAILED GUIDELINES P 16

Lives in pieces, court order comes too late for many

SC's order may have come a bit too late for many families in UP and MP, **reports Kanwardeep Singh**. On June 27, Bareilly administration razed a builder's 12-room bungalow over his alleged involvement in a gunfight. In July, the same authorities demolished 14 houses and arrested 58 people after a clash during Muharram processions led to a small riot. Houses of seven families in next door Moradabad were razed after a man was accused of orchestrating a dacoity and kidnapping. Across borders, in MP's Dindori, Haleem Khan has been moving from one rented accommodation to another for over two years. Khan's house was demolished after son Asif was booked for allegedly kidnapping a woman, who was in fact his lover. P16

Season's 1st fog, 'severe' punishment for Delhiites

'Episodic Event': CAQM Doesn't Impose Grap 3

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New Delhi: On a day of dubious firsts in the capital, the first fog spell of the season turned the city into a gas chamber on Wednesday, with air quality plummeting to 'severe' for the first time this winter while zero-visibility conditions triggered the first major disruption of air traffic since the last cold season.

The fog, which had been hanging over parts of Punjab and east Pakistan for the past few days, spread to large parts of north India early Wednesday and quickly mixed with local pollutants to morph into a grey cocktail of noxious substances across NCR. Delhi's average AQI soared to 418, the worst in the country. The city had last recorded a higher AQI on Jan 14 at 447.

However, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) called it an "episodic event" and decided not to impose stringent restrictive measures under stage III of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). It said AQI is likely to improve to 'very poor' by Friday due to strong winds.

Experts said pollutants were trapped over the region due to meteorological conditions such as dense fog, calm wind and low temperature.

With visibility dropping to zero at Palam from 8am to 9.30am, operations at IGIA were majorly affected, with 10 in-bound flights diverted to Jaipur and Lucknow, and delays in departure cascading into late afternoon.

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DIRTIEST AIR IN THE COUNTRY

Photo: Vinay Gupta

- **418** 1st **'severe'** air day this season, **highest AQI** in country on Wednesday
- **0** visibility at Palam from 8am to 9.30am
- **10** Delhi-bound flights diverted, over **100 delayed** at IGI
- **27.8°C** Max temp at Safdarjung, **lowest** of season & **5 degrees lower** than previous day
- **Orange** alert for **dense fog** on Thursday by IMD

Delhi-Gurgaon expressway at 7.30am Wednesday

Mom of 3 was brutally tortured before being set ablaze in Manipur: Autopsy

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Autopsy findings suggestive of "third-degree" torture using nails and burns inflicted while the victim was alive accentuated on Wednesday the horror of a 31-year-old mother of three being allegedly raped before being burned to death by armed intruders inside her village home in Manipur's Jiribam on Nov 7, leading to a sequence of other violent happenings in the district since.

The autopsy at Silchar Medical College in neighbouring Assam couldn't ascertain if the woman, a tribal resident of the Zairawn village, was sexually assaulted before being killed as her charred body ruled out any chance of doctors collecting a vaginal smear.

The FIR registered at Jiribam quotes her husband as saying she was raped before being "brutally killed" in "our residence". The perpetrators, who plundered and set 17 homes ablaze in Zairawn that night, are suspected to be members of a valley-based outfit.

▶ Unrest spills over to Assam and Mizoram, P 9

▶Body 99% burnt, P 24

Centre rushes 2.5k CAPF personnel

MHA has despatched 2,500-odd additional central paramilitary personnel to Manipur, most of them for deployment in restive Jiribam. The state now has a total of 29,000 CAPF personnel. P9

IN THE COURTS

➤ **Himachal high court annuls appointment of six Cong MLAs as chief parliamentary secretaries by CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu govt** prior to state's cabinet expansion on Jan 8, 2023 | P 16

➤ **One should not 'transgress boundaries of decency & law', Calcutta HC says**, adding width of freedom of expression neither gives anyone a 'licence to abuse' nor to make 'motivated insinuations that can create violence in society' | P 16

➤ **Chhattisgarh HC quashes all 3 FIRs filed against 1994-batch IPS officer G P Singh** in connection with sedition, extortion and disproportionate assets charges | P 16

Chennai govt hosp doc stabbed by patient's son

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Chennai: The head of the oncology department at state-run Kalaignar Centenary Super-Specialty Hospital was stabbed multiple times Wednesday in his consultation room by a man allegedly dissatisfied with the treatment his mother was receiving.

Dr Balaji Jaganathan suffered serious wounds to his scalp, head, neck, back and ear. He was rushed into emergency surgery. "His condition is stable. He will be monitored in ICU by a team of doctors," said hospital director Dr L Parthasarathy.

The attack triggered protests by doctors and paramedics at the hospital and other medical facilities. The Service Doctors and Post Graduates Association demanded swift action against the attacker, and called for stronger security and a central law to protect medical staff from violence. A flash strike hit services, except for emergencies.

▶Attacker caught, P 24

Sensex down 10% since Sept 27, $0.5 trillion lost

The recent market crash that started in Oct has left Indian investors poorer by more than half a trillion dollars. With the sensex now down nearly 10% from its all-time high in late Sept, BSE's m-cap has dipped by Rs 48.5 lakh crore (or $620 billion) to Rs 429.5 lakh crore now, official data showed. On Sept 27, BSE's m-cap was at an all-time peak at Rs 478 lakh crore. On Wed, the sensex lost 984 points or 1.3% to close at 77,691 points. P 21

Smog worsens health, hospitals report increased admissions | 4

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TEMP ON WEDNESDAY
27.8° MAXIMUM | 17° MINIMUM

FORECAST Dense fog likely. Max & min temperatures on Thursday would be around 29°C and 16°C

MOONSET 5.53AM (FRI) MOONRISE 4.11PM (THU)
SUNSET 5.28PM (THU) SUNRISE 6.44AM (FRI)

418
DELHI AQI ON WEDNESDAY (SEVERE CATEGORY)

Nursery admissions for 2025-26 open Nov 28 | 7

City celebrates 1st Dilli Deepotsav by lighting 3.5 lakh diyas | 8

City In Greyscale: Season's First Fog, 'Severe' Air Day

AQI Of 418 Highest In Country Even As Daytime Temperature Drops By 5°C

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New Delhi: A thick layer of greyish haze enveloped the city on Wednesday as Delhi recorded the first 'severe' day of the season. According to the Central Pollution Control Board's bulletin released at 4pm, the Air Quality Index (AQI) soared to 418 -- the highest AQI in the country.

Delhi had last recorded a higher AQI on Jan 14, at 447.

The season also saw its first very dense fog, with visibility dropping to zero at Palam from 8am to 9.30am. The lowest visibility at Safdarjung, the city's base station, was recorded at 200 metres at 7am.

As visibility remained low throughout the day and the sun hardly made an appearance, the maximum temperature dipped to the season's lowest -- 27.8 degrees Celsius -- five degrees lower than the previous day. The minimum temperature was recorded at 17 degrees Celsius, three degrees above normal.

The AQI rose rapidly from 334 on Tuesday at 4pm to 366 at 9am on Wednesday and further to 451 at 8pm. However, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) called it an "episodic event" and decided not to impose stringent restrictive measures under stage III of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

According to experts, meteorological conditions, including dense fog, calm wind and low temperature, caused the trapping of pollutants. CPCB's data shows most of the city's stations reported air quality in the 'severe' category.

"Persistent fog means there is no movement of air, leading to calm wind conditions. The focus should be on reducing pollution at the source level," said Dipankar Saha, former head of CPCB's air laboratory.

Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment, said, "Calm and cold weather conditions are deepening now. With reduced natural ventilation, pollution build-up will be intense. There has to be effective enforcement to prevent worsening of the situation. But that needs to happen at scale. The solution will come from sustained and longer-term action."

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), dense fog with visibility below 200 metres was witnessed at Palam from 6am to 10am. The visibility improved to 900 metres around 2pm, and remained at 1,100 metres till 7pm. However, at Safdarjung, the visibility was recorded up to 400 metres till 9.30am and improved further to 500 metres at 12.30pm.

Fog is defined when the visibility is below 1,000 metres and there is high humidity of above 75%. However, smog is the merging of fog with smoke and other pollutants.

"Delhi recorded high humidity of 85-100% till 11.30am. During the noon, smog conditions were recorded as the humidity level reduced and visibility improved," said a Met official.

The contribution of stubble burning in Delhi's PM2.5 was 17.85% on Tuesday, according to the Decision Support System.

In the last winter season, the first dense fog was observed on Dec 2, 2023, when the visibility reduced to 100 metres from 6.30am to 9.30am at Palam, according to IMD's data. However, the main spell of dense fog lasting for many days began on Dec 24 night in 2023.

"This year, Pakistan's Punjab side has been recording dense fog since Dec 9. It was also observed in Amritsar. The formation of dense fog slowly started spreading to other parts, as it was seen in Punjab and Haryana on Nov 11. On Wednesday, it was formed in Delhi and parts of west UP," said R K Jenamani, senior scientist, IMD.

The Met department has issued an 'orange' alert for very dense to dense fog for Thursday. The minimum temperature is likely to dip to 14 degrees Celsius by Nov 19 while the maximum temperature is predicted to hover around 28-29 degrees Celsius over the next seven days.

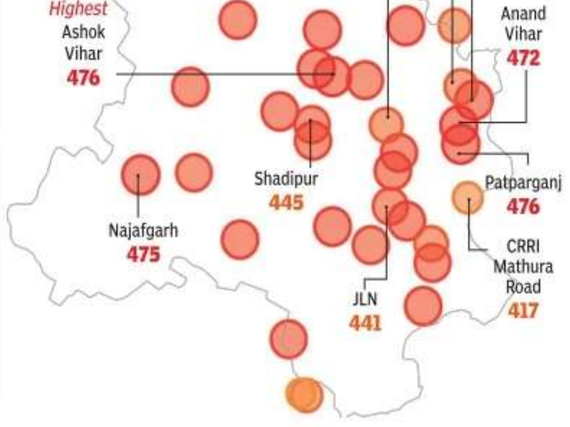
CAQM, which reviewed the air quality, said it was informed by IMD/IITM during the meeting that an unprecedented extremely dense fog was reported over Delhi and adjoining regions, resulting in the city's overall AQI moving to the 'severe' category.

"It was noted this steep rise in AQI of Delhi (was) owing to this episodic event, since morning. However, owing to stronger winds, the pollutant concentration and, thereby, the AQI, is expected to start showing a declining trend tomorrow (Thursday) onwards and the AQI is likely to move back to the 'very poor' category the next day," CAQM wrote on X on Wednesday.

The commission said it is keeping a close watch on the air quality situation before invoking the stringent or restrictive measures under stage III of GRAP. CAQM will again review the air quality on Thursday.

DIFFICULT TO BREATHE — AND SEE

- Delhi records **highest AQI in the country** on Wednesday at 418
- The city witnessed a higher AQI than this on Jan 14 at 447
- Delhi's AQI has remained in 'very poor' category for 14 consecutive days
- This was also the season's first very dense fog day
- **The visibility was zero at Palam from 8 am to 9.30 am**
- Lowest visibility at Safdarjung was 200 metres at 7 am
- The contribution of stubble burning in Delhi's PM2.5 on Tuesday was 17.9%
- Calm and light winds, low temperature and dense fog caused trapping of pollutants
- CAQM not to impose GRAP stage-III measures



PROMINENT POLLUTANTS

Pollutant	Min	Avg	Max
PM10	405	467	500
PM2.5	351	467	500
CO	108	114	123
NO2	83	108	128
NH3	11	13	16
SO2	6	13	17
OZONE	5	19	34

24-hour average PM2.5 in Delhi-NCR at 4 pm
278.4 micrograms per cubic metre

Daily national ambient air quality standard for PM2.5
60 µg/m³

WHO's daily safe limit for PM2.5
15 µg/m³

24-hour average PM10 in Delhi-NCR at 4 pm
419.6 µg/m³

Daily national ambient air quality standard for PM10
100 µg/m³

WHO's daily safe limit for PM10
45 µg/m³

BJP targets govt on pollution, AAP says don't play politics

Anindya Chattopadhyay

CAQM called it an 'episodic event' and decided not to impose measures under GRAP Stage-III

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP on Wednesday demanded that Delhi govt order the closure of all schools up to Class V in view of the worsening air pollution situation. It criticised AAP over the issue, claiming the city had become a gas chamber. This prompted a strong response from AAP, which accused BJP of playing poltiics over the issue.

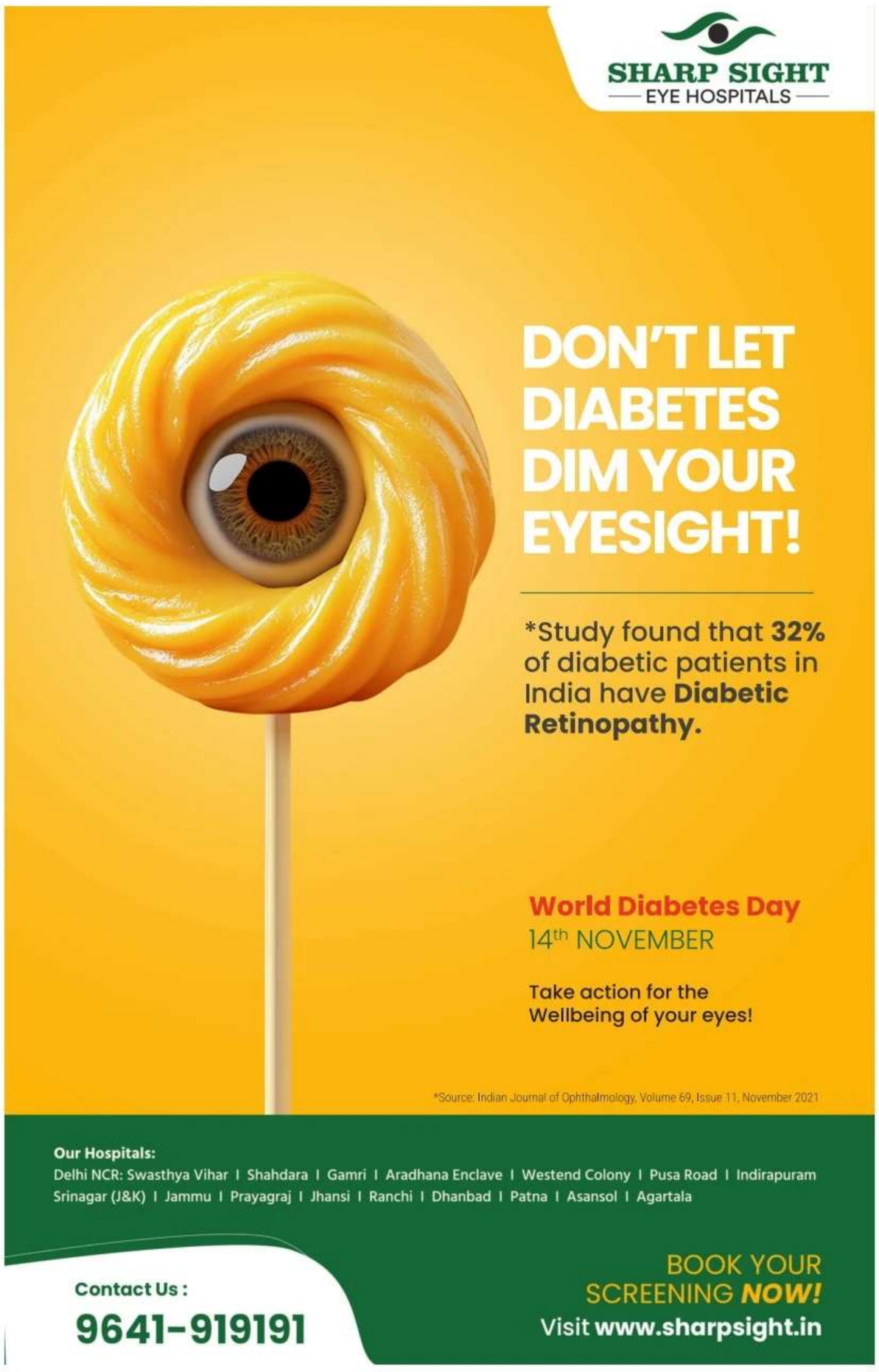
Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva alleged that AAP govt had "completely failed" to control pollution in the city, adding that PM 2.5 levels had crossed 400 and PM10 levels were past the 1,000 mark. "Delhi has become a gas chamber where everyone is coughing and complaining of trouble in breathing," he said.

Children and the elderly were the biggest victims of bad air, he said, and alleged that there were no govt clinics offering medication to counter the harmful effects of pollution. Immediate arrangements must be made to distribute medicines to protect people against pollution, Sachdeva demanded. He said the capital was also at a greater risk of water and mosquito-borne illnesses.

He claimed that in a 4-5 km radius around each of Delhi's three landfill sites, the air became doubly toxic, and a report on the Okhla landfill indicated the presence of cancer-causing particles in the air. "Whether it's smoke from crop burning in Punjab, dust from broken roads, or construction sites running in violation of restrictions, all these factors have turned life in Delhi into a nightmare," he alleged. Sachdeva said data from MCD indicated that cases of chikungunya and malaria were spreading twice as fast this year compared with 2023. Sachdeva said it would not be an exaggeration to say that Delhi govt's healthcare model had failed, and under Atishi's leadership, the pollution-control efforts were even worse than those under Arvind Kejriwal's previous administration.

Responding to the allegations, AAP said: "BJP should avoid creating unnecessary panic." It alleged that the BJP-led central govt had approved the expansion of the Okhla landfill site in Jan 2023. "The matter is pending in court. Permission for expansion can only be granted if all the required norms under Environment Protection Act are fully met. If the landfill site is hazardous, as claimed, why did BJP's ministry of environment grant permission for its expansion," said the party.

Delhi govt was the only administration in the country that had been consistently fighting war against pollution head-on and would continue to do so, it claimed. "BJP should stop playing dirty politics over it," it added.



Fog Swallows IGI, 10 Flights Diverted, Over 100 Delayed

Cascading Effect Continues Through The Day Even After Gloom Lifts

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A very dense fog over IGI Airport on Wednesday forced 10 Delhi-bound flights to divert to Jaipur and Lucknow. Over 100 flights were delayed in a cascading effect of slow take-offs and landings.

The flights that are not CAT III compliant are impacted, so airlines are informing passengers via phone, email and social media about the delays.According to India Meteorological Department, the dense fog blanketed the airport from 6am to 10am. Visibility was less than 200 metres at this time, and for one hour it even reduced to zero.

Met officials said CAT III procedures were initiated at IGI Airport as runway visibility ranged from 125 metres to 500 metres.

Delhi airport wrote on X, "While landing and takeoffs continue at Delhi Airport, flights that are not CAT III compliant may get affected. Passengers are requested to contact the airlines concerned for updated flight information. Any inconvenience caused is deeply regretted."

Of the total flight diversions, nine were sent to Jaipur and one to Lucknow.

However, even after visibility improved during the daytime, the cascading effect of the delays continued. Harsh Singh, a passenger, said: "My flight to Lucknow was scheduled to take off at 12.20pm on Wednesday. However, it left the national capital after a delay of an hour."

Officials said the airport initiates low visibility procedures (LVP) — measures aimed at making landings easier when visibility dips below 800 metres. During this period, CAT-I procedures, which are a basic set of precautions, are initiated for visibility above 550 metres. Those pilots who are CAT-II compliant are allowed to land when visibility is between 275-550 metres. However, CAT-III A and B pilots can land when visibility is below 275 metres and even at 50 metres. "The pilots who are trained in CAT III procedures can make an aircraft land with a minimum visibility of 50 metres. An aircraft can take off with a visibility of 125 metres," an official said.

Wednesday was the first of the season when Delhi recorded dense fog. IMD has issued an orange alert for dense fog for Thursday too. "It may affect some airports, highways and railway routes. Ferry services are also to be affected." It warned of "difficult driving conditions with slower journey times" and "traffic collisions".

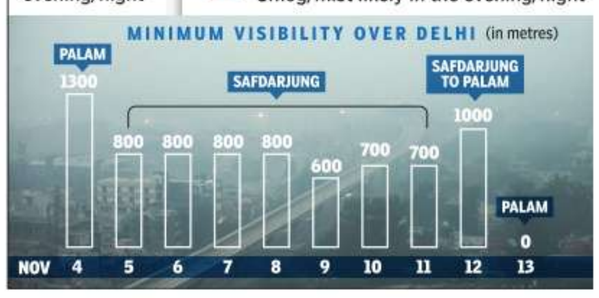
ORANGE ALERT FOR DENSE FOG TODAY

10 Delhi-bound flights diverted to Jaipur and Lucknow

Over 100 flights delayed

IMD has issued an **orange alert** for smog/dense to very dense fog on Thursday morning. Smog/mist/moderate fog likely in the evening/night

Yellow alert for moderate to dense fog at a few places on Friday morning. Smog/mist likely in the evening/night



LIFE IN A METRO: DIRTY AIR, DIRTIER RIVER

Delhi gets rid of Ghazipur landfill, just not the way it wanted...

Photo: Anindya Chattopadhyay

...Yamuna stinks, foams at mouth

Photo: Jatin Kumar

Prominent pollutants at Anand Vihar, closest Delhi monitoring station to Ghazipur landfill

	Avg	Min	Max
PM2.5	467	414	500
PM10	467	405	500
NO2	108	83	128
NH3	13	11	16
SO2	13	6	17
CO	114	110	123
Ozone	19	5	34

Late winter, early low visibility: DGCA may prepone its annual 'fog window'

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New Delhi: This is the ultimate irony. This delayed winter, airlines may be required to deploy aircraft that are equipped to land in low visibility, along with pilots trained to operate in those conditions, earlier than ever before for morning and night flights to Delhi.

DGCA's "traditional" fog window has been Dec 10 to Feb 10, when airlines are supposed to do so. However, with low visibility affecting flights so early in winter, possibly for the first time ever, that traditional window is likely to be preponed this year, say sources.

"The regulator is closely watching the situation. They are seeing whether the ongoing smog-induced low visibility trend continues in Delhi or is a one-off event. If low visibility continues, airlines will be asked to prepone deploying CAT-III equipped aircraft for flights to Delhi with pilots trained to land in dense fog. As of now, it seems likely that the window will be preponed," said a senior official.

Unlike last winter, when Delhi Airport could handle CAT IIIB on only one end of one of its runways, this time three of IGIA's four airstrips have the required instrument landing system up and running. "For the past few days, Delhi was seeing eastern winds, due to which landings were happening from the Dwarka side and takeoffs towards Vasant Vihar. Now Delhi is getting westerlies, which, along with other factors like a dip in temperature, increased humidity, pollutant levels, and still winds, led to low visibility on Wednesday. This, in turn, led to diversions for arrivals and delays for departures as early as Nov 13. Five ends of IGIA's three runways are CAT III-enabled, and airport & ATC-wise are ready," said a highly experienced air traffic controller.

While the runways are ready, this winter, the crunch at IGIA is on the terminal side, with T1 operating at barely 20% capacity and T3 handling more than its capacity, leading to long queues at all touchpoints — entry, check-in, security, and immigration — on peak travel days. For the past few days, domestic travel across India is at all-time highs, hovering close to the 5-lakh-in-a-day-passengers mark.

The pillar collapse at T1 happened almost six months back, on June 28. Its repair, allowing the terminal to be utilised fully, is yet to begin. DIAL has proposed to complete terminal 1 interior restoration by Jan and the external side by next March. However, Union aviation ministry is yet to decide the restoration work's timeline, so work has not even started. Unlike two-month-long summer breaks, peak winter holiday travel happens within a fortnight in the second fortnight of Dec. "Given the terminal situation at IGIA, we once again fear seeing the congestion witnessed here in the winter of 2022-23 this time," say officials across airlines.

Not procuring drones for pollution fight: Environment dept's RTI reply

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New Delhi: The Delhi environment department has said it is not procuring drones for pollution mitigation.

The department said this in a reply to an RTI query filed by a city environment activist. Delhi govt had earlier said in its winter action plan that it would use drones to monitor pollution in the hotspots. It later used drones for a pilot project on pollution.

Environment activist Amit Gupta had sought details on the procurement of drones. The activist also asked about details on drone deployment and the time period when these will be used, including details of procurement tenders. "An official has said that the department of environment is not purchasing drones for dust control," the reply dated Nov 12 said. Delhi govt, however, said that it is studying a drone-based pilot project and awaiting results.

"Currently at Wazirpur, under a pilot project, a drone is being used to monitor the pollution hotspot. We will take a decision after the report comes.... It was never said that the drones will be bought," a Delhi govt response said. Earlier in Sept, Delhi govt officials said that about 10 drones will be used to monitor the 13 hotspots.

Before that, Delhi govt on Sept 25 listed drone-based monitoring as the first point of its winter action plan. "For the first time, the environment department will use drones to monitor pollution at 13 hotspots in Delhi. Drones will identify the sources of pollution, and action will be taken accordingly," it said.

Recently, environment minister Gopal Rai inspected the pilot where a drone was being used to spray water at Anand Vihar to reduce dust.

Gupta said that though govt included drone monitoring in its plan, it was not yet ready to use them. "Delhi govt... seems to be unclear about what it wishes to do with the drones. At the peak of pollution, it is still at the pilot project level."

In a pilot project, govt is using drones to monitor pollution in Wazirpur

Ggn AQI turns 'very poor' for fourth time

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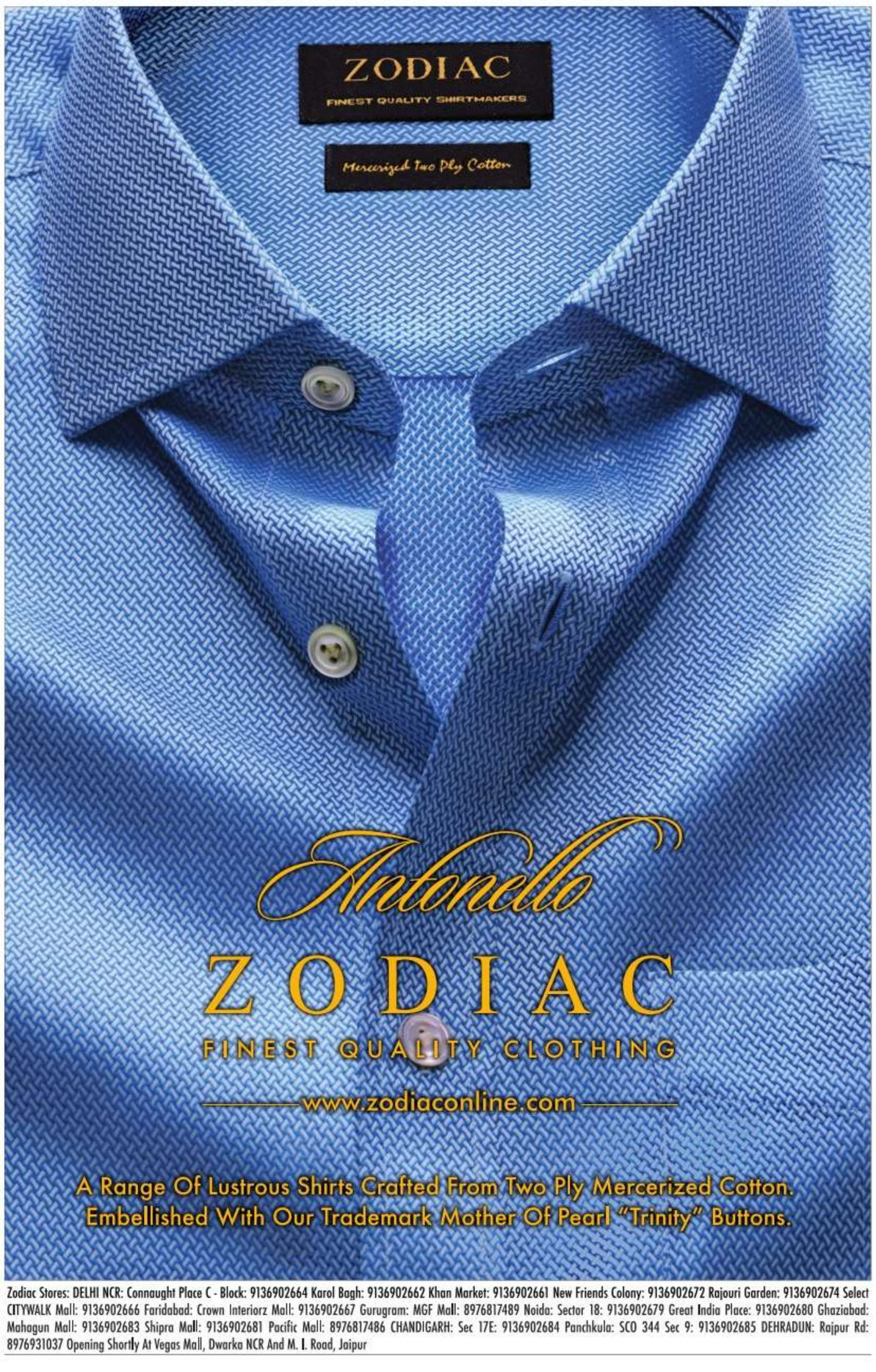
Gurgaon: The city's air quality index (AQI) on Wednesday, recorded at 321, plummeted to the 'very poor' category for the fourth time this season, up from Tuesday's 219.

The Sector 51 station registered the highest AQI at 368, followed by Gwal Pahari at 330, Vikas Sadan at 313, and Teri Gram at 267. Due to a low wind velocity, thick smog enveloped the city during morning hours. As temperatures decrease, the pollution level was likely to go up, experts warned.

The three 'very poor' category days the city had experienced earlier this season were on Nov 1, when the AQI descended to 309, Nov 4, when it reached 310 and on Nov 7, with the index reading 302.

"Meteorological conditions are likely to remain extremely unfavourable for effective dispersion of pollutants. The air quality is likely to be in 'very poor' category for the next six days," indicated forecasts by the Air Quality Early Warning System (AQEWS).



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His Excellency Dr. S. Jaishankar
External Affairs Minister Government of India

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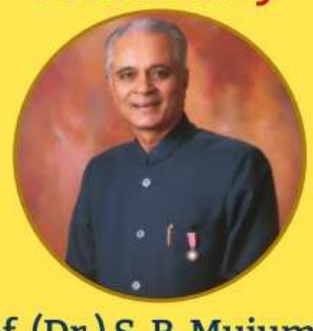

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As Delhi Starts To Feel The Chill, Respiratory Problems Fill The Air

Hospitals Report Significant Rise In Admissions With Smog-Related Disorders

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New Delhi: As winter approaches, there is an uptick in cases of respiratory disorders caused by smog in the city, with hospitals reporting a notable increase in OPD and admissions. Children, the elderly, pregnant women and those with pre-existing health conditions like asthma and COPD face greater risks due to their already compromised respiratory systems.

Smog is composed of several harmful pollutants, including fine particulate matter (PM2.5 and PM10), nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and ground-level ozone, all of which pose significant health risks.

According to Dr Ravi Shekhar Jha, director (pulmonology), Fortis Escorts, these atmospheric pollutants form a thick smog, particularly during the winter months, which is exacerbated by static weather conditions, resulting in dangerous air quality levels. The health implications are substantial, particularly affecting respiratory and cardiac functions. Common symptoms include coughing, aggravated asthma, COPD complications, increased cardiovascular risks, eye and throat irritation, and potential immune system suppression.

"There was a significant rise in hospital admissions, with over half of the cases being attributed to smog-related health disorders," said Dr Neetu Jain, senior consultant pulmonology, critical care and sleep medicine, PSRI Hospital.

Other hospitals are also experiencing an influx of patients, said Dr Amar Singhal, director, interventional, clinical and critical cardiology and electrophysiology, Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute.

"So far in Nov, our facility treated about 50 patients with respiratory and cardiovascular ailments primarily triggered by pollution, with five requiring hospitalisation. While two-three paediatric cases were recorded this month, the facility typically attends to two or three adult and elderly patients daily, indicating a two-fold increase in numbers compared to previous months," he said.

Dr Arvind Kumar, chairman, lung transplant, Medanta, said the number of cases is rising as winter sets in. "There are more cases of asthma attacks and respiratory infections," he said, adding that apart from the vulnerable groups, people whose work involves prolonged outdoor exposure or proximity to pollution sources, such as traffic cops and labourers, are at a higher risk.

According to Dr Rajesh Chawla, senior consultant, respiratory and critical care, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, the immediate impact of smog includes coughing, wheezing and breathing problems. These symptoms can worsen into serious respiratory infections or acute asthma episodes requiring urgent care.

Dr Arunesh Kumar, senior consultant, respiratory medicine, Paras Health, said sustained exposure to smog can result in heart-related illnesses and diminished lung capacity – it can even increase the likelihood of developing lung cancer in extreme cases. Experts said studies indicate PM2.5 can infiltrate deep into the lungs and even enter the bloodstream, causing systemic inflammation that affects multiple organ systems.

Dr Nitin Rathi, senior consultant, pulmonology, Dharamshila Narayana Hospital, said vulnerable groups require heightened protection during this period. For individuals in high-risk categories, particularly those with cardiovascular or respiratory conditions, he advised staying indoors.

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY!

Elderly individuals and young ones require additional protective measures when smog concentrations are high, as they are more susceptible to its effects

Staying indoors on days with poor air quality is essential, whilst maintaining proper ventilation in living spaces

Installing HEPA filtration systems in homes can significantly improve indoor air quality

Kids should use masks when venturing outdoors in polluted conditions

- Scheduling routine medical consultations helps track potential breathing problems that may develop due to smog exposure
- Those with asthma or other breathing disorders must consistently use prescribed inhalers
- Keep emergency medicines readily available
- Strenuous activities in contaminated air can aggravate health conditions

FOLLOW HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

- A balanced diet rich in nutrients and fruits, combined with adequate fluid intake, is essential
- Regular practice of pranayama and yoga exercises can enhance respiratory function
- Seek medical attention immediately if you experience symptoms such as wheezing, respiratory distress, elevated temperature or difficulty in lying flat
- High-risk individuals must receive their annual flu vaccination without fail
- For those aged 65 and above, pneumonia vaccination is strongly recommended

Photo: Jatin Kumar

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Are you Glycemic Happy?

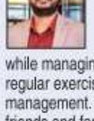
India has about 101 million patients with diabetes. A common burden associated with diabetes is 'Diabetes Distress' which is defined as an emotional response characterised by extreme apprehension, discomfort or dejection, due to perceived inability in coping with the challenges and demands of living with diabetes. In India, around 42% diabetes patients suffer from high distress levels. According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), psycho-social care should be provided to all people with diabetes. Therefore, glycemic happiness plays an important role in helping patients with diabetes to improve and manage their condition.

What is Glycemic Happiness?[5]
A concept that helps people living with diabetes lead a productive, fulfilling life, without being overwhelmed by diabetes. Glycemic happiness is defined as **"a state of emotional and biomedical wellbeing in persons with diabetes mellitus".**

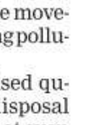
So, what might a new target for diabetes care look like?
Setting realistic benchmarks could include maintaining an **A1C level below 7.0%,** pre-prandial **glucose levels between 80-130 mg/dL,** and peak **postprandial glucose levels under 180 mg/dL.** In diabetes care, achieving optimal health goes beyond numbers; it's about reaching what we call 100% Glycemic Happiness.

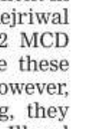
Important determinants of glycemic happiness in persons living with type 2 diabetes
- Good glycemic control
- A flexible and a convenient treatment regimen
- Level of diabetes education
- Current satisfaction with life

'Glycemic Happiness Scale' is a tool available to measure the Glycemic happiness of Diabetic patients. The scale includes 10 questions with scores assigned to their interpretation showcasing patients living with diabetes as unhappy, neutral or happy.

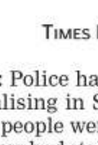

Dr. Rakesh kumar Prasad, Endocrinologist
Finding joy in the journey makes diabetes management more rewarding. Embrace the balance of joy and health. Live well & laugh often.

Dr. Arun Kumar Singh, Endocrinologist
How to support someone with diabetes?
Educate yourself: Learn about diabetes, its management, and potential complications. Try to not be judgmental and be comfortable providing the kind of help they want and listen to their grievances. Be an exercise partner. Offer mental and emotional support.


Dr. Himanshu Sharma, Endocrinologist
Is glycemic happiness important?
Glycemic happiness is important. It refers to overall well-being and happiness of a person with diabetes, which can significantly impact their ability to manage the condition effectively and maintain a healthier lifestyle.


Dr. Himika Chawla, Endocrinologist
Glycemic happiness means finding joy in balanced blood sugar levels and a life well-lived. It's about managing diabetes with positivity, healthy choices, and a smile, creating harmony between physical health and emotional well-being

Dr. Rajesh kumar, Diabetologist
Does Glycemic Happiness have an impact on overall quality of life?
Absolutely, it enhances overall quality of life. When someone with diabetes feels emotionally balanced, they're more likely to manage their condition effectively.


Dr. Rahul Chauda, Endocrinologist
How can one improve Glycemic Happiness?
Focus on small, practical steps that improve overall sense of well-being while managing blood sugar. Ensure healthy eating, regular exercise, Glucose monitoring and Stress management. Surround yourself with supportive friends and family, or a diabetes support group.

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AAP & BJP spar over sanitation woes

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP MLAs in Delhi Assembly met MCD commissioner Ashwani Kumar on Wednesday to discuss the collapsing sanitation system in Delhi after AAP came to power.

BJP leader of the opposition in the Assembly, Vijender Gupta, said: "Since AAP took over the corporation, Delhi's sanitation system has completely collapsed. Garbage piles are visible everywhere, stray animals are roaming on the roads, and road construction has stalled. Roads are not swept regularly, causing dust to accumulate on the streets, which spreads through vehicle movement, further increasing pollution in Delhi."

BJP legislators raised questions about waste disposal in east Delhi, noting that even after privatising the work, there was no improvement in cleanliness. "Arvind Kejriwal promised during 2022 MCD elections to eliminate these garbage mountains. However, instead of decreasing, they have only grown taller. Illegal encroachments on sidewalks cause traffic jams," the MLA told the commissioner.

AAP claimed BJP had repeatedly tried to disrupt MCD's work, whether by undemocratically holding the standing committee election or flouting the rules of MCD House. The party said BJP had only one motto — disrupt the work of AAP govt and defame it. "BJP has made every effort to deprive the people of basic facilities, even trying to block essential services by arresting Kejriwal on false charges. But Kejriwal is back and determined to get the work done for the people of Delhi... at record speed," the party said.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender Ref No. : WBIDC/IP/RBS/OM/2022
E-tender Id-2024_WBIDC_768571_1
WBIDCL invites e-tenders for Contractor for Security & Housekeeping Service at Rishi Bankim Shilpaudyan, Naihati. Details are available at www.wbtenders.gov.in ICA- T20290(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PW(R)D TENDER NOTICE
eNIT No. 15 of 2024-25 of EE/BHD-I/PW(R)Dte. for 02 (Two) Nos. Road Restoration / Repairing work at different roads under Barasat Highway Division No.I, inviting from bonafide bidders having credential for similar nature of work. Bid submission closing date (online) will be on 29/11/2024 upto 16.00 hrs. Tender id: 2024_WBPWD_768298_1/2. Other details may be seen from website https://wbtenders.gov.in & http://wbpwd.gov.in Sd/- EE/BHD-I/PW(R) Dte. ICA- T20318(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Murshidabad Highway Division No.- 1, invites online e-tender for the work of :- Name of Work: Planting of trees on Berhampore - Hariharpara - Amtala Road from 17.00 kmp. to 32.50 km. under Berhampore Highway Sub-Division of Murshidabad Highway Division No.I. during the year 2024-2025. (2nd Call) NIET NO 18 of 2024-2025 (SI NO 1) 2nd Call Tender ID: - 2024_SH_768202_1 Bid Submission start date (Online) :- 18.11.2024 after 11.00 am Bid Submission Closing date (Online) :- 02.12.2024 upto 1.00 pm Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIET and Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-Executive Engineer Murshidabad Highway Division No. I P.W. (Roads) Directorate. ICA- T20299(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
e-tender invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division. Onkarmal Jetia Road, Howrah – 711103. NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT-150 (3rd Call) of 2024-2025. Memo. 3071 Dt. 11.11.2024 Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_768146_1 Name of Work : Repairing and Renovation of Electrical Installation works at OPD, Office, IPD building at Bagnan RH, Howrah.RN 23002353,Project ID:-HF242518215S000. NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT- 151 (3rd Call) of 2024-2025. Memo. 3072 Dt. 11.11.2024 Tender ID : 2024_WBPWD_768254_1. Name of Work : Repair and Renovation of Electrical Installation works at Emergency ward, Cold chain room, Doctors & Staff Quartes and Hospital campus light in the premises of Bagnan RH,Howrah.RN 23002384,Project ID:-HF242518205000. Last Date of Bid submission : 06.12.2024 Intending bidder may download the Tender/Quotation documents from the website : www.pwd.wb.in Sd/- A. Das. Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division. Govt. of West Bengal ICA- T20307(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIQ
e-tender has been invited against NIĪ No. 04 (SI No 1 to 9) of 2024-25 by the Executive Engineer (A-M), Purulia (A-M) Division for the works of Supply & delivery of Misc1lenious Item Required For Maintanance of Different RLI Scheme under A.E.(A-M) Purulia-I (A-M) Sub-Division under the jurisdiction of Purulia (A-M) Division, Purulia under Non-Plan Maintenance work vide e-Tender Id: 2024_WRDD_768747_1, 2024_WRDD_768747_2, 2024_WRDD_ 768747_3, 2024_WRDD_768747_4, 2024_WRDD_768747_5, 2024_WRDD_768747_6, 2024_WRDD_768747_7, 2024_WRDD_768747_8 2024_WRDD_768747_9. And Last date & time of application is 27.11.2024 up to l8:00 Hrs. Other details may also be seen from the office notice board & in https:/ /wbtenders.gov.in website. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Purulia (A-M) Division Purulia
ICA- T20365(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 46 of 2024-25 Circulated vide Memo No. 3551/SMD Dt- 05.11.2024
On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invitee in W.B.F. No. 2911/W.B.F. No 2908 by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division P.H.E. Dte. [2024_PHED-766978_1 to 6]. Bid proposal submission end date 02.12.2024 upto 6:00 P.M. Other details information/download/ upload will be available form the website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T20341(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Bid reference no.- WBMSCL/NIT-656/2024, Dated-12/11/2024 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for **"SITC of water purifier (nos. 8) at different floor of Metiabruz SSH, South 24 Pargana on basis of Rattirer Sathi."** Last date of submission of bid (online) – 21.11.2024 upto 03:00 P.M. or As per available slot of W.B. tender portal after 21.11.2024 upto 3:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from **www.wbtenders.gov.in** on or after 11:00 A.M. on 14.11.2024. Details of the tender will also be available at **www.wbmsc.gov.in** Clarification requests, if any may be sent to **eecivil@wbmsc.gov.in** or **info@wbmsc.gov.in** Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL. ICA- T20289(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Notice Inviting Tender
On-line Tender is being invited by E.E., Birbhum Electrical Division, PWD, for - "Annual Maintenance (Preventive & Breakdown) Contract of complete Electrical Installation including Sub-Station & Annual, Preventive & routine on-site maintenance of the complete Fire Detection system by engaging suitable qualified manpower at Rampurhat Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Rampurhat, Birbhum Rampurhat Electrical Sub-Divisiopn, PWD. (for One Year). Tender No: BIRED/123/eNIQ (1st call) of 2024-25, Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_768423_1, Bid submission closing Date- 27.11.2024 up to 01.00 p.m. For more information Visit https://wbtender.gov.in Sd/- S.K. Mallick, Executive Engineer, PWD, Birbhum Electrical Division ICA- T20321(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, NWSD-I, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Reference No. WBPHED/09e/EE/NW SD-1 OF 2024-2025 and (ID-2024_PHED_765636_1 to 12) for Laying of pipeline & other allied work at different location under jurisdiction of NWSD-I, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website: **wbtenders.gov.in** & **wbphed.gov.in** Both Technical and financial bid submission start date is 29/10/2024 from 06:30 P.M. & Both Technical and Financial bid submission closing date is 27/11/2024 upto 01:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, NWSD-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T20339(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DIRECTORATE OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT
TRAN BHAWAN
87A, S.N. BANERJEE ROAD, KOLKATA-700 014
Memo No: 1142 -DDM/NIT/Tarpaulin/2024-25 Date: 12.11.2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Ref: WBDDM/DIRECTORATE/NIT-03/2024-25
The Directorate of Disaster Management invites tender price having **three years validity i.e. for 2025-26, 2026-27 & 2027-28 for supplying of LDPE/LLDPE Black Polyethylene Tarpaulins Stitched & reinforced by jute** for the Department of Disaster Management & Civil Defence, Govt. of West Bengal. Bidders with appropriate qualifications as specified in this document can bid for items: **1. LDPE/LLDPE Black Polyethylene Tarpaulin Stitched and Reinforced by Jute with coloured LOGO. 2. LDPE/LLDPE Black Polyethylene Tarpaulin Stitched and Reinforced by Jute without LOGO. 3. LDPE/LLDPE Black Polyethylene Tarpaulin sheets without stitching with coloured LOGO. 4. LDPE/LLDPE Black Polyethylene Tarpaulin sheets without stitching without LOGO.** Tender Details: Please visit Government e-Tendering portal **https://wbtenders.gov.in** Sd/- Tender inviting authority, Director of Disaster Management, West Bengal. ICA- T20288(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
On-line Tender is being invited by E.E, Birbhum Electrical Division, PWD, for – Annual Maintenance work related with E.I and Lighting System installed at various sites of Bolpur Electrical Sec-II under Birbhum Electrical Division, PWD, during the period for 365 days, including Holidays. Tender No: BIRED/119/e-NIQ (1st call) of 2024-25 Tender ID:-2024_WBPWD_768163_1, Bid submission closing Date- 27.11.2024 up to 01.00pm, For more information Visit https://wbtender.gov.in Sd/-S.K Mallick Executive Engineer, PWD Birbhum Electrical Division. ICA- T20303(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender Notice Reference No. (STM/DT/01/E-TENDER-69/052/2024 & Tender ID : 2024_HFW_768046_1 dated. 11.11.2024) is invited by the Medical Superintendent cum Vice Principal, School of Tropical Medicine, 108 C R Avenue, Kolkata- 700 073 for the Procurement of **Kits** for Virology Department at School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata. **Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: 25/11/2024 at 12:00 Noon.** For details please visit : **www.wbtenders.gov.in/ www.wbhealth.gov.in** Sd/- Medical Superintendent cum Vice Principal, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata. ICA- T20275(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer – I, Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PW Dte. invites eNIQ for "Annual Comprehensive Maintenance of Window, Split and Tower type Room Air-Conditioners of different capacity installed at different buildings of SSKM Hospital including BIN & IOP, Kolkata. under the jurisdiction of SSKM(H) Electrical Sub-Division, P.W. Dte. (For the period of one year)." vide Tender ID - 2024_WBPWD_768247_1. Last date of submissions – 29.11.2024 upto 12.00 Noon. All documents can be seen / obtained from the websites https://wbtenders.gov.in, https://wbpwd.gov.in/home.html and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer – I Kolkata South Health Electrical Division, PW Dte. ICA- T20313(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
Memo No.: HFW-41014(24)/107 2024-WBMSCL SEC-Dept. of H&FW-Part(1)/ 8451 Dated: 11/11/2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT-652/2024, Dated-11/11/2024
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for **"Urgent supply, Installation and AMC of Water Purifier at different floor of Serampore SSH, Hooghly (Under Rattirer Sathi)".** Last date of submission of bid (online) – 20.11.2024 up to 12:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from **www.wbmsc.gov.in** and **www.wbtenders.gov.in** on or after 14.11.2024 at 11.00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any, may be sent to **krishnajit76banerjee@gmail.com**
Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL & Special Commissioner, H&FWD, Govt. of West Bengal
ICA- T20284(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
Memo No.: HFW-41014(99)/277/ 2024-WBMSCL SEC-Dept. of H&FW-Part(1)/ 8449 Dated: 11/11/2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT-651/2024, Dated-11/11/2024
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for **"SITC and AMC of Water Purifier (13 nos) and Allied Work at different places of Basirhat SSH, Basirhat HD, North 24 Parganas on basis of Rattirer Sathi scheme"**. Last date of submission of bid (online) – 27.11.2024 up to 12:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from **www.wbmsc.gov.in** and **www.wbtenders.gov.in** on or after 14.11.2024 at 11.00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any, may be sent to **krishnajit76banerjee@gmail.com**
Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL & Special Commissioner, H&FWD, Govt. of West Bengal
ICA- T20286(3)/2024

CORRIGENDUM
AS PER DIRECTION OF HIGHER AUTHORITY, E-TENDER REGARDING 40-SEATER AIR-CONDITIONED SUPER FAST CATAMARIN CRUISE VESSEL ON HIRE BASIS IN CONNECTION WITH GANGA SAGAR MELA-2025 & PRE-VISIT OF GANGA SAGAR MELA (E-NIT NO. (QSF/NZ-02/05) VIDE MEMO NO.117/NZ/G.S.MELA-2025 DT. 03.10.2024 TENDER ID: 2024_DMSP_761567_1) HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO "INSUFFICIENT DOCUMENTS"
Sd/-
A.D.M (G)
South 24 Parganas & Mela Officer
Ganga Sagar Mela-2025
Memo No.: 3709(2)/DICO/S24Pgs, Dt. 13.11.2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-Tender Notice of DH&FWS, Purba Bardhaman
NIT- No. 08 of 2024-25 (2nd call), vide memo. CMOH/Stationary/2939, Dated: 06.11.2024 and e-Tender ID 2024_HFW_767567_1. e-Tender is hereby invited from intending bidders for the "Selection of Agency for Rate Contract for Supply of Contingency & Office stationery for the CMOH Office and all section of DH&FWS, Purba Bardhaman." Bid submission closing date: 22/11/2024 at 13.00 hrs. Other details may be seen from the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.purbabardhaman.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in and office notice board. Sd/- CMOH, Purba Bardhaman. ICA- T20269(3)/2024

PASCHIM BARDHAMAN ZILLA PARISHAD
Asansol
Corrigendum Notice
E Tender Notice No. e-NIT No.-39 of 2024-2025 Memo No.4677/ e-NIT/PSBZP dated 30.10.2024. Please visit to the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** for details. Intending contractors may also contact Engineering dept. of this office and office notice board.
Sd/-
Additional Executive Officer
Paschim Bardhaman Zilla Parishad

PASCHIM BARDHAMAN ZILLA PARISHAD
Asansol
Notice Inviting Tender
E Tender Notice No. e-NIT No. - 40 of 2024-2025 Memo No.4754/ e-NIT/PSBZP dated 12.11.2024. Please visit to the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** for details. Intending contractors may also contact Engineering dept. of this office and office notice board.
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
Memo No.: HFW-41014(99)/275/ 2024-WBMSCL SEC-Dept. of H&FW-Part(1)/8450 Dated: 11/11/2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT-653/2024, Dated-11/11/2024
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for **"SITC and AMC of Water Purifier (13 nos) and Allied Work at different places of B ongan SSH, North 24 Parganas on basis of Rattirer Sathi scheme"**. Last date of submission of bid (online) – 27.11.2024 up to 12:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from **www.wbmsc.gov.in** and **www.wbtenders.gov.in** on or after 14.11.2024 at 11.00 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to **krishnajit76banerjee@gmail.com**
Sd/- Managing Director, WBMSCL & Special Commissioner, H&FWD, Govt. of West Bengal
ICA- T20287(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No. 18/HDA/EC/2024-2025
Online (E-Tender) tender in a two bid system is hereby invited for "CONSTRUCTION OF LIFT WALL AT TRISROTA GUEST HOUSE AT GEONKHALI, MAHISHADAL BLOCK." Estimated Cost of work: Rs. 14,31,069/- (including GST and Labour Welfare Cess). Document downloading date: 15/11/24 to 29/11/24 up to 3:30 p.m. Starting date of bid submission: 21/11/24 at 10.00 a.m. Last date of online bid submission : 29/11/24 up to 4:00 p.m. Information in details is available in the office and in the website of HDA : www.hda.gov.in E-Tender can be submitted through: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, HDA. ICA-T20261(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
Tender Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/MD/ NIeT_38 of 2024-2025
Vide NIeT memo no. 5495/MD, Dt-25/10/2024
Tender ID-2024_PHED_764931_1
Last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid (online):- 20/11/2024 upto 5:00 P.M. Tender invited by the undersigned for different type works of different PWSS under Malda Division, P.H.E. Dte. **All details available in website: http://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malda Division, P.H.E. Dte., Govt. of West Bengal.** ICA- T20337(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIT
e-tender has been invited against NIT No. 07/2024-25 under Non-Plan by the Executive Engineer (A-I), Cooch Behar (A-I) Division for the work of Renovation of the main gate, construction of surface drain, supplying & laying of interlocking concrete block pavement (ICBP) under Cooch Behar (A-I) Division vide e-Tender Id: **2024_WRDD_768418**. Last date & time of Bid submission is **26.11.2024 up to 6.00 pm.** Other details may also be seen from the office notice board & in https://wbtenders.gov.in website. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-I)
Cooch Behar (A-I) Division
Cooch Behar
ICA- T20364(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI&DD. e-NIT
E-tender (e-NIT 13 / Jhargram / 2024-25 Tender ID no. **2024_WRDD_769136_1** Maximum Amount Rs. 560042.99 has been invited by the Executive Engineer (A-I) Jhargram (A-I) Division for Renovation of tilted and cracked boundary wallin the District Jhargram from Bonafide agency. Last date of submission is **22.11.2024 upto 10.00 AM.** Other details may also be seen from the website wbtenders.gov.in for details.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer(AI),
Jhargram(AI)Division
ICA- T20367(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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Yoga and Naturopathy Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Belur, Howrah
e-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender is hereby invited for providing selection of agency for supply of books for Library memo Y&N/274/2024 dated 05/11/2024. (Last date of application: 06/12/2024). Tender Starting Date: 16/11/2024. Visit at www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbhealth.gov.in Sd/- Principal Superintendent ICA-T20270(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice
Executive Engineer, Kolkata South-I Division, Housing Directorate, Inviting Sealed Tender for & on behalf of Governor of West Bengal, Ref: e-NIT-11 of 2024-25 of E.E.KS - I Div. Tender I.D. are 2024_HSD_768619_1_2. Last Date of submission 26/11/2024 Up to 02.00 P.M. For Details please visit wbtender.gov.in or contact in the Office of The Executive Engineer in any working day. Sd/-Executive Engineer, Kolkata South - I Division, Housing Directorate. ICA- T20294(3)/2024

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Tender Notice
Assistant Engineer, Kolkata South Sub-Division-I, Housing Directorate, Inviting e-Tender for & on behalf of Governor of West Bengal, Ref: e-NIQ-01 of 2024-25(2nd call) of A.E./KSSD-I, H.Dte. Tender I.D. 2024_HSD_768591_1. Last Date of submission 28.11.2024 Up to 1.00 P.M.For Details please visit wbtender.gov.in or contract in the Office of The Assistant Engineer in any working day. Sd/-Assistant Engineer, Kolkata South Sub-Division-I, Housing Directorate. ICA- T20292(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
IRRIGATION AND WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-NIT NO.-WBIW/EE/DHWD/ e-NIT-07(e)/2024-25
e-Tender is hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible bonafide contractors for 16 **(sixteen)** no. of works. **Last date & time of Bid submission is 21.11.2024 till 17:00 Hrs. IST (Sl. No. 01 to Sl. No. 15) & Last date & time of Bid submission is 28.11.2024 till 17:00 Hrs. IST (Sl. No. 16).** Details of Tender may be seen at **https://wbtenders.gov.in** or **https://wbiwd.gov.in** Sd/- Executive Engineer, Damodar Head Works Division. ICA-T20271(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WBPHED TENDER NOTICE
Tender ID: 2024_PHED_768127_1 NIET No. 04/SE/MC-I/WBPHED OF 2024-2025, Dated 11.11.2024
The Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle-I, P.H.E. Dte. Govt, of W.B., 81/2/7, Phears Lane, 3rd Floor, Kolkata-700012, Email: se_mcl@wbphed.gov.in, invites bids for **"Repairing & rectification of clear water pumps on urgent basis and allied works at Bally Jagacha Surface Water Based Water Supply Project under Electrical Division, P.H.E. Dte."** Last date of submission of bid (online): **09.12.2024 upto 2:00 p.m.** The tender document can be downloaded from **www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 09:00 a.m. on 12.11.2024.** The NIT will also visible at **www.wbphed.gov.in** Sd/- SE/MC-I/WBPHED. ICA- T20345(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Bid ref. no.- WBMSCL/NIT-654/2024, Dated-11/11/2024
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Comprehensive maintenance contract for 2 years of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), Water Treatment Plant (WTP), and RO Plant at Onda SSH and Chhatna SSH." Last date of submission of bid (online)-29/11/2024 upto 12:00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from **www.wbmsc.gov.in** and **www.wbtenders.gov.in** on or after 14/11/2024 at 11:30 A.M. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to **eewbmscl.krishnajit@gmail.com** Sd/- **General Manager, WBMSCL, Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.** ICA-T20281(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Office of the Executive Engineer
MAYURAKSHI SOUTH CANALS DIVISION
IRRIGATION & WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE
SANTINIKETAN, BIRBHUM - 731235
e-Tender Notice
e-Tender No. WBIW/EE/MSCD/NIT-08(e)/2024-25
e-Tender is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible contractors for 03(Three) nos. work under AE/NP. Last date & time of Bid submission is 02.12.2024 till 16.00 Hours IST. Details of Tender Notice may be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in or https://wbiwd.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mayurakshi South Canals Division ICA-T20268(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
Corrigendum Notice for Rectifying Re-E-Tender Closing date - 05.12.2024 in place of 05.11.2024. Re-E-Tender Notice Reference No. (STM/DT/01/Re-E-TENDER-68/051/2024 & Tender ID : 2024_HFW_767332_1 dated. 06.11.2024) is invited by the MSVP, School of Tropical Medicine, 108 C R Avenue, Kolkata- 700 073 for the Procurement of Kits for Microbiology. **Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: 05/12/2024 at 12:00 Noon.** For details please visit: **www.wbtenders.gov.in/www.wbhealth.gov.in** Sd/- Medical Superintendent cum Vice Principal, School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata. ICA-T20282(3)/2024

Three held as SUV gang dismantled, more arrests likely

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Police have dismantled a vehicle theft gang specialising in SUV theft and parts distribution. Three people were arrested, with police believing the group had stolen and dismantled more than 300 vehicles.Investigations uncovered that the suspects operated a scrapyard in Kaithal for dismantling stolen vehicles.

DCP (Crime Branch) Sanjay Sain said they received intelligence about criminals attempting to sell an SUV stolen from Adarsh Nagar in Mayur Vihar, leading to a surveillance operation.

"After some time, two people arrived in a car, and they were identified as Arif and Islamuddin, who are receivers for an auto-lifter named Sonu Chor. However, both became suspicious of the trap and drove away toward Meerut," the DCP said.

Following an 80km chase, police intercepted their vehicle on Upper Ganga Canal

LG's Nod To Redeployment Of CDVs

10k Volunteers To Benefit Until Feb-End

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New Delhi: Lieutenant governor V K Saxena on Wednesday approved the redeployment of civil defence volunteers (CDVs) for a four-month period, from Nov 1, 2024 till Feb 28, 2025, reversing the previous termination of their services.

About 10,000 CDVs working as marshals in public buses in Delhi were removed from their posts in Nov last year after objections were raised by the revenue and finance departments. The Directorate of Civil Defence had issued a circular stating it was contrary to rules that mandate their requirement for dealing with disaster management.

Lieutenant governor V K Saxena

A statement from Raj Niwas said that LG also urged Delhi govt to formulate a dedicated scheme for bus marshals separately, as outlined in his letter to chief minister on Oct 24 and reiterated on Nov 2. "The scheme, clearly defining roles of bus marshals, their rationale and service conditions, should be approved by the cabinet. Thereafter, immediate steps should be taken for the creation of posts and making budgetary provisions to bring the issue of bus marshals to a logical conclusion," LG said.

According to the statement, LG also directed Delhi govt to take immediate steps towards creating official posts and ensuring budgetary provisions, aiming to resolve the issue with a long-term structured plan.

Saxena had last year approved the proposal to terminate the deployment of CDVs as bus marshals and recommended that the then chief minister Arvind Kejriwal consider utilising these volunteers in the over 10,000 sanctioned posts of home guards, highlighting the need for a better-aligned use of their skills and services.

Raj Niwas said Saxena, in an official note, highlighted that former chief minister Kejriwal had recommended in Oct 2023 that the services of CDVs be terminated till a number is determined through a proper exercise.

"While responding to his note, I suggested that a core strength of CDVs be retained in the revenue department (i.e., districts and headquarters) for the purpose of disaster-related work, and also raised the issue of livelihood concerns of CDVs who come from a humble background and asked govt to give it serious attention," Raj Niwas quoted LG as saying. However, no proposal for deployment of CDVs was received till Sept 2024, it added.

"The services of these CDVs shall be utilised only for the purpose of prevention of air pollution in terms with the plan of DPCC and they should not be diverted to any other department for any other work. DPCC shall define a framework to deploy these CDVs at critical hotspots," it further said.

Govt: Had recommended reinstatement 2 days ago

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New Delhi: AAP govt on Wednesday said that the Delhi cabinet, in a unanimous decision on Monday itself, had formally recommended that lieutenant governor V K Saxena immediately reinstate the bus marshal system to maintain women's safety across the city's public transportation network.

Chief minister Atishi also placed an official note before LG, emphasising the urgency of the reinstatement. CM, along with the cabinet, stressed the scheme involving bus marshals falls within both 'services' and 'law & order' domains, which LG is authorised to oversee. Senior officials, including the additional chief secretary (ACS) for transport, reaffirmed in writing that the jurisdiction over bus marshal appointments lies exclusively with LG, reinforcing the need for his action.

Chief minister Atishi

"It has been made amply clear by ACS transport that the issue of bus marshals falls under the purview of LG. Till the formulation of a scheme, bus marshals should be reinstated immediately in the same way as it was before Oct 31, 2023," CM's note said.

She also placed before LG the deliberations of an all-ministers meeting held on the issue. "The issue of bus marshals and the safety of women in buses was deliberated extensively in an all-ministers' meeting held on Nov 10," she said, adding that the report of the deliberations has been placed both in English and Hindi before LG.

During their meeting, the ministers took note of the facts and suggested a way forward for LG. The Delhi cabinet highlighted that the reinstatement of bus marshals should proceed on an as-is, where-is basis, as previously practised, until the formulation of a structured policy.

The ministers took cognisance of the fact that it may take months or even years for a comprehensive policy to be framed at LG's end, but stressed that women's safety in buses cannot wait.

The cabinet said Delhi govt was prepared to provide all necessary budgetary support to ensure the programme's continuity. It also requested a one-time relaxation to allow the utilisation of civil defence volunteers as bus marshals, given their prior experience and familiarity with the role. This recommendation aims to streamline the immediate reinstatement process, ensuring that women commuters feel safe and secure on Delhi's buses, AAP govt said.

Up EWS income threshold for pvt schools to ₹5L: LG

Times News Network

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena has recommended to Delhi's AAP govt to raise the income limit for the admission of children from economically weaker sections (EWS) in private schools from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh, given the vacant seats and higher minimum wages, Raj Niwas said on Wednesday.

AAP claimed the proposal of DOE that the lieutenant governor has approved, was sent to him earlier in April 2024. He then returned the file without his approval. He could have given his same strong advice then but he did not do it. Now when faced with the contempt of the high court, he is pretending to show concern

Ideally, the income limit should be Rs 8 lakh since the students benefiting at the primary and secondary levels are the ones who pursue higher education, he said in a file related to a Delhi High Court matter concerning the income limit. The LG said his view was that the threshold limit for admissions to EWS seats in private schools should be in line with the threshold of Rs 8 lakh applicable in the case of EWS admissions in higher education institutions or at least Rs 5 lakh as indicated by the high court.

Under the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, 25 per cent of seats in private unaided schools are reserved for students belonging to the EWS category. Saxena noted that according to the minimum wages notified by Delhi govt, the annual income of skilled workers (Rs 21,917X12= Rs 2.63 lakh) is more than the proposed threshold limit of Rs 2.5 lakh. He cited that as per available data, on average, around 11 per cent of the reserved seats for the EWS category in private schools have remained vacant in Delhi for the last three academic sessions. "These unfilled seats clearly indicate policy failure on the part of Delhi govt by keeping the threshold limit of annual income unrealistic and with restricted coverage," he said. The threshold of Rs 1 lakh annual income for a "child belonging to weaker section" defined by Delhi govt does not precisely reflect the economic hardship faced by the families, he said.

Even Delhi High Court in its order on December 5, 2023, said that the threshold limit should change with the dynamism of the economic structure of society, he pointed out in his file noting. Keeping the threshold limit of admissions to schools "unrealistically low" as compared to the limit in higher education institutions not only deprives the vulnerable section of society but also violates the principle of equity in securing the benefits of the legislation, Saxena said.

"The chief minister is strongly advised to revisit the threshold limit for admission in private unaided recognised schools of Delhi in the interest of the larger vulnerable group of economically weaker sections of Delhi and raise the income limit to at least Rs 5 lakh," he said.

Saxena asked govt to put his stand in records of the court as it has initiated contempt proceedings in the matter.

AAP said: "The proposal of the Directorate of Education, GNCTD that the lieutenant governor has approved, was sent to him earlier in April 2024. He then returned the file without his approval. He could have given his same strong advice then but he did not do it. Now when faced with the contempt of the high court, he is pretending to show concern for children of EWS category."

Noida asks schools to form panels for sexual abuse cases

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Noida: Following two incidents of sexual assault in schools over the past two months, the Noida district magistrate has issued an advisory for all educational institutions to establish a 'Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse Committee' to look into any case that may be reported.

The advisory — issued earlier this month — makes it mandatory for school staff to be trained on provisions of the Pocso Act, child safety and protection. Officials said since school staff — especially teachers — interacted with students regularly, it was imperative to empower them to ensure such incidents were not repeated in the future. They should also be trained to detect any sign of stress in a child, the advisory said.

"The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights says all schools must have a committee where complaints of sexual abuse can be addressed. But, in the wake of a couple of incidents of sexual assault on campus, the administration has issued an advisory to remind schools about the importance of such a committee. This will help us prevent such incidents. And if something happens, unfortunately, it can be dealt with a heavy hand," said Manish Verma, the Noida DM.

Two students — aged three and six — were allegedly sexually assaulted on the campuses of two frontline English medium schools in Sept and Oct this year. In both cases, the teacher and principal were found to have withheld information initially and allowed the accused to escape.

KC Virmani, chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee, claimed that most schools in the city were not equipped to handle such cases.

"It's a great concern that cases of sexual abuse are increasing on campuses. School authorities should act decisively and quickly on complaints of abuse. But most of them are ill-equipped," he said.

"Schools should provide awareness to not just their students and staff, but parents too. They should be educated about their responsibilities in ensuring a safe learning environment for their kids and have a clarity on what constitutes child abuse," he added.

Headed by the principal, every committee should have in it teachers and representatives of the school management, a counsellor, parents, students, and some external members such as a child protection officer or an NGO official.

The committee will have to organise regular workshops for parents and children to raise awareness about provisions of the Pocso Act.

"Schools must have accessible, confidential channels for reporting abuse and responding promptly to any incident. They should work closely with law enforcement and child protection agencies. Every school must have posters with helpline numbers displayed on the premises," said Virmani.

Every staffer must undergo police verification and background checks, the advisory says. It also makes it mandatory for campuses to be covered by CCTV cameras, wherever possible.

"These steps aim at providing a secure and supportive environment and strengthening trust among students and parents," said Virmani.

According to Renu Singh, the district coordinator of CBSE, most frontline schools in the city have functional committees to look into complaints of sexual assault.

"Look, there is a CBSE guideline to have a committee to address sexual assault complaints. Schools are required to comply with these guidelines. At our school, we already have a committee," said Singh, who is also the principal of Amity International School.

Virmani said many schools had responded to the advisory, saying they were complying with it.

Market body tells vendors to display names, numbers

New Delhi: Street vendors at a vegetable market in Najafgarh have been told to display their names on carts by the market association, who said the move was directed at keeping away "illegal" Bangladeshi and Rohingya migrants from selling produce there.

The market association has directed the vendors to display their phone numbers on nameplates on carts, which will have a unique "thela number".

Local BJP councillor Amit Kharkhari said the move was for security. Kharkhari said the decision was taken unanimously by the market association and local people during a meeting at his office. "This is not being done to discriminate against anyone or any particular community. This is just for security. We have received complaints about unauthorised persons operating in the market. Keeping this in mind, the decision was made," he said.

Nazafgarh Vyapar Mandal president Santosh Rajput said: "We have asked all street vendors in the area to submit identity documents such as Aadhaar for verification."

This record will be maintained by the market association and submitted to the police as well as the MCD, he added.

The association said there were around 300 vendors in the market. There are plans to complete the verification by Nov 20, Rajput said. "If the names and phone numbers of vendors are displayed, any buyer with a grievance can report to us," he said. PTI

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Pneumonia, an infection commonly caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae bacteria, poses high risk to children under 5 years, adults over 65 years, and those with weakened immune systems. One out of six childhood deaths is caused due to pneumonia.

It spreads through droplets of an infected person coughing or sneezing, often leading to fever, chills, cough, breathing difficulty, and chest wall indrawing. Antibiotics are the primary treatment, though resistance is a concern.

Prevention is key, with vaccines like PCVs and PPSVs effectively lowering pneumococcal pneumonia risk. For children below the age of 2 years, PCVs (such as PCV10, PCV13, and PCV14) in India offer protection against multiple bacterial serotypes, enhancing immunity (10, 13, and 14 indicate protection against a number of bacterial serotypes).

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Police Swoop Down On Criminals

OPERATION KAVACH: Raids Across City, Gangsters' Henchmen Among 1k Detained

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In view of a spurt in incidents of murders, shootings, extortion and robberies, Delhi Police have kicked off 'Operation Kavach', a major coordinated crackdown on suspected criminals and their networks, carrying out raids in areas of Outer Delhi, Dwarka, northeast Delhi, Narela, Kanjhawala and Sangam Vihar over the past two days.

Since Monday night, more than 1,000 people have been taken into custody, including henchmen of several gangsters like Lawrence Bishnoi, Kaushal Chaudhary, Himanshu Bhau, Kala Jathedi, Hashim Baba and Neeraj Bawana.

Delhi Police said it will brief about the operation in detail on Thursday afternoon. It is yet to be seen if the action proves to be a deterrent or turns out to be a kneejerk reaction, sources said.

The Special Cell and Crime Branch first identified the associates of gangsters in various parts of Delhi and then carried out raids on them in coordination with teams from all 15 districts. Hundreds of locations were raided from Monday night till Tuesday night, a source said. "The crackdown targeted firing incidents and organised crime. We nabbed associates of gangsters, drug traffickers and other criminals. Stolen vehicles and illicit liquor bottles were also recovered," police said.

Over 450 people, including alleged aides of gangsters Kapil Sangwan and Kala Jathedi, were detained in Outer North district. Similarly, police in Dwarka district took action against 20 persons allegedly linked to Sangwan, Jathedi and Manjit Mahal, and detained 39 people on other charges. They also registered 18 cases under Excise Act and eight under NDPS Act.

Special Cell arrested Ramniwas alias Mogli, a member of Deepak Boxer Gogi gang, in an encounter. On Nov 4, Mogli and two of his associates had allegedly fired gunshots at a plywood shop in Nangloi and then at a property dealer's office in Alipur

Likewise, Southwest district police detained 14 people allegedly involved in various crimes and registered 12 Excise Act cases. In North district, 25 persons were detained under Excise and NDPS cases. More than 100 people were detained in South East district while 14 were detained in South district.

To combat the recent surge in criminal activities, including extortion attempts and gang-related violence, Delhi Police said they have issued directives to local police stations mandating increased scrutiny of hotels and guest houses to identify suspicious individuals and verify the identities of local criminals.

Meanwhile, Special Cell arrested Ramniwas alias Mogli, a member of the Deepak Boxer Gogi gang, in an encounter on Wednesday night. On Nov 4, Mogli and two of his associates had allegedly fired gunshots at a plywood shop in Nangloi and then at a property dealer's office in Alipur. They threw slips bearing the names of jailed gangsters like Ankesh Lakra and photos of deceased gangsters Jitender Gogi and Kuldeep Fazza at the locations.

Police said based on information suggesting the suspect would be in the Shahbad Dairy area on Wednesday, a trap was set near the road from Jain Colony towards Khera Canal in Alipur. "Mogli was spotted on a motorcycle. When signalled to stop, he accelerated and then lost control and fell," police said.

Four cops rushed to overpower Mogli, but he drew his pistol and allegedly fired two rounds, one of which struck ASI Ved Prakash's bulletproof vest. In self-defence, Ved Prakash also fired two rounds, one of which hit Mogli in the left leg.

4-year-old girl molested in school bus, 3 detained

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A four-year-old girl was allegedly molested in a school bus in Anand Vihar. Sources said the bus driver, conductor and an attendant were detained as suspects in the crime.

According to sources, the school received a letter from the parents of a girl, alleging that she was subjected to inappropriate touching by an individual on the school bus while en route to Indirapuram, Ghaziabad.

The incident reportedly occurred on Monday as the child was returning home from school. The parents notified the school authorities. Subsequently, on Tuesday, the school administration filed a formal complaint with the local police regarding the matter. "They gave us the complaint copy sent by the parents and after examining it, we registered a case," a source said.

A case under Section 10 of Pocso Act was registered against the bus driver, conductor and attendant of the school.

"We are checking the documents to determine whether the school bus was hired or if it belonged to the school. One of the suspects has been working as a conductor for the past eight years," a source added. No formal complaint was received from the parents. Cops will record the statement of the child forfurther investigation.

Woman held for forging ID docus for jobseekers

New Delhi: A 28-year-old woman has been arrested for preparing forged identity documents, Delhi Police said on Wednesday. She duped people who wanted to go abroad for jobs. Tabassum Alvi of Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, was caught after two Nepalese nationals were apprehended at the airport while attempting to fly to Cambodia using fraudulently obtained Indian passports.

According to police, Alvi was part of a larger network that facilitated the illegal entry of Nepalese citizens into India and then arranged for forged Aadhaar cards, voter IDs and Indian passports for them. "The two Nepalese nationals — Hastman Seling and Prabin Sawaden — entered India in 2023 by crossing the India-Nepal border and were promised lucrative job opportunities in Cambodia in exchange for Rs 10 lakh," said DCP (IGI airport) Usha Rangnani. "Alvi worked with her associates, Suban Subba and Anil Lama, who were arrested earlier," the DCP added.

Probe revealed that the Nepalese nationals were caught at IGI while attempting to board the flight to Cambodia. During a scrutiny of their travel documents, it was found that the Indian passports they possessed were fake. Hastman Seling and Prabin Sawaden disclosed that they were told by friends that they could not earn good money based on Nepalese passports. They were then introduced to an agent who assured them of arranging for Indian documents and sending them to Cambodia," Rangnani added. TNN

Mkts thrive in wedding season, traders expect ₹6 lakh cr boom

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi traders anticipate business worth Rs 6 lakh crore as the wedding season commences, bringing renewed optimism to the market.

The first phase of the wedding season, which began on Dev Uthani Ekadasi, spans 18 days and will witness approximately 4.5 lakh ceremonies in Delhi. This surge in wedding celebrations is poised to create substantial economic activity and a celebratory environment across Delhi in the coming month.

"On the auspicious occasion of Dev Uthani Ekadashi, around 50,000 weddings were celebrated in Delhi on Tuesday, marking the beginning of the wedding season, which will continue until Dec 16. The wedding season is set to bring an upswing in trade in sectors like clothing, jewellery, decorations, electronics, furniture, gifts and catering," said Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) secretary general and Chandni Chowk MP Praveen Khandelwal.

Various service providers anticipate increased business opportunities, leading to additional employment. CAIT national president BC Bhartia said traders had made comprehensive preparations, expecting robust sales.

The market dynamics show that families of the bride and groom bear 20% of wedding expenses, whilst 80% goes to service providers handling wedding arrangements. This spending pattern helps maintain market liquidity, according to Bhartia.

Chamber of Trade and Industry chairman Brijesh Goyal reported a 40% increase in bookings for banquets, hotels, restaurants and wedding venues. "That's because, unlike last year when there were 11 auspicious days available for wedding events, this year there are 18. So, more bookings are done for weddings and association events, such as Roka ceremonies, in huge number," he said.

Traffic police have established detailed arrangements for these events. Special CP (Traffic) Ajay Chaudhary said Punjabi Bagh and Chhatarpur were the primary wedding ceremony locations. The department has implemented special measures to address increased traffic and parking challenges. "Encroachment removal drives have been conducted rigorously to ensure smooth traffic flow. Cranes have been strategically deployed for the breakdown and removal of wrongly parked vehicles," Chaudhary said.

Green makeover at Sarai Kale Khan

The area under the flyover has turned over a new leaf

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New Delhi: MCD is undertaking renovation work in the area under the flyover near Sarai Kale Khan ISBT on Ring Road, whilst also building toilet facilities near the entrance of Baansera.

The enhancement project under the flyover includes soil replacement, rubbish removal, area sanitisation, vertical garden installation and planting of seasonal flora to improve the aesthetics of the previously unkempt space. "We aim to give a new lease of life to this place by planting exotic and seasonal plants. We set an initial deadline to finish the work by Friday. Later, we might give the site to an organisation for maintenance on a CSR basis," said an official.

PWD has installed protective grills around the open space beneath the flyover and enhanced the ceiling with paintings to improve its appearance. Officials stated these improvements aim to boost visitor numbers at Baansera Park, located on Yamuna floodplain.

DDA is installing a 20-foot tall metallic statue of tribal leader Birsa Munda near the entrance, marking his 150th birth anniversary. The 3,000 kg sculpture, created from recycled materials by MCD, will be unveiled by home minister Amit Shah on Thursday, celebrated nationwide as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas. Two skilled fine arts sculptors from West Bengal, following the 'waste to art' concept, crafted the statue.

"The strategic location of the statue at a site where the Ring Road, RRTS Station, ISBT, Nizamuddin Railway and Metro Station, NH-24, Barapullah Flyover and DND Flyway converge to form a multi-modal transport hub, will ensure that lakhs of visitors and travellers get an opportunity to see the towering statue," said the official.

17-yr-old accuses principal of sexual harassment

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Noida: The principal of a govt school in Greater Noida has been accused of sexually harassing a 17-year-old student, who alleged he would touch her inappropriately and threaten to strike her name off the rolls if she protested.

The girl alleged that the principal had called her into his office about a month back and touched her inappropriately. "I protested, but he threatened to remove my name from the school's rolls," she said. The girl's father claimed the minor had refused to go to school over the next few weeks, traumatised over the molestation.

"On Monday, when she mustered enough courage to go back, the principal slapped her in front of the morning assembly. The next day we went to the school with her but were beaten up when we opposed the treatment meted out to our child," the girl's father said.

The principal dubbed the allegations unfounded. He claimed the girl had skipped her classes and exams.

Woman molested by four on train, hubby thrashed

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Agra: A 22-year-old newlywed woman on way to her in-laws' house in Aligarh from Delhi was molested by four men in the compartment of the special passenger train on Tuesday around midnight. When her husband objected, he was verbally abused by the miscreants. Despite her pleading for help, other passengers remained mute spectators.

Even after the couple alighted at Aligarh railway junction, the harassment continued. The miscreants beat her husband with belts when he tried to stop them. Her screams for help finally drew the attention of other people on the platform, and police were alerted.

The wife alleged that instead of taking action against the culprits, Govt Railway Police (GRP) personnel detained her husband initially.

Relatives of the couple soon reached the station and staged a protest. Following the uproar, GRP released the husband and registered a case at Aligarh GRP police station against the culprits.

Police said one of the accused, Jitu Sing, a resident of Usmanpur Khandauli in Agra, has been arrested. The other three, including Mahesh, a resident of Singh Kuberpur of Agra, are absconding. Two culprits have not been unidentified.

Recounting her ordeal, the woman said, "The goons started staring at me soon after the train departed from Delhi. When I objected, they tried to touch me and misbehaved. My husband tried to intervene but he was attacked. Though I pleaded for help, other passengers watched silently."

GRP SHO Shailendra Yadav said, "After the victim's husband filed a complaint, a case was registered under BNS sections 74 (assault or use of criminal force against a woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 115-2 (voluntarily causing hurt), and 352 (insult that provokes breach of peace)."

The couple got married two months ago, and since then they have been residing in Delhi, where the man runs a business selling clothes. His house is in the Qursi area of Aligarh, and the couple had come to attend a wedding in the family.

Worker falls down a shaft, injured

New Delhi: On Tuesday, a worker at DDA residential complex in Sector 19 B sustained severe injuries after falling down a shaft. Local residents claimed that the worker plunged from the eighth floor through a shaft in one of the towers at DDA flats in Sector 19B. "He was probably taken to the nearby govt hospital in Dwarka," said a resident of the area. TNN

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Plot No.: 3/C, LA - Block, Sector- III, Bidhannagar, Kol-700106

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/CORP/CC-2628 Date: 13.11.2024
NIT No: WBPDCL/CORP/NIT/E1947/24-25 Dated. 12.11.2024
"Procurement of 41 nos. Desert Air Cooler (Symphony make or equivalent reputed brand of 56 ltrs.) at various joint accommodation houses of WBPDCL at Pachwara North Coal Mine."
NIT Document Download Start Date / End Date : 12.11.2024 from 18:00 hrs./ 29.11.2024 at 10:05 hrs. Contact Person: Smt. Sulagna Dass, Manager (PS), M&C. Contact No: 8240042058. E-mail: s.dass@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https:// wbtenders.gov.in
ICA-T20363(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
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Bakreswar Thermal Power Project
P.O. BkTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Ref No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BkTPP/CC-2626 Date: 11.11.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/BKTPP/OT/E338/24-25
E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager - BKTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Procurement of 50.0 MT Caustic Soda Flakes at BKTPS for Two Years". Tender Document Download Start Date: 15.11.2024 at 14.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 11.12.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Sumit Dasgupta, Dy. General Manager, HOD (Purchase Deptt., BkTPS, WBPDCL. Mobile: 8336903911. E-mail: s.dasgupta@wbpdcl.co.in/Mr. Subhro Sen, Senior Manager (P.S)-Purchase, WBPDCL. Mobile: 9830534969. E-mail: s.sen01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA-T20361(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RESOURCES DIVISION
Janasasthya Karigari Bhawan (Nijalaya), 2nd floor,
CN-8, Sector-V, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091
CORRIGENDUM-I OF NIET NO. WBPHED/EE/RS/E24/2024-2025
CIRCULATED VIDE MEMO NO. 2776/RS, DATED 05/11/2024
Tender ID: 2024_PHED_767123_1

As is (Corrigendum-I)	Would be (Corrigendum-II)
Pre Bid Meeting with the intending bidders to be held at the office of the Chief Engineer, Western Zone, P.H.E. Dte. (JKB, NIJALAYA) and Date & Time: 11/11/2024 at 14.00 Hrs.	Pre Bid Meeting with the intending bidders to be held at the office of the Chief Engineer, Western Zone, P.H.E. Dte. (JKB, NIJALAYA) and Date & Time: 18/11/2024 at 13.00 Hrs.

Other terms and conditions of aforesaid ENIT remain unchanged. This shall be the part of Tender Documents. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal
ICA- T20346(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
INSTITUTE OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION
MEDICINE AND IMMUNOHAEMATOLOGY
205, VIVEKANANDA ROAD, MANICKTALA
KOLKATA -700 006
RECRUITMENT NOTICE
MEMO NO. IBTMI-2024/2005 DATED: 12-11-2024
APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM THE ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF BLOOD BANK LAB. TECHNICIAN ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS (RESERVED FOR ST CANDIDATE) UNDER NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION (NHM) FOR THIS INSTITUTE. THE INTERESTED CANDIDATES ARE REQUESTED TO VISIT THE WEBSITE www.wbhealth.gov.in FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.
Sd/-
DIRECTOR,
INSTITUTE OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION
MEDICINE AND IMMUNOHAEMATOLOGY, KOLKATA
ICA- N 507(3)/2024

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091
CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in
WBSEDCL invites e-Tenders as follows:
(1) NIT No.: WBSEDCL/IT&C/33.10(i)/609, Dt.: 11.11.2024 of the Chief Engineer, IT&C Cell, WBSEDCL for 'Selection of vendor for procurement of IT Infrastructure (PC/Printers/Scanners/SSD etc.) with 03 years' comprehensive warranty and renewal of CAMC of existing IT Infrastructure (PC/Printers etc.) installed at Vidyut Bhavan/Data Centre/Disaster Recovery Centre of WBSEDCL for the period of 03 years.'
(2) NIT No.: RM/24PNR/ELEC/2024-25/12, Dt.: 14.11.2024 of the Regional Manager, North 24 Parganas Region, WBSEDCL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 44,79,986/- for 'Laying of 11 kV 3CX300 sq. mm XLPE UG cable with allied works for evacuation of power from Eternis 33/11 kV Sub-Station under Barasat Division, WBSEDCL, Dist.: North 24 Parganas.'
(3) NIT No.: WBSEDCL/TCFHP/e-Tender/2024-25/12, Dt.: 05.11.2024 of the Project Manager, Teesta Canal Fall Hydel Project, WBSEDCL. Sl. No. (1) Estimated Cost: ₹ 4,94,139.22 for 'Repair of false ceiling inside Control Room Building & Office Building of Power Station-II of TCFHP at Haptiagachh, WBSEDCL & Sl. No. (2) Estimated Cost: ₹ 6,36,606/- for 'Repair and maintenance of toilet blocks inside Power House Building, Office Building of Power Station-III of TCFHP at Bholagachh, WBSEDCL, Dist.: Uttar Dinajpur.'
(4) NIT No.: RM/HG/CIVIL/TENDER/2024-25/27, Dt.: 06.11.2024 of the Regional Manager, Hooghly Region, WBSEDCL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 5,90,491/- for 'Various repair and maintenance works related to Administrative Office Building of Singur-Haripal Division under Hooghly Region, WBSEDCL, Dist.: Hooghly.'
ICA- T20279(1)/2024
For details, visit https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsedcl.in

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL KHADI & VILLAGE INDUSTRIES BOARD
(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Textile Department)
12, B.B.D. Bag, Kolkata - 700 001
Website : wbkvib.org.in / Web Portal : Banglarkhadi.in
ABRIDGED e-NIT
NIeT Reference No. WBKVIB/CEO/NIT/169/2024-25

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Amount (Rs.)	
1.	Temporary Construction, Beautification, Installation of Sound and IT, Provide Security Guard and Temporary Construction of Toilet Block to Organizing State Level Khadi Mela under West Bengal Khadi & Village Industries Board 2024-25	Rs. 56,96,962.86 (Including all Taxes, GST, Cess etc.)	Bid submission start date 06-Nov-2024 from 06:00 pm onwards. Bid submission closing date 26-Nov-2024 upto 06:00 pm

For all details and online tender submission visit https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA- T20266(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SgTPP/CC- 2622 Dated: 11.11.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/SGTPP/NIT/E3170/24-25 Dated : 01.11.2024
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SgTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 Part bid system for the job "Biennial Grass and Bush Cutting, Cleaning and Removing Work within different areas of Plant Premises of SgTPP, WBPDCL". Tender Document Download Start Date: 14.11.2024 at 10.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 09.12.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Jaydeep Kundu, Dy. General Manager (Contracts). Mobile: 8336903930. E-mail: jkundu@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA-T20357(3)/2024

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Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SgTPP/CC- 2620 Dated: 11.11.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/SGTPP/NIT/E2952/24-25
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SgTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for "Contract for Hiring a New (44 +) seated non-AC Diesel bus for Four (04) years at SgTPP". Tender Document Download Start Date: From 12.11.2024 at 10:00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: On 06.12.2024 up to 15:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Jaydeep Kundu. E-mail: j.kundu@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit : https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA-T20355(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
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Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SgTPP/CC- 2624 Dated: 11.11.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/SGTPP/NIT/E3174/24-25 Dated : 05.11.2024
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SgTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for "Painting of Pipe, Structure, Pump of Ash Water Pump House and Ash Slurry Pump House of AHP, Stage#1 & 2". Tender Document Download Start Date: 13.11.2024 at 10.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 06.12.2024 upto 10.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Jaydeep Kundu Senior Manager (CC). Mobile: 8336903930. E-mail: jkundu@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit : https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA-T20359(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project
P.O. BkTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Ref No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BkTPP/CC-2617 Date: 11.11.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/BKTPP/NIT/E3323/24-25
E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by General Manager - BkTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies / Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Procurement of 400 KV & 220 KV CT under EMOPH Department at BkTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date: 16.11.2024 at 11:00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 06.12.2024 at 12:00 PM. Phone No.: 8336903911. E-mail: s.dasgupta@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in
ICA-T20353(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Following E - tenders have been invited by the Directorate of Fisheries, WB:

Establishment/ District	NIT No.	Bid Submission Start Date	Bid Submission End Date	Name of Work/Scheme
Directorate of Fisheries West Bengal	DFWB/HQ/ ENGG/ eNIT_02 (2ND CALL/ 2024-25)	19.11.24	02.12.24	Repair and Maintenance of Fisheries Building in Darjeeling, GTA
	DFWB/HQ/ ENGG/ eNIT_03 (2ND CALL/ 2024-25)	19.11.24	09.12.24	Construction of Fish Market and Community Hall at Boubazar Kakdwip Block in South 24 Parganas
				Electrical works for Construction of Fish Market and Community Hall at Boubazar Kakdwip Block in South 24 Parganas

Other details may also be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Director of Fisheries, West Bengal
ICA-T20263(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
N.B.D.D NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Notice Inviting e-Tender by the S.E./ NBDD Vide NIeT No.40 of 2024-25 of the S.E., NBDD.
Details of works may be seen in the above mentioned NIeT in the website:- www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Development Department
ICA-T20283(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
N.B.D.D NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
Notice Inviting e-Tender by the S.E./ NBDD Vide NIeT No.41 (Sl. No. 01,02,03,& 04) of 2024-25.
Details of works may be seen in the above mentioned NIeT in the website:- www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbnorthbengaldev.gov.in. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, North Bengal Development Department
ICA- T20296(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
1) Bid reference no.- WBMSCL/NIT-641/2024, dated - 05/11/2024; West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of extension work of Medical Gas Pipeline System (MGPS) at Pediatric Haemato-oncology indoor room (Old Seminar Room) of Alex Ward, Main Block 4th floor, in IPGMER - SSKM Hospital of West Bengal." Last date of submission of bid (online)- 27.11.2024 upto 02:00 pm. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 02:00 p.m. on 13.11.2024. Clarification requests, if any may be sent to cme@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL. ICA-T20273(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
Tender Reference No. WBPHED/EE/MD/ NIeT_41 of 2024-2025, Vide NIeT memo no. 5564/MD, Dt. 30.10.2024, Tender ID: 2024_PHED_766866_1. Last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid (online): 21.11.2024 upto 5.00 P.M. Tender invited by the undersigned for Sinking of 4 nos 200mm (all through) Big dia. Tube Well at Bamangola Sub Surface PWSS under Malda Division, P.H.E. Dte. All details available in website http://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malda Division, P.H.E. Dte.
ICA- T20335(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-N.I.T No - WBIW/EE/KIDIVISION/e-NIT-14(e)/2024-25 under Kakdwip Irrigation Division, Kakdwip, Online e-tender has been invited by the undersigned for 15 (Fifteen) nos. of work. Amount put to tender ranging from Rs. 2.59 Lakh to Rs. 9.95 lakh. Last date of submission of online bid 21.11.2024 up to 12:00 Hrs. All necessary details may be obtained from West Bengal Government e-tender portal wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, KID.
ICA-T20274(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
O/o the Exe. Engineer Jhargram Electrical Division, PWDte.
NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION
Tender Id: 2024_WBPWD_768595_1 WBPWD/EE/JED/eNIQ30/2024-25 Bid Submission Start Date: 18/11/2024 Bid submission Last Date: 25/11/2024 For details, visit concerned office or http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Jhargram Electrical Division
ICA-T20329(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
O/o the Exe. Engineer Jhargram Electrical Division, PWDte.
NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION
Tender Id: 2024_WBPWD_768548_1. WBPWD/EE/JED/eNIQ29/2024-25. Bid Submission Start Date: 18/11/2024 Bid submission Last Date: 02/12/2024 For details, visit concerned office or http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Jhargram Electrical Division
ICA-T20328(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 27/ASDI of 2024-25, E.E. - II, Alipore Division, PWD. Name of Work – Renovation of main entrance gate of Jnan Chandra Ghosh Polytechnic during the year 2023-24. (Rs. 5,94,846.00) Bid Submission end date 25.11.2024 upto 15.00 P.M. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_768519_1 Details will be available from the web site http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice board of this office on all working days within office hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer –II, Alipore Division, PWD.
ICA-T20327(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL HOUSING BOARD
(ESTD. UNDER WB. ACT XXXII OF 1972)
"ABASAN"
105, S.N. BANERJEE ROAD, KOLKATA- 700014
Phone: 033-2265 1965, 033-2264 0241/ 0950
Email:wbhousingboard@gmail.com,
Website: www.wbhousingboard.in

NOTICE
The West Bengal Housing Board intends to allot and transfer the following vacant/ unallotted 8 (eight) Nos. of Car Parking Space in the Golf Green Urban Complex, by way of limited lottery: Car parking space No. 2, 3, 13, 14, 16, 34, 39 and 40 (locational sketch drawing enclosed).
Any person who claims to have any right, interest or title in any of the aforesaid car parking spaces must contact within 15.12.2024, the Asst. Housing Commissioner-I, WBHB, 105, S.N. Banerjee Road, Kolkata 700014 alongwith all original documents evidencing such right, interest or title, failing which the WBHB shall proceed to allot and transfer the car parking spaces by way of the limited lottery.
By Order/-
Housing Commissioner
West Bengal Housing Board
ICA-N508(3)/2024

Nursery Race Starts Nov 28

Application Time Till Dec 20

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New Delhi: For parents excited to begin their children's educational journey, the wait is finally over. The Directorate of Education's official announcement of nursery admissions for the 2025-26 academic session marks the start of an important milestone for young learners as they take their first steps into formal education.

DoE has directed private unaided recognised schools to reserve 25% of seats for students from EWS, DG and children with disabilities

Starting Nov 28, parents can begin the registration process for nursery, KG and Class I in the city's private unaided recognised schools for children below the age of six for general category admissions.

For general category seats, the deadline for submitting registration forms is Dec 20, with the first admission list scheduled for release on Jan 17, 2025. According to a circular from DoE, all private unaided recognised schools are required to upload their admission criteria and point systems on their websites by Nov 25. The selection process uses a point system where specific marks are assigned to each criterion, including neighbourhood proximity, siblings criteria and alumni connections, among others.

"These criteria must be clear, reasonable, transparent, and in accordance with department guidelines. Schools must ensure they do not adopt any criteria that have been abolished by the department," it added.

Parents must ensure that their application forms are submitted by Dec 20. DoE will then have until Jan 3 to upload the details of children who have applied for open seats. By Jan 10, the marks of the applicants will be published. According to the DoE circular, the first list of selected students will be published on Jan 17. The entire admission process is set to conclude on March 14, 2025.

The department has directed private unaided recognised schools to reserve 25% of seats for students from the economically weaker sections (EWS), disadvantaged groups (DG), and children with disabilities. A separate admission list will be published for these categories.

The minimum age for admission is set at three years for nursery, four years for KG and five years for Class 1, as of March 31, 2025. The upper age limit for admission is less than four years for nursery, less than five years for KG and less than six years for Class I, the circular specifies.

"Age relaxation of up to 30 days may be granted at the discretion of the school head for both the minimum and maximum age limits for these classes," it stated.

DoE has also issued guidelines for the admission of students in CWSN category for vacant entry-level seats in private schools. As per DoE, a computerised draw of lots was held on Tuesday. The selected candidates will be notified about their allotted schools via text message within 24 hours of the draw, according to the DoE statement.

YOUR READY RECKONER

From Nov 28, parents can purchase the admission application form from the respective school or from their website

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Uploading criteria and points for admission | **Nov 25, 2024**
- Beginning of admission process with availability of forms | **Nov 28**
- Last date for submission of application forms | **Dec 20**
- Uploading details of applicants | **Jan 3, 2025**
- Uploading marks allocated to applicants | **Jan 10**
- First list of selected children with waiting list | **Jan 17**
- Resolution of parent queries for first list | **Jan 18-27**
- Second list of selected children, if any | **Feb 3**
- Resolution of parent queries for second list | **Feb 5-11**
- Subsequent list of admissions, if any | **Feb 26**
- Closure of admission process | **March 14**

AGE CRITERIA

Minimum age limits as of March 31, 2025

Nursery | **Three years**

Pre-primary or KG | **Four years**

Class I | **Five years**

UPPER AGE LIMITS

Nursery | **Under four years**

Pre-primary or KG | **Under five years**

Class I | **Under six years**

*Schools have been given the flexibility to offer a relaxation of up to 30 days in the age limit upon parent request

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COMMON CRITERIA IN MOST SCHOOLS

The selection process uses a point system where specific marks are assigned to each criterion

Neighbourhood proximity | Proximity to the school

Siblings criteria | If a sibling is already studying in the same school

Alumni connections | If either the mother or father is an alumnus of the school

Some schools also award points for being a firstborn, a girl child or having a single parent

Schools have the flexibility to define and assign marks for each criterion based on their preferences

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

- All schools are required to upload their admission criteria and corresponding point system on the official website of the DoE by Nov 25
- A non-refundable registration fee of Rs 25 will be charged at the time of submitting the admission form
- As mandated by Right to Education Act, 2009, 25% of seats in each private unaided recognised school must be reserved for children from economically weaker sections (EWS), disadvantaged groups (DG) and children with special needs (CWSN) categories
- Schools must also adhere to Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016
- For more information, parents and schools can visit the official website of Delhi Directorate of Education
- A computerised draw-of-lots will be conducted for EWS, DG and CWSN categories

DOCUMENTS THAT YOU SHOULD KEEP HANDY

- A copy of your child's birth certificate
- Proof of residence, such as a ration card, voter ID, passport, or utility bills
- Passport-sized photographs of your child
- A copy of your identity proof, such as an Aadhaar card or passport
- Siblings' school ID (if applicable)
- Caste certificate (if applicable)
- Disability certificate (if applicable)

Sisodia, CM talk on sports, eat with kids

Times News Network

New Delhi: CM Atishi and former education minister Manish Sisodia visited Delhi Sports School in Civil Lines on Wednesday and interacted with students. They joined the students for breakfast in the dining hall, discussing the school's facilities, training programmes, nutrition and students' preparation for sports competitions. They also toured various sports facilities within the school, meeting athletes involved in table tennis, archery, weightlifting, wrestling, boxing and swimming.

"India has one of the most hardworking populations and is rich in resources. Yet, questions remain as to why India lags behind in the medal tally at Olympics and Commonwealth Games," said Sisodia. "Delhi Sports School is the answer to that question. Only through initiatives like this can we achieve international medals," he said.

The sentiments were echoed by Atishi, who said, "Traditionally, academics and sports have been viewed separately, which is why, despite our large population, India ranks low on the Olympic medal tally. Delhi govt is changing that mindset. We are preparing children for sports from a young age and providing them with the finest training so they can win Olympic medals for India."

Students shared their experiences. "Back home, our dream was to excel in our sport to secure a job. However, after joining this school, our ambitions evolved—we now dream of winning Olympic gold for our country," a student said.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva, however, claimed Delhi govt was deceiving students with the development of sports, just like it misled them with its education system.

Crime control failure: 19 cops sent to the lines

New Delhi: Nineteen policemen, including a woman constable, were sent to the district line after they failed to control crime in their areas. The action was taken in Shahdara district. Sources said that the action affected officers holding the ranks of assistant sub-inspectors, sub-inspectors, head constables, and constables. A source said that action was taken on the basis of their performance report on controlling crime in their respective areas. A source revealed that these cops consistently failed to curb robberies, snatchings, and motor vehicle thefts within their respective police station jurisdictions. Despite previous warnings regarding their subpar performance, they were unable to demonstrate any significant improvement.

"As a result, a decision was made to send them to the district line for a minimum period of six months," the source said. TNN

Rare disease: Kenyan kid gets a shot at life

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A RELIEVED MOTHER

New Delhi: A 14-month-old Kenyan toddler has been treated successfully for the rare and fatal Pearson Syndrome disorder through a half-matched bone marrow donor transplant from her mother at a private healthcare facility in Delhi-NCR.

Pearson Syndrome is an uncommon condition that impacts multiple body systems, particularly affecting the bone marrow and pancreas.

The condition results in bleeding complications due to insufficient blood and platelet production. Patients experience recurring diarrhoea, abdominal discomfort, growth deficiency and often death.

Medical literature documents merely 150 cases of this rare condition, with an occurrence rate of one per million individuals.

A team of doctors led by Dr Vikas Dua, principal director and head of paediatric haematology, haemato oncology and bone marrow transplant at Gurgaon's Fortis Memorial Research Institute performed a stem cell transplant with a thoroughly planned chemotherapy regimen. He said the patient was discharged in a stable condition within 21 days and has been under regular weekly OPD follow-ups.

According to Dr Dua, children diagnosed with this syndrome rarely survive past their first year. Nevertheless, Baby Arianna has shown remarkable progress, completing more than 4 months since her transplant procedure, with positive signs of recovery. The syndrome manifests when crucial segments of mitochondrial DNA are absent, resulting in cellular dysfunction related to energy generation.

Baby Arianna was battling severe anaemia from birth, which substantially hindered her growth and development. Despite multiple blood and platelet transfusions in Kenya, her health continued to deteriorate. Her worsening condition necessitated an urgent half-match donor transplant for survival. She was subsequently admitted to Fortis Gurgaon with anaemia and depleted platelet count.

Following her admission, the medical team conducted bone marrow testing and genetic assessments, which identified her problem as Pearson Syndrome.

Due to the condition's rare and complex nature, the hospital implemented a comprehensive medical approach. Baby Arianna underwent examinations by various specialists, including paediatric nephrologists, paediatric gastroenterologists, ophthalmologists and ENT doctors, as this syndrome affects numerous organs and can result in diarrhoea, eye complications such as abnormal lens and pupil, glaucoma and hearing impairment.

After the thorough assessment, the team determined that a bone marrow transplant was the most suitable treatment option, as Pearson Syndrome affects multiple systems and stem cell transplantation offers the best therapeutic approach.

Dr Dua explained that since Baby Arianna lacked both sibling matches and unrelated donors, they proceeded with the transplant using her mother as a half-matched donor. The procedure involved a carefully structured chemotherapy protocol and comprehensive supportive care measures.

Following the successful stem cell transplant, Baby Arianna has shown positive progress, requiring no additional transfusion. She continues to demonstrate steady weight gain without experiencing any complications.

DU student poll results likely on Nov 21 after 2-month wait

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New Delhi: The results of the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) elections are likely to come out on Nov 21, nearly two months after the polls.

"We are aiming to conduct the counting next Thursday and are making all necessary arrangements. However, students must ensure the campus is cleaned up before that. They are putting in their effort to achieve this," Delhi University (DU) vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh said. "Once the campus is cleared of the remaining defacement, committees formed by chief election officer Satyapal Singh will carry out inspections, expected to take place after three or four days. Following that, an affidavit will be filed in court," he said.

"On Nov 21, the counting will begin at 8.30am at the DU conference centre in the presence of an election commission team," an official said.

The results of the Sept 27 elections were initially scheduled for declaration on Sept 28. However, Delhi High Court halted the counting after complaints that students had defaced the campus as well as public property administered by MCD and DMRC. The high court halted the results, asking for the defacement to be removed. "In the light of how the elections were conducted and the numerous violations of norms by the students, the court has taken the correct approach. Both the university and the students need to learn from this," Singh said.

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On Monday, Delhi High Court conditionally lifted the stay on the results, allowing the vote counting to proceed once all campaign-related defacement is cleared. The court set Nov 26 as the final deadline for the results, provided these conditions were met and DU was satisfied by the clean-up.

Student organisations expressed relief at the prospect of vote counting finally beginning, but some voiced concerns about how the delay dampened election enthusiasm. "We're relieved that the wait is over, but many of our senior members will be away in Gorakhpur for a national conference during the counting of DUSU votes. The delay not only shortened the tenure of the winning student body but also undermined the excitement surrounding the elections," an ABVP member said.

An NSUI member said: "We urge the administration to ensure that the entire process remains transparent and accountable, so that students' trust in the system is not eroded."

For nearly two months, the electronic voting machines (EVMs) used in the election were stored in a strongroom of the examination department and monitored 24X7.

Goel for online gaming ban

New Delhi: Senior BJP functionary and former Union minister Vijay Goel on Wednesday launched a campaign against online gaming, urging a nationwide ban due to rising addiction and financial distress. Goel highlighted the severe impact of online gaming on society.

He was joined by former Assam governor Jagdish Mukhi, retired Delhi High Court judge MM Dhingra, former Lok Sabha secretary general GC Malhotra and danseuse Sonal Mansingh, a statement from Goel's office said.

"The online gaming industry, now worth Rs 12 lakh crore, is growing at 30% annually. It is causing financial ruin and pushing families into crisis," Goel said, citing reports of suicides linked to gaming addiction. He pointed out that the number of fantasy sports users surged from 20 lakh in 2016 to 24 crore in 2024.

Goel also criticised celebrities for endorsing gaming apps, saying they exploit young people for profit. He called for a complete ban, similar to restrictions on lotteries, and urged all political parties to support the cause. Judge Dhingra explained how gaming platforms manipulate users with initial wins, trapping them in a cycle of losses. The campaign will kick off with a protest at Jantar Mantar on Nov 16. TNN

Mayoral Polls To Take Place Today After Delay of 7 Mths

LG's Choice Of Presiding Officer Triggers Fresh AAP-BJP Faceoff

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New Delhi: The election for a new mayor is scheduled for Thursday following a seven-month delay. LG VK Saxena has appointed Satya Sharma, former mayor of the erstwhile east corporation and councillor from Gautam Puri, as the presiding officer. Sharma previously served as presiding officer during the initial mayoral election in Feb 2023, which occurred two months after the Dec 2022 Municipal Corporation of Delhi elections.

The municipal secretary issued a circular on Wednesday, stating: "In exercise of the powers conferred upon him under section 77 (a) of DMC Act, LG has nominated Satya Sharma, a member of MCD, to preside over the meeting to be held for the election of mayor on Nov 14." The position is now reserved for a Scheduled Caste candidate. Both BJP and AAP have put forward candidates for mayor and deputy mayor positions. Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Devendra Yadav indicated the party's decision on taking part in the election would be finalised on Thursday morning.

Commenting on the appointment of Sharma as the presiding officer, AAP said "in view of parity and fairness, LG have appointed the incumbent mayor, or the senior-most councillor". It added: "We hope BJP will not indulge in any foul play, respect the Constitution, follow the law, and avoid any unethical action.' The electoral contest pits AAP's Mahesh Khichi from Devnagar ward against BJP's Kishan Lal from Shakurpur for the mayor post.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said AAP had the habit of casting aspersions on statutory appointments.

For deputy mayor, AAP's Ravinder Bhardwaj from Aman Vihar faces BJP's Nita Bisht from Sadatpur. BJP has a total of 122 votes and AAP 142. These include seven MPs from the Lok Sabha (all BJP), three from the Rajya Sabha (all from AAP), and 14 MLAs (13 from AAP and one from BJP) nominated by Delhi assembly Speaker. The councillor composition includes 114 members from BJP members, 126 from AAP, eight from Congress, one independent and a vacant seat following MP Kamaljeet Sehrawat's resignation from Dwarka B ward. The incoming Dalit mayor will serve a shortened five-month term, following delays caused by political disagreements. The current mayor, AAP's Shelly Oberoi, has held the position since Feb 2023. The election process for the third mayor remained suspended since April due to administrative requirements and disputes over standing committee formation, eventually reaching the Supreme Court.

The previous mayoral election, won by Oberoi, was marred by disruptions, particularly regarding LG's appointment of 10 aldermen, which AAP claimed favoured BJP. The proceedings faced multiple adjournments, delayed councillor swearing-in, with Oberoi finally assuming office on Feb 22.

Trade fair: Brace for traffic curbs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With the two-week India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan set to begin Thursday, Delhi Traffic Police have issued an advisory to manage the expected surge in vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

According to the advisory, the event is expected to attract nearly 60,000 visitors every day, and the numbers could reach 1.5 lakh on weekends and holidays. Key stretches surrounding the venue, including Mathura Road, Bhairon Marg, Ring Road, Shershah Road and Purana Quila Road, are likely to see heavy traffic. A traffic cop advised avoiding these roads, using public transport, and planning travel with sufficient time.

"We have deployed 305 traffic police personnel in three shifts to manage the traffic around Pragati Maidan round-the-clock. Additionally, we have mobilised 15 cranes, 16 motorcycle patrols and three disaster management vehicles in the vicinity," said special commissioner of police (traffic) Ajay Chaudhary.

"To assist visitors, we have set up six traffic help desks and a dedicated traffic awareness stall to promote road safety. We have also established a separate traffic control room at the ITPO Admin Block to ensure the smooth functioning of the fair," he added.

To minimise impact on movement of vehicles, traffic police have announced several measures. No halting or parking will be allowed on Mathura Road and Bhairon Marg while visitor vehicles won't be permitted to park on Shershah Road, Purana Quila Road, Bhagwan Dass Road and Tilak Marg. Vehicles parked on these roads will be towed and the owners will be prosecuted.

The entry and exit points for the trade fair have also been reorganised. Visitor entry will be allowed only through gates 1, 4, 6 and 10 while exhibitor entry will be through gates 1, 4, 5B and 10. There will be no entry from gates 5A, 5B, 7, 8 and 9. For visitors, the fair will close at 5.30 pm on all days.

Traffic police have urged visitors to use public transport, including Delhi Metro, to reach Pragati Maidan. Those taking the Metro can alight at Supreme Court metro station and enter through gate 10 or use the shuttle service to reach gates 6 and 4. Visitors can also get down at Mandi House metro station and walk to the venue. Those using DTC buses can alight at the designated stops on Mathura Road and Bhairon Marg.

Visitors have been advised to park vehicles in basement parking 1 (entry and exit from Bhairon Marg and through Pragati tunnel), Bhairon Mandir parking on Bhairon Road and Delhi Zoo parking. Exhibitors and visitors have been recommended to use basement parking 2 under Bharat Mandapam, with entry and exit from Pragati tunnel and Mathura Road underpass.

PLAN YOUR COMMUTE ACCORDINGLY

RESTRICTIONS

- No vehicles will be allowed to halt or park on these roads; vehicles will be towed
  1. Mathura Road
  2. Bhairon Marg
  3. Purana Quila Road
  4. Shershah Road
  5. Bhagwan Dass Road
  6. Tilak Marg

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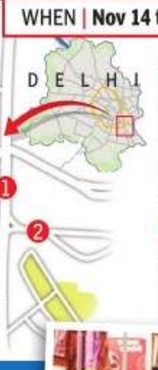

- No entry for visitors from gate no. 5A, 5B, 7, 8, 9
- No entry after 5.30pm on all days
- No ticket sales at Pragati Maidan (online and select Metro stations only)

HOW TO REACH

- Those using Delhi Metro can deboard at Supreme Court metro station and enter through gate no. 10
- They can also use shuttle services for entry through gate no. 4 and 6

PARKING FACILITY

- Vehicles can be parked at basement parking no. 1 (entry and exit from Bhairon Marg)
- Bhairon Mandir Parking and Delhi Zoo parking will also be available

ARRANGEMENTS MADE

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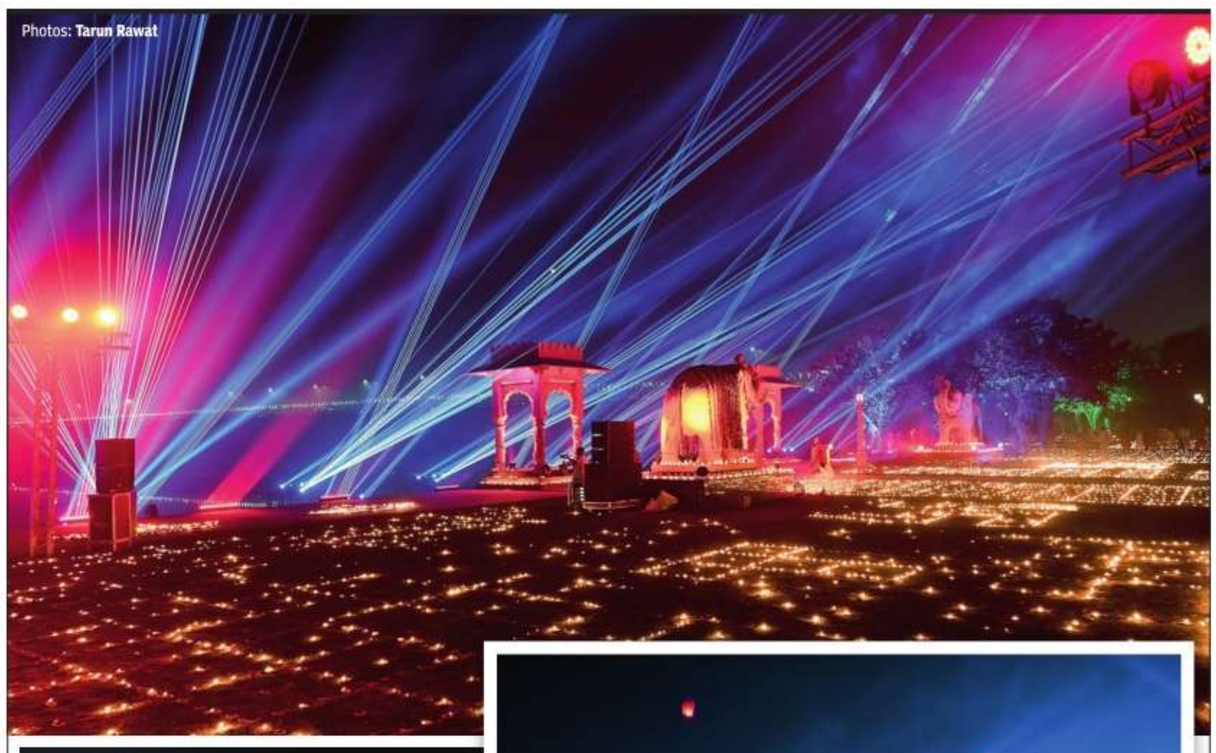

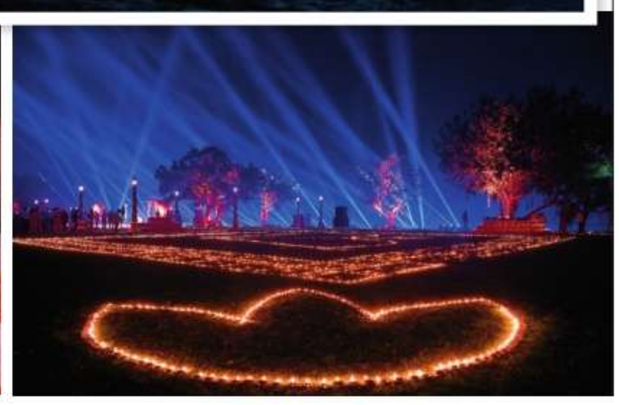

Let there be light: Ghat by Yamuna lit with 3.5L diyas for Dev Deepawali

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Vasudev Ghat, the bank of the Yamuna across from ISBT, was illuminated with 3.5 lakh diyas on Wednesday for Dev Deepawali, Guru Purab and the approaching 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda. The celebration, the first of its kind, has been named Dilli Deepotsav. It was organised by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) under the guidance of lieutenant governor VK Saxena, who also performed Yamuna Aarti.

A captivating drone and laser show was also organised, and a grand Ram Darbar was housed in the 'Baradari' at Vasudev Ghat to make the event more colourful. "The diyas were lit at the ghat by people from various walks of life attending the event, which included students and artists," a DDA official said.

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Saxena said that the Yamuna is the identity of people of Delhi. "It is our responsibility to keep it clean. I would like to state that the place where we are sitting was full of garbage two years back and now today we are celebrating Deepotsav. It has happened because we were committed towards reviving the area. The objective of the Deepotsav is to make our contribution to the cleanliness of Yamuna. I would like that in future Dilli Deepotsav to be popular like the Deepotsav of Ayodhya and I expect 5 lakh diyas to be illuminated next year and it should further continue to increase in the coming years," the LG said.

Vasudev Ghat is the first ghat restored in Delhi by DDA and is part of a project to restore and rejuvenate the floodplains of the Yamuna. It was inaugurated in March 2024 by the LG. Spread over 16 hectares, the main ghat is 145m long and has 25 steps. The 5-hectare green patch on the ghat is laid out in the charbagh style. On Wednesday, these steps and the area around sculptures were illuminated too.

It has a baradari and numerous chhatris. There is a sculpture of Maa Yamuna amid carved pavilions. There are flower beds that are sown thematically every season with tulips, marigold and sadabahar. The ghat also features landscaped gardens, walking paths and cultural spaces. DDA has also entered into an arrangement that entails organising a Yamuna Aarti at Vasudev Ghat twice a week (Sunday and Tuesday) by an organisation and can be attended by anyone.

Failure to repair AC: Company asked to pay ₹10k as damages to consumer

New Delhi: Delhi State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission recently ordered a company to compensate a consumer with Rs 10,000 due to its failure to repair an air conditioner, which resulted in mental anguish and physical discomfort.

In its order dated Nov 6, the commission's president Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal and member Pinki evaluated the evidence. The consumer contested the company's argument presented at the district forum, which claimed that fumes from a nearby drain had damaged the AC's coils. The consumer maintained that no drain existed near his residence and argued that his AC unit, purchased in 2014, malfunctioned due to improper handling by untrained service personnel.

The case involved an appeal seeking increased compensation from the district forum's initial award of Rs 2,000 for inadequate AC repair service. TNN

PWD begins work on pedestrian underpass at W Delhi's Moti Nagar, section of road closed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Public Works Department (PWD) started construction of a pedestrian underpass at Moti Nagar in west Delhi. Due to the construction, a section of Ring Road underneath the Moti Nagar flyover has been closed for traffic.

The underpass is part of the larger road redevelopment work being carried out in the area. Officials added that work on the second flyover at Punjabi Bagh is nearing completion. The new subway, which is part of the traffic decongestion plan for the Ring Road and Punjabi Bagh area, will provide relief to scores of people living in the area. The stretch sees heavy traffic volume and is used daily by commuters travelling from Dhaula Kuan, Gurugram, and parts of south Delhi, as well as those going from the south towards central areas.

The new subway is part of the traffic decongestion plan

The Moti Nagar flyover was inaugurated by former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal earlier this year before Lok Sabha elections. The service lane beside the flyover has been closed by PWD because the underpass is being constructed across two points of the road. Hence, it has been closed for commuters, so any commuter who does not want to continue on the flyover and get down, has to go over the flyover and get off at the exit before the Brittania Chowk flyover.

During the monsoon, there was waterlogging on this stretch, which led to poor road conditions. According to locals, there is traffic congestion on this road also due to a broken road section.

Earlier, there used to be just a one-way flyover starting from the Moti Nagar intersection to Punjabi Bagh, collecting traffic from various connecting roads and further connecting to major areas of north-west Delhi and north Delhi like Pitampura, Rohini, and Shalimar Bagh, and other adjoining areas.

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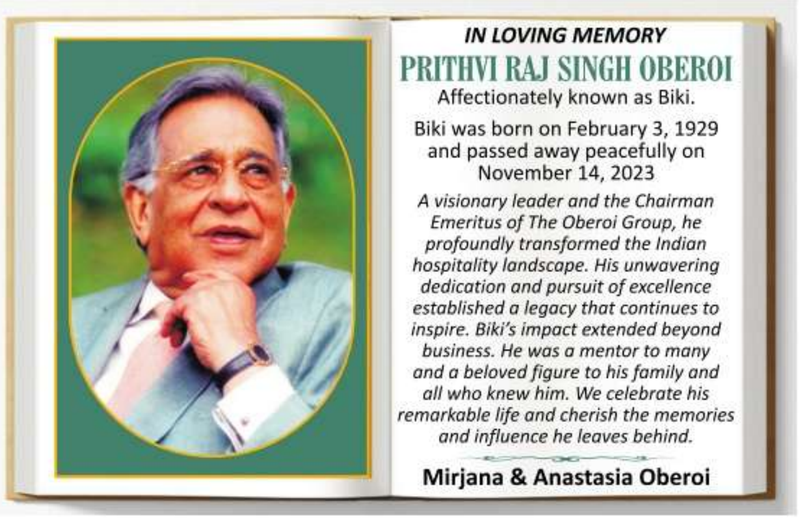

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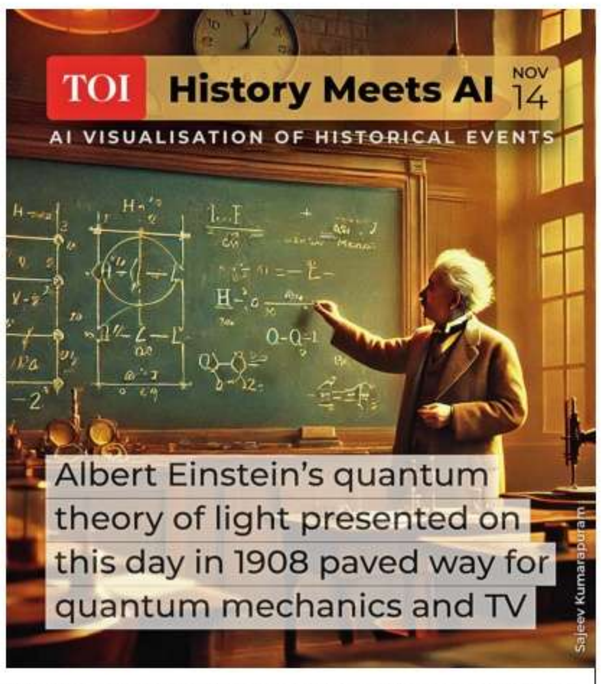

8 injured in explosion at Mathura refinery

Eight workers were injured in a blast at the Indian Oil refinery's atmospheric vacuum unit (AVU) in Mathura on Tuesday evening as the unit was being restarted following maintenance. The explosion led to a fire that severely affected workers in the vicinity, with three critically injured, officials said, reports **Deepak Lavania**.

The injured workers, including production managers, were initially taken to a local hospital. The three in critical condition were later transferred to a private hospital in Delhi. Renu Pathak, public relations officer at the Mathura refinery, said the blast occurred when the AVU, closed for a month for maintenance, was being restarted.

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers — By Sayan Ghosh

FDI INFLOWS ROSE OVER THREE-FOLD UNDER BIDEN

FDI inflows to India have increased more than fivefold from the Obama administration to the Biden administration, with figures showing a 57% increase during Trump's first term.

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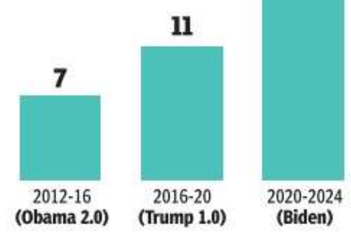

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SC to Ajit's NCP: Don't use Sharad Pawar pix, stand on your own feet

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New Delhi: SC Wednesday told **Ajit Pawar**-led NCP, which has been allowed to use the prized 'clock' symbol for Maharashtra assembly elections subject to certain conditions, not to use Sharad Pawar's pictures in its campaign and asked NCP functionaries to try to stand on their feet. It was a bitter verbal clash between senior advocate A M Singhvi, appearing for Pawar Sr, and senior advocate Balbir Singh, who appeared for Ajit-led NCP and told a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan that the party had scrupulously followed SC's order in issuing disclaimer ads in media about the 'clock symbol' being subjudice.

Singhvi repeatedly complained that a functionary of Ajit-led NCP, MLC Amol Mitkari, posted pictures of Pawar Sr on X, and alleged the attempt was to show the Pawars were united as a family in order to create confusion in the minds of voters. "Ajit Pawar-led NCP can't piggyback on Sharad Pawar's goodwill in blatant violation of SC orders," Singhvi said.

SC doubted whether rural voters would be affected by an X post. "Do you think people of Maharashtra do not know the two have parted ways and gone in opposite directions?" it said.

Singhvi said they were in direct contest in 36 seats, but the attempt was to create confusion in all 288 seats to benefit the rival coalition in which Ajit's NCP was a partner.

Listing further hearing for Nov 19, a day before the polls, the bench sought clarification from Ajit's party on a certain post using Pawar Sr's photo.

Manipur on boil again, Centre rushes 2,500 CAPF personnel

Most Of Them For Jiribam As 13 Fatalities Reported Since Nov 7

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Guwahati: An escalation of violence in Manipur has prompted MHA to despatch 2,500-odd additional central paramilitary personnel to the state, most of them for deployment in Jiribam, a relatively new flashpoint of the ethnic stir that has reported 13 fatalities since Nov 7.

The state, which has witnessed bloodletting on both sides of the hill-valley divide over the past 19 months, will now have a combined deployment of 218 companies of central armed police forces (CAPF), constituting over 29,000 personnel. The Army and Assam Rifles form another ring of security.

As per MHA directive issued Tuesday, 15 of 20 companies of reinforcements comprise CRPF units repositioned from Assam. The other five companies are of BSF transferred from Tripura.

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"The state govt of Manipur is instructed to formulate the detailed deployment plan, in consultation with the respective CAPFs," the order states. "The ministry anticipates swift normalisation of the situation and has sanctioned this deployment to maintain law and order until the month-end."

The updated CAPF deployment in the state stands at 115 CRPF companies, eight from RAF, 84 of BSF, five ITBP units and six from SSB. The initial contingent of approximately 1,200 personnel is expected to reach Imphal late Wednesday, officials said.

Lt Gen Abhijit Pendharkar, GOC, Army's 3rd Corps, reviewed "operational preparedness" during an inspection of the Red Shield Division based in Leimakhong.

Jiribam has been on the boil since June, culminating in a mother of three being allegedly raped before being burned to death on Nov 7. Last Monday, 10 "armed militants" were killed in a purported CRPF-police counter-offensive after they attacked two security posts. The bodies of two elderly residents of a shelter for the displaced were found Tuesday in the vicinity of the gunfight site — one with bullet wounds and the other charred. In Bishnupur, suspected tribal militants shot dead a woman harvesting paddy on Nov 8.

Kuki Students' Organisation has declared "non-cooperation" with CRPF and demanded all personnel be confined to their camps until the force apologises for killing "village volunteers" & passing them off as "militants".

Unrest over deaths of 10 'militants' spills over to Assam, Mizoram; 'extra-judicial killings' by CRPF, says MNF

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Aizawl/Silchar: Unrest over 10 "armed militants" being gunned down by security forces in Manipur's Jiribam on Nov 11 spread to neighbouring south Assam and Mizoram Wednesday as tribal organisations milled outside Silchar Medical College to question the "prolonged autopsy process", while Mizo National Front (MNF) — an former NDA ally — termed the casualties "extra-judicial killings".

SMC doctors completed autopsies on six of the 10 slain Hmar "militants" by Tuesday evening and the scheduled the rest for the following day, sources said. As the hours ticked by Wednesday, the restiveness of tribal protesters awaiting the autopsy findings grew along with the size of the crowd.

By evening, the protesters were raising slogans demanding that they be informed of what was happening. Cachar district SP Numal Mahatta sought to quell conspiracy theories, saying there was "no deliberate postponement" of autopsies.

In Aizawl, MNF declared the 10 slain men as "fallen heroes", mirroring claims by Kuki-Zo & Hmar outfits that a joint CRPF-police team killed "village volunteers" and passed them off as militants.

"CRPF exhibited bias... Such actions risk exacerbating fragile situation in Manipur... If we survive, we will survive together, and if we die, we will ensure no one dies alone. We denounce CRPF's actions, and its discriminatory behaviour," MNF said. It added the bodies would be taken from Silchar to their homes "via Mizoram".

Amid the gathering storm, 13 civil rights organisations enforced a shutdown in Manipur valley — Imphal East & West, Thoubal, Kakching and Bishnupur — over the alleged abduction of three women and as many children from a shelter for displaced Meitei people in Jiribam.

Armed men torched two trucks carrying supplies near Old Kaiphundai in Naga-dominant Tamenglong district, next to Jiribam.

2 die after unwarranted angioplasty in PM-JAY scam

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Gandhinagar: After two of seven patients died after undergoing "unwanted" angioplasty at an Ahmedabad hospital, Gujarat govt has ordered an FIR against Khyati hospital authorities for culpable homicide, criminal conspiracy, and forgery for unethical practices to mint money under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY).

Patients' kin alleged that hospital authorities had forced heart procedures on healthy patients. "Based on the case papers and images taken during the procedures, a govt inquiry committee found that these seven patients did not need angioplasty. The committee also found that post-operative treatment to angioplasty patients was improper, which led to the deaths of two patients," principal health secretary Dhananjay Dwivedi said. Govt has delisted the hospital from PM-JAY and ordered action against hospitals. It has barred the doctors involved in the angioplasty surgeries from all PM-JAY procedures. "The prescribed system for obtaining consent of patients was not observed by Hospital. Instead of taking consent from patients or family members, consent was taken from other patients," he said.

A fresh SOP for cardiology and cardiovascular surgeries under PM-JAY will be published in a week. Clinical Establishments Act will also be amended regarding informed consent of patients for specific procedures, Dwivedi said.

"Angioplasty will be allowed under PM-JAY only at hospitals with specialised cardiology and cardiovascular surgery facilities. Hospitals with visiting doctors for angioplasty will not be empaneled under PM-JAY," Dwivedi said.

At Hyderabad orphanage, kids turn entrepreneurs

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Hyderabad: Tragedy struck them early in life, but these children have managed to weather the storm to forge ahead in life. R Poojitha is only 14 and has been in an orphanage for the past four years. But that did not stop her from embarking on her entrepreneurial journey. Her venture, 'RMP Flowers', sells bouquets made from exotic flowers and herbs.

The class 9 student and her sister, who is in class 8, were sent to the orphanage in 2020 after their father allegedly killed their mother and a disabled sister. She said she was sad and angry all the time. "Now, I am happy and confident that I can stand on my own feet," Poojitha said. A Vinay Kumar, founder and executive director of Touch Foundation, said, "Poojitha was moody and did not talk to anyone back then. From that, to starting her own venture now is a big leap."

"We make bouquets using flowers and herbs from the orphanage's garden," she told **TOI**, adding that she wants to be a doctor.

Like Poojitha, there are other children at Touch Foundation orphanage who have started their own businesses. These children are provided with a seed amount of Rs 1,000 by Young Tinker Foundation to execute their ideas and create the initial product.

'I sold five handmade photo frames at an event. It gave a boost to my confidence,' says Class 10 student S Yashaswi

"I sold five handmade photo frames at International Startup Festival 2024, held in Hyderabad a few months back. The number is small, but it gave a big boost to my confidence," said S Yashaswi, who along with other children makes frames with reused materials such as paper, cardboard and stones for their firm 'R-DY Framers Company'. The class 10 student, along with her brother and sister, was sent to the orphanage by relatives over three years ago after their parents succumbed to Covid-19.

Md Mahabub, who has been at the orphanage since his father died 10 years ago, is pursuing a vocational course and plans to sell eco-friendly shampoo from the soap nut trees near the hostel.He said they plan to tie up with local shops to sell the product.

HC reverses OCI card cancellation for US professor

New Delhi: Delhi HC set aside the Centre's order cancelling the Overseas Citizen of India card of a professor residing in the US on the allegation of being involved in "anti-India activities", saying the notice lacked specific details or evidence supporting these claims.

HC said it deprived the petitioner of a fair chance to present an effective defence, while allowing the plea of 80-year-old Khalid Jahangir Qazi. Striking a balance between individual rights and national security, the court said before allowing Qazi to enter the country, the authorities are directed to issue a fresh notice clearly specifying the grounds for cancellations and give him a reasonable opportunity to respond.

"This notice should provide the petitioner with sufficient details to understand the basis of the proposed action and to respond accordingly..This process should be completed within six weeks from today," Justice Sanjeev Narula observed in a verdict passed on Tuesday.

Qazi approached the court seeking entry into India. He challenged the legality of two restrictive measures imposed upon him — an order cancelling his OCI card under the Citizenship Act and a blacklisting order issued by the ministry of home affairs under the Foreigners Act, restraining his entry into India. The basis for the actions was the petitioner's alleged involvement in activities deemed to be prejudicial to the interests of India He is working as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at a US university, shifted from India to the US in the 1970s. He wishes to travel to India to meet his other family members who are staying in Srinagar. TNN

HC: State authority must end where boundary of private property begins

Madurai: Condemning officials who seized the statue of Bharat Mata installed inside BJP office in Tamil Nadu's Virudhunagar, Madras HC directed the district administration to return the same immediately, reports **K Kaushik**. Right to property is constitutional, and it cannot be interfered with except as per fair procedure established by law, Justice Anand Venkatesh said.

Authority of State must end where boundaries of private property begin, the judge said, adding: "Installation of a statue of Bharat Mata on private property is a personal and symbolic act that reflects an individual's reverence for their motherland... No person in his right senses could contend that expressing one's patriotism and love for one's country would imperil the interests of the state or the community."

HC was hearing a case by the Virudhunagar BJP district chief, alleging that on Aug 7, 2023, police and revenue officials entered the party office on patta land and confiscated the statue of Bharat Mata with the National Flag without any prior notice or orders. State govt, on its part, said a division bench of HC had earlier directed authorities to ensure that no person or party was permitted to install statues in Tamil Nadu sans proper permission. The govt had also issued a circular prescribing guidelines in this regard.

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SC Asks Parties To Try Fresh Conciliation

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The woman, daughter of a Gwalior royal family, said her husband was so enamoured of a Rolls-Royce car of 1951 vintage in her family home that he wanted it as part of dowry, but her family turned it down

New Delhi: A Rolls-Royce car of 1951 vintage, one of its kind built by H J Mulliner & Co for the Maharani of Baroda and ordered on her behalf by India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru, appears to have wrecked the marriage of the daughter of a Gwalior royal family.

The girl and the family claimed their ancestor was admiral of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and the ruler of Konkan. The boy, whose father was a colonel in the Army, carried on the lucrative family business of running an educational institution at Indore.

Both gave different accounts of how the 'rista' got finalised and the engagement took place in Gwalior in March 2018 and the marriage in Rishikesh a month later. But one fact was common. The bride was never taken to her matrimonial home amid disputes. It was followed by litigation by the husband and wife for divorce at Rishikesh and Gwalior, which further soured relations.

The man filed a complaint against the girl and her parents for cheating his family of a large sum of money during the wedding. The woman retaliated with a dowry harassment FIR against the boy man and his family. But this FIR was quashed by MP HC. She moved SC challenging it.

She said the man was so enamoured by the Rolls-Royce car in her family home that he and his parents demanded that as part of dowry along with a flat in Mumbai. She said it was refused by her family since there was no custom of giving dowry in her community. Appearing for the woman, senior advocate Vibha Datta Makhija Wednesday told a SC bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan the woman is in a piquant position as "in her old-fashioned royal community, there is no tradition of re-marriage."

The bench said, "There is no such tradition now. Society has broken caste-barriers in forging social and matrimonial relationships. There may still be some reservations, but there is no such thing as she can't marry again."

Justice Kant said both sides have embroiled in litigation and lodged FIRs. "We know mediations have failed earlier. But why not give it a fresh try." Makhija said it would be better if SC mediation centre is entrusted with the task and suggested that senior advocate and former HC judge R Basant, a seasoned mediator, be entrusted with the job. The bench agreed and appointed Basant as the mediator for conducting conciliation proceedings between the warring parties.

Throw out anti-tribal Cong to save 'roti, beti & maati': Modi

Jaideep Deogharia & Rajesh Kr Pandey | TNN

Pakur/ Dumka: PM Narendra Modi stepped up campaigning in Santhal Pargana for the second phase of the Jharkhand assembly election, calling upon voters to unite and bring BJP into govt if they valued their "roti, beti, and maati (employment, daughters, and land)". Ahead of polling on Nov 2 for 38 assembly seats, Modi addressed rallies at Deoghar and in Godda district.

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Targeting Rahul Gandhi, Modi accused Congress of being against reservation and hinted that the demand for a caste-based census is aimed at dividing people and ending reservation benefits enjoyed by them. "Congress is moving ahead with the dangerous plan of ending reservation so those lakhs of people who stand together on being called SCs, STs or OBCs do not remain united," he said, noting that Congress had been wiped out from states in which the SC, ST, or OBC population is dominant. "Congress understands well that they can never get elected if these people remain united, so ending reservation is important for them. But I decided to fight all such forces and remind you — Ek hain to safe hain (United you are safe)," the PM added.

AFP

PM Modi with Bihar CM Nitish Kumar during an event for the inauguration of various development projects in Darbhanga on Wednesday

PM: Nitish has ended 'jungle raj' in Bihar

PM Modi lauded Bihar CM Nitish Kumar Wednesday for his role in transforming the state, pulling it out of what he called "Jungle Raj", reports **Madan Kumar.** Modi's remarks came during a function in Darbhanga, where he laid the foundation stone for an AIIMS and inaugurated infrastructure projects worth over Rs 12,000 crore. "No praise is too high for this achievement," he added.

Modi said demographic changes in Jharkhand were serious and that the number of tribals in Santhal region had been halved in recent years. "For electoral and personal gains, Congress and JMM encourage infiltrators to settle here. If this kind of infiltration and settlement continues, not just land and daughters, the entire state will be at risk," he said, criticising the state govt for having informed the court no infiltration was occurring.

In a first, two Navy warships commanded by siblings

New Delhi: For the first time in the Indian Navy, the sister and brother duo of Commander Prerna Deosthalee and Commander Ishan Deosthalee are commanding two warships at the same time in the force.

Commander Prerna Deosthalee last year became the first female officer to be handed over the command of a warship in the Navy. She is presently commanding the fast attack craft INS Trinkat. Her brother has now been given the command of INS Vibhuti, a Veer-class missile vessel. Vibhuti was part of the steam past given to President Droupadi Murmu off the coast of Goa in the Arabian Sea. The duo is commanding their warships under the Western Command.

President Murmu on Nov 7 visited aircraft carrier INS Vikrant along with Chief of Navy Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and witnessed an operational demonstration by the Navy. She praised the Navy's capabilities and strategic reach. ANI

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI Notice Under Order V Rule 20 Code of Civil Procedure
EFA (OS) No. 10/2019
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Neel Ghosh, founder, RHA, said the non-profit's name came from the Robinhood legend. "Folklore describes Robinhood as the hero who stole wealth from the rich and distributed it to the poor. Idea behind RHA is based on a similar premise, though we don't take money from anyone, but resources and services from those ready to give and stand by those in need," said Ghosh.

Over the years, RHA, which has completed a decade of service, has taken on new roles, from helping the elderly with medicine deliveries to enrolling slum children into schools, growing beyond its initial mission. It organised plasma donation drives, helped people with disabilities find jobs, and even acted as saviours during natural disasters.

RHA was inspired by Refood International, an organisation based in Portugal, which collects excess food and gives it to the hungry. Ghosh, who was then working for Zomato in Portugal, came to work with Refood and thought the concept would be a great way to help those in need in India. "When I first stepped out with our team in India, it felt like I had stepped out of my comfort zone and realised two things: The sheer scale of the need to feed the hungry, and the fulfilment that goes with it," Ghosh said.

While Covid-19 was a moment of reckoning for many, for RHA, it was a defining chapter in their tale. What began as a grassroots movement to feed the hungry transformed into a nationwide lifeline, with volunteers coming together to serve a society in crisis. Covid-19 was the spark that ignited an exponential growth in RHA, turning it into a force that didn't just deliver food, but care, and hope for survival.

'Small Act Of Kindness'

For Sakshi (26), a software developer at an MNC in Delhi, joining RHA during Covid-19 changed her perspective on life. "I remember one of my first drives... It was a reminder of how much impact even a small act of kindness can have," she aid. Asad Mohamad (33), a govt employee at a university in Delhi, shares a similar story. He joined RHA during Covid-19 and soon became a familiar face in the neighbourhoods he served. "When I go back to those areas, people don't remember me by my real name. They call me 'Robin Bhaiya," he says.

"During one of our drives at NIT Warangal, there was a Robin [as a volunteer is called] who never missed a single event. Only later did we realise that he would walk 5km to the food distribution point, hand out meals, and walk back home ," Gosh said.

The Robin couldn't afford bus fare, but showed up every time. RHA has grown into a global movement with presence in 406 cities worldwide, serving 141 million meals annually to those in need, all without a single rupee of funding from outside.

In Delhi alone, it has more than 10,000 active Robins. However, Ghosh insists RHA's mission goes beyond delivering meals. "Some people criticise us, saying we're just creating a dependency on free food. But we're not food delivery people. The idea is to use a meal as a human connection, a way to build trust. Once that is established, we can start to understand the deeper issues and work towards lasting solutions," Ghosh says.

> "I remember one of my first drives. We were able to get an oxygen cylinder to a family that was in desperate need. That moment stayed with me.
> — **Sakshi** | A SOFTWARE DEVELOPER & RHA VOLUNTEER

Building Trust

The act of sharing food is just the first step in what becomes a meaningful relationship between Robins and communities they serve. Ghosh shares an anecdote to illustrate the power of this connection. "During Covid-19, one of our volunteers in Agra was trying to raise awareness on vaccinations. Initially, people were reluctant. However, when this volunteer wore his green Robinhood Army shirt, they opened up. That shirt was a symbol of trust." RHA isn't just feeding people, its building bridges, earning trust, and creating avenues for change.

RHA plans to grow both, internationally and within local communities.

Their next focus? Education for children and going hyper-local in India. What began as a simple mission to feed the hungry has evolved into something much larger. A movement that nourishes lives, fosters connections, and brings communities together — one meal at a time.

कार्यालय- नगर पालिका परिषद, नैनीताल

पत्रांक :- 1395/XV-18 दिनांक :- 13.11.2024

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: 11620242025 **Dated:** 11.11.2024

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-IENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to **13.30 hrs.** on **04.12.2024.** The details of the Tender are as under:-

Tender No.: 243	**Approx Cost of work (Rs.):** ₹ 8376559.16
Name of Work: Annual Maintenance of 4th Line CPYZ-DER in the section of SSE/P.Way/DER under ADEN ALJN.	
Earnest Money (Rs.): ₹ 167500.00	**Completion Period:** 12 Months
Date of Opening of Tender: 04.12.2024	
Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work" : Any P.Way Work	

Bid Capacity Required:- NO. Note:- (1) E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. **(2)** The complete information along with tender document of above E-TENDERS is available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** up to **13:30 hrs.** on the due date of tender opening i.e. **04.12.2024. (3)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **(4)** The tenderers shall submit a copy of certificate as given in tender document in standard format, without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **(5)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **(6)** The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC April '2022 mandatorily, Otherwise offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **1972/24 (A)**

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Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited

No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bangalore – 560079. Phone: +91-80-29619801, Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com

No: KSMSCL/ DRUGS/ TND/ NDD-MH/ ALBENDAZOLE/29/ 2024-25 Dated: 12.11.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/ DRUGS/ TND/ NDD-MH/ ALBENDAZOLE/29/ 2024-25, Dated: 12.11.2024 (IND-0170).
Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:
TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALBENDAZOLE TABLETS UNDER NATIONAL DEWORMING DAY & MATERNAL HEALTH (NDD&MH) PROGRAMME 2024-25 (IND-0170).
Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **12.11.2024.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/-
Managing Director
KSMSCL, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/3169/SHIRDISAI/2024-25

मध्यप्रदेश भोज (मुक्त) विश्वविद्यालय

राजा भोज मार्ग, कोलार रोड, भोपाल-462016
E-mail : registraroffice.mpbou@gmail.com
क्रमांक : 276 दिनांक : 13.11.2024

विज्ञापन

मध्यप्रदेश भोज (मुक्त) विश्वविद्यालय, भोपाल अपने विश्वविद्यालय में भारतीय ज्ञान परम्परा : शोध पीठ हेतु पीठ प्रोफेसर के संबंध में आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है। विज्ञापन संबंधी जानकारी विश्वविद्यालय की Website : **https://www.mpbou.edu.in** पर उपलब्ध है। जिसकी **अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 29.11.2024** है। आवेदन की Hard Copy, कुलसचिव, मध्यप्रदेश भोज (मुक्त) विश्वविद्यालय, राजा भोज मार्ग, कोलार रोड, भोपाल-462016 को **दिनांक 29.11.2024 तक** भेजना सुनिश्चित करें।

म.प्र. माध्यम/117359/2024 **कुलसचिव**

MEGHALAYA BASIN MANAGEMENT AGENCY (MBMA)

Meghalaya State Housing Financing & Cooperative Society Ltd. Campus
Upper Nongrim Hills Shillong - 793003

No. MBMA/SLM/C-3/105/2024 Dated : 14-11-2024

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Request for Proposals

Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA) invites Applicants for Consultants of the following :
Hiring of Consultant for Value chain Sector Studies under SLM, MBMA

Last Date for Submission for the proposals **: on or before 4th December, 2024 by 05:00 P.M.**

A Virtual Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on 20th November, 2024 at 11:30 A.M. at MBMA Office. Interested Applicant are requested to sent their request to attend the pre-proposal conference to **mbmaprocurement@gmail.com** for sending them the link.

Detailed information and other terms & Conditions about the RfP Documents is available at **www.mbda.gov.in** any further notices including amendment of the bidding document will be uploaded on this website only.

Sealed Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelope to the Additional Project Director, MBMA Office of Meghalaya Basin Development Authority, Meghalaya Basin Management Agency, C/o Meghalaya State Housing Financing & Cooperative Society Ltd., Upper Nongrim Hills, Shillong-793003. Phone : 0364-2522043. For details please visit **http://www.mbda.gov.in** or email **atmbmaprocurement@gmail.com.**

M.I.P.R. No : 1312 Dated : 13-11-2024

DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD
TENDER NOTICE

Reference NIT No.DCB/8/C-1/TN/2024-25/9 dated 08.11.2024 published in the newspaper on 10.11.2024. Following amendments are hereby issued:-.

For:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit Amount
1.	Term Contract for Supplying & Fixing of Porta Cabins at Delhi Cantt	Rs.2,00,00,000/-	Rs.2,75,000/-

Read:-

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit Amount
1.	Term Contract for Supplying & Fixing of Porta Cabins at Delhi Cantt	Rs.1,00,00,000/-	Rs.1,75,000/-

The above amendments shall form the part of contract agreement and shall be uploaded duly signed along with tender documents. All other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain same.
Telephone No.25695450
No. DCB/8/C-1/TN/2024-25/9
OFFICE OF THE CANTONMENT BOARD
Website: www.delhi.cantt.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
Delhi Cantonment

ASSAM MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.

Tender No: AMSC-573669/6574

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

Assam Medical Services Corporation Ltd. (AMSCL) invites e-Tender affixing court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25/- (for bidders within Assam) or IPO of Rs.10/- (for bidders outside Assam) from eligible manufacturers/ importers for supply of **"Essential Surgical, Chemical & Consumable Items"** by entering into a Rate Contract. The complete e-tender documents may be obtained from the website- **http://assamtenders.gov.in** from **16.11.2024** till **09.12.2024.**

Sd/-
Managing Director, AMSCL

Janasanyog/CF/2177/24/14-Nov-24

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
9TH FLOOR, A-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, NEW DELHI-110002

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR ON CONTRACT BASIS

Health & Family Welfare Department, GNCT of Delhi invites applications from all eligible Indian Citizens for appointment to the post of **Assistant Professor**. For detailed information and subsequent updates, kindly visit Health & Family Welfare Department website **https://health.delhi.gov.in**

(1) Recruitment to be done through **"Walk in"** interviews, to be held at MAMC Campus, Bahadurshah Jafar Marg, Near Delhi Gate, New Delhi-110002.
(2) Interviews for the above said posts are scheduled to be held in 3rd week of November, 2024 tentatively.
(3) Posting of all selected candidates will be done on the basis of merit as well as availability of vacancies.
(4) Candidates are requested to regularly check the H&FW Department's website for latest updates or any changes.

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary
Health & Family Welfare, GNCTD

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0258/24-25

Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR UNIVERSITY DELHI

Established by the Government of NCT of Delhi

ADMISSION NOTICE FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMMES IN THE ACADEMIC SESSION 2024-25

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi, a State University established by the Government of NCT of Delhi invites applications from the eligible candidates seeking admission to its Ph.D. programmes (Regular / Part time) under different Schools at **Kashmere Gate Campus, Lodhi Road Campus, Karampura Campus & Qutub Institutional Area Campus** as detailed below for the Academic Session 2024-25.

Sl. No.	School	Programme	No. of seats for Indian Students
1.	**School of Management**	Ph.D in Management	7
2.	**School of Culture & Creative Expressions**	Ph.Din Film Studies	1
3.		Ph.D in Literary Art	1
4.		Ph.D in Performance Studies	1
5.	**School of Development Studies**	Ph.D in Development Studies	3
6.	**School of Education Studies**	Ph.D in Education	10
7.	**School of Global Affairs**	Ph.D in Urban Studies	10
8.	**School of Human Ecology**	Ph.D in Human Ecology	10
9	**School of Human Studies**	Ph.D in Women & Gender Studies	1
10.	**School of Heritage Research and Management**	PhD in Heritage Studies	9
11.	**School of Liberal Studies**	Ph.D in Economics	5
12.		Ph.D in Mathematics	5
13.		Ph.D in History	4
14.		Ph.D in Sociology	10
15.	**School of Legal and Socio-Political Studies**	*Ph.D in Legal Studies / Ph.D in Law	5
16.	**School of Letters**	Ph.D in Hindi	6
17.	**School of Public Policy & Governance**	Ph.D in Public Health	4
		Total Seats	**92**

How to apply: Only online applications are accepted through University website https://aud.delhi.gov.in. For details about eligibility conditions for admissions, fee structure etc., please refer to the Bulletin of Information (BOI) available on the University website. The above numbers of seats are tentative, the seats may increase or decrease, the final numbers of seats will be notified on University website. All admission process is as per Ph.D UGC Regulations 2022 & subsequent notified amendment.

Note: 1) *Those who come in the program with an undergraduate degree and Master's in law will be awarded Ph.D. in Law, while those who come into the program with an undergraduate and master's degree in any other discipline will be awarded Ph.D. in Legal studies.
2) Reservation Norms as applicable will be applied as per the University provisions.

Last date of Online Application
26.11.2024

Date:.04.11.2024

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Registrar

Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi

AP brings bills to remove two-child rule for contesting local body polls

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh is set to do away with the two-child norm for contesting local body elections.

Govt on Wednesday introduced two bills in the assembly, proposing amendments to the Panchayat Raj and Municipal Administration acts, which will repeal relevant sections of the law that render people with more than two children ineligible for contesting, reports **Srikanth Aluri.** Municipal administration minister P Narayana introduced the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill-2024 and the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill-2024 in the assembly, which are likely to be passed without any opposition.

Ajit: Remark on Adani presence at NCP-BJP talks misconstrued

Anurag.Bende@timesofindia.com

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar/Nagpur: Maharashtra deputy CM and NCP chief **Ajit Pawar** backtracked Wednesday on his purported statement to a news portal about industrialist Gautam Adani being part of political talks between BJP and undivided NCP five years ago. "My statement was misconstrued," he said.

The interview quotes Ajit as saying the talks took place before he joined hands with BJP and formed a short-lived govt with Devendra Fadnavis as CM and him as the latter's deputy in 2019. "Amit Shah, Gautam Adani, Praful Patel, Fadnavis and (Sharad) Pawar Saheb... all were there."

In Beed, Ajit was at pains to pass it off as "some misunderstanding". "He (Adani) is not even distantly related to the incident. I even said in the morning that you people are misrepresenting (the facts). He has nothing to do with politics."

NCP (SCP) chief Sharad Pawar said it was improbable that the claim attributed to his nephew could have remained a secret for half a decade. "Had such a thing happened, you would have seen the (BJP-NCP) govt being formed," he said in an interview to a Marathi channel. NCP (SCP) MP Supriya Sule said she was unaware of any such meeting. "Only Ajit Pawar can answer all your queries about the meeting," she said.

'Do batenge toh katenge in North'

Ajit said "batenge toh katenge" was not acceptable in Maharashtra, a statement that was in contrast to BJP's poll pitch aimed at uniting Hindus towards the alliance. Ajit's statement came on a day when UP CM Yogi Adityanath, who coined the slogan, delivered a speech on similar lines in Mumbai.

"We have got your back. Why are you worried? ...Someone said 'batenge toh katenge', it will not work in Maharashtra. You do it in the North, not in Maharashtra," he said.

Stones & sticks fly as Sena factions clash in Mumbai

Clara Lewis, Chaitanya Marpakwar & V Narayan | TNN

Mumbai: Violent clashes erupted between workers of the Shiv Sena and the Shiv Sena (UBT) outside Matoshree Club in Jogeshwari (East) on Tuesday night. Sticks and stones were hurled around as the violence continued for about an hour despite police intervention.

Police sources said workers of the Sena faction, headed by Uddhav Thackeray, had gathered to protest against the alleged distribution of money inside Matoshree Club, leading to riots and demonstrations. Matoshree Club is run by Sena MP Ravindra Waikar, whose wife, Manisha, is an assembly election candidate.

Shiv Sena filed two FIRs against Shiv Sena (UBT), alleging an attempt to murder a woman activist by pursuing her vehicle and molestation of a woman politician. Shiv Sena (UBT) responded by filing an FIR against Shiv Sena supporters.

Later at a press conference, women workers of Shiv Sena alleged videography by members of the Shiv Sena (UBT), which they said was not stopped despite their objecting to it. They said the matter escalated from there.

Harjeet Kaur, a party worker, said she left in a car and noticed Anant Nar, the Shiv Sena (UBT) candidate from the constituency, giving an interview nearby. She said Nar's son and other party workers saw her and began banging on the car and tried to open the door. "I sped towards Kalpataru (complex nearby). Five men followed me on a bike and entered the Kalpataru gates to hit me," she said. Police filed a suo motu FIR against unidentified party workers for organising an "illegal gathering" after Sena (UBT) workers blocked the road near Matoshree Club for 15-20 minutes.

A police officer said both factions engaged in stone-pelting. Four FIRs were filed against numerous individuals from both sides. Shiv Sena (UBT) MLC Anil Parab said, "They are distributing money, utensils, clothes, and other items. They are trying to buy votes. We even took up the issue with the EC, but no action was taken. So sainiks went there to check. They found criminals and goons sitting there. They attacked Shiv sainiks."

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL — SANDEEP ADHWARYU

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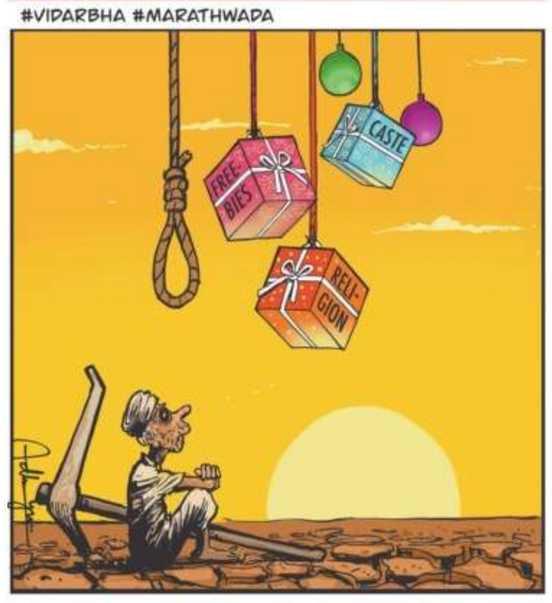

No worries, says Shinde as his bag is checked. Ajit offers 'chakli' to EC staff

Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar: Following Uddhav Thackeray's recent protest over EC officials checking his bags twice in two days, chief minister Eknath Shinde and deputy CM Ajit Pawar underwent similar security checks at Palghar and Baramati while campaigning on Wednesday, reports **Prasad Joshi**. Meanwhile, BJP released footage showing deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis being checked at Kolhapur and Yavatmal on Nov 5 and 7.

At the Palghar police ground, poll staff inspected Shinde's bag containing clothes and an ice-box with water bottles. Shinde spoke about the absence of a urine pot (Uddhad mentioned it when he raised the issue), while stating that routine baggage checks shouldn't worry those who have nothing to conceal. Uddhav had questioned whether similar checks would apply to PM Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah, who campaigned in Mumbai on Wednesday, with Modi scheduled to speak at Shivaji Park on Thursday.

BATTLEGROUND MAHARASHTRA

During Pawar's luggage inspection, officials found the crunchy snack 'chakli' and other packaged foods. While on his phone, Pawar offered the snacks to the staff, saying "kha baba kha" (Please eat them). He also encouraged staff to examine a steel container for potential currency. Fadnavis had dismissed Thackeray's protests as politically motivated. On Tuesday, poll staff inspected Union minister Nitin Gadkari's helicopter in Latur.

Uddhav stopped at checkpost on Goa border

Thackeray's convoy was stopped again at a checkpost on the Maharashtra-Goa border in Sindhudurg district on Wednesday, when he and his son Tejas were on a campaign tour in the coastal Konkan region. Visuals showed Thackeray's carcade being stopped at the Inshuli check post when it was entering Maharashtra from Goa, leaving him infuriated. Check-post personnel allowed the convoy to proceed after realising Thackeray was travelling in one of the cars.

Sugarcane crushing time clashes with poll, 10 lakh may miss vote

Abhijeet Patil and Sandip Dighe | TNN

Tasgaon (Sangli): It is that time of the year when tractor-trolleys, crammed with people awkwardly seated near stacks of clothes, utensils, rudimentary tents and knick-knacks, trundle on major roads in western Maharashtra districts.

They are sugarcane cutters, making their way to the destinations of their annual sojourn, with many even traversing up to 1,200 km for greener pastures in neighbouring states. This year, the crushing season clashes with the poll date, which means more than 10 lakh workers from districts such as Nandurbar, Dhule, Beed, Parbhani and Jalgaon, are likely to miss exercising their franchise. A ministerial committee had decided much before the poll announcement that crushing will begin on Nov 15 in the state. Govt had urged EC to postpone the cane cutting schedule by 10 days. Maharashtra Association of Sugarcane Cutters and Transport Workers had moved HC demanding that EC either make arrangements for transporting workers to their homes on polling day or let them vote in booths near their workplace. HC has scheduled the hearing after four weeks.

For workers, earning a living is a bigger priority than voting

Jeevan Haribhau Rathod, president of the association that filed a petition, feared bogus voting may peak in a situation where a large number of voters are away from the villages. For workers, earning a livelihood is a bigger priority. A cutter said, "Their entire economy depends on this harvest season."

Fix creamy layer criteria without delay, say MPs

Subodh Ghildiyal @timesofindia.com

New Delhi: The twin controversies over determination of "creamy layer" for OBCs — pending revision of income ceiling and the practice of including "salary" in the "income" of backward candidates with PSU background qualifying UPSC exams — echoed in the meeting of a parliamentary panel on Wednesday, with members demanding that they be settled without further delay. The MPs complained that clubbing "salary" in "income" is hurting OBC candidates qualifying the civil services examinations.

Sources said members, including one from BJP, in the Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of OBCs, headed by BJP MP Ganesh Singh, questioned govt about the non-revision of income ceiling for OBC reservations. They lamented it was last done in 2017 and is stuck at Rs 8 lakh.

With the secretary of social justice and empowerment and a senior DoPT official in attendance, sources said the panel members demanded that the revision be clinched without delay.

Tamil Nadu Green Energy Corporation Limited

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E-tender through e-procurement platform at **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** as per the instructions in the tender specification CE/HYDRO/SE/PD&C/ OT.No.02/2024-25

Sl. No.	Specification No.	Name of Work / Materials	Due date & time for submission of e-tender
1	CE/HYDRO/ SE/PD&C/ OT.No.02/ 2024-25	'Obtaining Terms of Reference (ToR) from MoE,F & CC / GoI to carry out EIA / EMP studies for Velimalai Pumped Storage Hydro-Electric Project (1100 MW) in Kanyakumari District / Tamil Nadu'	16.12.2024 upto 12.00 Noon.

Submission of e-tender: THROUGH THIS HYPERLINK **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

Date & Time of Commencement of Download of Tender Specification: **14.11.2024 / 17.00 Hrs**

Soft copy of Tender Specification:

The tender specification can be downloaded from TANGEDCO website **www.tangedco.gov.in** from Tamil Nadu Government Website i.e **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and from National Informatics Centre Website **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** free of cost.

Tenders will be opened: Through the NIC Portal: **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

Sd/-xxx
Chief Engineer / Hydro

DIPR/4933/Tender/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

T. Notice No.: 230-Elect/TRD/PRYJ/E-Tender Notice/2024/540 Date: 11.11.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer/TRD/N. C. Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E- Tender, the details of the tenders are as under:

T. No.: 230-TRD- WC-931-2024

Description of work : Maintenance of Over Head Equipment (OHE) of PPGCL siding, Bara by TRD department of Prayagraj Division over N. C. Railway for two years.

Advertised value : Rs. 2,37,91,253.87	**Bid Security :** Rs. 2,69,000
Completion Period: 24 Months	**Bidding system:** Single Packet
Tender Closing date & Time : 03.12.2024 & 14:00 Hrs	
Tender opening date & Time: 03.12.2024 & 15:00 Hrs	
Allocation : Deposit (00844581)	**UWID No.**

Note: 1. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** 21 days prior to the date of opening of the tender. **2**. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with Digital Signature Certificate. **3.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of **IREPS** may be approached. **1969/24 (ADM)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
P.H. DIVISION, BALANGIR.
Ph. No-(06652-234647)
Email. ID- eephbgr@yahoo.co.in
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No. SE PH BGR 18 to 23/2024-25 Dt. 08.11.2024

01.	Name of the Work	: 06 Nos.
02.	Estimated Cost	: Rs. 283.63 Lakhs to 813.73 Lakhs
03.	Period of Completion	: 12 Months to 18 Months
04.	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	: From 11.00 AM of dt. 19.11.2024 to 5.00 PM of dt. 05.12.2024
05.	Last date / time of receipt of bids in the portal	: 5 PM of dt. 05.12.2024
06.	Date & Time of opening of bids	: At 11.00 AM of dt. 06.12.2024
07.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: Superintending Engineer, P.H. Division, Balangir, At-Tulsinagar, Dist- Balangir-767001

Further details can be seen from the web site https://tenders.ori.nic.in or www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
P.H. Division, Balangir
OIPR-13005/11/0018/24-25

दिल्ली सरकार
आप की सरकार

Inauguration of a

NEW SCHOOL

Sarvodaya Kanya/Bal Vidyalaya, F-1 & F-2 Block, Sunder Nagri, Delhi

World class schooling facilities for children of highly dense area of

SEEMAPURI, NORTH EAST DELHI

Highlights

- Built in 9292 square meter area
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- Multipurpose Hall & Conference Room
- Library with rich collection of books
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- Lift and Toilets block

Inauguration Ceremony
Thrusday, 14 November, 2024

Chief Guest
Atishi
Chief Minister, Delhi

DIP/Shabdarth/Display/0035/24-25

Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi

SC allows ED to auction ponzi scam co MD's ₹200cr assets

Grants Her Three Months To Surrender

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court has allowed Enforcement Directorate to auction two properties worth around Rs 200 crore belonging to Heera Gold Exim Private Limited's managing director Nowhera Shaik who is accused of cheating investors in a ponzi scheme.

The order by a bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan was welcomed by ED that has initiated the process for restitution of properties to the victims to ensure "substantive justice is met to investors who were duped in the fraudulent investment scheme".

The SC allowed the auction after Shaik came forward with a proposal to dispose of her assets.

ED has initiated the process for restitution of properties to the duped investors

She gave a list of three properties — Naina Towers located in Banjara Hills in Hyderabad and having a market value of Rs 90 crore, Heera Foodex worth Rs 120 crore, and Heera Retail (Hyderabad) Pvt Ltd worth Rs 753 crore. The court, however, allowed the sale of only the first two properties as some documents of the third were missing.

"We direct ED to put both the properties to auction in accordance with law...We permit ED to proceed further with issuance of auction notice in accordance with law after fixing an offset price. The offset price shall be fixed after obtaining a report from a govt-approved valuer," the bench said.

Granting her three months more time to surrender in the case, the bench directed her to deposit Rs 25 crore with the agency. The court had earlier quashed her bail.

The court also directed her to furnish full, correct and complete details of her encumbrance free properties, which would also be put under the hammer to raise money for paying back the investors. Shaik has been asked to give the details within a period of two weeks.

"Once the information with regard to other properties free from all encumbrances is furnished to ED, it shall proceed further at the earliest to put those properties also to auction and try to recover the maximum amount so that ultimately whatever amount is fetched can be distributed amongst the investors," the SC said.

6 with 10k charas chocolates held in K'taka: Charas chocolates?! Yes, the banned drug is available wrapped in chocolate-like covers and tagged as "Ayurvedic medicine" across Bengaluru and its outskirts. Jigani police recently arrested six men on drug peddling charges and recovered over 10,000 charas chocolates worth Rs 10 lakh from them. Charas is an opioid derived from cannabis plants. TNN

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INSTITUTE ON MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION (IMAGE)
(AN AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA)
Siripur, BHUBANESWAR-751003, Odisha
Ph. (0674) 2974145, E-mail: imagebbsr1999@gmail.com

No.5055/IMAGE, Dated: 12/11/2024

RFP for "Selection of Event Management Agency for Krushi Odisha-2025"

IMAGE invites RFP for **"Selection of Event Management Agency for Krushi Odisha-2025".** The detailed RFP document can be downloaded from the website **www.agri.odisha.gov.in** from dt. 12.11.2024. The last date for submitting the RFP documents along with Bid Processing Fees of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only in favour of Director, IMAGE payable at Bhubaneswar through Speed Post/ Registered Post/ Courier on or before dt. 27.11.2024 up to 04.00 PM. The Technical Bids will be opened on dt. 28.11.2024 at 11.00 AM. The date of Technical Presentation and Opening of Financial Bids will be intimated later on. IMAGE reserves the right to accept or Reject any/all proposals/ terminate the entire selection process at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
DIRECTOR, IMAGE
OIPR-01408/11/0013/24-25

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INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICS & APPLICATIONS
(Science & Technology Department, Govt. of Odisha)
Andharua, Bhubaneswar-751029
Website: https://www.iomaorissa.ac.in

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND PROFESSOR

Letter No: IMA/100/999 /2024 Date: 12.11.2024

Applications in prescribed format are invited from the eligible Indian nationals for the following posts. For details of the post, eligibility criteria, qualifications, experience, scale of pay, application format etc.; please visit the website **www.iomaorissa.ac.in.**

Sl. No	Name of the Post	Number of Posts	Category
01	Assistant Professor	01	UR
02	Professor	02	UR

Last date of receipt of application **05.12.2024.**

Sd/-
REGISTRAR
OIPR-28010/11/0009/24-25

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Chennai Construction and Maintenance Circle.

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.38 / 2024-2025 / HDO /
Dated: 12.11.2024

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** are invited upto **24.12.2024,** 1.00 P.M. by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Chennai Circle under **CMRDP 2024-2025** work pertaining to Chengalpattu Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details will be available from **20.11.2024** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M, Chennai Circle.

DIPR/4912/Tender/2024

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
PROJECTS CIRCLE, COIMBATORE

Tender Notice

Tender Notice No.06 /2024-25/SDO/ Dated: 12 .11.2024

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu item rate tender through online only will be received upto **17.12.2024, 11.00 am** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Projects Circle, Coimbatore for the work under Railway Works Programme 2011-12 pertaining to **Salem (H), Projects Division.**

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **22.11.2024.** If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
Projects Circle, Coimbatore.

DIPR/4909/TENDER/2024

बिहार सरकार

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमण्डल नवादा।

शुद्धि पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक – 2377(अनु0) दिनांक 09.10.2024 के द्वारा निर्गत ई0–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या 10 (SBD) / Nawada/2024-25 जो PR No:- 10311(BCD) 2024-25 के द्वारा दैनिक सामाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित हुआ है, जिसमें निविदा की तिथियों को अपरिहार्य कारणवश विस्तारित किया जाता है, जो निम्नवत् है:–

कार्य का नाम:– नवादा जिलान्तर्गत प्रखण्ड– सह– अंचल अकबरपुर के अन्तर्गत मौजा तेयार में डा0 भीम राव अम्बेदकर आवासीय विद्यालय (720 आसन) का निर्माण कार्य। (विद्युतीकरण, अग्निशमन, फर्निचर कार्य एवं 5 वर्षीय अनुरक्षण एवं मरम्मति सहित)

क्र०सं0	विवरण	पूर्व में निर्धारित तिथि	नवसंशोधित तिथि
1	परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री (डाउनलोड करने की) तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 29.10.2024 से 21.11.2024 को अपराहन् 3:00 बजे तक। केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर।	दिनांक 18.11.2024 से 10.12.2024 को अपराहन् 3:00 बजे तक। केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर।
2	निविदा प्राप्ति (अपलोड) करने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 29.10.2024 से 21.11.2024 को अपराहन् 3:00बजे तक। केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर।	दिनांक 18.11.2024 से 10.12.2024 को अपराहन् 3:00बजे तक। केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर।
3	निविदा बिक्री का स्थान	केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर।	केवल वेवसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर।
4	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (तकनीकी बीड)	दिनांक– 22.11.2024 को 15.30 बजे।	दिनांक– 11.12.2024 को 15.30 बजे।
5	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वित्तीय बीड)	तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के पश्चात्।	तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के पश्चात्।
6	प्री बीड मीटींग की तिथि समय एवं स्थान	(i) दिनांक– 06.11.2024 को अपराहन 03:00 बजे अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवनअंचल, गया का कार्यालय में। (ii) दिनांक– 05.11.2024 को अपराहन 03:00 बजे मुख्य अभियंता (दo), भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय में।	(i) दिनांक– 27.11.2024 को अपराहन 03:00 बजे अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन अंचल, गया का कार्यालय में। (ii) दिनांक– 26.11.2024 को अपराहन 03:00 बजे मुख्य अभियंता (दo), भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय में।

- शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत् रहेंगी।
- उक्त सूचना को www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar या www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है, अथवा अधोहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय में कार्य दिवस की कार्य अवधि में सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

PR- 012328 (B C D) 2024-25

कार्यपालक अभियंता
भवन प्रमंडल, नवादा।

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Government of Tamil Nadu
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Construction and Maintenance Circle, Salem.

TENDER NOTICE

T.N.No.42/2024-25/HDO/Dated:12.11.2024

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **19/12/2024 - 15.00** hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Salem Circle for **One CRIDP (CMRDP) Work for the year 2024-2025** pertaining to **Dharmapuri (H) C&M Division**.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents receiving date and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** from **18/11/2024** onwards. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
C&M, Salem Circle.

DIPR/4902/Tender/2024

शासकीय स्वशासी गजराराजा चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय ग्वालियर मध्यप्रदेश

क्रमांक 35045 / स्था / विज्ञप्ति / 2024 दिनांक 09/11/24

/ / विज्ञप्ति सूचना / /

1. मध्यप्रदेश शासन, चिकित्सा शिक्षा विभाग, मंत्रालय भोपाल दिनांक 16.07.2018 द्वारा तथा संचालनालय चिकित्सा शिक्षा मध्यप्रदेश, संयुक्त संचालक वित के पत्र क्रमाक 3483 /स्था,/राज/ 2018 दिनांक 08.08.2018 के परिपालन में सुपर स्पेशलिटी अस्पताल चिकित्सा शिक्षक शैक्षणिक आदर्श सेवा नियम 2018 के अतंर्गत स्वशासी गजरोराजा चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय ग्वालियर के अधीन सुपर स्पेशलिटी अस्पताल **सुपर स्पेशलिटी विभागों में प्राध्यापक / सह प्राध्यापक /सहायक प्राध्यापक** के रिक्त पदों की पूर्ति सीधी भर्ती द्वारा की जाना है। इस हेतु एनएमसी. अर्हता अनुसार योग्य अभ्यर्थियों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में आवेदन पत्र स्वशासी गजराराजा चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय ग्वालियर में दिनांक 29.11.2024 सायंकाल 05:30 बजे तक आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। उपरोक्त विज्ञापन की जानकारी एवं आवेदन पत्र का निर्धारित प्रारूप स्वशासी चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय ग्वालियर मध्यप्रदेश की वेबसाइट www.grmcgwalior.org पर उपलब्ध है।
2. आवेदन पत्र, डाक द्वारा अथवा व्यक्तिगत रूप से स्वशासी गजराराजा चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय ग्वालियर में जमा कराये जा सकते हैं। किसी भी स्थिति में निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय के पश्चात प्राप्त होने वाले आवेदनों पर विचार नहीं किया जावेगा ।
3. साक्षात्कार का दिनांक एवं साक्षात्कार हेतु पात्र उम्मीदवारों की सूची महाविद्यालय की वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध कराई जायेगी तथा ईमेल द्वारा भी सूचित कर दिया जावेगा।

Sd/-
मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी
स्वशासी गजराराजा चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय
ग्वालियर

''स्वच्छता ही सेवा'' G-18911/24

DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
ISBT BUILDING, KASHMERE GATE, DELHI-110006

MISSING CHILDREN

Sl.No.	Description	Photograph
1.	Heema Vartini is a victim of human trafficking. According to the FIR, the child was born on 02/03/2023 and was sold by his biological mother Ms. Radha to a woman named Julie. Mrs. Anita and Mr. Imran are agents in this child trafficking. As per the agreement they would allow the biological mother to meet the child but when she was not allowed, Ms. Radha sought help from the Women's Commission. As per the police report the DNA test of Radha and the child did not match, so the child is currently being kept in Holy Cross for care and protection with the order of CWC X, Alipur. FIR no. 0330 dated 29/03/2023 Police Station - Narela Industrial Area	
2.	Vansh (name given by CWC, Alipur), on call new born boy child was found in the bush behind Swaroop Nagar, Libaspur Bus stand where the construction of the new hospital is in progress. As soon as he was found he was admitted in the BJRM hospital. Child was discharged and produced before CWC X, Alipur. With the order of CWC the child was brought to Holy Cross for care and protection. FIR no.- 0711, dated 07/08/2024, PS - Samaypur Badali	
3.	Child named PARI about four years old was found abandoned at Kewal Park, Adarsh Nagar at Delhi. Child was produced before CWC X Alipur on 11/07/2024 by the staff of PS Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. After that by the order of CWC-X the child was brought to Holy Cross Social Service center for care and protection. At the time of production, the child was wearing a green colored full T-shirt and a white half pant. GD No. 0103 dated on 10/07/2024 at PS-Adarsh Nagar.	

Note: Parents/Guardians/Relatives of above mentioned children (Sr. No. 01 to 03) may contact at given address/phone numbers :

1. Org. Secretary, Holy Cross Social Service Centre, Dheerpur, Burari Road, Near Nirankari Complex, Tara Chowk, Delhi 110009. Contact No. 9818764531, 8130915367, **hcsscdelhi@gmail.com**
2. DCPU - Unit I, District Child Protection, Sewa Kutir, Kingsway Camp, Delhi-110009, Ph: 8802314408 / **delhicentraldcpu1@gmail.com**

Sd/- **Director**
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0259/24-25 **Department of Women & Child Development**

North Eastern Railway

E-AUCTION NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Eastern Railway, Lucknow invites E-Auction for following work:

Admin Unit/Zone : Lucknow-NER-Division-Commercial/North Eastern Railway, **Auction Catalogue No./ Lot No. : LJN-VPU-12-24, Catalogue Published on :** 05.11.2024 at 13:34 Hrs., **Auction Start (All Lots) :** 27.11.2024 at 13:00 hrs., **Auction Close Date/Time :** 27.11.2024 at 15:00 hrs., **Auction Type :** Close Ended, **Website particulars where complete details of auction can be seen by registered bidders :** E-Auction Module of **www.ireps.gov.in**

Divisional Commercial Manager,
CPRO/Com-179 North Eastern Railway, Lucknow

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U P SLDC LIMITED, LUCKNOW

Tender Specification No. (TSN): 40/Data Center/HUP/2024 Office of the **Superintending Engineer (Estt. & HR), UPSLDC Ltd., UPSLDC Building, Vibhuti Khand-II, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow** invites bid (in e-tendering mode only) under single stage two-part system from reputed corporate entity incorporated under the Companies Act 1956/ Companies Act 2013 having domicile in India engaged in the Supply, installation, commissioning of Hardware/software in data centre for the work of **"Supply, installation and commissioning of latest hardware and software for upgradation of IT data center at DC Lucknow and DR Modipuram, Meerut including database migration, Application migration, Log migration and 5 year onsite support with dedicated onsite manpower"** at an Estimated Cost of **Rs. 32.05 Crores (Taxes Extra).** Complete set of bidding document is available on the official e-tender portal of UPPTCL "etender.up.nic.in" and website of UPSLDC "www.upsldc.org" from dt. <14.11.2024 18:00> up to dt. <06.12.2024 14:00 >. Interested bidders may visit UPSLDC's official web site "www.upsldc.org" and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL "etender.up.nic.in" for amendment/ errata/corrigendum (if any) and any other information regarding this tender. **Note:** Bidders are requested to regularly visit website and official e-Tender Portal of UPPTCL only for amendment/errata/corrigendum (if any) and any other information regarding this tender, as the same shall be published only on the website "www.upsldc.org" and official e-Tender Portal "etender.up.nic.in" of UPPTCL. **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (Estt. & HR) UPSLDC Building, Vibhuti Khand-II, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010** "Save energy in the interest of nation" RO-3979/13.11.2024

ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of Assam Public Limited Company)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. APDCL/CGM(F&A)/COMP/IFC/2022-23/177/25 Dated 14/11/2024

E-tenders are invited for Appointment of Consultant for Implementation of Internal Financial Control over Financial Reporting (IFCoFR) of APDCL. The complete tender documents will be available for download in the websites **www.apdcl.org** and **https://assamtenders.gov.in** w.e.f. **18-11-2024 (15:00 Hours).**

Tender Notice No. 2/24 published earlier vide No. APDCL/CGM(F&A)/ COMP/IFC/2022-23/177/22 Dated 15/07/2024 stands cancelled.

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Letter No. 2530/UCADA/2024 Date: 13.11.2024

1. **Under the Uttarakhand Air Connectivity Scheme E.O.I is invited from all fixed wing Operators who meet the following requirements: -**
   a) Operator having current and valid NSOP issued by the DGCA.
   b) Have Owned/Leased aircraft with flying experience in Uttarakhand.
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   a) Jollygrant – Gauchar - Jollygrant
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E.O.I along with supporting documents should reach the above address/Email by 23rd Nov 2024.

(CEO)
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KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
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SPECIAL LIMITED E-TENDER (SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM) INVITATION NOTICE

Sr. No. : 1. Name of Work: Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 25 KV feeder line and associated works on Bridges and Open route for Railway Electrification in Banihal-Baramulla section (138TKM/201TKM) under RE(USBRL) project of Northern Railway. **Tender Notice No: KR/CO/EL/BAHL-BRML/T/33/24, Dtd: 14.11.2024. Completion Period**: 4 (Four) Months. **Estimated Cost**: Rs.4,37,02,821/- excluding GST. **EMD**: Rs.3,68,500/-. **Last Date & time for Online Submission Of Tender**: 21.11.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of Tender** : On 21.11.2024 at 15.30 Hrs.

Sr. No.: 2. Name of Work: Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 25 KV feeder line cable and associated works in Tunnel (T-80) and Open route for Railway Electrification in Banihal-Baramulla section (138TKM/201TKM) under RE(USBRL) project of Northern Railway. **Tender Notice No: KR/CO/EL/BAHL-BRML/T/34/24, Dtd: 14.11.2024. Completion Period**: 4 (Four) Months. **Estimated Cost**:Rs.6,39,73,281/- excluding GST. **EMD**: Rs.4,70,000/-. **Last Date & time for Online Submission Of Tender**: 21.11.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of Tender**: On 21.11.2024 at 15.30 Hrs.

Sr. No.: 3. Name of Work: Supply, erection, testing and modification of SP/SSP/TSS required for commissioning of 25 KV feeder line for Railway Electrification in Banihal-Baramulla section (138TKM/201TKM) under RE(USBRL) project of Northern Railway. **Tender Notice No: KR/CO/EL/BAHL-BRML/ T/35/24, Dtd: 14.11.2024. Completion Period**: 4 (Four) Months. **Estimated Cost**:Rs.4,02,70,393/- excluding GST. **EMD**: Rs.3,51,000/-. **Last Date & time for Online Submission Of Tender**: 21.11.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of Tender**: On 21.11.2024 at 15.30 Hrs.

Amendments / Corrigendum if any, would be uploaded on IREPS website only. **Submission of Tender Documents**: Through IREPS. Manual Tender Documents shall not be accepted.

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Sr. No.	Use	Plot No.	Pocket	Sector	Area in Sq.Mtr.	Rate of Allotment Per Sq.Mtr	Reserved Price (Rs.)	Registration Amount (Rs.) (10%)
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A-Qualification Criteria
Financial Eligibility Criteria:

Sr. No.	Parameters	Plot Size 2400 sqm.
1	Minimum Net Worth as on 31.3.2024 duly certified by the Applicant and statutory auditors/ Chartered Accountant as per audited annual accounts	Rs 1.44 Cr.
2	Minimum Solvency as per Certificate from a Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank not more than 6 months old	Rs 1.08 Cr.
3	Minimum average annual Turnover of last three FY 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24 duly audited by the Applicant's & statutory auditors/Chartered Accountant	Rs 7.21 Cr.

प्रश्नगत योजना YEA/INST 2024–2025 / 06 दिनांक 30.10.2024 से प्रारम्भ की गयी है, जिसकी अन्तिम तिथि 29.11.2024 है, उक्त योजना में आवेदन करने हेतु अन्तिम तिथि 15.12.2024 तक बढायी जाती है।

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Phone No. 011-20838133

For and behalf of the President of India, General Manager, Delhi Milk Scheme, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 invites e-Tender for appointment of Distributors (with option of choosing any one collection/pick up point/lifting point from either of the two lifting locations namely, Ballabgarh Dairy or DMS Shadipur campus) to sell and distribute milk and milk products including co-branded products processed, manufactured & packed by Ballabgarh/ Rohtak/Sirsa Milk Plant or any of the Milk Unions affiliated to Haryana Dairy Development Co-operative Federation Limited (HDDCFL) and marketed by DMS using refrigerated vehicles for transportation of DMS milk & milk products including co-branded products either from Ballabgarh Milk Plant or from DMS Admin, West Patel Nagar, Shadipur to the selected Zones of DMS in Delhi & NCR region as per the demand raised in the existing ERP system for milk & milk products distribution. E-Tender forms containing detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from Central Public Procurement Portal website i.e. http://eprocure.gov.in/ eprocure/app from 13.11.2024 to 03.12.2024 upto 2:30 PM Pre- bid conference will be held on 23.11.2024 at 2:30 PM in DMS West Patel Nagar New Delhi. Participating bidders are required to send their written queries in advance of the pre-bid conference. Online Tender Documents must be accompanied with the scanned copy of EMD as prescribed in Tender documents in favour of General Manager, Delhi Milk Scheme payable at Delhi. Original DD/ Pay Order/ Bankers Cheque of EMD is to be submitted to this office well before opening of Tender. Dully filled in 'e'-Tender/online offers shall be accepted up to 2:30 P.M. on 03.12.2024 and will be opened on 04.12.2024 at 2:30 PM. Manual Tender shall not be accepted. You may also visit DAHD website i.e. **www.dahd.nic.in**

(CHINMOYJIT SEN)
General Manager

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Notice Inviting Third Time Tender on EPC Mode
Through e-procurement mode only www.epro2.bihar.gov.in
NIT No.-RCD/04/EPC/PatnaCity/2024-25(Third Time)

Application in the prescribed format from eligible contractors for Request for Proposal (RFP) on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) mode are invited for the following projects as per below :-

1	Designation and Address of the Advertiser	Executive Engineer, Patna City Road Division, RCD Gulzarbagh, Patna-7
2	Date of Issue of Notice Inviting RFP	11.11.2024
3	Last Date for Receiving Queries	05.12.2024
4	Period for Sale of RFP Documents	From 03.12.2024 time 10:00 a.m. to 27.12.2024 upto 11:00 A.M. Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
5	Date, Time and Place of Pre -Application Conference	10.12.2024 Time 11:00 A.M. Place: Office Of Chief Engineer, South, RCD, Bihar, Chhajubagh Patna
6	Authority Response to Queries Latest By	17.12.2024 Time 11:00 A.M. Place: Office Of Chief Engineer, South, RCD, Bihar, Chhajubagh Patna
7	Last Date of Submission/Uploading Document(Bid due Date)	03.01.2025 upto Time 11:00 A.M. Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8	Last Date, Time and Place for submission of original instrument of EMD and Cost of Bid Document + Processing Fee	Applicable as per Departmental Office Order no. – 07 Dated 10-01-24 and memo no.-163(E) Dated 10.01.2024
9	Date, time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	04.01.2025 After 11:00 hrs. Through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

10. Details of Works:-

Bid No.	Name of work	Approximate Cost (Rs. inLacs)	Bid Security (Rs in Lacs) Online/Offline	Cost of Bid Document Online only (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid processing fee Online only(in Rs.)	Time of completion (Including Non-Working Period) (in Month)
1	Widening and Strengthening of Didarganj-Bakhtiyarpur Road (SH-106) from 2-Lane to 2-Lane with Paved Shoulder from K.M. 0.00 to 34.800 for the year 2024-25 (Total Length - 33.60 K.M, Excluding Chainage 1.00 to 2.22taken by BSRDCL)"	8357.92175 (8154.07 for Construction & 203.85175 for Maintenance)	93.58	10000.00	5900.00	24 (TwentyFour)Months for Constuction Work & 5 years Maintenance Period.

11. Date, time & place of opening of Financial Bid :To be announced later after approval of technical bid From website-www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only.

Project Scope & Work :

12. To undertake the work of Widening and Strengthening of Didarganj-Bakhtiyarpur Road(SH-106) from 2-Lane to 2-Lane with Paved Shoulder from K.M. 0.00 to 34.800 for the year 2024-25(Total Length- 34.800 K.M)
    Bid Validity : 120 Days
13. Any Contractor registered with the Central Government/any State Government or any PSU or any Agency of International or National repute may participate in the tender but registration with the Road Construction Department, Bihar will be essential after issue of L.O.A and before executing the agreement.
14. Detailed RFP can be seen on web site www.prd.bihar.nic.in or www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in or on the notice board of the office of the undersigned.

Executive Engineer,
Patna City Road Division,
R.C.D., Gulzarbagh, Patna-07

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New guidelines for coaching centre ads out

New Delhi: Busting exaggerated claims of coaching centres about number of their students cracking competitive exams, govt on Wednesday issued new guidelines to curb misleading advertisements by such institutes and prohibited them from luring new batches by making unrealistic promises of "100% selection", reports **Dipak Dash**.

Citing analysis by Central Consumer Protection Authority, consumer affairs secretary Nidhi Khare said in 2023 Civil Services Exam, while UPSC recommended names of only 1,016 candidates, nine institutes claimed selection of over 3,636 students. CCPA found that multiple coaching institutes were using photos of same successful candidate in their ads. Probe also revealed how institutes were fudging disclosures of courses these students joined and their duration.

SC lays down path, timeline that bulldozers must follow

Babus To Face Contempt, Fine For Violations

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Before rolling out bulldozers to demolish illegal portions of a house or properties, which are either co-owned or resided in a person accused of a heinous offence, authorities across India must follow a lengthy procedure that could take months.

Following are the steps to be taken by authorities:

- No demolition of any illegal structure without 15-day prior notice to the owner, both by registered post and pasting it on the outer walls of the property. The time period would tick from the date of receipt of the notice by the owner
- Intimation of notice simultaneously to collector/district magistrate concerned, who will designate a nodal officer for communication with municipal authorities
- Notice shall delineate nature of unauthorised construction, specify violations, grounds of demolition and fix a date for personal hearing for the owner before a designated authority
- Minutes of personal hearing given to owner to be recorded. After hearing, authority concerned will pass final order detailing which portion of structure is unauthorised, whether it's compoundable
- If not, the authorities will specify why a portion or the entire structure requires to be demolished, and give an opportunity to the owner to remove/demolish the said unauthorised portion
- The final order for demolition would not be implemented for 15 days to allow the aggrieved person to approach the courts
- If the owner does not challenge the final order of the authority in court within 15 days, then the demolition drive can be undertaken after preparing a detailed inspection report in the presence of two independent witnesses
- Demolition has to be videographed and the authorities have to send a report to the civic authority commissioner concerned, containing the names of civil and police officials who participated in the demolition process

Consequences of violation of Supreme Court order:

- Authorities shall strictly adhere to the guidelines; violations would lead to initiation of contempt proceedings in addition to prosecution
- Officers concerned will be asked to restore the demolished structure to its original state at their personal cost and also be liable to pay damages (compensation)

SC has directed circulation of its guidelines to all HCs, state and UT govts, which in turn will issue circulars to all district magistrates and local authorities informing them about the guidelines.

'PUNISHING ACCUSED'S KIN IS ANARCHY'

"For an average citizen, the construction of a house is often the **culmination of years of hard work, dreams, and aspirations**... If this is to be taken away, then the authority must be satisfied that this is the only option available

"If the executive in an arbitrary manner demolishes the houses of citizens only on the ground that they are accused of a crime, then it acts **contrary to the principles of 'rule of law'**. If the executive acts as a judge... it **violates the principle of 'separation of powers'**. We are of the view that in such matters, the public officials who take the law in their hands should be made accountable

"It is not only the accused who lives in such property or owns such property. If his spouse, children, parents live in the same house or co-own the same property, can they be penalised by demolishing the property? Punishing such persons... is **nothing but anarchy** and would amount to a violation of right to life

"... It is not a happy sight to see women, children and aged persons **dragged to the streets overnight**. Heavens will not fall on the authorities if they hold their hands for some period

Case pending in HC, UP village pradhan's house, shops razed

State revenue administration in UP's Pilibhit Wednesday demolished six shops and part of a double-story residential house, declaring the constructions to be "illegal" even as the case is being heard in Allahabad HC. Officials said the demolished structures were built on reserved gram panchayat land. The property belonged to Jenab Begum, pradhan of Tilchi village panchayat, whose husband Md Hanif accused the authorities of "targeting his family".

Hanif said the demolition was "unfair" as the matter was pending in HC. "My family was targeted because of my faith," he said, adding that his father was granted a 425-sq-yard area on lease in 1965, and that his family lived there ever since. He said the DM's court in 1999 gave a decision validating his lawful authority over the property. TNN

'Executive's abuse of power can't be tolerated by courts'

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Beginning the 95-page judgment by quoting famous Hindi poet Pradeep to illuminate the importance of shelter for a family, Justice Gavai said, "The chilling sight of a bulldozer demolishing a building, when authorities have failed to follow the basic principles of natural justice and have acted without adhering to the principle of due process, reminds one of a lawless state of affairs, where 'might was right'."

Justice Gavai pointed out that mere registration of an FIR naming a person, even in a heinous crime, did not erase his right embodied in the concept of 'innocent till proven guilty in a court of law'. "The executive cannot pre-judge the guilt of an accused and pronounce a disproportionate punishment, that too demolition of a house," he said.

"In our Constitution, which rests on the foundation of 'the rule of law', such high-handed and arbitrary actions have no place. Such excesses at the hands of the executive will have to be dealt with by the heavy hand of the law. Our constitutional ethos and values would not permit any such abuse of power, and such misadventures cannot be tolerated by the court of law," Justice Gavai said.

The instant deployment of bulldozers to raze an accused person's house, co-owned and inhabited by other members of the family who are innocent, amounted to "inflicting collective punishment on them without reason", the apex court said and underlined that right to shelter is part of right to life guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution.

The executive cannot pre-judge the guilt of an accused person & pronounce a disproportionate punishment, Justice Gavai said

The bench raised several questions on the practice of bringing down of an accused person's house. "Can the family be penalised by demolishing the property without them even being involved in any crime only based on them being related to an alleged accused person? What is their mistake if their relative is arrayed as an accused in some complaint or FIR?" it asked.

"As is well known, a pious father may have a recalcitrant son and vice versa. Punishing such persons who have no connection with the crime by demolishing the house where they live in, or properties owned by them, is nothing but an anarchy and would amount to a violation of the right to life guaranteed under the Constitution," it added.

Justices Gavai and Viswanathan said under India's constitutional scheme and criminal jurisprudence, it was impermissible to demolish a house belonging to a family merely because one of its members was involved in a crime because it amounted to "inflicting a collective punishment on the entire family or the families residing in such structure".

When solicitor general Tushar Mehta said every demolition has to be carried out in strict adherence to the procedure laid down, the bench said it has come to light that authorities have adopted a "pick and choose" attitude towards illegal structures, singling out those belonging to the accused while sparing similar ones in the vicinity.

"When a particular structure is chosen all of a sudden for demolition and the rest of the similarly situated structures in the same vicinity are not even being touched, mala fide may loom large," bench said.

"In such cases, where the authorities indulge in arbitrary pick and choose of structures and it is established that soon before initiation of such an action an occupant of the structure was found to be involved in a criminal case, a presumption could be drawn that the real motive for such demolition proceedings was not the illegal structure but an action of penalising the accused without even trying him before the court of law," it said.

"No doubt, such a presumption could be rebuttable. The authorities will have to satisfy the court that it did not intend to penalise a person accused of demolishing the structure," the bench added.

SC slams bulldozer brakes, but it comes too late for many

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On June 27, district administration in Bareilly bulldozed a builder's 12-room bungalow, reducing the structure and his children's and grandchildren's belongings to rubble for his alleged involvement in a gunfight. Days later, the houses of seven families in next door Moradabad were razed after a man was accused of orchestrating a dacoity and kidnapping. Today, both families are forced to live wretched lives. SC's strictures against "bulldozer justice" may have come just a tad too late for many such families across India.

Builder Rajiv Rana's granddaughter, Avantika, clung to her mother that day as bulldozers in Bareilly inched closer, drowning out the sounds of daily life. "I was six months pregnant, preparing a meal, and my mother-in-law was helping Avantika get ready for school when officials arrived, shouting our house was illegal and had to be demolished," said Rana's daughter-in-law, Maalu Singh.

By the end of the day, the three-storey home was gone, leaving Maalu and her husband Ashish burdened not just with EMIs as they sat cross-legged on the rubble of their former house, but frantically calling up relatives for help and shelter. When the house was destroyed, there were toys and books of the children inside, Ashish said.

In Moradabad, a similar story played out. Muslim Hussain, a 25-year-old carpenter, was accused of enlisting professional criminals to carry out a dacoity at the home of his married lover. That set off a chain of devastating consequences. Not only was Hussain's house demolished, but seven homes belonging to his relatives were also razed by the district administration.

"That happened on June 30," Hussain's relative said. "We couldn't explain anything to anyone. Why were we punished? Our houses were flattened with all the valuables inside. Our families now live with great difficulties, and some of the children have stopped studying. All for one person's alleged crime. Where is the justice in this?"

Families left in the cold spoke to **TOI** not just about the trauma of seeing houses — often built brick by brick by their fathers and grandfathers — turn to dust, but also the discomfort that displacement brought and the shame that followed. One of them said, "We had relatives but no one rich or kind enough to accept us in their houses. We finally had to leave our native town. Our children either changed schools or had to leave studies. The old and the ailing in the family lost the touch of local doctors."

In July this year, authorities, once again in Bareilly, demolished 14 houses and arrested 58 individuals after a clash during Muharram processions in UP's Gausganj village led to a small riot.

Among houses razed for Muharram violence, one belonged to mason Mustaq Ali, despite no case against him. His wife said, "We had saved money for our daughter's marriage. Everything's lost."

Guj cop held in Punjab for killing MICA student after road rage

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ahmedabad: Three days after Priyanshu Jain, a second-year MICA student, was stabbed to death in Ahmedabad after a road rage feud, cops Wednesday arrested a policeman for the murder. The accused, head constable Virendrasinh Padheria, was found holidaying in Punjab's Sangrur district.

Padheria (40), an Ahmedabad resident, had joined Sarkhej police in March and was tasked with vehicle checking, election and court duties. On the date of the murder (Nov 10), Padheria was on leave, Sarkhej inspector R K Dhulia said, adding: "He went on sick leave on Oct 29, saying his aunt had died, and didn't resume duty later."

Police sources said Padheria had a chequered past, including a suspension in 2017 for running a con call centre.

After killing Jain, Padheria went to Punjab, said sources.

The hunt for the murderer involved advanced tracking technology and human intelligence, wherein 10 police teams and over 100 officers from Ahmedabad's rural and city crime branches participated. "We traced the car to Sangrur and our team arrested Padheria there. He will be brought back to Ahmedabad on Thursday," said a crime branch officer.

Around 10.30pm on Nov 10 (Sunday), Jain and his friend Prithviraj Mahapatra — who were preparing for the upcoming placements — were heading back to MICA campus on Mahapatra's bike after visiting a tailor, when Padheria's speeding car made a sharp turn near a curve, coming dangerously close to the two-wheeler.

Jain allegedly yelled at Padheria for the reckless driving, following which the policeman chased their two-wheeler for around 100m till the students stopped. The verbal altercation quickly escalated and Padheria brought out two knives from his car and fatally stabbed Jain in the back.

14 yrs on, DSP visits vendor who gave veggies for free when he was a struggler

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bhopal: Here's a reunion that reads like a web-series plot. Gwalior DSP Santosh Patel sought out a vegetable vendor in Bhopal — Salman Khan — who was kind to him when he was a struggler around 14 years ago, rekindling a warmth that turned out to have stood the test of space and time.

When the police vehicle halted next to his cart in the city's Apsara Talkies area, Khan became nervous but his anxiety disappeared as he instantly recognised Patel.

The DSP recalled that he often ran out of money when he was an engineering student and later a Public Service Commission aspirant from 2009 to 2013, and he would approach Khan. The vegetable vendor never hesitated. He always offered him tomatoes and brinjal for free. Neither of them forgot the shared smile.

Patel, who is posted in Gwalior, shared the heartwarming video on social media. "Salman understood my situation and would give me vegetables without charge. Meeting him again after so many years was an overwhelming moment for both of us. Forgetting someone who supported you in hard times is a sin. A person should never be ungrateful," Patel posted.

In the video, the two men laugh as Salman recalls the old days. Patel also mentioned how Salman would always set aside vegetables for him, even while closing shop.

EMOTIONAL REUNION

Salman was thrilled at reconnecting with his old friend. "I lost his phone number, but I always followed his videos on social media," Salman said. "I thought one day we would meet again, and I would remind him of the old times." DSP Patel, who has a significant social media following, often shares videos on social issues, personal experiences, and positive messages.

HC voids HP's appointment of 6 parl secys

Shimla: Himachal Pradesh HC annulled Wednesday the appointment of six Congress MLAs as chief parliamentary secretaries by CM **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu**'s govt prior to the state's cabinet expansion on Jan 8, 2023, reports **Sanjeev Verma**.

Declaring these appointments unconstitutional, the court deemed Himachal Pradesh Parliamentary Secretaries (Appointment, Salaries, Allowances, Powers, Privileges & Amenities) Act, 2006, to be "void ab initio" — invalid from the outset — asserting that it fell outside the legislative authority of state assembly.

HC ordered the immediate withdrawal of all privileges & facilities granted to six CPSs.

The judgment arose from two petitions, including a PIL filed by 10 BJP legislators, arguing that the appointments added an undue burden to the state's financial resources.

HC cites lack of proof, junks sedition, extortion FIRs against IPS officer

Raipur: Chhattisgarh HC Wednesday quashed all three FIRs filed against 1994-batch IPS officer G P Singh in connection with sedition, extortion and disproportionate assets charges, reports **Partha Behera**.

A division bench noted that the FIRs seem to have been filed solely to harass him. Singh was an ADGP when the FIRs were registered. According to Singh's counsel, among the key reasons for quashing the FIR was that the person from whose custody a 1kg gold bar was seized, was not made an accused under the Prevention of Corruption Act, and the scooter where it was found wasn't registered in Singh's name.

Similarly, in the extortion case, the FIR was registered after a gap of six years and the complainant was not known to Singh, said the counsel. And in the sedition matter, the original documents were never produced in the court and from the videography conducted by the anti-corruption bureau, it was not proved that Singh was 'tearing a paper that had seditious content', Singh's counsel added.

The court noted the absence of evidence in the FIRs, which "appeared to have been filed solely for harassment purposes", leading to their dismissal.

Freedom of expression is not licence to abuse, says HC, but shuns gag order

Kolkata: One should not "transgress the boundaries of decency and law", Calcutta HC said Wednesday, adding that the width of freedom of expression neither gave anyone a "licence to abuse", nor to make "irresponsible or motivated insinuations which can create violence in society", although "the socio-democratic fabric of the country is elastic to accommodate unpopular views", reports **Srishti Lakhotia**.

HC, however, refused to pass a gag order against a former BJP neta from airing her views, saying that would amount to "pre-censorship". Her own "good sense" should determine what views on inter-religious matters and secularism she should air, it said.

The division bench of Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Gaurang Kanth was hearing an anticipatory bail plea filed by one Nazia Elahi Khan. HC granted her the bail she sought but frowned upon the tone and essence of contents of her social media post. "The petitioner's interview contains unwarranted insinuations against a religious community," Justice Bagchi noted, adding: "We are conscious that the petitioner has freedom of speech. However, the freedom does not entitle her to make insinuations against others."

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tender Notice No. 147-24-25
Divl. Rly. Manager, N.W.Rly. Bikaner for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works up to 15.00 hours on 02.12.2024 as below:- **Tender No :** 147 **Name of Work with its location :** Provision of Box Culvert (1.00x1.20m) along with catch water drain to pass waste water under the track at Km - 68/1-2 on SURP-SDLP section under ADEN/N.W.Rly-Sadulpur. **Approx. Cost of Work :** Rs.7116269.63 **Earnest Monety :** Rs.142300.00 Note: Other terms & conditions will be shown on the website www.ireps.gov.in No.55-W/prov box culver/68(1-2)/SDLP/2022 Dated: 11.11.2024 **1305-CR/24**
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दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि0
अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना निविदा सं0 73/2024-25- विद्युत वितरण खण्ड प्रथम हाथरस के क्षेत्रान्तर्गत ''रनिंग निविदा'' के सापेक्ष पारित पैकेंजों के तहत ''पूर्ण जमा योजना मद'' में कार्य कराया जाना। निविदा सं0 74/2024-25- विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय हाथरस के क्षेत्रान्तर्गत ''रनिंग निविदा'' के सापेक्ष पारित पैकेंजों के तहत ''पूर्ण जमा योजना मद'' में कार्य कराया जाना। निविदा सं0 75/2024-25- विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय हाथरस के अधीन ''पूर्ण जमा योजना मद'' में कार्य कराया जाना। निविदा सं0 76/2024-25- विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय हाथरस के अधीन ''पूर्ण जमा योजना मद'' में लाइन शिफ्टिंग का कार्य कराया जाना। निविदा सं0 77/2024-25- विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय हाथरस के अधीन ''पूर्ण जमा योजना मद'' में ''जल जीवन मिशन'' कार्यक्रम के अर्न्तगत कार्य कराया जाना। निविदा सं0 78/2024-25- विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय सासनी के अधीन ''पूर्ण जमा योजना मद'' में ''जल जीवन मिशन'' कार्यक्रम के अर्न्तगत कार्य कराया जाना। निविदा सं0 79/2024-25- विद्युत वितरण खण्ड तृतीय सासनी के क्षेत्रान्तर्गत ''रनिंग निविदा'' के सापेक्ष पारित पैकेंजों के तहत ''पूर्ण जमा योजना मद'' में कार्य कराया जाना। निविदा सं0 80/2024-25- विद्युत वितरण खण्ड द्वितीय हाथरस के क्षेत्रान्तर्गत विद्युत आपूर्ति सुचारू रखने हेतु ''सेमीटर्नकी आधार'' पर ''बिजनिस प्लान'' 2023-24 के अवशेष कार्यों को पूर्ण कराने सम्बन्धी कार्य। निविदा विक्रय तिथि एवं खुलने की दिनांक 29.11.2024 अन्य सम्बन्धित जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमैंट पोर्टल **https://etender.up.nic.in** पर उपलब्ध है। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हाथरस** ''राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें।'' RO-5885/12.11.24

NORTHERN RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
Sr. Divisional Engineer-I/Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on the prescribed form for the under noted work.

Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest Money	Repair of protection works strengthening of stone pitching on DN & UP stream, both sided of embankment, abutment, construction of drop wall and bed flooring of bridge no. 196 WJC Canal KM. 126/13-17 between KUN-BZK in the section of SSE/W/KUN under ADEN/KUN.
Approx. Cost	₹2,34,84,945.35
Earnest Money	₹2,67,400/- Earnest Money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. **Note:** FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016
Completion period	12 Months
Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 05.12.2024 opening of e-tender at 15:00 hrs. on 05.12.2024.
Website particulars, published-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**
Similar Nature of work	Any Civil work other than track work.

Note: All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIV is compulsorily.
No.: 128-W/280/Tender Notice/24-25/W-I (NIT-51) Dated: 13.11.2024 3527/2024
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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-AUCTION NOTICE
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Eastern Railway, Lucknow invites E-Auction for following work. **Admin Unit/Zone:** Lucknow-NER-Division-Commercial/North Eastern Railway, **Auction catalogue No./Lot no.** LJN-MA-INT-04, **Catalogue Published on-** 06.11.2024 at 13:36 Hrs, **Auction Start (All Lots):** 22.11.2024 at 13:00 hrs, **Auction close Date/Time-** 22.11.2024 at 14:30 hrs, **Auction Type:** Close Ended, **Website particulars where complete details of auction can be seen by registered bidders:** E-Auction Module of www.ireps.gov.in
Divisional Commercial Manager, CPRO/C-182 Lucknow
Never travel on roof and foot boards.

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-AUCTION NOTICE
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Eastern Railway, Lucknow invites E-Auction for following work. **Admin Unit/Zone:** Lucknow-NER-Division-Commercial/North Eastern Railway, **Auction catalogue No./Lot No.:** LJN-MA-EXT-05, **Catalogue Published on:** 05-11-2024 at 17:25 Hrs. **Auction Start (All Lots):** 28-11-2024 at 12:00 Hrs., **Auction Close Date/Time:** 28-11-2024 at 14:50 Hrs., **Auction Type:** Close Ended, **Website particulars where complete details of auction can be seen by registered bidders:** E-Auction Module of *www.ireps.gov.in*
Divisional Commercial Manager, CPRO/Vanijya-181 **Lucknow**
Do not smoke Bidi/Cigarette in train.

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
Sr. DEE/ TRD/WCR, Bhopal acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders against following work upto 11.00 hours on the date mentioned against each tender. The complete tender documents and detail information regarding tenders, are available on the website http://www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders. For any correction, in these tenders, if necessary, corrigendum will be uploaded on website prior to tender opening date which may be seen up to the date of tender opening. **(1) Tender No.:** BPL/TRD/DRG/WC/421A-RT **Description of work:** Outsourcing of all PSI maintenance activities in Bina-Itarsi electrified section of Bhopal division for the period of three years.(Bina & BHS depot) **Completion period:** 36 months **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 14861285.53/- **EMD:** ₹ 224300/- **(2) Tender No.:** BPL/TRD/DRG/WC/421B-RT **Description of work:** Outsourcing of all PSI maintenance activities in Bina-Itarsi electrified section of Bhopal division for the period of three years.(NSZ & ET depot) **Completion period:** 36 months **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 21192122.41/- **EMD:** ₹ 256000/- **Closing Date and Time for submission of Tender:** 05.12.2024 at 11.00 Hrs.
Sr.DEE (TRD)
West Central Railway, Bhopal
स्वच्छ भारत अभियान एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)
Beltron Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna-800 023,
Telephone No. 0612-2281242 Tele Fax No. 0612-2281857
CIN-U31900BR1978SGC001317
Email: alokpratapsuman@bihar.gov.in
Govt. of Bihar
Ref. No. BSEDC/ 5725/2024 **e-Tender Notice**
e-Tenders are invited by **Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.** for **Selection of System Integrator for AMC of CCTV based Surveillance System at District & Sub-divisional Courts in Bihar & CMC.**
The details of the tender will be available on the website: **www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.** from 12/11/2024. The last date of submission of the tender is 03/12/2024 up to 03:00 PM.
For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** **General Manager (Project)**
PR- 012408 (B & C) 2024-25
नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

बिहार सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन प्रमंडल, बेतिया
अल्पकालीन पुनः ई०–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०–28 / 2024–25
(S.B.D. Based)

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता :– कार्यपालक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, बेतिया।
2. निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि :– दिनांक– 12.11.2024
3. निविदा कागजात प्राप्त करने (डाउनलोड करने) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– दिनांक– 21.11.2024 से 11.12.2024 03:00 बजे अप० तक।
4. निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :– दिनांक– 12.12.2024 को अपराह्न 3:00 बजे अप० तक।
5. निविदा खोलने (तकनीकी बीड) की तिथि एवं समय :– दिनांक– 13.12.2024 को अपराह्न 3:00 बजे।
6. निविदा बिकी का स्थान :– वेबसाइट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर।
7. प्रिबीड मिटिंग :– (1) की तिथि समय एवं स्थान :– दिनांक– 26.11.2024 को 12:30 बजे अधीक्षण अभियंता, भवन अंचल, मोतिहारी का कार्यालय।
(2) की तिथि समय एवं स्थान :– दिनांक– 03.12.2024 को 12:30 बजे मुख्य अभियंता, उ० उपभाग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय।
8. निविदा खोलने (वित्तीय बीड) की तिथि एवं समय :– तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के पश्चात्।
9. निविदा बैधता की तिथि :– 120 दिन।

कार्य का विवरणी:–

क्र.सं.	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि (करोड़ में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रूपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रूपये में)	बिड प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	पश्चिम चम्पारण स्थित बैरिया प्रखण्ड में सिसवा सरैया, बैजुआ एवं सूर्यपुर पंचायत में कुल 3 अदद पंचायत सरकार भवनों का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत सहित)।	9.15	18,30,000.00	10,000.00	5900.00	12 माह
2	पश्चिम चम्पारण स्थित मझौलिया प्रखण्ड में डुमरी पंचायत में कुल 1 अदद पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत सहित)।	3.05	6,10,000.00	10,000.00	5900.00	9 माह
3	पश्चिम चम्पारण स्थित गौनाहा प्रखण्ड में महुई, मेहनौल, बेलसंडी, सिठी एवं रूपौलिया पंचायत में कुल 5 अदद पंचायत सरकार भवनों का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत सहित)।	15.25	25,25,000.00	10,000.00	5900.00	12 माह
4	पश्चिम चम्पारण स्थित बैरिया प्रखण्ड में दक्षिण पटजिरवा पंचायत में कुल 1 अदद पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत सहित)।	3.05	6,10,000.00	10,000.00	5900.00	9 माह

10. निविदा केवल ई०–निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार बेबसाईट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर निष्पादित किया जाएगा। ई०–निविदा से संबंधित जानकारी E-Procurement help desk, Patna, Email-eproc2support@bihar.gov.in, Phone-612252306, Mobile No. 99339035696 से प्राप्त किया जा सका है।
विस्तृत जानकारी **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
भवन प्रमण्डल, बेतिया
PR. No. 12373 (BCD) 2024-25
नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED

N.I.T. No. 10/2024-25

Tenders are invited from reputed contractors registered in appropriate class with RRVPNL and A & AA class in Central/State Govt. Department and their undertakings and registered in GST department for the bid S.No. 1 , 2, 3 of NIT No. 10 under Executive Engineer (Civil) Udaipur and bid S. No. 4 of NIT No. 10 under Executive Engineer (Civil) Bhilwara. And bid S. No. 5 to 6 of NIT No. 10 under Executive Engineer (Civil) Chittorgarh. All details of above NIB are available on website **www.rvpn.co.in** & **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** or **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.**

UBN No. :- VPN2425WSOB01987, VPN2425WSOB01988, VPN2425WSOB01989 VPN2425WSOB01986, VPN2425WSOB01936, VPN2425WSOB01937

Superintending Engineer (Civil), Udaipur

Raj.Samwad/C/24/7656 RRVPN/TR-6462/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No.: JHSW-M-BCN-2024-25-10

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited from experienced or interested contractors on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work -

Name of Work : Complete renewal of roof and body repair of BCN Wagons.

Cost of work: Rs. **2,90,22,072.00** (Including 18% GST)

Earnest money: Rs. **2,95,100/-** | **Time of completion:** Twenty Four Months

Online tender closing date and time: 03.12.2024 at **11:00** Hrs.

Detailed information about tender and tender format is available at website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Notice No. 2024-Nov-02 dated 11.11.24

E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N. C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following works. The details of the tender are as under:

S N : 1	**Tender No** 2024-Nov-02-01	**Approx Cost ₹ :** ₹ 39538909.42
Description of work: (A)Improvement of drainage at LHS no. 362 by Box culvert in Mathura-Achhnera section. (B)Mathura- Palwal-Replacement of Arch Bridge no. 1433/3 of UP & DN span 1x0.47 m span and other minor bridges with RCC box culvert. (C) Rehabilitation of bridge no 1436/2 with protective works etc. in Mathura-Palwal section		
S N : 2	**Tender No** 2024-Nov-02-02	**Approx Cost ₹ :** ₹ 31348354.58
Description of work: A- Kosi Kalan- Palwal - Cess Repair 40 Kms B- Mathura - Kosi Kalan -Cess Repairs of embankment.		
S N : 3	**Tender No** 2024-Nov-02-03	**Approx Cost ₹ :** ₹ 22186912.84
Description of work: Provision of machine siding at BINR, RAH & DEEG.		
S N : 4	**Tender No** 2024-Nov-02-04	**Approx Cost ₹ :** ₹ 23361192.01
Description of work: Provision of connecting roads on both sides of railway track to elimination of LC no. 32 in MTJ-AWR section.		
S N : 5	**Tender No** 2024-Nov-02-05	**Approx Cost ₹ :** ₹ 7518746.60
Description of work: Proposed Updating, reconciling, certification and computerization of land plans for station yard and railway colony area along with open line section under juridisdiction of Sr. DEN-I/Agra North Central Railway.		
S N : 6	**Tender No** 2024-Nov-02-06	**Approx Cost ₹ :** ₹ 21093000.00
Description of work: Carrying out ultrasonic testing of FB welded joints by using phased array ultrasonic testing (PAUT) on all types of Rails in Agra division		

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **"www.ireps.gov.in"**. Tenders can only be submitted through web portal **"www.ireps.gov.in"** up to 15.00 hrs on 02.12.24. **1971/24(DG)**

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.	97-2024-25-W-4
Name of work with its location	
Annual Zone Work for maintenance of staff qtrs and service building in DLI-BTI section under SSE/W/JHI. **Similar Nature of work:** Any Civil work other than track work.	
Rs. 16499764.74	
Earnest Money Deposit	(It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. Note:- FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no 201025/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated: 31.08.2016)
Rs. 232500.00	
Completion period of Work	12 Months
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs on 06.12.2024 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 06.12.2024.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/280/OET/2024-25/W-IV/NIT-97
Date: 13.11.2024 3525/2024

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No. S/Sale/611/E-AP/5270/24-25 **Date: 12.11.2024**

E-AUCTION PROGRAMME, NOTICE NO. 09 MONTH December-2024

It is intimated that scrap materials available in all Divisions and Depots of North Central Railway will be sold through e-auction and all organizers will conduct the auction of their area. **Scrap Items:** P. Way Scrap, Scrap Rail, Cast Iron Scrap, Condemned rolling Stock, Non ferrous and Non metallic Scrap, Turning & Boring, Condemned Oil /Paints Drums, Condemned Machinery & plants, Condemned Vehicles, Condemned office equipments, Foundry Slag, Released overhead MS/GI tanks, Released ferrous scrap of train lighting fans, Released MS/GI pipe line, foundry skull, Workshop MS scrap and other MS scrap.

SN	e-auction Date & Day		Depot/ Division	Organizer of Auction
1.	05.12.2024	Thursday	General Store Department / Jhansi	Deputy Chief Material Manager / System / Jhansi
2.	12.12.2024	Thursday		
3.	19.12.2024	Thursday		
4.	27.12.2024	Friday		
5.	10.12.2024	Tuesday	General Store Department / Kanpur	Deputy Chief Material Manager / GSD / Kanpur
6.	20.12.2024	Friday		
7.	04.12.2024	Wednesday	Prayagraj Division	Senior Divisional Material Manager / NCR / Prayagraj
8.	17.12.2024	Tuesday		
9.	24.12.2024	Tuesday		
10.	04.12.2024	Wednesday	Jhansi Division	Senior Divisional Material Manager / North Central Railway Jhansi
11.	11.12.2024	Wednesday		
12.	27.12.2024	Friday		
13.	05.12.2024	Thursday	Agra Division	Senior Divisional Material Manager / North Central Railway / Agra
14.	12.12.2024	Thursday		
15.	19.12.2024	Thursday		

Through Website : www.ireps.gov.in

Special Conditions: 1. All type of scraps will be through e-auction mode **www.ireps.gov.in** website. In the event of auction not being completed on the same calendar day, auction may be continued on the next calendar days also. **2.** The unsold lots of e-auction will also be included in next e-auction of respective depot. **3.** The Intending purchaser may inspect the lot of scrap material before the auctions during working hours. **4.** To purchase material above Rs. 5 Lacs, the purchaser must be registered with GST. **5.** For further details on auctions (like catalogues, last sold rates in auctions & other details), Please visit North Central Railway's website **"www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in"**. **6.** For further detail regarding e-auction Please visit **"www.ireps.gov.in"** website. **1978/24 (AS)**

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(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-55525

Short Term E-Tender Enq. No. 7624/P-3/EMP-12848 dated 08.11.24

Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_ 129596_1 for Procurement of consumable spares for K.G. Khosla make air compressors model 2HA2QT installed at main plant & 2HA4QT, 2HA2T, 2VYDT installed at DFAH, GGSSTP, Rupnagar. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 08.11.2024/ 05.00 PM onwards.

Note :- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

RTP-122/24, DPR/Pb. : 76155/12/3630/2023/38974

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
CIN : U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website : www.pspcl.in
GVK Power (Goindwal Sahib) Limited
Regd. Office: Plot No. 10, Paigah Colony, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad-500003, Telangana, India CIN : U40109TG1997PLC028483
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Guru Amar Das Thermal Power Limited, GATPL)
(A step down wholly owned subsidiary of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, PSPCL)

Dept-HOD, Mechanical Maintenance Department, O&M, GATP, Goindwal Sahib, invites E-Tender for the work of :

1	**Tender Enquiry No. 001**/GATP/MECH/50007092 dated 11/11/2024 'Services of Condition Monitoring for all rotation Equipment installed at 2X270 MW Guru Amardas Thermal Plant (GATP), Goindwal Sahib, Distt.: Tarn Taran, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of one year'

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 11/11/2024 from 17:00 Hrs onwards.

Note : Corrigendum and addendum, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

GATP-01/24, DPR/Pb. : 76155/12/3631/2023/38976

नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर

(पण्डित दीनदयाल उपाध्याय भवन, लाल कोठी, टोंक रोड़, जयपुर 302015 राज)

क्रमांक :— जसअ / 2024–25 / 180 दिनांक: 12.11.2024

ई-निविदा सूचना सं. अधिशाषी अभियन्ता (प्रोजेक्ट द्वितीय) - 01/2024-25

केन्द्र एवं राज्य सरकार के सभी विभागों में पंजीकृत "AA",A" श्रेणी के ठेकेदारों एवं नगर निगम, जयपुर के उपयुक्त पंजीकृत निविदाताओं से अधिशाषी अभियन्ता (प्रोजेक्ट द्वितीय) से संबंधित विकास / मरम्मत कार्य हेतु EOI निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत, कार्य की अनुमानित लागत टेण्डर बेचे जाने तथा प्राप्त करने की तारीख टेण्डर शर्त आदि सम्पुर्ण विवरण नगर निगम, जयपुर की वेबसाईट **www.jaipurmc.org.com** व राजस्थान सरकार के पोर्टल **http://sppp.raj.nic.in** तथा **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर देखी व डाउनलोड़ की जा सकती है। स्टेट पब्लिक प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल का **Unique Bid Number JMC2425WSOB00835** है।

अधिशाषी अभियन्ता
(प्रोजेक्ट द्वितीय)
नगर निगम जयपुर

राज.संवाद / सी / 24 / 7680

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED

(TW WING), NEW POWER HOUSE, INDUSTRIAL AREA, JODHPUR-342003
PHONE: 0291-2742336, FAX: 0291-2745259

SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Short term Techno-commercial and Price e-Bids are invited for TNTW-720 for "Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of 12.00 Km Double circuit 33 KV O/H line on lattice tower from existing connection RGLC 1109 RD to proposed site location RGLC RWPS for PHED deposit work under Sub-division Phalodi City of Phalodi Circle, Jodhpur Discom on Turnkey basis." **(UBN No. JVV2425WSOB00654).**

Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening etc are available on our website at **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** and also at **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.** The bidders, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the tender documents before submitting the bid only through on line on website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Note :- Interested bidders please note that in future any other notices /information regarding amendment /corrigendum/addendum/dates extension of bid submission eetc for above tender will only be available on website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl.**

Raj.Samwad/C/24/7655 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (TW)**

बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

CHENNAI DIVISION (MECHANICAL BRANCH)
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. M_M_UMBRELLA_2024_AJJ DT:11.11.2024

Divisional Railway Manager/Mechanical Branch/Chennai Division, Chennai-600003 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following work as per tender notice given in the e- tender Portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderer(s) /contractor(s) intending to apply for e- tender for Mechanical works in Chennai division, need to get enrolled in the e- tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

Description: Contract for Setting up of Quick watering arrangements at Arakkonam station

Location	Advertised tender Value in (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit in (₹)	Similar Nature of Work	Period of Completion in months
Arakkonam Station	2,80,24,817.35/-	290100/-	Applicable	06-Months

Tender closing date and time: **02.12.2024 @ 15:00 hrs.**

Details of value of tender, EMD are given in e- portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

For details bid submission please refer to web-portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical)
Chennai Division, Chennai-600 003

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
Office of Chief Engineer, (O&M), Kumaon Zone, 220 KV S/s Campus, Kamaluaganja, Haldwani-263139
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675 Mob. No. 7088117917

E-Tender Notice

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender of following work and the last date of submission of e-bid (Online/Offline) is **02.12.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs**.

1. Replacement of old and damaged conductor spans of and general maintenance of 132KV Bazpur-Haldwani transmission line under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Haldwani against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/49/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_77757_1).**

2. Annual grass cutting and general upkeep of various substations under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Haldwani against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/ PTCUL/HLD/50/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_77758_1).**

3. Miscellaneous civil works for maintaining adequate ground clearance and protection of tower foundation in 132KV Bhowali-Kathgodam transmission line under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Haldwani against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/51/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_77759_1).**

4. Replacement of damaged/defective/missing Pipe Type Earthing in 220KV Pantnagar-Haldwani transmission line under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Haldwani against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD /52/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_77760_1).**

5. Puncture Insulation Detection (PID) of porcelain insulator string of 132KV Ranikhet-Bageshwar line and 132KV Almora-Ranikhet line under O&M Division, PTCUL, Almora against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/ PTCUL/HLD/ 53/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_77761_1).**

6. Cutting of wild bushes and grass nearby switch yard and boundary of substation campus and cleaning of cable trenches at substation under O&M Division, PTCUL, Almora against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/ PTCUL/ HLD/54/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_77762_1).**

7. Security fencing at hill side above 132KV switchyard and substation approach road of 132KV GIS S/s, Bageshwar under O&M Division, PTCUL, Almora against **E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/55/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024 _PTC21_77763_1).**

For more details please visit E-Tender Website ***www.uktenders.gov.in*** and E-Tender information is available at PTCUL Website ***www.ptcul.org***.
For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000

Chief Engineer (O&M)
Kumaon Zone
LETTER NO. 2520/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender
DATE: 12.11.2024 **"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"** PTCUL, Haldwani

कार्यालय नगर विकास न्यास जैसलमेर

क्रमांक :— नविन्यास / जैसल / 2024–25 / 1557 दिनांक :— 11.11.2024

ई–नीलामी सूचना

नगर विकास न्यास, जैसलमेर द्वारा एस.डी.व्यास होटल कॉम्पलेक्स योजना, जैसलमेर में स्थित 8 व्यावसायिक (होटल प्रयोजनार्थ) भूखण्डों की ई–नीलामी SSO ID के माध्यम से वेबसाईट https://udhonline.rajasthan.gov.in/ पर लगाई जा सकती है। जिसका विवरण निम्नानुसार है:–

S. N.	Name of Scheme	Plot No	Corner (Y/N)	Plot Size	Area (Sq.Mt.)	Type	EMD (Rs.)	BSP (Per Sq.Mt.)	Bid Increament Amount in Multiple of Rs. (Per Sq.Mt.)	Reserve Price for lease Calculation (Per Sq.Mt.)	Starting Date & Time For Depositing EMD	Last Date & Time For Depositing EMD	Bidding Start Date & Time	Bidding End Date & Time
1	2	3	4	4	6	7	11	12	13	10	14	15	16	17
1	S.D Vyas Hotel Complex Scheme	P-21	Y	(127.5+126.4)/2 x (89.6+94.7)/2 (Mtr)	**11698.25** (As per Approved Plan)	Commercial (Hotel Purpose)	1403790.00	6000.00	50.00	3371	**01.12.2024 00:00 Hrs**	**04.12.2024 06:00 PM**	**01.12.2024 00:00 Hrs**	**05.12.2024 12:00 PM**
2	S.D Vyas Hotel Complex Scheme	P-23	Y	(72.6+79.9)/2 x (187.7+190.2)/2 (Mtr) (Corner curve deduction as per rule)	**14430.77** (As per Approved Plan)	Commercial (Hotel Purpose)	1731693.00	6000.00	50.00	3371	06.12.2024 00:00 Hrs	10.12.2024 06:00 PM	06.12.2024 00:00 Hrs	11.12.2024 12:00 PM
3	S.D Vyas Hotel Complex Scheme	P-25	Y	(106.8+118.1)/2 x (78.6+71)/2 (Mtr) (Corner curve deduction as per rule)	**8321.55** (As per Approved Plan)	Commercial (Hotel Purpose)	998586.00	6000.00	50.00	3371	**12.12.2024 00:00 Hrs**	**16.12.2024 06:00 PM**	**12.12.2024 00:00 Hrs**	**17.12.2024 12:00 PM**
4	S.D Vyas Hotel Complex Scheme	P-2	N	157.05 x 84.00 (Mtr)	13193.58 (As per Approved Plan)	Commercial (Hotel Purpose)	1583230.00	6000.00	50.00	3371	18.12.2024 00:00 Hrs	22.12.2024 06:00 PM	18.12.2024 00:00 Hrs	23.12.2024 12:00 PM
5	S.D Vyas Hotel Complex Scheme	P-3	N	157 x 84 (Mtr)	13188.00 (As per Approved Plan)	Commercial (Hotel Purpose)	1582560.00	6000.00	50.00	3371	**24.12.2024 00:00 Hrs**	**29.12.2024 06:00 PM**	**24.12.2024 00:00 Hrs**	**30.12.2024 12:00 PM**
6	S.D Vyas Hotel Complex Scheme	P-4	N	157 x 84 (Mtr)	13188.00 (As per Approved Plan)	Commercial (Hotel Purpose)	1582560.00	6000.00	50.00	3371	31.12.2024 00:00 Hrs	06.01.2025 06:00 PM	31.12.2024 00:00 Hrs	07.01.2025 12:00 PM
7	S.D Vyas Hotel Complex Scheme	P-7	N	106 x 93 (Mtr)	9858.00 (As per Approved Plan)	Commercial (Hotel Purpose)	1182960.00	6000.00	50.00	3371	**08.01.2025 00:00 Hrs**	**13.01.2025 06:00 PM**	**08.01.2025 00:00 Hrs**	**14.01.2025 12:00 PM**
8	S.D Vyas Hotel Complex Scheme	P-10	N	106 x 71 (Mtr)	**7526.23** (As per Approved Plan)	Commercial (Hotel Purpose)	903150.00	6000.00	50.00	3371	15.01.2025 00:00 Hrs	20.01.2025 06:00 PM	15.01.2025 00:00 Hrs	21.01.2025 12:00 PM

नोटः– 1. नीलामी की विस्तृत सूचना मय शर्तें विभागीय वेबसाइट https://udhonline.rajasthan.gov.in/ पर उपलब्ध है।

राज.संवाद / सी / 24 / 7716 **सचिव**

T.T.DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI
MARKETING DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Tender Notice

e-Tenders are invited for supply the items of **(1) 20,00,000 Kgs of Cow Ghee with Agmark through** tankers **(2) 90,000 Kgs of Cow Ghee with Agmark through Tins** to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams,. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the web site **http://www.tirumala.org and https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. For further details contact Phone Numbers: 0877-2264079, 2264555, FAX No: 0877-2264554.**

TTD-40021(31)/1/2024-PRO SEC (Adv. No. 221). Date : 13-11-2024 **Sd/- Executive Officer**

INDIAN RAILWAYS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)
RAIL BHAVAN, NEW DELHI - 110001

No. 2024/ Track-III/ MC/2 **New Delhi, dt.13.11.2024**

E-tender no. TM-2401 for procurement of Rail Inspection Vehicle (RIV) and its operations and Maintenance

1. Electronic bids are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for **"procurement of Rail Inspection Vehicle (RIV) and its operations and Maintenance"**
2. The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website **http://ireps.gov.in** for details; downloading of the tender document and submission of their e-bids.

3526/2024

(Rajiv K.Tanwar)
Executive Director Track (Mod.) Railway Board
Phone No. 011-47845530
email id: rajiv.tanwar@gov.in

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Love S/o** Shiva **R/o** IInd Pusta Satte Wali Gali, New Usmanpur, Delhi **Age:** 04 years, **Height:** 3'5", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, wearing Yellow colour Baniyan only, has been missing/ kidnapped near Hanuman Mandir, Kashmere Gate in the area of P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi since 03.09.2024 at 7:00 PM. In this regard a **FIR No. 471/2024 U/s 137(2) BNS, dated 04.09.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23968730, 8750870180

DP/15033/N/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Mamta Devi

General Public is hereby informed that one female **Namely: Mamta Devi W/o:** Pappu Rai, **R/o:** Village Bhitiya, P.S.: Fuli Dumar, Distt. Banka (Bihar), **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 26 Years , **Height:** 5' **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Red Color Suit Salwar and Dupatta has been missing since 10.11.2024 from Platform No. 3, Anand Vihar, Railway Station, Delhi, from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi. In this regard **FIR No. 50A, Dated 11.11.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Anand Vihar, Railway Station Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the Missing female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this Missing female. Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/15030/Rly/2024

SHO
P.S.: Anand Vihar, Railway Station, Delhi
Mobile: 8750871314, 9560382723

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of an unknown male namely **Bharat** S/o **Suresh Jha** R/o **Rain Basera, Shankar Gali, Turkman Gate Delhi, Age:** 40 years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, was found dead at LNJP Hospital, Delhi during the treatment. In this regard a **FIR No. 273/2024, dated 27.10.2024 has been registered at P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased and his family may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23279338, 23263967

DP/15081/CD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one female Namely **Roshni w/o Gorav Chouhan** R/o H.No. 4729, Gali No. 04,Old Seelampur, Gandhi Nagar Delhi has been missing /kidnapped from her house, since: 17.10.2024.In this regard, a case **FIR/DD. No.39A dated 17.10.2024. has been registered at P.S. Gandhi Nagar Delhi.** The description of the missing female is as under.

ROSHNI

Age: 33 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion**: Fair, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Round, Green color Suit and Light Yellow color pant. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing female then please inform **P.S.Gandhi Nagar Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in,** providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011- 24368639

DP/14674/SHD/2024

Sd/- S.H.O.
Gandhi Nagar, Delhi
Tel No. 9555858096

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

RITA KUMARI

General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Rita Kumari D/o Ramanand Ravidas R/o H. No. B-2/922 JJ Colony, Madanpur Khadar, New Delhi **Age :** 14 years, **Height :** 4'3", **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Strong, **Eye:** Black, **Complexion:** Fair, wearing green colour kurta and blue colour jeans with chunni and sleeper in feet has been missing since 03.11.2024 from her house. In this regard a FIR No. 473/24 u/s 137 (2) BNS dated 10.11.2024 has been registered at P.S. Kalindi Kunj, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 24368639,
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

SHO: P.S. Kalindi Kunj, New Delhi
Ph. : 011-29945322, 29945323, 8750870922

DP/15027/SE/2024

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, PHED JAIPUR REGION-II, Jaipur

Email:- aceregion2jpr.phed@rajasthan.gov.in Phone No:- 0141-2702700
No:-ACE-II/Ar.(P)/2024-25/8358 - 8384 Date:- 08/11/2024

Notice Inviting Bid 06/2024-25

Bids for " BISALPUR WATER SUPPLY PROJECT OF KHONAGORIAN AND ADJOINING AREAS OF JAIPUR CITY (DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF AREA UNDER PHASE-II) INCLUDING 10-YEAR O&M (UNDER RISK AND COST) (Estimated Cost: Rs. 5328.15 Lakhs)." are invited. Particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state.

UBN Number :- PHE2425WLOB06086
NIB Number :- PHE2425A2838

Sd/-
Additional Chief Engineer
PHED Jaipur Region-II, Jaipur

DIPR/C/11195/2024

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL JAISALMER

S. No. :- NPJ/SBM/2024-25/109 **Date :- 08/11/2024**

Notice Inviting Bid (NIB) No.- 04/2024-25

Online Technical and Financial Bid in Single Stage two envelops are invited on behalf of Governor of Rajasthan by Municipal Council Jaisalmer for Dump site legacy waste remediation as per SWM Rules 2016 as amended time to time and Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 guidelines for old dumped MSW at Badabagh, Jaisalmer up to 02/12/2024.

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the Procurement Portal **(https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in)** of the State. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 3.42 Cr.

NIB Code : DLB2425A3770, UBN No. : DLB2425WSOB11646

Raj.Samwad/C/24/7621 **Chairman** **Commissioner**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

PRATEEK TOMAR

General Public is hereby informed that one Person **Namely: Prateek Tomar S/o Vijander Singh, R/o:** T-515/8C, Gali No. 2, Baljeet Nagar, Delhi, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 26 Years, **Height:** 5'9", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Light pink colour Shirt and Beige/Khaki colour Pant has been missing from area of P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi since 03.11.2024. In this regard **DD No. 59A, Dated: 05.11.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Patel Nagar, Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person, please inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

DP/15025/CD/2024

SHO
P.S: Patel Nagar, Delhi,
Ph. : 8750870434, 7065506701

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

PAYAL

TANYA

General public is hereby informed that these Girls (depicted in the photo) namely **(1) Payal D/o Amit Raghav (2) Tanya D/o Anil R/o Near Nigam Pratibha Vidyalaya, Bhatta Road, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from residence since **06.11.2024 at 07:00 AM.** In this regard a FIR No./DD No. **606/2024 U/s 137(2) BNS, dated 06.11.2024** has been registered at **PS Swaroop Nagar, Distt. Outer North, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 16 years, **Height:** 5' feet, **Complexion:** (1) Fair, (2) Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** (1) Thin, (2) Healthy, **Wearing:** Blue color check suite, white color Salwar and Chunni, Black shose in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about these missing/ kidnapped girls may kindly inform to the following address and telephone numbers:-

Website: http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641
Fax No.: 011-24368639

SHO
PS: Swaroop Nagar, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-27811415
Mob. No.: 7065036327
DP/14930/ON/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

TARA

General public is hereby informed that this Woman (depicted in the photo) namely **Tara W/o Rahul R/o RZ-154, DDA Park, Dada Dev Road, Raj Nagar, Palam, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from the residence since **08.11.2024 at 06.00 AM.** In this regard a **FIR No./DD No. 94-A Dated 09.11.2024** has been lodged at **PS Palam Village. South-West District, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this woman but no clue has come to light so far. Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 32 years, **Height:** 5'6" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Yellow colour Suite and Salwar.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following address:-

Website: http://cbi.nic.in
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Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641
Fax No.: 011-24368639

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PS: Palam Village, New Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-25365981
Mob. No.: 9818469302
DP/14938/SW/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of an unknown male **Age:** 60 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Id Mark:** Scar over forehead, was wearing Red Shirt and Blue Pant, was admitted at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi on 09.11.2024 and during the treatment he exipred on 11.11.2024 at 18:35 Hrs. In this regard a **DD No. 80A, dated 11.11.2024, has been lodged at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.**

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P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-24106346, 24106345, 8750938971, 7065036231

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 40-45, years, Height: 5'11", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Strong, ID: Crushed Body, Wearing: White color sandow baniyan and Black Color Lower. who was found at KM Pole No.9/39-9/40, Rly Track, Adarsh Nagar Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 26-A U/s 194 BNSS. dated **08.11.2024** has been registered at **P.S. Subzi Mandi Rly Station, Delhi.**

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Subzi Mandi Rly Station, Delhi
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WEALTH IS THE PRODUCT OF MAN'S CAPACITY TO THINK — AYN RAND

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NAMED US MAG'S 'SEXIEST MAN ALIVE', JOHN KRASINSKI SAYS HIS WIFE EMILY BLUNT JOKED SHE WILL WALLPAPER THE HOUSE WITH THE COVER

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Tattooed, MAGA-championing Fox host is Don's def secy pick

Pete Hegseth, A Former Soldier, Opposes Women In Combat, Wants 'Woke' Gens Out

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Prez-elect Donald Trump on Tuesday named a heavily-tattooed mid-level ex-soldier turned Fox News host Pete Hegseth as the incoming defence secretary, as he continued to choose nominees from MAGA right field for top jobs in his incoming administration.

Trump also named John Ratcliffe, a former Texas congressman and Director of National Intelligence during his first term, as CIA director, and former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee to serve as the US ambassador to Israel. Hegseth and Ratcliffe have a strong anti-China orientation, and Huckabee is strongly pro-Israel and has said that "there's really no such thing as a Palestinian" and argued that all of the West Bank belonged to Israel.

Pete Hegseth

But it is Trump's choice of 44-year old Hegseth as defence secretary that jolted the capital, where the job has typically gone to traditional establishment veterans with deep expertise in military and strategic matters, including during his first term: He selected a four-star general, James Mattis and an army secretary, Mark Esper, to lead the Pentagon. Mattis resigned and Esper was later fired, two casualties amid a heavy turnover during the Trump One administration.

John Ratcliffe

Hegseth, a relative lightweight, is a fire-brand provocateur who served combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq as a captain and platoon leader, before cycling through thinktanks and advocacy groups, and finally becoming a Fox News host.

In fact, Trump critics noted that the only reason Hegseth is being tapped to be defence secretary is "because he's on Fox News, and that's what Donald Trump picks are based on."

Among several controversial remarks Hegseth has made in recent times is calling for the firing of so-called "woke generals" and opposing combat roles for women in the military. "Any general, admiral, whatever involved in diversity and inclusion in the military, including General Charles Q. Brown (chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff), has got to go," he said in a podcast last month. In 2019, he urged Trump to pardon service members who were accused of war crimes.

He is also heavily tattooed, bearing several across his arms and chest, including one of the Jerusalem cross, which has perceived links to Christian nationalism. One tattoo emblazoned across his arm says "We The People" and on his bicep is the phrase "Deus Vult" — God Willing, a battlecry for Christians during the First Crusade. But it is Hegseth's remarks on China that will stir interest in capitals looking forward to Trump's pledge of no wars. In one fiery podcast, he spoke of Washington being oblivious to China's growing power while Beijing was explicitly building a military to defeat the US. "The Pentagon runs perfect war game simulations. We lose every time to China… They're building an army…We have our heads up our asses," he said.

The choice of Hegseth for defence and Ratcliffe for CIA also set at rest rampant speculation — and lobbying by their supporters — that former Democrat lawmaker turned Trump backer Tulsi Gabbard, and MAGA acolyte Kash Patel were respectively in line for the two jobs.

US correspondent for TOI

Reuters

President Joe Biden with President-elect Donald Trump in the Oval Office

Joe and Donald warm up by White House fireplace

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Donald Trump called him "Crooked Joe" and "Sleepy Joe" and said he was the worst president in US history. Joe Biden called him a threat to democracy, called his followers garbage, and wanted him locked up. But now that the heat of electoral battle has subsided, the two men met face-to-face in the White House Oval office on Wednesday, and with a firm handshake pledged a peaceful transfer of power in an ageless Democratic ritual.

Sitting before a crackling fireplace that signalled the first nippy day of winter, they addressed each other as "Donald" and "Joe," showing none of the animus that characterised the election campaign.

"Well Mr President-elect, Donald, congratulations...I look forward to having a smooth transition," Biden said, adding, "We will do everything we can to make sure you're accommodated, have what you need...We're going to get a chance to talk about some of that today. So welcome. Welcome back."

"Thank you. Politics is tough... In many cases it is not a nice world but it is a nice world today," Trump responded, adding, "And I appreciate very much a transition that's so smooth... Joe."

The media was then ushered out as the president and his successor president-elect settled down for private tete-e-tete.

Trump's wife Melania did not accompany him, in a break from tradition that typically has the spouses having tea separately while the president and his successor meet. Vice-president and the defeated Democratic candidate Kamala Harris was also not present.

The meeting came at the invitation of Biden in what was clearly a display of respect that Trump did demonstrate when he lost to him in 2020 and left the White House in a huff, boycotting even Biden's inauguration ceremony. Biden is expected to attend Trump's inauguration on January 20.

Earlier, Trump triggered some speculation about his future plans beyond a second term by joking about a potential third term during a celebratory speech to House Republicans at a nearby hotel. "I suspect I won't be running again, unless you say, 'he's so good, we've got to figure something else," he said. US presidents are constitutionally restricted to two terms in office.

Sharath Jois, yoga guru & heir to Ashtanga's founder, dies at 53

John Yoon

Sharath Jois, the yoga master who garnered legions of followers by teaching Ashtanga, the popular style of yoga founded by his grandfather, died on Monday in Virginia. He was 53.

His death was confirmed by his sister, Sharmila Mahesh, and John Bultman, the yoga program manager at the University of Virginia. Bultman said that Jois had died after suffering a heart attack on a hiking trail near the university's campus in Charlottesville, where he was visiting.

Jois' workshops, in his hometown in India and worldwide, were attended by thousands of disciples seeking a direct experience with the leader of the Ashtanga yoga tradition, which involves a demanding series of postures and dynamic movements. Rooted in Sanskrit and Hindu rituals, Ashtanga yoga is widely viewed today as one of the most accessible forms of exercise.

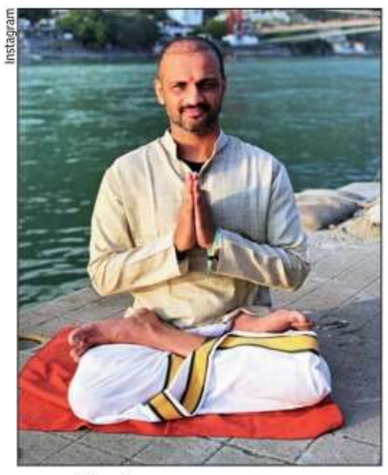
His grandfather, Krishna Pattabhi Jois, helped lift yoga to soaring levels of popularity in the 1990s, drawing a global following that included celebrities like Gwyneth Paltrow and Madonna. Ashtanga, which is more physically arduous than other forms of yoga, later came into vogue in India with the arrival of modern fitness culture there.

After inheriting his grandfather's practice, Jois began calling himself the "Paramaguru". In Mysore, the home of Ashtanga, he was referred to simply as the "boss", and the workshops he taught there filled up with devotees within moments of opening, Kino MacGregor, one of his most prominent students, wrote in an essay in 2016.

"The crowd was growing every year," Isha Singh Sawhney, a student of Jois' who cowrote Jois' 2018 book, 'Ageless: A Yogi's Secrets to a Long and Healthy Life', said in an interview. "He was an excellent yoga teacher, one of the best."

Jois had been scheduled to lead workshops in San Antonio, Sydney and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in the coming months, according to his Instagram page, and was also preparing to write a second book.

Instagram



On a typical day, Jois would awake at about 1 am to train before starting to teach around noon, eating just a small bowl of oats and sometimes a "huge green smoothie," Sawhney said. Ashtanga, unlike some other styles of yoga, also involves profuse sweating.

"You're pushing your body to a limit," she said. "He had insane stamina."

As the steward of his grandfather's legacy, Jois passed on his teachings while walking back some of his methods, including what some students had called inappropriate touching. In 2019, he expressed sorrow for any pain caused by his grandfather's "improper adjustments" during yoga sessions and asked for forgiveness.

On Monday, Jois had taught a low-intensity version of Ashtanga yoga that he had recently developed, called the 'Active Series', to instructors from around the world at a seminar at the University of Virginia, Bultman said.

That afternoon, he went on a hike with about 50 students at Humpback Rocks, about a half-hour from campus. Appearing fatigued, Jois was trailing the group when he sat on a bench about a third of a mile into the trail, and later fell off it, Bultman said.

Students' attempts to revive him using CPR failed, and he was pronounced dead moments after emergency medical workers arrived.

Besides his sister, Jois is survived by his mother, Saraswathi; his wife, Shruti, whom he married in 1996; a daughter, Shraddha; a son, Sambhav; and his brother, Shardh, Mahesh said.

Jois was born Rangaswamy Sharath on Sept. 29, 1971, in Mysore. Along with his maternal grandfather who was known as the founder of Ashtanga, his mother was a yoga teacher. His father, Rangaswami, was an engineer.

Jois was a "sickly child" growing up, he wrote in "Ageless." He had tonsillitis, fevers and infections and was diagnosed with rheumatic fever at age 11. Because of his illness, doctors forbade him from riding bicycles, and he abandoned his hopes of a career in cricket.

Learning simple poses from his grandfather, he said, helped strengthen his body.

"It's amazing that such little effort helped me get over the illness and weakness that had caught hold of my body," he wrote in the book. -NYT

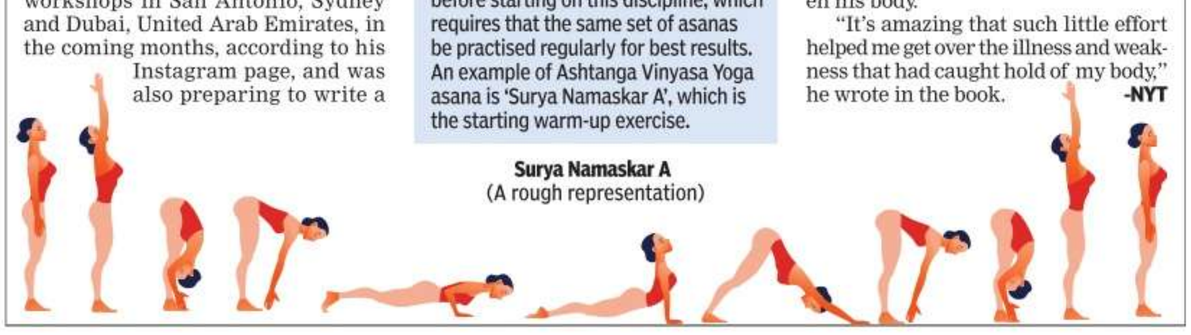
What is Ashtanga yoga?

'Ashta' is Sanskrit for eight and 'anga' is limb or part. So, 'Ashtanga' yoga means the 'eight-limbed' or 'eight-fold' path. It is based on Yoga Sutras, the foundational text of yoga by sage Patanjali.

Ashtanga philosophy integrates eight limbs of yoga — Yama (moral codes), Niyama (self-discipline), Asana (posture), Pranayama (breath control), Pratyahara (sense withdrawal), Dharana (concentration), Dhyana (meditation), and Samadhi (oneness with the self).

The style of Ashtanga yoga that was taught by K Pattabhi Jois is known as Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga. In this, the focus is on two aspects — breathing, and muscle contraction and interlocking. This form of yoga aims to synchronise breath with movement.

It's advisable to consult a doctor before starting on this discipline, which requires that the same set of asanas be practised regularly for best results. An example of Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga asana is 'Surya Namaskar A', which is the starting warm-up exercise.



Surya Namaskar A
(A rough representation)

DOGE days for US under Trump's Musketeers

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This will send shockwaves through the system, and anyone involved in govt waste, which is a lot of people!" Musk said, as the move rattled Washington DC and its suburbs in Virginia and Maryland where the federal govt is the biggest employer, providing more than 300,000 jobs. Nationwide, the federal govt employs nearly 3 million people across various departments and bureaus, racking up a massive $6.7 trillion tab.

Musk has called for $2 trillion in cuts to the federal budget — almost a third of govt expenditure — a goal widely considered unrealistic. But considering he culled 75% of the workforce in Twitter after he bought it and still kept it running, fears of DOGE days in the federal govt are coursing through the capital, with an expected bloodbath from culling its nearly 3 million employees across various bureaus and agencies.

It is not clear though how the new department will work since its funding and staffing are budgeted by Congress and signed off by the White House. Although Trump and Republicans will be in control of both the executive and legislature, lawmakers are notoriously leery of ceding control over pork barrel, a metaphor for the appropriation of govt largesse for localised projects aimed at appeasing constituents.

Trump indicated that DOGE will work outside of the govt, "providing advice and guidance" — in which case its recommendations are expected to meet legislative and bureaucratic resilience and survivalism of the kind highlighted in the British serial 'Yes, Minister'.

Govt and media watchdogs are also highlighting Musk's own business interests, with his companies like SpaceX, Tesla, and Neuralink growing through govt contracts and subsidies amid several probes and investigations where they have gone off-track. In effect, the firms of Musk and Ramaswamy, who is a co-founder of a bio-pharma and asset management companies, will be recommending cuts of departments, agencies, and bureaus that are tasked with oversight over their businesses. Specifically, Musk has bristled at the Federal Aviation Administration oversight of SpaceX, which has a launch site in Texas next to a national wildlife sanctuary and state park, requiring detailed environmental reviews that the MAGA convert considers excessive.

Ramaswamy on his part has proposed firing 75% of the federal workforce, eliminating the department of education and torching the IRS and the FBI in the process, arguing the country's founding fathers did not envision a fourth branch of govt — the administrative state.

But Trump appeared to make light of conflict of interest issues, saying the "great Elon Musk, working in conjunction with American patriot Vivek Ramaswamy... will partner with the White House and office of management & budget to drive large-scale structural reform, and create an entrepreneurial approach to govt never seen before." "Importantly, we will drive out the massive waste and fraud which exists throughout our annual $6.5 trillion dollars of govt spending. They will work together to liberate our economy, and make the US govt accountable to 'WE THE PEOPLE'," Trump stated.

As Dhaka cosies up to Pak, cargo ship from Karachi arrives at B'desh port

Ahsan Tasnim

Dhaka: A cargo vessel from Karachi docked at Chattogram port Wednesday, marking the inaugural direct maritime connection between Pakistan and Bangladesh. This underscores the Muhammad Yunus-led interim govt's shift in regional approach as it has been working to strengthen ties with Pakistan — a country held responsible by many in Bangladesh for mass atrocities during the 1971 Liberation War.

The ship arrived amid a politically sensitive environment in Bangladesh, where the govt's recent moves have stirred both support and opposition. This comprises efforts to remove symbols of the 1971 war, including portraits of Bangladesh's founding president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, since an uprising ousted PM Sheikh Hasina's govt of 15 years in Aug.

Pakistani high commissioner Syed Ahmed Maroof described the establishment of the shipping route as a "major step" forward in strengthening trade and business relations. "The initiative will accelerate existing trade flows and promote new opportunities for businesses on both sides, from small traders to large exporters," he said.

Bangladesh govt faces protests; chaos during health adviser's visit to hospital

Dhaka: Public discontent mounted against Bangladesh's caretaker govt amid a widening divide among the youth about what they see as unfulfilled promises, regional imbalances in governance, and tepid response to those injured during the uprising that led to the fall of Hasina govt, reports **Ahsan Tasnim.**

The latest flashpoint occurred Wednesday at a hospital in Dhaka during a visit by health adviser Nurjahan Begum, accompanied by British high commissioner Sarah Cooke. Nurjahan was forced to leave in an another vehicle after protesters obstructed her exit and damaged her car. Cooke was able to depart without hindrance.

Tensions have also spread beyond Dhaka, with students blocking the Rangpur-Dinajpur highway. They are demanding that advisers from Rajshahi and Rangpur be appointed to the interim govt, criticising the perceived dominance of representatives from Chattogram, the home region of chief adviser Mohammad Yunus.

US urges Bangla to uphold citizens' freedom: The US has called on Bangladesh to uphold citizens' freedoms to ensure a genuinely democratic future, following recent reports of "persistent, deliberate" actions targeting media. This includes legal cases allegedly filed with personal and malicious intent to silence dissenting voices.

GOP Senators pick insider John Thune as their next leader, reject Trump ally

Republicans Wednesday elected Senator John Thune of South Dakota, their No. 2 in the chamber, to serve as majority leader in the next Congress, choosing a GOP institutionalist to replace Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Senate's longest-serving leader.

In elevating Thune, 63, GOP senators turned to a traditional Republican in the mold of McConnell, and rejected a challenger more aligned with President-elect Donald Trump's Make America Great Again movement.

In a closed-door vote conducted by secret ballot, Thune emerged victorious by a vote of 29 to 24 over Senator John Cornyn of Texas, another well-respected establishment Republican, according to two people familiar with the vote. Senator Rick Scott of Florida, who pitched himself as the Trump candidate in the race and had been supported by right-wing allies of the president-elect, was forced out of the contest in an earlier round of voting after drawing just 13 supporters, well behind Thune and Cornyn, they said. NYT

Ahead of Trump return, Biden and Xi to meet in Peru on APEC sidelines

Washington: President Joe Biden will hold talks Saturday with China's Xi Jinping on the sidelines of an international summit in Peru, a face-to-face meeting that comes as Beijing braces for Donald Trump's return to White House.

A senior Biden administration official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity ahead of the formal announcement, confirmed plans for the meeting to take place while the two leaders are in Lima for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. That will come just over two months before Trump's inauguration.

The official declined to comment on how Biden and his advisers would address questions certain to be raised by Xi and Chinese officials about the incoming Trump administration. During his prez campaign, Trump promised to slap blanket 60% tariffs on all Chinese exports to the US. A second Trump administration is expected to test US-China relations even more than the Republican's first term, when the US imposed tariffs on more than $360 billion in Chinese products. AP

And booker goes to... UK's Samantha Harvey for 'Orbital'

London: British writer Samantha Harvey won Booker Prize for fiction on Tuesday with "Orbital", a short, wonder-filled novel set aboard the International Space Station that ponders the beauty and fragility of Earth.

Harvey was awarded the £50,000 prize for what she has called a "space pastoral" about six orbiting astronauts. The confined characters loop through 16 sunrises and 16 sunsets over the course of a day, trapped in one another's company and transfixed by the globe's ever-changing vistas. "To look at the Earth from space is like a child looking into a mirror and realising for the first time that the person in the mirror is herself," said Harvey, who researched by reading books by astronauts and watching the space station's live camera. "What we do to the Earth we do to ourselves."

She said the novel "is not exactly about climate change, but implied in the view of the Earth is the fact of human-made climate change." She dedicated the prize to everyone who speaks "for and not against the Earth, for and not against the dignity of other humans, other life".

AP

She is first female winner since 2019

Gaby Wood, chief executive of the Booker Prize Foundation, noted that "in a year of geopolitical crisis, likely to be the warmest year in recorded history", the winning book was "hopeful, timely and timeless".

Harvey, who has written four previous novels and a memoir about insomnia, is the first British writer since 2020 to win Booker. Previous winners include Ian McEwan, Margaret Atwood and Salman Rushdie. AP

DAILY PLANET

Reuters

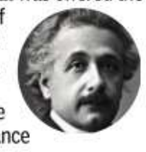
ASH CLOUD HITS TRAVEL TO BALI: Several international airlines cancelled flights to and from Indonesia's tourist island of Bali on Wednesday as an ongoing volcanic eruption left travellers stranded at airports. Mount Lewotobi Laki Laki volcano shot up ash at least 17 times on Tuesday, with the largest column recorded at 9km high. Its initial eruption on Nov 4 killed nine people

'Moo Deng, Moo Deng': Little pygmy hippo has now got itself a song

In case you can't get enough of the little pygmy hippo Moo Deng from Thailand, there's now an official song featuring the internet's favourite baby animal. The upbeat 50-sec song "Moodeng Moodeng", available in Thai, English, Chinese and Japanese, features lyrics like "Moo Deng Moo Deng, boing boing boing/ Mommy mommy, play with me". Its music video consists of clips of the baby hippo bouncing, playing with her keeper or hanging out with her mom. Moo Deng became a global phenomenon just a month after she was unveiled on Facebook by Khao Kheow Open Zoo.

AROUND THE WORLD

Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952 but declined, citing a lack of experience with governance



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A thought for today

If rule of law is absent, there's no accountability, there is abuse of power and corruption. We're ruled not by laws but by idiosyncrasies & whims of those in power

SUPREME COURT

Bulldazed No More?

SC read the riot act on 'bulldozer justice'. But will officials fear courts or netas? We don't know

In defining a penalty for officials responsible for 'bulldozer justice', Supreme Court yesterday did good in its attempt to demolish the brazen lawlessness by state govts, including UP, MP, Rajasthan, Assam, Gujarat, Jharkhand, and Delhi. SC made three main points. One, essentiality of rule of law "as a safeguard against arbitrary use of state power". All important is the "distinction between exercise of power in good faith and misuse in bad faith". Two, on separation of powers, it said govts step on judiciary's toes when they randomly pronounce any individual 'guilty'. Thus, state govts better stand down. Three, SC correctly realised guidelines on razing houses won't suffice: it included "restitution of demolished property at…(officials') personal cost in addition to payment of damages", in pursuit of its goal of "no scope for arbitrariness by officials".

SC reiterated there's no place for collective punishment, which is what insta-justice of pulling down houses of so-called accused, or even convicts, is. There's enough due process even to raze illegal constructions. SC has made that more granular and pan-India. Point is, there never had to be a legitimate reason for netas. The 'wrong' could be imagined. For, what but distorted politics can ever explain, or attempt to justify, demolishing the house of a schoolboy in a scuffle with another? Clearly, Udaipur administration had viewed the two boys not as children but from some twisted notion of culprit and victim.

Will govts pay serious heed? Administrations are staffed by officials timid, or fearful, or both. Question is who would they fear more? Courts or political bosses? Bully govts may be a sign of weakness, but when politics is to be done – almost 800 houses govt razed in Haryana's Nuh belonged to Muslims – this counts as strategy. SC guidelines are unlikely to altogether stop 'bulldozer justice'. Accountability, for one, is a quantity most nebulous in govt machinery. When personal monetary loss is involved, accountability will be passed around like the ball in football. SC's order is superb. Let's see what the executive does.

Doge, The Bullet

Whether Trump's Musk-Ramaswamy gambit for smarter govt works will be of interest in India

Delete, delete, delete. This is a big part of the mandate of a newly announced Doge, Trump's Department of Government Efficiency. Assigning this new department and its job of delivering a smaller, more efficient govt to two billionaire, loyalist entrepreneurs loudly says, expect the unexpected. One part of this 'revolutionary' drive is a sense of bureaucracy being overpopulated, with too many people not doing anything. The other is a Reaganesque sense of govt itself having become the problem. But US is hardly alone in such discontent. That's why other countries will be watching closely to see what Musk-Ramaswamy pull off by July 4, 2026. That's the 250th anniversary of American Independence, which Trump has set as a hard deadline for the two rich bros.

Trump's billing it as the Manhattan Project of this era. The original one of course was a US top-secret World War II project to beat Nazi Germany at the atomic bomb. It's a strange, Trumpesque comparison. But it conveys the urgency. Of course, problems lie ahead. US House and Senate have to approve all federal budget changes. The administrative state is not expected to accept Musk's ideas peaceably. India's own experience with lateral entry underlines how powerful such resistance by insiders can be. The scheme originated in widely observed governance failures of generalist civil services. Specialist outsiders would fill the domain gaps. But this ambition has been thwarted by turfism inside govt and politics outside it. One difference is that in many regards the Indian state isn't big at all. US SEC has about 4,500 experts at its service compared to Sebi's 800 odd.

The Musk-Ramaswamy model also comes with many questions, such as over conflict of interest when it comes to regulating SpaceX, Tesla and Neuralink. It will nonetheless be followed with great interest here because India itself is in crying need of 'genius' govt. That the country should trundle from the colonial to the AI era on the back of the same administrative engine, is a scary fact when you think about it.

In the family way

Means multiple political births – and as many miscarriages

Bachi Karkaria

The Great Indian Family – sequel to Big Fattening Indian Wedding – is our bestseller brand. From epics to Bollywood, it has something for everyone's taste. Cloying togetherness and smarmy umami, but our masala-coated palates *mangey* more, and get it: spicy scandal, soured relationships, bitter rivalry. It's same to same with political families. The Gandhis may be synonymous with it, but dynasty has ruled from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. And Assam to Ahmedabad too: Gogois and Sorens in east; Patels Keshubhai/Chimanlal and Thackerays/Pawars in the west. Heartland has never-ending *Yadavon ki baarat*. There's a *parivarvad* for the entire alphabet – and to spare. Try keeping track of those bracketed with initials of breakaway founders.

Barely have we recovered from Diwali, the biggest blood-family get-together time, than in states like mine we are already into elections, bloodiest political-family get-apart time. *Arre bhau, tujha ani malha* family politics are like Shanti Sammelan only compared to those of *neta parivars*. They're so polls apart that correct spelling should be '*pariwar*'. Well, one of them is spelt almost that way. Nephew Ajit broke away from Chacha Sharad in 2022 to become deputy CM in the new Mahayuti alliance. Ha-ha, now nephew Yugendra is pitted against Chacha Ajit.

erratica

Compared to the ongoing war of the Maharashtra cousins, that of the Mahabharata cousins was a mere brotherly spat over marbles. Uddhav and Raj Thackeray are congenitally *katti*. This time, Raj says his Navnirman Sena is 'natural ally' of ruling Mahayuti's BJP, but his son's candidature is not being supported by Shiv Sena, the other alliance partner. This is the Shinde-led, parted-ways party which claimed to be legit heir of Balasaheb, and replaced the latter's son Uddhav as CM in 2022. His alliance with BJP had made Eknath then look like Do-nath.

Despite viscerally hating Dynasty, BJP is perforce backing *parivarvad* candidates aplenty. But its own *do naths* can tightly control disaffected members. Godfather RSS also helps. Indeed our powerful Hindutva Family too is held together by a code of silence: *Om*-erta.

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Alice Smart said: "Election promises? As woman, I'm in luck; as minority, I'm in danger."

Should Men In Blue Play In Pak?

Yes. Other major cricket nations have played. India can ask for max security

Partha.Bhaduri@timesofindia.com

For every subcontinental fan, an India-Pakistan cricket match is the greatest sporting delight. It's the ultimate contest between bat and ball. Pity that such cricketing battles are now only confined to multilateral tournaments, mostly at neutral venues.

The scheduled Champions Trophy in Pakistan can break this trend. If only India drops its reluctance to send the Men In Blue across the border. New Delhi says sport and terror can't coexist. But then, why are billions generated in revenue whenever the two teams (readily) play each other in third countries?

It's cricket's governing body that's granted the hosting rights to Pakistan. Yes, this is at odds with India's long-term attempts, following the despicable Mumbai attacks of 2008, to keep Pakistan at arm's length when it comes to playing a more mainstream role in international cricket. This has meant keeping Pak players out of IPL and keeping Indian teams from crossing the border.

Pakistan's internal political fissures have complicated matters. The 2009 Lahore terror attack on the Sri Lankan tour bus ensured no Tests were staged in Pakistan for a decade, eroding that country's cricketing credentials even as India became a powerhouse.

Yet, there is a strong case for extending an olive branch, and putting the game's larger interests first.

- In a shrinking arena, the endemic rot in Pak cricket is now in danger of destroying a famous sporting rivalry. It's imperative that cricket, once called the Great Game, at least makes an effort to protect its principal players.
- It's unlikely ICC can host a Champions Trophy without India. The England and Wales Cricket Board has already warned of huge financial fallout if India or Pakistan do not feature in the tournament. If Pakistan cannot be persuaded to adopt a 'hybrid' model, they might pull out altogether. It's a mess the game cannot afford.
- Plus, Jay Shah is about to become ICC chair. Isn't this a perfect opportunity to look at things differently?
- In recent times, India remain the only major Test team not to have toured Pakistan. England, Australia and New Zealand have had no such problems. It's difficult to cite security issues for our players when other major teams have expressed satisfaction with security arrangements in Pak cities.

The Trophy is to be staged in Rawalpindi, Karachi and Lahore. But India, according to the drafted schedule, can play their group games at one venue only. This will help in the security arrangements.

- Toxic rhetoric on social media whenever India play Pakistan may not be an accurate barometer of things on the ground. Bots can be engineered, hearts cannot. There is considerable love awaiting India's cricketers across the border. Lack of homegrown heroes has ensured the likes of Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah have acquired a larger-than-life aura for fans in Pakistan.
- Also, India is scheduled to host marquee international cricket events from next year: ODI and T20 World Cups and the next Champions Trophy. Pak presence would maximise eyeballs and gladden broadcasters. Pakistan visited India for last year's ODI World Cup, with India ensuring players' safety. Pakistan has expressed a willingness to take similar measures.

Even nations that have been at war can share a common passion. This is not at all about underplaying recent terror attacks in J&K or Pak's Quetta blasts. It's about ending the cricket hypocrisy when it comes to India vs Pakistan.

No. Other teams don't carry the baggage of history. Pakistan's terror export continues

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The 2025 Champions Trophy is facing the trickiest of googlies on the messiest of pitches. As of today, India is not travelling to Pakistan for the eight-nation event. Pakistan, on its part, has dismissed suggestions of a hybrid event as the Asia Cup was hosted in Pakistan and Sri Lanka last year. It's a stand-off. And the question before a billion-plus people is: Should India travel to Pakistan for cricket as other teams are doing?

To begin with, other teams don't carry the same baggage of history. And one is not talking about the four wars fought between the two since 1947. This is more about the complexities of the present, about Pakistan relentlessly and unrepentantly weaponising terrorism against India. Hillary Clinton, then US secretary of state, said back in 2011, "You can't keep snakes in your backyard and expect them only to bite your neighbours." In recent years, bad karma has come calling. But as a catalogue of its actions underlines, Pakistan doesn't want to change.

Reports based on security sources estimate that in their efforts to boost the falling number of recruits in Kashmir, Pakistan-based terror outfits are 22 times more active on social media compared to last year. Local terrorists operating in Kashmir, a report said, were 30 compared to 75-80 foreign. In fact, a spate of terror attacks in Kashmir forced former CM and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah to remark last month, "If they (Pakistan) think they can achieve anything with this, they are only destroying themselves and us."

In this backdrop, the act of injured innocence and outrage over India's refusal to travel is diplomatic sleight of hand and brinkmanship. Making India travel and play there is using cricket to create a fiction of normalcy between the two countries where none exists. Pakistan wants to have its cake and eat it too.

Cricket has often suffered due to terrorism in the subcontinent. In 2009, despite being provided with high security, at least five Sri Lanka players, including captain Mahela Jayawardene, were injured in a Lahore terror strike. In 2002, the Kiwis flew out of a tour midway after a bomb blast near their Karachi hotel. During the 1996 World Cup, a dastardly suicide bomb attack spooked Australia and West Indies who preferred to lose two points rather than visit and play.

The truth is Indo-Pak cricket has stop-stuttered for decades. The two did not play Tests with each other during 1961-78. The playing or pausing of cricket has depended on the larger political climate and the predilections of parties in power. In recent decades, due to the demands of ICC's multi-nation events, the two have faced-off at neutral venues; the last being New York in the T20 World Cup this year.

India last played cricket in Pakistan in the summer of 2008 for the Asia Cup. A month earlier, 11 Pak cricketers had played in the inaugural IPL. The Mumbai attack carried out by Pak terrorists in Nov 2008 changed the discourse. Be it Congress-led UPA years thereafter or BJP-led NDA (post 2014), BCCI hasn't sanctioned a visit to Pakistan since then.

True, a lot of water has flowed in the Ravi since then. True, several teams, including England, have played in Pakistan this year. True, after 60 years, India's tennis team played Davis Cup in Pakistan this Feb. But sending the national cricket team to the other side is too big and brash a step. Playing on neutral venue is fine for the moment. It's better to be safe than sorry, when the other side is unwilling to say, "Sorry, won't do that again," in both words and action.

'More the katenge batenge language, worse the fallout for Mahayuti...Delay in deciding nominees impacted MVA a bit...'

*Credited with scripting Congress's spectacular showing in Lok Sabha polls, its state president **Nana Patole** is confident of MVA winning the Maharashtra legislative polls. Talking to **Subodh Ghildiyal**, he says MVA's emphasising to voters that BJP will back "even a Dawood link" to win, that every section of society is angry with Mahayuti govt and that BJP's victory in Haryana will make no difference because of Maharashtra's unique culture and politics.*

Q&A

● What's your reading of the elections?

MVA will win the assembly polls comfortably. We'll go up to 175 seats. There's anger against BJP in Maharashtra. You saw it in Lok Sabha elections, when even BJP leadership's appeals to the people didn't work. Farmers are angry, every section of society is seething with anger.

BJP will get the party votes, that's all. It spoke about 'vote jihad'. We're accusing it of 'power jihad'. For instance, Mahayuti has given a ticket from Mahim to Nawab Malik, accused by BJP of financial dealings with Dawood Ibrahim. BJP jailed Malik for 17 months.

When Ajit Pawar joined Mahayuti, Malik was released on bail. BJP says it won't campaign for Malik, but fact remains that *that* party is seeking votes for Mahayuti. So, we're emphasising that in its pursuit of power, BJP can even field a person with ties with Dawood.

● Will BJP's Haryana win matter?

Maharashtra is different from the rest of the country. The ideology of Shahu-Phule-Ambedkar is dominant here. BJP has tried to suppress that ideology. They also insulted Shivaji Maharaj. That's why every section of society is unhappy. The sentiment of change is strong.

In Haryana, they pitted Jats against OBCs. But here I, as Congress president, am an OBC. So, that gameplan of theirs is not working. OBCs and Marathas will desert BJP. Who are they left with, then? Their national leadership. And resources.

● How vital is Gandhi's 'Save the Constitution' campaign?

It's a real campaign. SCs, STs, OBCs, Muslims know BJP is tinkering with the Constitution. BJP govt hasn't allowed corporation and zilla panchayat elections for three years now. It makes people wonder. BJP may claim this campaign won't make a difference, but the secular vote will stay intact.

● What about religious polarisation following Yogi's slogans?

Unlike in UP and Bihar, there's no scope for polarisation in Maharashtra. Here, the more they speak this "katenge batenge" language, the worse the fallout.

India is used to govts that spoke for unity, and two PMs lost their lives for the cause of unity. Now govts say "ek hain to safe hain". It shows weakness.

● A key MVA plank is Gujarat benefitting at Maharashtra's cost.

Problem of joblessness is huge. Migration of industries has deprived lakhs of employment. So, there's anger among the youth. This issue has great traction.

● What about the controversy after your statement that BJP had called OBCs dogs?

At a BJP meeting in Yavatmal, where Hansraj Ahir was present, a person said Kunbis are like dogs. One individual protested. But instead of retracting, the protester was booked and dragged to the police station. That video emerged. It's become an issue. Fadnavis has since implied the remark was meant as a compliment as "dogs are honest". We're simply raising this issue of OBCs being demeaned by BJP.

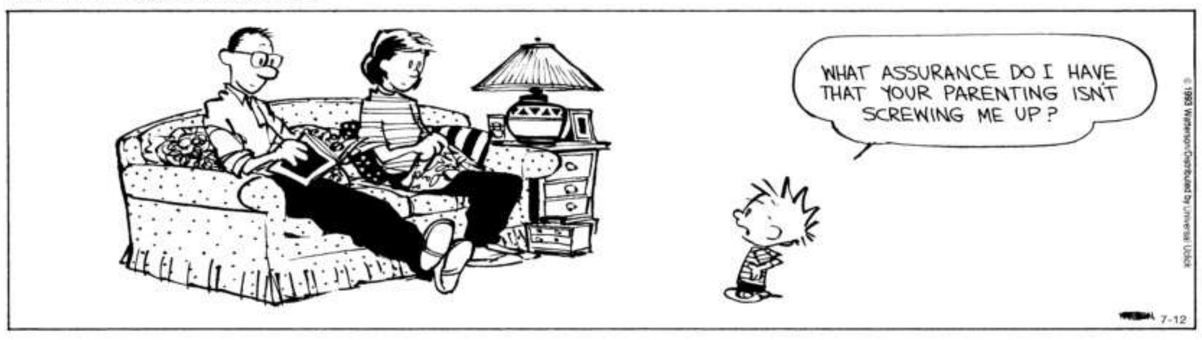
● What's Ladki Bahin Yojana's impact?

The campaign around this scheme has collapsed. Govt spent thousands of crores publicising it was giving out ₹1,500 every month to women. Now, Congress has announced ₹3,000 a month for women. In fact, all our CMs came here to tell the people that Congress govts have implemented this scheme in Karnataka and other states.

● How much will delay in ticket distribution hurt MVA?

We must accept that the delay has impacted us a bit. I could have taken out a yatra across the state, and that time spent on discussions could've been utilised better. But we have largely covered the state. I had a goal in mind; we will now manage 80% of the same. But do remember, seat distribution did not lead to any major dispute, and has been a largely smooth affair.

Calvin & Hobbes



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We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.

Jawaharlal Nehru

Chhota Bachha Samaj Ke Humko Na Samjhana Re

Sonal Srivastava

On Children's Day, it is important to recall the famous quote, 'Child is the father of man', which comes from William Wordsworth's poem *'My Heart Leaps Up'*. Wordsworth believed that the innocence and wonder children have for the world are essential for a well-rounded adult life. Thus, any education imparted by parents or teachers to children might carry a hint of indoctrination, which is the opposite of true teaching.

Kahlil Gibran proffered, "You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts." Every story shared with children is often a way to lower their guard. When we start with, 'Once a lion met a mouse, and he said...,' the listener thinks, 'Oh, this isn't real; I can just relax and enjoy the tale.' However, within that story is a parable carrying a subtle message. Stories, fables and folktales are often meant to teach or guide, yet the line between teaching and influencing is thin. So, could there be a way for children to learn from parents and teachers without indoctrinating them to think in a certain way?

When Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev's daughter was 12, she came home from school one day feeling upset. She told him, "You teach so many people so many things, but you haven't taught me anything." Sadhguru replied, "This is all you need to know: don't look down on anybody, and don't look up to anybody."

THE SPEAKING TREE

Often, children aged 11 and above look through us when we try to teach them something. This may be because, in their minds, they can evaluate prospects almost as a management professional would assess a corporate entity's future profit. They perform a kind of discounted cash flow (DCF) analysis, which is a valuation method that helps arrive at an investment's current value based on expected future cash flows. Interestingly, our 'valuation' often comes out as zero since we may not offer anything that interests them or benefits them in the future. For example, we may not be able to teach them anything about basketball, table tennis, chess, mathematics, origami, piano, tabla, palaeontology, and dinosaurs unless we are experts in all these subjects, which is nearly impossible. Children can easily find information faster on Google than they can get it from us.

With AI and chatbots entering the picture, indoctrination and teaching by adults lose their appeal completely. Thus, teachers and adults can, at best, serve as facilitators of knowledge rather than as its primary source. John Dewey, a prominent philosopher and educator, saw a teacher's role as that of a guide or facilitator rather than an instructor. The only true teaching is that which allows you to remain free from indoctrination from anyone, ever.

No wonder then Pink Floyd, a hard rock band, wrote decades ago: *"We don't need no education/We don't need no thought control…Teachers, leave us kids alone."*

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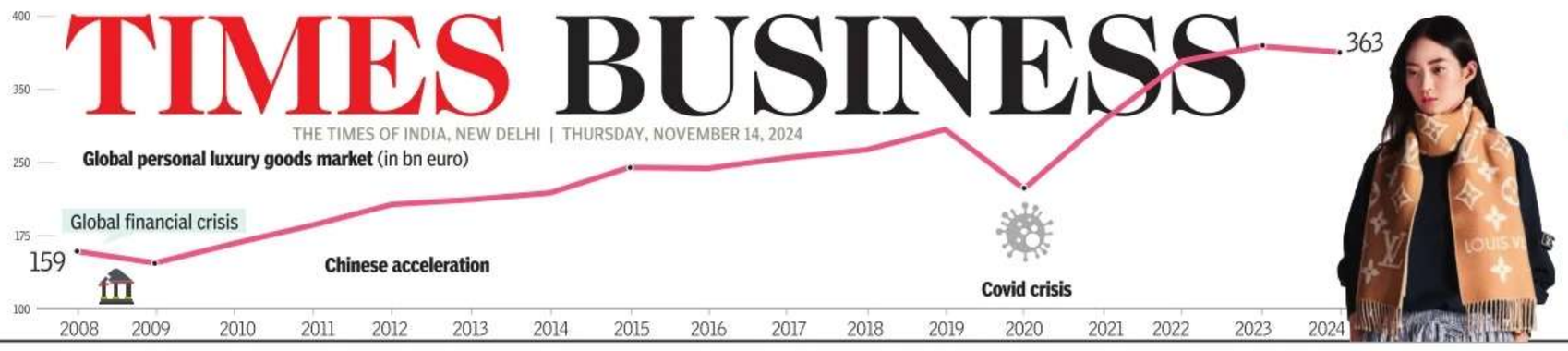
Global Luxury Sales To Fall 2%
This Yr On Weak Chinese Demand

Personal luxury goods sales are set to fall 2% this year, making it **among the weakest on record.** The industry has lost 50mn consumers in the past two years

Source: Bain, Reuters



■ An estimated **20-22% sales drop** in China has turned into a drag after a years-long boom fuelled by the wealthy & growing middle-class

Half-a-trillion dollar investor wealth gone since Sept peak

Another Day, Another Fall: Sensex Slides 984 Pts To 5-Mth Low

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The recent market crash that started in Oct has left Indian investors poorer by more than half a trillion dollars. With the sensex now down nearly 10% from its all-time high in late Sept, BSE's market capitalisation has dipped by about Rs 48.5 lakh crore (or $620 billion) to Rs 429.5 lakh crore, official data showed.

On Sept 27, BSE's market cap was at an all-time peak at about Rs 478 lakh crore. At that day's rupee-dollar exchange rate, the bourse's market cap was $5.7 trillion. And on Wednesday, the bourse's market cap stood at $5.1 trillion.

This massive slide in investors' wealth came on the back of relentless selling by foreign funds which, in turn, was because of US election-related uncertainties globally. Before the election, investors globally were unsure who will be elected the president of the US. But now, after the results, investors are worried how the policies of incoming president Donald Trump would impact markets around the world. On the domestic front, weak corporate results and a surge in retail inflation reading to a 14-month high weighed on investor sentiment, market players said.

Between Oct 1 and now, foreign portfolio investors have net sold stocks worth nearly Rs 1.2 lakh crore, data from NSDL and BSE showed. This translates to nearly $14 billion.

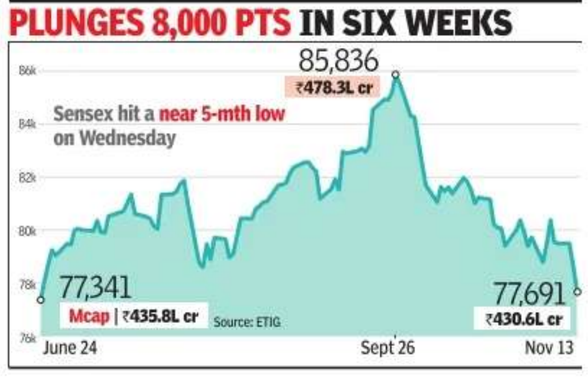
Although domestic institutional investors have net pumped in over Rs 1.3 lakh crore into stock since Oct 1, unlike in FY22 and FY23, this time it has proved to be inadequate to arrest the market's slide, a report by Axis Securities said.

On Wednesday, the sensex lost 984 points or 1.3% to close at 77,691 points — a level not seen since June 24 this year. On the NSE, Nifty lost 324 points or 1.4% to close at 23,559 points. Both indices have lost about 10% from their respective all-time highs recorded at the end of Sept.

Nifty has now fallen for the fifth consecutive session and has entered correction territory with a 10% drop from its recent high, Deepak Jasani, head of retail research at HDFC Securities, said. "Increased cash market volumes on the NSE suggest that local investors are engaging in bottom-fishing activities." Jasani, however, pointed out that broad market indices — mid-cap and small-cap benchmarks — have declined even more sharply than Nifty.

Wednesday's session also saw the end of the road for weekly bank Nifty contracts on the NSE.

PLUNGES 8,000 PTS IN SIX WEEKS



Voda Idea Q2 loss narrows to ₹7,176cr

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Debt-ridden Vodafone Idea on Wednesday said its consolidated loss narrowed to Rs 7,176 crore in the Sept quarter, compared to a loss of Rs 8,747 crore in the same period a year ago, helped by an increase in tariffs.

The consolidated revenue from operations increased to Rs 10,932 crore during the quarter from Rs 10,716 crore a year ago, a growth of 2%. The company's average revenue per user (Arpu) stood at Rs 166, a quarter-on-quarter growth of 8%. This has been enabled by an industry-wide tariff rise that began in June. However, Vodafone Idea's ARPU still lagged its much-bigger rival Jio's Rs 195 and Airtel's Rs 233 for the same period.

Vodafone Idea has also been losing customers to Jio and Airtel while sBSNL is chipping into its entry-level customers. The company's user base fell 2.4% sequentially and 6.7% year-on-year to 20.5 crore as of Sept 30, smaller than Jio's 47.9 crore and Airtel's 40.7 crore.

IL&FS fin centre sale stuck over valuation

Brookfield Arm Moves NCLT

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New Delhi: The sale of The IL&FS Financial Centre (TIFC) in Mumbai's Bandra-Kurla Complex has hit a hurdle after IL&FS undertook a fresh valuation which estimated that the value of its headquarters had gone up 57% to Rs 1700 crore, compared to the highest bid of Rs 1,080 crore in 2021, and asked Brookfield-affiliate Chronos Properties to pay more for the property.

Chronos, which was the winning bidder, has challenged the move in National Company Law Tribunal, which has restrained IL&FS from creating any third-party interest in TIFC or insisting that the revised valuation be accepted or rejected by the buyer.

"The new IL&FS board decided to initiate fresh valuation of its HQ (TIFC), after considerable time had elapsed since it received the highest bid to sell TIFC in 2021. The revised average fair market valuation received now for TIFC is around Rs 1,700 crore. This revaluation is in line with the approved resolution objectives, that include value maximisation, being pursued by the public interest board. The bidder has the right to accept the revised consideration proposed by IL&FS basis the new valuation or exit the transaction. The matter is pending before NCLT and due to come up for hearing later this month. IL&FS, on its part, has filed an application to implead Union of India as a necessary party in this case," IL&FS spokesman Sharad Goel told **TOI**.

The move can also have implications for other property transactions of IL&FS, which are in the pipeline as real estate prices have shot up in recent years, especially in areas such as BKC where metro connectivity is boosting valuations.

Govt, which superseded the board after a massive financial scam, is keen that the value is maximised.

May Impact Other Transactions Too

- Brookfield-affiliate Chronos Properties' highest bid for IL&FS HQ was ₹1,080cr
- On revaluation, IL&FS found that the value of its headquarters had risen 57% to ₹1,700 crore
- IL&FS asked Chronos Properties to pay more
- Chronos challenged the move in NCLT
- NCLT restrains IL&FS from creating any third-party interest
- Move may have implications for IL&FS's other property transactions

Swiggy surges 17% on D-St debut

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Swiggy's stock closed 17% higher on Wednesday — its first day of trading — even as the sensex dived nearly 1,000 points. The food delivery company's stock, which was sold at Rs 390 during the IPO, opened the day at Rs 412 on the BSE, hit an intraday high at Rs 465 and closed at Rs 456.

Th rally took Swiggy's market capitalisation to just above Rs 1 lakh crore, making it the 86th most valued listed company in India. Rival Zomato has a market cap of Rs 2.3 lakh crore and is the 38th most valued listed company in the country.

On the first day of its listing, more than 12 crore Swiggy shares were traded on the NSE and the BSE combined. About half of these shares were marked for delivery, indicating that those were bought not for speculative, day-trading purposes.

Last week, Swiggy closed its Rs 11,327-crore IPO with a subscription of 3.6 times the offer size. The IPO was managed by Kotak Mahindra Capital, JP Morgan India, Citigroup Global Markets India, BofA Securities India, Jefferies India, ICICI Securities and Avendus Capital.

HOW THEY STOCK UP & DELIVER

	Swiggy	Zomato
IPO size	₹11,327 cr	₹9,375 cr
Lsting date	Nov 13, 2024	July 23, 2021
Listing day gain	17%	66%
Market cap	₹1 lakh cr	₹2.3 lakh cr
Total income*	₹11,634 cr	₹12,961 cr
Net profit*	₹-2,350 cr	₹351 cr

Source: BSE, Sebi; *Consolidated, for FY24

Zomato's post on X after Swiggy's listing

Sahney 2nd co insider to head IndianOil

New Delhi: Arvinder Singh Sahney on Wednesday took over as chairman of the country's largest oil refiner and fuel retailer, IndianOil, after a protracted selection process.

The 54-year-old chemical engineer from Kanpur's Harcourt Butler Technical University is the second company insider after B Ashok's appointment as chairman in 2014 to take the reins of the country's largest oil refiner and fuel retailer without board-level experience. TNN

ICAI to seek review of NFRA move on audit standards

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New Delhi: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is going to move the ministry of corporate affairs for a review of the National Financial Reporting Authority's decision to amend Standards of Audit (SA) 600 and SA 299, arguing it is not feasible to 'blindly adopt' global standards in the Indian context.

"They are citing a few abrasions to seek these changes. If someone (auditor) is negligent, it doesn't mean the standard is wrong. We have said that in these years you should not regret concentration of work in the hands of a few large firms and frauds should not increase," a senior ICAI functionary said, a day after NFRA voted in favour of recommending changes, which will be notified by MCA.

The official said views were similar on 38 of the 40 standards but argued t hat there were several member countries of the International Federation of Accountants, including India, China and the US, which only adopted the standards partially. "Given the diversity in India, carveouts are needed. If you want to fix the responsibility of the auditor of the holding company, there are other ways to do that, like mandatory reporting of critical areas," the source added.

NFRA has argued that the changes were required to plug loopholes that it had seen during its probe into scam cases such Reliance Home Finance, DHFL, IL&FS and Café Coffee Day.

Adani group to invest $10bn in US energy, infra

The Adani Group plans to invest $10 billion in energy and infrastructure projects in the US, deepening strategic business ties between the two countries. The group is "committed to leveraging its global expertise" and will invest in projects that would create as many as 15,000 jobs in the US, Gautam Adani said in a post on X. Adani's investment in the US follows a battle against allegations of corporate governance and accounting irregularities by New York-based short-seller Hindenburg Research in Jan 2023. BLOOMBERG

G20 trade curbs up in 2023-24: WTO report

New Delhi: There has been an increase in the trade restrictive measures introduced by G20 member countries during mid-Oct 2023 to mid-Oct 2024, a WTO report said. It said that during the review period, G20 economies introduced 91 new trade-restrictive and 141 trade-facilitating measures on goods, both of which mostly dealt with imports. AGENCIES

Maruti drives in 'next gen' Dzire at ₹6.8L

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki has introduced the next-gen version of its compact sedan Dzire, priced between Rs 6.8 lakh and Rs 10.1 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). The company said that it sold nearly 1.7 lakh units of the model last fiscal, and has retailed about 75,000 units so far in FY25. TNN

Wage growth slows, but not for sr execs

Pay Gap Widens In Industrial Cos Amid Eco Stress

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Bengaluru: Industrial and automation companies showed diverse salary structures, with several firms offering compensation packages at the conservative end of the spectrum. Salary hikes in industrial and automation sectors show wide disparity amid economic pressures.

During the 2023-24 financial year, some firms experienced an even more pronounced decline in wage increases. Whilst employees received minimal raises, senior executives at certain organisations continued to receive substantially higher compensation compared to their workforce. The situation remained challenging at other firms as well, with modest increments being the norm.

At Bosch India, employees got a meagre 0.6% hike in FY24, while managerial personnel got an average increment of 10.5%. On the contrary, Guruprasad Mudlapur, president of Bosch Group in India, got a 15.5% hike during the same period, taking home over Rs 3 crore. The company has over 5,000 employees in India. Engineering services company Honeywell Automation India's annual report showed employees salaries dropped 0.8% in FY24, but key managerial personnel received an 8% increment. Its India MD, Ashish Gaikwad's remuneration increased by 12% to Rs 63.7 crore. At Cummins India, its MD Ashwath Ram's compensation reached Rs 6.2 crore following a 20% merit increase plus a 10% market adjustment in FY24. Its employees received an average 12.4% increase.

3M India presented a different scenario, with its MD Ramesh Ramadurai's increment matching other employees. Schneider Electric Infrastructure provided average salary increases of 10.3% in 2023-24. "Product companies need capital-intensive investments, which can sometimes influence their salary budgets differently from service firms," Sachin Alug, CEO of talent solutions firm NLB Services, said.

Krishna Vij, Teamlease digital's business head of IT staffing, said increases in salaries of key management personnel reflect a talent retention strategy.

RETAINING TOP TALENT?

Bosch India | Employees saw a **0.6% hike**, while its president received a **15.5% increase**, reaching over ₹3 crore

Honeywell | Employee wages **dropped by 0.8%**, while managing director Ashish Gaikwad's salary **grew 12%** to ₹63.7 crore

Cummins India | Employees received a **12.4% raise**, while MD Ashwath Ram's pay **increased by 30%** to ₹6.2 crore

Product vs. Service Cos | Product cos focus on R&D investment, offering conservative raises **(1-5%)**, while IT and services firms give higher increments **(up to 18%)** for digital skills

'Tech helped bridge ₹52L cr funding gap for MSMEs'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The trade receivables discounting system (TReDS) has been instrumental in addressing the long-standing issue of delayed payments for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs). It has offered a much-needed boost to their cash flows and addressed their financing requirements, according to RBI deputy governor **Michael Patra**.

TReDS is an online platform that helps small businesses (MSMEs) in India get paid faster for their invoices. It's an online marketplace where they can sell their unpaid invoices (receivables) to financiers (banks, NBFCs, etc) at a discounted rate. This gives them quick access to working capital, which is crucial for their growth and operations.

TReDS has helped address the credit gap of MSMEs — estimated at around Rs 52 lakh crore — by connecting them with banks and clients, reducing funding costs up to 2.5 percentage points, Patra said.

'India an alternative to China in many ways'

Kearney Chief: Several MNCs Are Eyeing Investment Opportunities In The Country

Pankaj Doval & Sidhartha | TNN

Robert Willen, the global managing partner and chairman of Kearney, has been coming to India over the last two decades. After taking the top job at the consulting firm in May 2024, Willen has spent the last couple of months meeting clients and colleagues amid renewed interest in India as companies look to diversify their supply chains beyond China, especially in sectors such as defence and telecom. **Excerpts:**

How do you see the Indian market?

I have been seeing incredible growth in India and we see a great potential here. There's a domestic market, it's not just a service market for the rest of the world. That's a pivot we want to make in a much stronger way to really serve the domestic market, which is part of the growth of India, the aspiration of India, the positioning of India.

As a consultant, if you were to advise the Indian govt, what would be your strategy to position India?

This is a new era of industrial policy — govts are working with industry, the investor community, making choices, establishing priorities, creating a regulatory framework, attracting investments. Even the US has offered incentives to have local indigenous semiconductor production. Govts need to do that. It doesn't mean it is for govt to do everything, but it means making some choices, establishing priorities, and investing in different ways to stimulate economic growth and development.

Vietnam and Mexico have emerged as attractive options for investment as part of the China+1 strategy. Where does India fit?

Vietnam has advantages because it is close to China, probably replicating China most efficiently. For instance, if an American company wants to have an operation in Mexico, it's not that it is replacing China, but it might also be thinking about resilience, speed to market, late-stage customisation, sustainability. It's about having different sources of supply, different centres to serve customers.

Supplementary or complementary?

Probably complementary. For some, in sensitive areas, it would be replacing. (There) we see our clients wanting to move out of China entirely.

Which sectors would these be?

More security-sensitive sectors such as defence and telecom. These are areas where backup is needed, resilience is needed. The concern about the South China Sea and Taiwan is causing many to look for alternatives.

You work with clients on the supply chain. In the last four years, is there a significant shift in the supply chain from China?

It's still early, very early. The global shipping trends still show the strength of China; it's coming down slowly. But we know from our discussions with clients how much they're also considering alternate sources of supply, thinking about more diversification and resilience in supply chains. All of that's in early stages. It doesn't happen overnight. It needs time to develop.

Will the US election results and Trump's win speed up things?

It's early days, but it certainly will speed it up if you just take the rhetoric at face value. We talk about deglobalisation and tariffs, a Trump administration will perhaps accelerate that.

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Robert Willen | GLOBAL MANAGING PARTNER & CHAIRMAN, KEARNEY

Where do you see India figuring in all this?

It is generally good for India. It's a strong, capable economy which has a lot of resources. It's an alternative to China in many different ways. The other part is that the US has a low trade deficit with India. Some of the rhetoric that comes out of Trump circles is about rectifying the trade imbalance, which is a positive for India.

We are having several conversations with multinational companies which are talking about what's the latest in India, what are the emerging opportunities and when should they start looking at the country. Many have a small presence and many do not have a presence. We are seeing a lot of renewed interest in conversations about how to scale up, particularly in manufacturing.

Which sectors could be positive for India?

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Sebi plans to raise angel funding cap to ₹25cr from ₹10cr

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Bengaluru: Markets regulator Sebi on Wednesday sought public consultation on reducing the minimum investment threshold for angel investments from Rs 25 lakh to Rs 10 lakh, whilst raising the maximum limit from Rs 10 crore to Rs 25 crore. The document welcomes public feedback on its proposals until Nov 28, and aims to enhance the regulatory structure for angel funds. The objectives include simplifying fundraising procedures, enhancing disclosure requirements, and ensuring clearer operational guidelines.

As a vital funding source for startups, Sebi's records show 82 registered angel funds as of March this year, with total commitments of Rs 7,053 crore and investments worth Rs 3,343 crore in this category. Sebi has also raised concerns regarding the regulatory framework of angel funds.

76% of tax collected from those earning over ₹50L

New Delhi Tax burden on individuals earning less than Rs 20 lakh a year, broadly described as middle class, has come down during the 10 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led govt, while there has been a substantial increase in taxes paid by those having annual income above Rs 50 lakh, sources said on Wednesday.

As per the income tax return (ITR) filing data, the number of individuals showing annual income of over Rs 50 lakh has gone up to over 9.4 lakh in 2023-24, a five-fold jump from nearly 1.9 lakh in 2013-14. Also, the income tax liability of those earning above Rs 50 lakh has gone up 3.2 times, from over Rs 2.5 lakh crore in 2014, to Rs 9.6 lakh crore in 2024. A source said that 76% of income tax collected is from those earning above Rs 50 lakh a year. This has led to reduced tax burden on the middle class.

Also, the increase in number of people filing ITRs with annual income above Rs 50 lakh is due to "strong anti tax evasion and black money laws implemented by the Modi govt", the source added. The source further said that in 2014, individuals earning above Rs 2 lakh a year had to pay income tax. However, because of various exemptions and deductions announced by the Modi govt, individuals earning up to Rs 7 lakh need not pay any taxes.

The percentage of income tax collection from taxpayers earning less than Rs 10 lakh has reduced, from nearly 10.2% of the total tax paid in 2014, to around 6.2% in 2024.

According to the source, the income tax liability of those earning between Rs 2.5 and Rs 7 lakh was an average Rs 43,000 in 2023-24, which is around 4-5% of their income. AGENCIES

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/T&P/SEE-1/2/2024-25/5389-412 Date:12.11.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following Works against following Enquiry Numbers on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

Sl. No.	Enquiry No./Name of the Work
1.	Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2024-25/SS/WORK_INDENT1443** for Establishing 2x150MVA and 1x12.5MVA, 220/66/11kV Substation at **Maddur** in Maddur Taluk Mandya District along with construction of 5Nos. of 66kV Terminal bays and 220kV transmission line for a distance of 4.573Kms & 66kV transmission line for a distance of **48.93Kms.**
2.	Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2024-25/SS/WORK_INDENT1444** for Establishing 2x20 MVA, 110/11 kV sub-station at **Yarehalli** and construction of 110 kV LILO line using lynx conductor from existing 110 kV Shivamogga-Neralekere(SBT-2) line to proposed 110/11kV sub-station at Yarehalli for a distance of **1.51 kms** in Tarikere Taluk, Chikkamagaluru district.
3.	Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2024-25/SS/WORK_INDENT1441** for Establishing 2x20 MVA, 110/11 kV substation at **Kuppagadde** and construction of 110kV DC line from existing 110/11 kV Togarsi substation in Shikaripura taluk to proposed 110/11kV Kuppagadde substation using Panther conductor for a distance of **11.68 kms** in Soraba taluk, Shivamogga district along with construction of 2 Nos of 110kV Terminal Bays at 110/11 kV Togarsi substation in Shikaripura taluk, Shivamogga district.
4.	Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2024-25/SS/WORK_INDENT1446** for Establishing 2x12.5MVA, **66/11KV Sub-Station** at **Siddapura (Beeticadu)** and Construction of **14.201 kms** 66kV DC line on DC towers from the existing 66/11kV Virajpete Sub-station and Construction of 2 no of 66kV Terminal Bays at 66/11kV Virajpete Sub-station in Virajpete Taluk, Kodagu District.
5.	Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2024-25/SS/WORK_INDENT1451** for Establishing 2x20MVA, **66/11KV Sub-Station** at **Balele** and Construction of 11.515km of 66kV LILO line from existing 66kV Hanagodu-Ponnampete SC line in Ponnampete Taluk, Kodagu District.
6.	Enquiry No: **KPTCL/2024-25/SS/WORK_INDENT1445** for Establishing 2x20 MVA, 110/11 kV substation at **Chikkarugi** and construction of 110 kV LILO line using Lynx conductor from 110kV Indi-Devarhippragi SC line to proposed 110/11kV substation at Chikkarugi for a distance of **0.899 km** in Devarahipparagi Taluk, Vijayapura district.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 15.11.2024 @ 15:00hrs.** Last date & time for receipt of Bids is **16.12.2024 @ 15:00hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.
All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL,Kaveri Bhavan, III Floor, Bengaluru -560 009.

Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency,
First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun.

Ref. No. /11-02(xix)-2/ITCO/URRDA/24 Date: ..../11/2024

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)
e-Procurement Notice-14(P-III)/2024-25

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of **Pithoragarh** for 01 number of **packages** with estimated cost totaling to **Rs. 16.94 Crore** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors (Class-A and above) registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 11.11.2024,

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in **www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in**. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with **CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid,** either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids. Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: **25.11.2024 01:00 PM**. For further details please log on to **www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in**

Chief Engineer, URRDA, Dehradun

*Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract. **Note:** For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

MORADABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.)

Ref. No : 189/S.T./A.N.A-2/NNM/2024-25 Date: 13-11-2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Reference 125/S.T./A.N.A-2/NNM/2024-25 Date 04-09-2024

Name of Work	Bid Security/ EMD (in Rs.)	Project Duration	RFP Document Fee
Selection of Agency to Design, Develop, Operate, Manage & Maintain Integrated Smart Parking System at Various Parking Lots in Moradabad Municipal Corporation.	10 Lacs	10 Year	Rs. 11,800.00

Key Dates:-

S.No.	Description	Date and Time
1.	Start Date for Purchase of Tender (Online)	14/11/2024 at 10.00 AM
2.	Last Date for submission of Tender (Online)	20/11/2024 at 04.00 PM
3.	Technical bid opening (Online)	20/11/2024 at 05.00 PM

Note:-
1. Tender Document and other details shall be available on Website https://etender.up.nic.in
2. Amendment to NIT, if any would be published only on website https://etender.up.nic.in
3. Bank Details for online payment-
   A/C Holder Name - NAGAR NIGAM MORADABAD E-TENDERING
   A/c No - 27050100020717
   Bank Name - Bank of Baroda
   Bank IFSC code - BARB0BLYMOR (5th Character is Zero)
4. Document Fee Rs. 11,800/- (Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Only) has to be paid through FDR/NSC/RTGS/NEFT during the downloading of RFP Document & payment of RFP Document fee in favour of "Municipal Commissioner, Moradabad Municipal Corporation ".
5. The NIT may be postponed or cancelled at any time due to administrative reasons and no claim shall be entertained of this account.
6. All the documents are to be submitted online.

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Uttar Pradesh e-Procurement Portal https://etender.up.nic.in from **14/11/2024 at 10:00 Hours** (IST) onwards. Online bids are invited for the following works up to **20/11/2024 at 16:00 hours. Technical Bid will be opened on same day at 17.00 hours at Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Pili Kothi, Moradabad.**

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

Additional City Commissioner
Nagar Nigam Moradabad

e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Rampur Division on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering, system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No. :- 1 **Name of Work :-** Up-gradation of Tikkar Jarol Gahan Nankhari Khamadi road Km. 0/000 to 52/000 (SH:- Removal of formation deficiencies, construction of cross drainage work, V-shape and U-shape drain, retaining walls & breast walls, crash barrier, metaling and tarring road signage etc. in Km. 0/000 to 52/000 (under CRIF) **Estimated cost :-** 52,25,99,447/- **Starting Date for downloading Bid :-** 26.11.2024 **Earnest Money :-** 1,04,51,990/- **Deadline for submission of Bid :-** 02.12.2024

Sr. No. :- 2 **Name of Work :-** C/O 5/7 mtr. wide road from Soidhar to Tangri Dogri in Gram Panchayat Khamadi Km. 0/000 to 2/702 (SH:- F/C, R/wall & B/wall, CD works, C/O essential parapet, unlined surface drain, crash barrier and dumping structure Km. 0/000 to 2/702) under NABARD RIDF-XXIV **Estimated cost :-** 3,03,68,256/- **Starting Date for downloading Bid :-** 26.11.2024 **Earnest Money :-** 6,07,400/- **Deadline for submission of Bid :-** 02.12.2024

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders form the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Executive Engineer,
Rampur Division (B&R),
HPPWD, Rampur Bushahr.
On behalf of
Governor of Himachal Pradesh

Advt. No. 3226/13.11.2024 **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE Dated 12.11.2024

For & on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W), Prayagraj North Central Railway, Prayagraj invites OPEN E-Tenders in prescribed forms, from reputed contractors with adequate experience and financial capability for the under mentioned work up to Date & time of closing of tender on GeM website -

S.N.	GEM BID NO	Tender Value	EMD
1	GEM/2024/B/5588679 Dated 12.11.2024	Rs. 42353095.00	Rs. 361770
Name of work: Attention of repairs of wagons during examination at GMC in PRYJ division for 03 years			
2	GEM/2024/B/5588389 Dated 12.11.2024	Rs. 22494336.00	Rs. 262480
Name of work: Attention of repairs of wagons during examination at ICD/DER in PRYJ division for 03 years			

Tender system: Two packet system, **Cost of E- tender Form:** NIL, **Period of Work:** 03 years, **Date of publishing on GeM website: 12.11.2024**, **Bid End Date / Time: 04.12.2024** At **15:00 Hrs.**, **Note- 1.** The complete information along with tender booklet of above E-Tender will be available/ uploaded since Date of publishing on GeM website and shall be remained on Website **www.GEM.gov.in.** on the due date of tender closing. **2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with GeM website. **3.** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer. **4.** E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. **5.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of GeM may be approached. **6.** Online E-Tender can be submitted up to Date & time of closing of tender. **7.** JV bidders are allowed to participate in instant tender. **1977/24 (ADM)**

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Chief General Manager (PP&D), APDCL invites expression of interest from the interested firms for the work **"Renovation of the Conference Hall of O/o the Chairman, APDCL at 4th floor, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazaar, Guwahati"**.

The interested firms shall have to submit the following items along with the letter of EOI in their firm's letterhead containing their contact information:

- A presentation of their design for the Conference Hall.
- LoA/LoI of previous similar work experiences with successful completion reports signed by the competent authority.
- Financial status of the firm with relevant documentary evidence such as bank solvency certificates, Average Annual Turnover of the firm of the last 5 FYs signed by CA with their CA's registration number, ITR acknowledgment pages of the last five FYs, etc.
- No Litigation certificate with APDCL.

The EOIs must reach this office within **15 days** from the date of issue of this letter. Also, the date of presentation shall be fixed at a later date and shall be intimidated to the bidders after receipt of the EOIs.

Any queries related to the submission of the EOI may be addressed to this office at office hours on working days for a period of **7 days** from the date of issue of this letter.

Sd/- **Chief General Manager (PP&D)**
APDCL, 6th floor, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazaar, Guwahati-1

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STEPHEN CURRY STEALS THE SHOW IN KLAY THOMPSON'S EMOTIONAL RETURN TO NBA

TILAK, COMMANDER AT CENTURION

Southpaw's Maiden Ton Sets Up 11-Run Win As India Take 2-1 Lead Despite Jansen's 54 Off 17

5 Tilak is the fifth Indian batter to hit a hundred vs South Africa in T20Is after Suresh Raina (101 at Gros Islet on May 2, 2010), Rohit Sharma (106 in Dharamshala on Oct 2, 2015), Suryakumar Yadav (100 in Johannesburg on Dec 14, 2023) and Sanju Samson (107 in Durban on Nov 8, 2024).

50 Abhishek Sharma's first fifty is his second highest score in T20Is behind the 100 off 47 balls vs Zimbabwe in Harare on July 7, 2024.

107 Runs put on by Abhishek and Tilak, India's first century stand for the second wicket vs SA in SA in T20Is.

—**Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

Centurion: Tilak Varma (107 not out) produced a batting masterclass while slamming his maiden international hundred as India posted a massive 219/6 against South Africa in the third T20I here on Wednesday. Tilak got ample backing from Abhishek Sharma, who made a brisk 50 after SA skipper Aiden Markram invited the visitors to bat first.

Verma's belligerent knock set up a 11-run victory for India to take a 2-1 lead in the four-match series despite Heinrich Klassen's 41 off 22 balls followed by Marco Jansen's onslaught of 54 off 17 balls. South Africa's chase could never match the required rate after the second innings was interupted for a while due to an ant attack after the first over. Arshdeep Singh held his nerve in the final over and returned figures of 3/37. Varun Chakravarthy went for 53 off his four overs claiming two wickets. Hardik Pandya had figures of 1/50.

The 22-year-old Tilak tore into the South African pacers as he hammered seven sixes and eight fours during his innings off a mere 57 balls, powering India to their second highest score against the Proteas in this format. On his part, Abhishek banished a poor run with the bat with a stroke-laden half-century, scoring 50 off only 25 balls, laced with five sixes and three fours as the two southpaws dazzled with the bat.

With his rich arsenal of strokes in all directions, Tilak dominated the bowling with complete authority and also helped India stay on course through the blips. First, he forged a 107-run stand with Abhishek for the second wicket to build a strong platform after the early dismissal of Sanju Samson (0). As India stuttered in the middle overs with Keshav Maharaj (2/36) applying the brakes, Tilak ensured his team did not squander the advantage with a late charge — his last 52 runs came off only 22 balls in the last six overs. AGENCIES

SCOREBOARD

India: S Samson b Jansen 0, A Sharma st Klaasen b Maharaj 50, T Varma 107 not out, S Yadav c Jansen b Simelane 1, H Pandya lbw Maharaj 18, R Singh b Simelane 8, R Singh run out 15, A Patel 1 not out; **Extras: (lb 6, nb 3, w 10) 19; Total: In 20 overs (RR: 10.95) 219/6; FoW:** 1-0, 2-107, 3-110, 4-132, 5-190, 6-218; **Bowling:** Jansen 4-0-28-1, Coetzee 3-0-51-0, Sipamla 4-0-45-0, Simelane 3-0-34-2, Markram 2-0-19-0, Maharaj 4-0-36-2.

(scoreboard incomplete)

BREAKING THROUGH: Tilak Varma exults after getting to his century on Wednesday

AP

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Tilak Varma has posted his career-best score in T20Is and his maiden hundred in international cricket. Tilak's magnificent knock is the highest by an Indian batter in Centurion, bettering the 79* by Manish Pandey vs South Africa on Feb 21, 2018.

India wanted 'closed door' nets: Oz media

Perth: The Indian team management has decided to allow the public to watch their centre-wicket training sessions from Friday onwards to Sunday, when they will do match simulation and play a warm-up game against India A at the WACA ground.

This is contrary to an Australian media report claiming that the visiting team's practice sessions are closed to the public. On Wednesday, the *Australian* claimed in a report that a team of construction workers, which is currently refurbishing the WACA, has been mailed by its company CEO to not watch, click pictures, or fly drones during the India nets sessions.

BORDER-GAVASKAR TROPHY

"The extent to which India is keeping their practice guarded is laid bare in a leaked email issued to workers involved in the WACA refurbishment, due to be completed next year," the newspaper reported. "Not only has the public been barred from watching India train, even those working in the precinct are under strict instructions not to take a peek, according to an email sent by Adam Sauzier of ADCO Constructions, who is building the new facility."

Quoting the e-mail, the newspaper wrote: "This week India and India A are training at the WACA Ground from Tuesday Nov 12 until Sunday Nov 17 as part of India's preparation for the Test match at Perth Stadium the following week. During all training sessions, please do not take any photos or videos or fly any drones of the training sessions and please do not sit and watch the sessions."

The leading daily further said, "The memo also makes reference to an India v India A match that had been scheduled from Friday to Sunday but has since been scrapped, with the tourists preferring to have centre wicket practice."

However, BCCI sources denied having sent such official communication. "Neither from India or from India A such a request, at least on official capacity, has gone demanding closed-door net sessions. The practice session is open to all. The Indian and Australian media can watch and cover for as long as they want. There is no such restrictions till now," a source said.

Kohli joins training

The entire Indian contingent on Wednesday came for an afternoon net session at the WACA and were also joined by some India A team members. Virat Kohli batted for a considerable period of time along with other main batters. Skipper Rohit Sharma, waiting for the birth of his second child, has not joined the squad. PTI

'Wasn't the nicest thing': KL Rahul on animated chat with LSG owner during IPL

New Delhi: Wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul has opened up on the animated chat between Lucknow Super Giants' owner Sanjiv Goenka during the 2024 IPL after LSG were beaten by Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH). LSG were in a need of a big win over SRH to qualify for the playoffs but the team suffered a humiliating 10-wicket loss. Afterwards, Goenka appeared visibly displeased and was seen engaged in an intense discussion with skipper Rahul along the boundary line at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium.

KL RAHUL

"As a team, we were all in shock because we were at the stage in that tournament where every game was very important.

"We had to win, I think, three out of five games or two out of the last four games. When this happened, it was just a big shock for all of us," Rahul told Star Sports.

"Whatever happened on the field after the game wasn't the nicest thing to be part of or something that anyone wants to see on the cricket field. I think it did affect the entire group. We still had a chance to make it into the playoffs. We had a chat as a team and tried to regroup, put everything aside, and try to put our best foot forward.

"We tried our best, but unfortunately, our best wasn't good enough always," Rahul said.

LSG have not retained Rahul, officially ending their three-year association. IANS

GAMBHIR A PRICKLY CHARACTER, NEVER TOOK DIG AT KOHLI: PONTING

Melbourne: Responding to Gautam Gambhir's jibe at him, former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting on Wednesday said the India head coach was a "prickly character" and insisted that his comments on Virat Kohli should not be misconstrued.

Ponting had said that Kohli's poor form would be a concern and any other international player would struggle to keep his spot in the Test side with just two hundreds in five years. He, though, had also spoken of Kohli's ability to bounce back.

Gambhir, when asked about Ponting's comments, said the Australian legend needn't be concerned about Indian cricket.

"I was surprised to read the reaction but knowing the coach, Gautam Gambhir, he's quite a prickly character. I'm not surprised it was him who said something back," Ponting told 7News when asked about Gambhir's comments. PTI

ASHWIN CONFIDENT OF 'BREAKING DOWN' SMITH'S BATTING

Chennai: Off-spinner R Ashwin says he has figured out ways to tackle Australian batting mainstay Steve Smith in the upcoming five-match Test series, extending their fascinating, decade-old rivalry.

"Steve Smith is fascinating as a player against spin. He has unique technique," Ashwin said in an interview with 7Cricket. "But with spin, I think he came in with sound game plans and preparations, and he used to execute it come what may. Over the years, I've found ways and means to break it down.

"His time at Delhi Capitals, his time at RPSG, all these net sessions that I've seen him go about his business gave me an insight as to how he prepares and what he likes and doesn't like," Ashwin said. PTI

'I can't afford to sit and brood over injuries'

The Fit-Again Deepak Chahar Tells TOI Why He Is Focusing On Domestic Cricket In Order To Revive His International Career...

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Jaipur: Deepak Chahar is back on the cricket field. Having played all four Ranji Trophy matches this season for Rajasthan, bowled 99 overs and taken 13 wickets, the seamer says his body is responding well to the grind of the longer format. He is confident the hard yards he is putting in will help him revive his international career. The 32-year-old right-arm bowler's tryst with injuries has been a speed breaker in his international career but his hunger to play has not waned. **TOI** caught up with the fast bowler to learn about his struggles with recurrent injuries and his plans for a comeback. *Excerpts...*

How is your body responding to the grind of the Ranji Trophy?

During the IPL, I made up my mind to play all the Ranji games this season. It's a format that tests your skill and fitness, so I prepared for it with that mindset. So far, it's going great. In three matches in Jaipur, we got to bowl twice and that's a challenge. After a very long time I bowled 16 overs in an innings. It felt great.

DEEPAK CHAHAR

What was the nature of the injuries you dealt with in the last few years?

There were two big injuries. One was a stress fracture in the back and the other one was a grade-three quad tear. I have dealt with the back issues twice now and spent 18 months in rehab in the last three years. It's not just me, most bowlers go through it. I feel the timing of the injuries were wrong but I'm now confident about my body. Everyone out there has faith in my skill.

You are playing in the Ranji Trophy after four years...

It will help me polish my skills. Because of injuries I could not play the previous seasons. Last year at this time, I was in rehab and was not cleared to play the longer format.

How confident are you of reviving your international career?

I trust my skills and that gives me the confidence to believe. The only thing I need to ensure is to get fitter and be available for selection. I can't afford to sit and brood over injuries. What I can offer as a seamer is something every team wants — I can bat lower down the order and be very effective with the new ball. I'm at that stage where my game has matured. I've a sense of how to deal with different match situations. The next three years are crucial for me.

CSK have not retained you...

I was not retained by them in the last mega auction as well. But they went all out for me and bought me back. I don't know what will happen this year, but I know my skill will be valued more now given the fact that around 90-100 runs are being scored in the Powerplay.

I've proved how valuable I can be in limiting runs in that phase of the game. I think they'll bid for me again. I'd like to don the yellow jersey. If not, I'd like to play for Rajasthan Royals.

Coach Kim Her back in Indian badminton

Malaysian Was Key In Shaping Sat-Chi's Career

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TAN KIM HER

New Delhi: Celebrated Malaysian coach Tan Kim Her, who has been credited for the rise of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty — one of the world's best men's doubles players — is returning to India for a second stint.

TOI has learnt that Kim Her, who was India's doubles coach from 2015-2019 before putting in his papers due to personal reasons, has accepted the Badminton Association of India's (BAI) offer to coach the World Championships bronze medallist doubles pair of Satwik-Chirag till the Asian Games 2026. He will take over the reins from Danish legend Mathias Boe, who parted ways with the Indian pair after he wasn't offered a contract extension post the Paris Olympics.

It's been learnt that Kim Her will not only look work with Satwik-Chirag pair but will also closely monitor the progress of other doubles players in both men's and women's sections. According to sources, the 52-year-old Malaysian — who was last coaching the Japanese national team as men's doubles coach — will be paid $10,000 per month (approx. Rs 8.43 lakh) by Sports Authority of India (SAI).

"Kim Her has accepted the offer and will be soon joining the Indian badminton setup. Both Satwik and Chirag were eager to have him back. Following their request, we approached him and he agreed to come," said a BAI source.

"BAI had approached him to coach our doubles teams in 2022 as well, with primary focus on training Satwik and Chirag, But he declined due to personal reasons. Kim Her knows Satwik and Chirag's game thoroughly and they will immensely benefit from his coaching," the source added.

It was Kim Her who identified the potential in Satwik-Chirag's game. He brought the two together and turned them into a formidable pair. Kim Her was popularly known as the 'father of Satwik and Chirag' in Indian badminton circles for the way he shaped their careers.

It's been learnt that Indonesian coaching great Irwansyah Adi Pratma has also been roped in as the new singles coach (men and women).

This will be Pratma's first stint in the country. He was last seen in the role of the Indonesian men's badminton team's singles coach. He will also be paid $10,000 by SAI. He will replace fellow Indonesian Agus Dwi Santoso.

Another Indonesian, Dwi Kristiawan, who has been a part of the Indian set up since 2011, has been retained in his current role as the men's singles coach.

Delhi pacers lack sting on smoggy day

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New Delhi: The early morning shroud of smog led to a two-hour delay to the start of the first day's play between Delhi and Jharkhand on Wednesday.

The cricket that followed seemed as dull as the weather, with a layer of smog lingering all through the day as Jharkhand laboured to 136/3 in 55 overs.

The Delhi attack posed very little threat to the batters. The tinge of green on the pitch and the cool weather on Wednesday offered decent help for the Delhi seamers, but they lacked accuracy and barely looked like penetrating the modest Jharkhand batting lineup.

Simarjeet Singh was bowling within himself. New captain Ayush Badoni would have hoped to see Simarjeet set the tone for inexperienced pacers Sidhant Sharma and Money Grewal. But an underwhelming performance by the seamers meant opener Sharandeep Singh remained unbeaten on 64 off 183.

Pollution concerns cloud Mumbai-Services match

There are serious pollution concerns over Mumbai's match against Services in Palam, **reports Gaurav Gupta**. On Wednesday, Delhi had an Air Quality Index (AQI) of a severe 418.

"The BCCI should have a rethink about staging matches at this time of the year in New Delhi. Doing outdoor physical activity in this kind of weather could have serious health consequences for players and umpires," an official told **TOI**.

RANJI SCORES: RD 5, DAY 1

GROUP A: In Vadodara: Meghalaya 103 (Akash Choudhary 40; Mahesh Pithiya 6/25) vs Baroda 308/6 (Jyotsnil Singh 121, Shashwat Rawat 90*). **In Cuttack:** Maharashtra 162 (Ramakrishna Ghosh 80; Sumit Sharma 4/39) vs Odisha 99/1 (Swastik Samal 56*). **In Jammu:** Tripura 165 (Mandeep Singh 67; Auqib Nabi 6/54) vs Jammu & Kashmir 82/3 (Shubham Khajuria 46*). **In Delhi:** Services 192/6 (Mohit Ahlawat 76, Shubham Rohilla 56) vs Mumbai.

GROUP B

In Dehradun: Rajasthan 362/4 (Mahipal Lomror 141*, Kartik Sharma 113*) vs Uttarakhand. **In Nagpur:** Gujarat 281/6 (Vishal Jayswal 110*, Priyank Panchal 88; Praful Hinge 3/53) vs Vidarbha. **In Dharamshala:** Puducherry 85 (Mukul Negi 3/8, Vinay Galetiya 3/24) vs Himachal Pradesh 147/2 (Shubham Arora 58). **In Hyderabad:** Hyderabad 244/5 (Tanmay Agarwal 124; Tripurana Vijay 3/85) vs Andhra.

GROUP C

In Indore: Bengal 228 (Shahbaz Ahmed 92; Aryan Pandey 4/47, Kulwant Khejroliya 4/84) vs MP 103/1 (Subhranshu Senapati 44*). **In Lucknow:** UP 89 (Vasuki Kaushik 5/20) vs Karnataka 127/5 (Krishnan Shrijith 68*) **In Mohali:** Bihar 135 (Ayush Loharuka 63; Sukhdeep Singh Bajwa 3/38) vs Punjab. **In Rohtak:** Kerala 138/2 (Rohan Kunnummal 55, Akshay Chandran 51*) vs Haryana.

GROUP D

In Delhi: Jharkhand 136/3 (Sharandeep Singh 64*) vs Delhi. **In Ahmedabad:** Railways 229 (Mohammed Saif 60; Ajith Ram 4/44) vs Tamil Nadu. **In Chandigarh:** Saurashtra 299/2 (Harvik Desai 99, Chirag Jani 153) vs Chandigarh. **In Raipur:** Assam 264/6 (Denish Das 104) vs Chattisgarh.

SHAMI MAKES A SEDATE RETURN

Pravin Barnale

Back to competitive cricket after nearly a year, Mohammed Shami went wicketless for Bengal, bowling 10 overs for 34 runs against Madhya Pradesh in the Ranji Trophy tie at Indore

Smaller academies producing jr champs

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EMERGING TREND

Jaipur: Players from Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy (PGBA) and Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy (PPBA) have dominated the national tournaments for years now. In the last two decades, most titles in sub-junior ranking tournaments were claimed by either PGBA or PPBA shuttlers.

However, a major change seems to be happening in India's badminton scenario. Smaller centres/academies with limited resources have started challenging players from the formidable academies, and beating them.

In the All India Sub-Junior (under-15 and under-17) ranking tournament, which concluded at the Sawai Mansingh Indoor Stadium here on Tuesday, not a single title was won by powerhouses of Indian badminton. All the 10 titles were claimed by non-PGBA and PPBA shuttlers. More than 30 players were in action on the ninth and last day of the competition, and barring a couple of players, all finalists were from smaller academies.

Just like cricket, badminton is witnessing a huge shift in talent catchment areas. Around two-three decades ago, most of the Indian cricket team's players came from Mumbai, Delhi, Bangalore or other big centres. Now, several cricketers from smaller towns are making the cut.

Dev Ruparelia, the U-17 boys' singles winner here, hails from Palghar, Maharashtra. The top seed defeated Jagsher Singh Khangurra 21-18, 21-14 in the final. Eighth seed Jagsher belongs to Punjab and trains under former Indian shuttler Akshit Mahajan.

"I started with an academy in Palghar and stuck with it despite getting regular offers from the big centres. I train for nearly eight hours a day and am happy with the results. I don't have any plans to shift anywhere as I get the best coaching in my hometown," said Dev, who is ranked No. 2 in the U-17 boys singles. The promising shuttler has represented the junior India team twice.

Similarly, Parul Choudhary, the champion in the U-17 girls' singles, hails from Churu in Rajasthan. The India No. 3 trains in Gurgaon under coach Manish Sharma. The southpaw won back-to-back titles after she pocketed her maiden crown in the last All India ranking tournament in Vijayawada.

"I get personal attention from my coaches. In the last one year or so, I have improved a lot and also became the first Rajasthani player to represent the junior Indian team. I want to achieve results in the U-19 as well as the women's singles in the future," said Parul, a niece of Paralympic javelin legend Devendra Jhajharia.

Parul's coach Manish Sharma admitted that the domination of big centres is slowly getting over and it's a good sign that the game is growing rapidly in remote places.

A senior BAI official said he is pleased with the results of the Jaipur tournament because it marked the beginning of a paradigm shift in national badminton. "The positive side of it is that we are no longer dependent on the two big centres," said the BAI official.

GALLERY

Sindhu moves to pre-quarters; Lakshya out

Kumamoto: PV Sindhu sailed into the pre-quarter-finals but Lakshya Sen made an opening-round exit from the Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500 tournament. World No. 20 Sindhu brushed aside Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan 21-12, 21-18 in 38 minutes in a first round match. She will take on Michelle Li of Canada in the next round.

Aishwary & Sanjeeta strike gold: Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar and Sanjeeta Das combined to give India a gold in the 10m air rifle mixed team event as the hosts claimed their third top-podium finish at the World University Shooting Championship in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Parthiv joins Gujarat Titans: Gujarat Titans have entrusted former India keeper-batter Parthiv Patel with the dual responsibility of serving as their assistant and batting coach in IPL 2025, the franchise said on Wednesday.

Johl appointed CEO of PGTI: The Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) announced the appointment of Amandeep Johl as its new Chief Executive Officer from Jan 2025. Johl replaces Uttam Singh Mundy.

ACTION TODAY

BADMINTON: Japan Masters, 5.30 am (Jio); **CRICKET:** Ranji Trophy, 9.30 am (Jio); Australia vs Pakistan, 1st T20I, 1.30 pm (Star); England vs WI, 3rd T20I, 1.30 am Friday (Fancode); **FOOTBALL:** Nations League, Kazakhstan vs Austria, 7.30 pm; Armenia vs Faroe Islands, 9.30 pm; Belgium vs Italy; France vs Israel; Greece vs England; Slovenia vs Norway, 12.30 am Friday (Sony); **HOCKEY:** Women's ACT, India vs Thailand, 7.30 pm (Sony); **TENNIS:** ATP Finals, 4 pm, 6.30 pm & 10.30 pm (Sony)

INDIA LOOK TO CARRY WINNING MOMENTUM

... But PC Conversion Remains A Worry Ahead Of Thailand Clash

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Rajgir: Deepika finally found herself smiling and celebrating after scoring two goals against South Korea on Tuesday – including the winner – in their second game of the women's Asian Champions Trophy being held here at the Rajgir Sports Complex.

Considering that she struggled to convert the penalty corners against both Malaysia and South Korea, it was indeed heartening to see her star in India's win. While the first was a field goal, the second was from a penalty stroke.

It's not only Deepika who has struggled to make PCs count. Overall, India won six PCs, including four back-to-back, but failed to convert either against South Korea. Even against Malaysia, they won 11 PCs, excluding the retakes, and could convert only three of them.

One hopes that they will be able to increase the conversion rate and win by a good margin against Thailand on Thursday. Thailand earned a draw against Japan, but they were thrashed by China 15-0 and the hosts would be eager to win by a big margin after a nervy win against South Korea.

Chief coach Harendra Singh did not seem too concerned over PC conversions. He was happy with Deepika being on the scoresheet when it mattered. "I think she's the finest scorer in the team. She takes quick shots and keeps scoring goals which is most important," said the coach.

Although it's the same for all teams, one reason why scoring off PCs might have been difficult is because the newly-laid pitch is a bit bumpy. Besides the PCs, one area where the team will hope to improve upon in the coming matches is their mentality after conceding a goal. After South Korea scored the opener, the Indian team looked flustered. "I think they should choose the right kind of positioning before tackling," Harendra said.

In other matches on Thursday, China play Japan while South Korea take on Malaysia.

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WOMEN'S ACT HOCKEY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Deepika (R) starred in the win over South Korea on Tuesday

PRESSURE ON VINICIUS AT WC QUALIFIERS

FREE KICKS

Buenos Aires: Pressure on Brazil coach Dorival Junior was eased in October after two wins in qualifying over Chile and Peru. And Vinicius wasn't on duty in either of them. Fans will pay close attention to the winger's performances against tough defences at Venezuela and later against Uruguay. Two wins for Brazil won't secure the team a spot at the next World Cup just yet, but they will give fans and players some reassurance. South American leaders Argentina will play at Paraguay on Thursday.

SA football chief arrested on fraud, theft charges: South African Football Association (SAFA) president Danny Jordaan was arrested and charged with using the group's resources for his own purposes in a fraud and theft case amounting to 1.3 million rand ($72,000).Jordaan led SA's bid to host the 2010 World Cup.

Belgium make new bid to persuade Courtois to return: A bid to break the impasse between Belgium coach Domenico Tedesco and Thibaut Courtois has been made but there is time frame for when the Real goalie may return to the team. New Belgian FA CEO Peter Willems has travelled to Madrid to persuade Courtois to reconsider.

Barca's Fati sidelined with hamstring injury: Barcelona winger Ansu Fati has been ruled out for four weeks after suffering a hamstring injury.

Betting investigation launched after Argentine side field influencer: The Argentine justice department launched an investigation into potential links to illegal sports betting after Deportivo Riestra fielded an influencer against leaders Velez Sarsfield. AGENCIES

Nodirbek in lead, Magnus close behind

Poor Day For Indians In Open Section

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: Uzbekistan's youngster Abdusattorov Nodirbek emerged the sole leader on Day I of Tata Steel India Open Rapid and Blitz meet at the end of first three rounds of the rapid competition here on Wednesday. In the women's section, India's Vantika Agrawal shared the lead with Aleksandra Goryachkina and Kateryna Lagno, each scoring two points from three rounds.

It was a poor day for India in the open section where — saving SL Narayanan — Arjun Erigaisi, R Praggnanandhaa, Vidit Gujrathi and Nihal Sarin all struggled a bit. While Narayanan with two points shared the second spot with Magnus Carlsen and Wesley So, Nihal and Arjun stayed on 1.5 points each. Vidit was lying at the bottom of the table with just one draw with Arjun. He lost his opener against So and Carlsen in the last round.

The Norwegian got one win in the day before drawing with Praggnanandhaa and Nihal. Arjun, coming on the back of a good show in the Chennai meet, drew his three games against his Indian mates Nihal, Vidit and Narayanan. Vantika opened with a win against Valentina Gunina and then drew her next two against Alexandra Kosteniuk and Nana Dzagnidze. Like her brother Praggnanandhaa, R Vaishali too went winless in the day with two draws and one loss. India's highest rated women's player Koneru Humpy drew her three games to stay in the hunt with 1.5 points. Divya Deshmukh too had to be content with draws.

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Alcaraz appears with nasal tape, A-game

Turin: Spain's Carlos Alcaraz made light of feeling under the weather as he dispatched Russia's Andrey Rublev in impressive fashion to revive his ATP Finals hopes. The Spanish four-time Grand Slam champion has been suffering with respiratory issues in Turin and wore pink nasal tape against Rublev in a resounding 6-3 7-6(8) victory.

Third seed Alcaraz, bidding to win the title for the first time, looked far sharper than during his opening group match which ended in a straight-sets defeat by Norway's Casper Ruud. "I did surprise myself," Alcaraz, who had to abandon a practice session on Tuesday, said. "I just tried to focus on my game and what I had to do and not that I wasn't feeling well."

Rublev lost his opener to Alexander Zverev.

ATP FINALS

Medvedev calls for overhaul of ATP calendar

World No. 4 Daniil Medvedev said the ATP Tour calendar needs to be refocused around the Grand Slams and Masters 1000 events with the lower-tier ATP 250 tournaments moved to an optional slot later in the year. From next season, seven of the nine ATP Masters 1000 events will be held across 12 days, a decision which was criticised by Stefanos Tsitsipas. "This year I only tried to play big tournaments," Medvedev said. "I think there should be more bigger, important tournament where we define who is going to be top 10." AFP

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CARLOS, THE HITMAN: Alcaraz, who was suffering from respiratory problems, looked in much better form

BOPANNA-EBDEN DUO LOSES AGAIN

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

The Rohan Bopanna-Matthew Ebden challenge in the Nitto ATP Finals unravelled in their second group match against top seeds Marcelo Arevalo and Mate Pavic in Turin on Wednesday. Bopanna and Ebden, who rose to the No.1 ranking as a pair earlier this year, went down 5-7, 3-6 in 69 minutes.

The Indo-Aussie combine, seeded six in Turin, had a big opportunity against the Croat's serve in the 11th game of the match. Pavic was on the backfoot, serving at 30-40. Ebden first and then Bopanna didn't have answers to the questions his serves asked of them in the next two points and the world No.1 pair nudged ahead 6-5.

The Croatian and El Salvadorian team broke Ebden and Bopanna in succession, winning 15 consecutive points en route to closing out the first set and taking a 3-0 lead in the second. But the Indo-Aussie combine hit back in the seventh game, raising hopes of a comeback with a break of serve. Ebden looked comfortable at 40-15 in the next game, but two sloppy points put the top-seeds ahead 5-3. Arevalo and Pavic made no mistake in the ninth game.

In their final group engagement on Friday, Bopanna and Ebden will play the German pair of Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz.

India to host World Para Athletics for first time

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New Delhi: India is all set to host one of the biggest events in para sports – the World Para Athletics Championships – in the national capital next year, **TOI** has learnt. The Paralympics Committee of India (PCI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with World Para Athletics – a subcommittee of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) – to organise the prestigious meet at the Jawaharlal Nehru (JLN) stadium here, most likely in the month of November.

More than 100 countries are expected to participate in the Para Worlds, which will further enhance the country's growing reputation in sports for the differently-abled. The event will be conducted at a cost of Rs 40-50 crore, for which the JLN stadium will undergo a major renovation in the next six months.

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According to officials, a new synthetic track will be laid to meet the playing standards of World Para Athletics. The PCI, on its part, has applied for a 'no-objection certificate' (NOC) from the Indian govt and the guarantee money to host the championships has already been paid to the world body.

"This will be the biggest sporting event in India for para players. It will be huge for them. More than 1,000 para athletes from the world will come here to showcase their talent. Last year, we hosted the Para Shooting World Cup in New Delhi and it was a huge success," said a PCI official.

It's been learnt that the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has already awarded the tender work to renovate the JLN stadium. India is expected to field a large contingent at the meet, being the host nation.

At the last Para Worlds in Japan's Kobe in 2024, the Indian contingent had finished with an impressive 17 medals to be placed sixth in the overall tally. The country had won six gold, five silver and six bronze to register their best-ever performance at the Worlds.

TIMES NATION

Report: Manipur woman's body 99% burnt, even bones charred

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The autopsy report mentions "a wound in the back of right thigh" and a "metallic nail embedded in the medial aspect of left thigh". The body was found to have 99% burns, with even the bone fragments charred. "The right upper limb, parts of both lower limbs, and the facial structure are missing," the report notes.

Most of the other details are too graphic to reproduce, indicative of the torture and pain the woman was subjected to before flames enveloped her along with the home she, her husband and children lived in. It isn't clear where the victim's husband and children were when the assailants arrived.

Kuki-Zo organisations have condemned the woman's killing as "barbaric", with tempers flaring over security agencies being unable to identify the killers.

The Indigenous Tribes Advocacy Committee of Pherzawl and Jiribam requested central intervention to safeguard the Kuki-Zomi-Hmar people of the twin tribal-dominant districts. The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum, a conglomerate of tribal communities of Churachandpur, warned of more turmoil if the assailants weren't arrested.

The woman's alleged rape and the manner of her killing harks back to the worst of Manipur's theatre of violence since May last year, including instances of women being stripped, paraded naked, gang-raped and killed in the initial weeks of the still-raging ethnic strife. The hill-valley divide caused by acts of violence by both sides continues to keep hundreds of displaced families confined to relief shelters in Jiribam and elsewhere in the state.

Manipur Police said they took the tribal woman's charred remains to Silchar, less than 50km from Jiribam, instead of Imphal for autopsy because it was purportedly "very much inconvenient to transport the body by road via NH-37 due to ongoing ethnic crisis".

Maoist boycott calls fall flat as voters flock to J'khand booths

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At 79.1%, Kharsawan (ST seat) saw the highest turnout, while Ranchi recorded the lowest turnout, 52.3%. Jamshedpur East and West segments settled at 57% and 56.3%, respectively.

"In Budha Pahad area in Garhwa district, once considered a stronghold of extremists, long queues, and peaceful polling at Hesatu Polling station signalled the deep penetration of democratic ethos... this polling station was set up in Budha Pahad area for the Lok Sabha Elections 2024, allowing residents to vote in their own village," Election Commission said on Wednesday.

Even as voters lined up outside booths, hectic campaigning for the second phase of the election for the 38 remaining seats, in the crucial JMM strongholds of tribal heartland Santhal Pargana and coal-rich Koylanchal, picked up pace.

The final phase of voting will be held on Nov 20. Early in the day, Odisha governor Raghubar Das voted in Jamshedpur (East), while chief minister Hemant Soren and his wife, Kalpana Soren, Rajya Sabha deputy chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh, former Indian cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni and other VIPs cast their votes in Ranchi.

Former CM Champai Soren, who cast his vote in Seraikela (ST), said BJP would ride home on the issue of infiltration.

The INDIA bloc of JMM, Congress and RJD, and NDA, led by BJP Ajsu party and JDU, remained hopeful of a good show in the first phase. Of the 43 seats where voting was held on Wednesday, JMM holds the most seats (17), followed by BJP (12) and Congress (9). In 2019, BJP lost all 14 seats to JMM and Congress in the crucial Kolhan division, which comprises Jamshedpur's urban seats and the iron-ore rich hinterlands of West Singhbhum and Seraikela-Kharsawan districts.

"The farmers, women, workers and the youth sent a clear message today, that the Hemant Soren govt will return to office for another term. Specially, electors in Ranchi, Jamshedpur and other urban constituencies have shattered the myth that JMM is not liked by urban voters," JMM said in a statement. BJP, on the other hand, claimed it would win two-thirds of the 43 seats that went to polls on Wednesday.

In 950 out of the nearly 15,344 polling booths voting ended an hour earlier, keeping in mind the threats from Maoists; polling remained peaceful with no cases of arson, violence or bloodshed being reported till the evening. Voters defied bandh calls by Maoists in Jagannathpur (ST) and Manoharpur (ST) assembly segments and turned up in numbers to exercise their franchise.

In Gumla (ST) seat, locals of several villages boycotted polls over unfulfilled demands for roads and bridges but later exercised their franchise upon assurances from the local administration. In Kanke, Congress workers raised an alarm when a BJP polling agent was found with a bag with Modi's photograph embossed on it.

In Simariya (SC) constituency, a 90-year-old prominent folk singer, Saraswati Devi, died two hours after voting after suffering a heart attack. JMM and BJP workers clashed in Tandwa, in Chatra, while women turned out to vote in large numbers in Hazaribagh.

(With inputs from Abhijit Sen in Hazaribagh, Vishvendu Jaipuriar in Chatra, KA Gupta in Gumla and B Sridhar in Jamshedpur)

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A woman after casting her vote in Ranchi on Wednesday

Nearly 10% drop in Wayanad turnout

The voter turnout in Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency bypoll, where Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is making her electoral debut, was 64.7%, much lower than the 74% polling when her brother, LoP in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, won the seat earlier this year. In the 2019 LS polls, when Rahul contested and won from this Kerala seat for the first time, the turnout was over 80%. EC officials said Wednesday's polling figure is not final and is likely to be updated as it does not include some voters queued outside polling stations in the evening.

Chelakkara assembly constituency in Thrissur, where bypoll was held, recorded 72.5% turnout. TNN

Attacker caught by Chennai hosp staff while trying to flee

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This happened amid growing demands by doctors across India for better protection and legal safeguards against violence, especially after the rape-murder of a resident doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College on Aug 9. Jaganathan's attacker, identified as M Vignesh, was caught by hospital staff while attempting to flee. The automobile engineering diploma-holder was later remanded in judicial custody.

Police said his mother Prema Manoharan was an advanced-stage cancer patient who had received six rounds of chemotherapy and palliative care at the hospital. Her condition worsened at home three days ago.

According to Parthasarathy, the attacker had visited the hospital a day before the attack, where he quarrelled with oncologist Jaganathan.

On Wednesday, Vignesh took an outpatient slip, waited for his turn and once inside the doctor's consultation room, locked the door and launched a vicious attack with a kitchen knife. He discarded the bloodstained knife on the hospital premises and attempted to escape.

Opposition parties condemned the assault, while criticising the DMK-led govt's handling of law and order in the state and its "failure" in protecting doctors in medical facilities. In response, deputy chief minister Udhayanidhi Stalin visited the hospital and assured its staff and the medical community that the govt would take stringent action against the attacker.

Chennai police commissioner A Arun also visited the hospital and announced that security would be increased. State health minister Ma Subramanian reaffirmed govt's commitment to safety, noting recent measures to improve hospital security such as the installation of CCTV cameras at over 2,000 primary health centres across Tamil Nadu in recent months.

First draft text on new post-2025 climate finance goals released

Baku: With the first draft decision text on new post-2025 climate finance goals released at COP29 here on Wednesday, amid huge differences between rich and developing nations on the issue, UN climate body said developing countries would need $1.1-2.4 trillion annual investment by 2030, and up to $2.9 trillion till 2035, to meet mitigation goals.

This could, at least, be an indication to negotiators of rich nations about requirement when developing countries have been struggling to get a deal on having at least $1.3 trillion a year from their developed counterparts with a significant provision component for adaptation, mitigation, and loss and damage.

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Developing countries, however, don't want it in the form of "investment" as currently much of climate finance discussions are focused on investments in mitigation actions.

Though the new text has mentioned the amount ($1.3 trillion), it also carried the other much lesser options in brackets with caveats on the nature of climate finance which won't be acceptable to developing countries. Developing countries expressed that climate finance should be "adequate, predictable, accessible, grant-based, low-interest and long-term". The developed countries have, so far, not put in any numbers.

Referring to the text, developing countries have already pointed out that it was an attempt to push weak language to avoid providing real grant-based finance. Negotiations at COP29 would, therefore, see more texts on a new climate finance goal — called New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) — in the coming days for countries to thrash out their differences. In all probability, the more intense discussions for some convergence in the final text is expected next week when ministers are around.

Albanian PM goes off script, speech creates a stir

Albanian PM Edi Rama created a stir on Wednesday at COP29, claiming that nothing had actually changed in the real world despite big appeals by leaders, who he blamed lacked common political will to go beyond words and unite for meaningful action. Citing an observation he had made a day before, Rama said he decided to leave aside his "well prepared speech" after watching the "silent TV" in the leaders' lounge.

"People there eat, drink, meet, and take photos together, while images of voiceless speeches from leaders play on and on and on in the background. To me, this seems exactly like what happens in the real world every day," he said. Pointing to UN secretary general Antonio Guterres's Tuesday statement highlighting carbon emission increased between COP28 and COP29, Rama said, "What does it mean for the future of the world if the biggest polluters continue as usual?"

Will continue on decarbonisation path: US envoy

Putting up a brave face amid the threat of dilution of climate actions under Donald Trump, the American special Presidential envoy for climate John Podesta said the US economy would continue down the path of decarbonisation, reducing emissions for years to come, because of historic private sector investments made possible by the Inflation Reduction Act under President Joe Biden.

For every rupee Isro spends, return is ₹2.5: Somanath

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New Delhi: A recent study by the Indian space agency on whether the money invested in the sector has benefitted society found that for every rupee that the organisation spent, the return is Rs 2.5, said Isro chairman S Somanath on Tuesday.

At an interactive session with students of Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society, Somnath said Isro's goal is to serve the country rather than to compete for supremacy among the spacefaring nations. "Going to the Moon is a costly affair. And we cannot depend only on govt for funding. We must create business opportunities. If you have to sustain it, you have to create a use for it. Otherwise, after we do something, the govt will tell you to close down," he said.

Somanath was referring to the Socio-Economic Impact Analysis of Indian Space Programme, a report commissioned by Isro in collaboration with European space consultancy Novaspace that assessed the benefits of India's space program. The report, however, talked about the returns the space sector was receiving in terms of dollar. The report, released by space minister Jitendra Singh on National Space Day, said the space sector has contributed $60 billion to India's GDP between 2014 and 2024. For every dollar generated by the space sector, the Indian economy has seen a multiplier effect of $2.54.

The Indian space sector's revenues have grown to $6.3 billion as of 2023, making it the eighth-largest space economy in the world. It has created 4.7 million jobs, including 96,000 jobs in the public and private sector, it said.

As of 2024, the Indian space economy is valued at around Rs 6,700 crore ($8.4 billion), contributing 2%-3% of the global space economy which is expected to reach $13 billion by 2025 at compound annual growth (CAGR) of 6%. India aims to capture a 10% share of the global economy by the next decade.

The total investment in Isro till date in the last 55 years since its inception is less than a single year's budget of US space agency Nasa.

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Trump lets DOGE out: Musk, Vivek to 'slash bureaucracy'

2 Persons, 1 Job: To Head Dept Of Govt Efficiency

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: DOGE days are coming to the United States under Donald Trump. The US president-elect on Tuesday named tech bros Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy, both of immigrant origin, to head a new department of govt efficiency (DOGE) to "dismantle govt bureaucracy, slash excess regulations, cut wasteful expenditures, and restructure federal agencies".

Terming it a 'Manhattan Project' of the times after the 1940s effort that yielded US the atomic bomb, Trump set a deadline of July 4, 2026 for achieving its DOGE's goals, saying, "A smaller govt, with more efficiency and less bureaucracy, will be the perfect gift to America on the 250th anniversary of the declaration of independence. I am confident they will succeed!"

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Sitting before a crackling fireplace that signalled the first nippy day of winter, Trump and President Biden met in the White House Oval Office Wednesday, and with a firm handshake pledged a peaceful transfer of power. They addressed each other as 'Joe' and 'Donald', showing none of the animus that characterised the campaign | P 19

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HC sets aside govt order nixing OCI card of prof

Delhi HC set aside the Centre's order cancelling the Overseas Citizen of India card of a professor residing in the US on the allegation of being involved in "anti-India activities", saying the notice lacked specific details or evidence.

HC said it deprived the petitioner of a fair chance to present an effective defence, a crucial component of procedural fairness and principles of natural justice, while allowing the plea of 80-year-old Khalid Jahangir Qazi. It said the authorities are directed to issue a fresh notice clearly specifying the grounds for any intended restrictions. P 9

Noida schools told to form anti-sex abuse panels

Noida district magistrate has issued an advisory for all schools to set up a Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse Committee. This follows two incidents of sexual assault in schools in two months. The advisory makes it a must for school staff to be trained on Pocso Act provisions, child safety and protection. P 5

Cop held for MICA student's murder

Three days after Priyanshu Jain (23), a second-year MICA student, was stabbed to death in Ahmedabad after a road rage feud, cops Wednesday arrested a policeman for the murder. The accused, head constable Virendrasinh Padheria, was found holidaying in Punjab's Sangrur district. Padheria (40) had joined Sarkhej police in March. P 16

66.5% vote in lst J'khand phase, vs 63.7% in 2019

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Ranchi: The overall voter turnout in the first phase of the Jharkhand assembly election on Wednesday, for 43 seats, was recorded at 66.5%, nearly three percentage points higher than the 63.7% for these seats in 2019.

Rural areas, mostly tribal belts in JMM's stronghold of Kolhan division, saw brisk voting since the morning, while urban apathy led to low turnouts across constituencies overlapping Ranchi and Jamshedpur as 1.37 crore voters cast their ballots.

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Ex-India cricket captain MS Dhoni after voting in Ranchi

Cong wants to end quota benefits: PM

Targeting Rahul Gandhi, PM Modi, while campaigning in Santhal Pargana, said the Congress demand for a caste-based census is aimed at ending quota benefits. P 12

1951 Rolls-Royce that wrecked a royal marriage

A Rolls-Royce car of 1951 vintage, one of its kind built by H J Mulliner & Co for the Maharani of Baroda and ordered on her behalf by India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru, appears to have wrecked the marriage of the daughter of a Gwalior royal family, **reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.** The woman said the man was so enamoured by the Rolls-Royce in her family home that he and his parents demanded that as part of dowry. She said it was refused by her family. Multiple litigations were then filed by both husband and wife for divorce. The case is now with the SC mediation centre. P 12

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Why this 90-yr-old Naga rebel has given an ultimatum to govt

NSCN (I-M) general secretary T Muivah has threatened to resume armed resistance against India if the Centre rejects his demand for 'third-party intervention' in the Naga peace talks. But is this what people of Nagaland really want?

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Peeved at the Centre's perceived dilly-dallying over the Naga peace talks, northeast India's largest separatist group, the National Socialist Council of Nagalim (Isak-Muivah) or NSCN (I-M), has threatened to pull out of an over-two-decade-old truce pact and resume "violent armed resistance against India".

In a statement on Nov 8, NSCN (I-M) general secretary Thuingaleng Muivah alleged that the current central govt leadership has "deliberately betrayed" the letter and spirit of the 2015 "framework agreement" between the Centre and NSCN (I-M), by refusing to recognise the group's two key demands — the Naga "national flag" and "constitution".

The Modi govt had called the August 2015 agreement with the separatist outfit "historic" as it sought to end India's oldest insurgency. Since then, the matter has been hanging fire due to differences over the two demands.

The last round of talks between the Centre and the NSCN (I-M) was held in Delhi on Oct 7-8. Muivah had apparently proposed a "third-party intervention" in the Naga peace process, but the discussions remained inconclusive.

"...if such a political initiative is rejected by the GoI, the NSCN shall resume the violent armed resistance against India for defending Nagalim's unique history and her sovereign existence," warned the 90-year-old rebel leader who is believed to be battling multiple health issues.

The Nagas are a community comprising about 40 tribes (the exact number is unclear) spread across four northeastern states — Nagaland, Manipur, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh — as well as parts of neighbouring Myanmar.

The Naga insurgency began soon after India's independence. NSCN (I-M) is understood to have given up its original Greater Nagalim demand that would require integration of all Naga inhabited areas.

TOI Explains

Multiple Pacts, No Solutions

Following the failure of the 1975 Shillong Accord, the erstwhile Naga National Council (NNC) transformed into NSCN, which subsequently split into two groups — NSCN (I-M) led by Isak Chishi Swu and Muivah, and NSCN (Khaplang).

NSCN (Khaplang) leader SS Khaplang, a Naga from the Myanmarese side, died in 2017, and Isak Swu of the I-M faction passed away in a Delhi hospital in 2016 after a prolonged illness.

The current peace process had actually kicked off with the signing of a ceasefire pact with Indian govt in 1997. After years of negotiations with successive govts at the Centre, NSCN (I-M) inked a "framework agreement" with the Modi govt in 2015.

But the rebel group became suspicious about the govt's intentions when it initiated simultaneous talks with half a dozen other Naga outfits, known collectively as Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs).

Since then, negotiations have been stuck on two key demands — a separate flag and the Yehzabo or the Naga constitution — which according to the NSCN (I-M), are "indispensable and inviolable parts of the recognised sovereignty and unique history of the Nagas".

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Muivah speaks during Isak Chishi Swu's funeral in 2016 in Nagaland

Signs Of Frustrations

This is not the first time that Muivah has publicly expressed his anger and frustrations over the stalled peace process.

In Oct 2020, he had told senior journalist Karan Thapar that his group wouldn't compromise on the issue of a separate flag and constitution.

"We have stood our ground on these two non-negotiable issues and we shall continue to stand until the last man standing," Muivah had then said, adding, that "the Nagas will never be part of the Indian Union nor will they accept India's Constitution".

The demand for such privileges seems to have a basis as Article 371(A) of the Constitution confers special provisions on Nagaland.

It says "no act of Parliament in respect of — (i) religious or social practices of the Nagas, (ii) Naga customary law and procedure, (iii) administration of civil and criminal justice involving decisions according to Naga customary law, (iv) ownership and transfer of land and its resources, shall apply to Nagaland unless the Legislative Assembly by a resolution so decides".

However, according to analysts, the Centre may be reluctant to consider NSCN (I-M)'s demands in view of the abrogation of Article 370 that gave special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, now a Union Territory.

Trust Deficit

It's not just the rebel group but the Naga society as a whole that appears to be frustrated over the long-drawn peace talks, which have hit a dead end.

NSCN (I-M) suspects that the Centre is applying a "divide and rule" strategy by holding simultaneous negotiations with NNPGs.

While the top leadership of NSCN (I-M), including Muivah, belongs to the Tangkhul Naga community of Manipur's Ukhrul, NNPGs are largely from Nagaland. The latter see Muivah and his loyalists as "outsiders" who are allegedly aiming to usurp land and other resources that legitimately belong to the Nagas of Nagaland, according to a June 2023 statement by the working committee of NNPGs.

Tribals make up 89% of Nagaland's 20 lakh population. About 7% of them are believed to be Tangkhul Nagas.

Some analysts fear the govt might prefer to sign a peace accord with NNPGs if NSCN (I-M) keeps insisting on its two demands. But such a move could result in violence and bloodshed, as warned by one of its military commanders a few years ago.

Ahead of last month's parley with the Centre, Nagaland chief minister Neiphiu Rio had chaired a meeting of different stakeholders of the Naga peace process. The dominant view was that NSCN (I-M) and NNPGs should try to have a common document so that there is no confusion over the final agreement.

Additionally, NSCN (I-M) seems perturbed by what some of its insiders suspect as attempts to infiltrate the rebel group by Indian security agents. It is alleged that one of its top leaders is working under instructions of the govt agencies.

Earlier this year, more than a dozen senior functionaries of the group reportedly rebelled against the military chief Anthony Ningkhan Shimray, who allegedly bargained his release from prison in 2016 in exchange for integrating other armed groups into the mainstream.

Shimray, who was chargesheeted by the National Investigation Agency for gun-running and subsequently jailed, was released on bail in Aug 2016 to facilitate the Naga peace process.

Should Govt Take His Warning Seriously?

Despite his advanced age and fragile health, Muivah continues to function as the most powerful leader in the Naga rebel group. Therefore, the govt's interlocutors will do well to take his statement seriously.

But the question is — is NSCN (I-M) really capable of resuming its "armed resistance" against India now?

There are reports indicating that the rebel group has already shifted a large chunk of arms and ammunition and cadres from its current headquarters near Dimapur to another location. Some believe it is a pre-emptive move to keep itself prepared for any eventuality, if the talks fail.

But insurgency experts believe it may not be easy for NSCN (I-M) to declare an all-out war against India given the overall situation in the Northeast has drastically changed in the past decade.

Major rebel groups in Assam, Tripura and Manipur have given up violence and returned to the mainstream and the people by and large want peace and development in the region. This holds true for Nagaland as well where the civil society, for decades, has been eagerly awaiting a political solution to what it calls the "Indo-Naga" issue.

Lancet: India capital of untreated diabetics

Global Rates Doubled In Men & Women From '90 To '22

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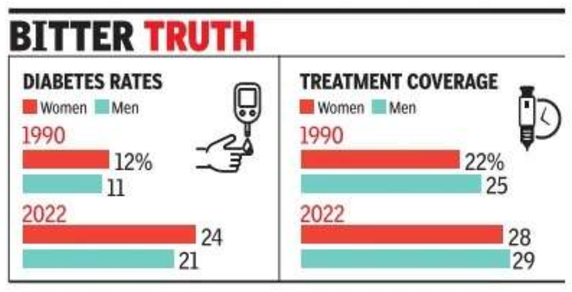

New Delhi: India has the highest number of persons with untreated diabetes, claims a new study published in The Lancet medical journal.

According to the study, an estimated 828 million adults (aged 18 years and older) had diabetes in 2022. Of these, over a quarter (212 million) lived in India, followed by 148 million in China, 42 million in the US, 36 million in Pakistan, 25 million in Indonesia, and 22 million in Brazil.

The study was carried out by the NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC) — a global network of health scientists that provides rigorous and timely data on risk factors for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) for 200 countries and territories, in collaboration with WHO.

Senior author professor Majid Ezzati of Imperial College London, said the study highlights widening global inequalities in diabetes, with treatment rates stagnating in many low- and middle-income countries where numbers of adults with diabetes are drastically increasing.

"This is especially concerning as people with diabetes tend to be younger in low-income countries and, in the absence of effective treatment, are at risk of life-long complications — including amputation, heart disease, kidney damage or vision loss — or in some cases, premature death," Ezzati said.

According to the study, global diabetes rates doubled in men (6.8% to 14.3%) and women (6.9% to 13.9%) between 1990 and 2022. Low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), experienced the largest increases while some higher-income countries, such as Japan, Canada and some countries in western Europe (eg. France, Spain and Denmark), saw no change or even a small decrease in diabetes rate over the past three decades.

In India, the researchers pointed out, the diabetes rate nearly doubled in women and men. In women, it went up from 11.9% in 1990 to 24% in 2022. In men, it went up from 11.3% to 21.4% in the corresponding period. In comparison, the treatment coverage increased only marginally for both genders; 21.6% to 27.8% in women between 1990 and 2022 and 25.3% to 29.3% in men in the same period.

Dr Sachin Kumar Jain, professor and HOD, department of endocrinology at Amrita Hospital, Faridabad, said India's status is a sobering reality and highlights a pressing public health challenge. "The reasons behind this situation are multifactorial — limited access to healthcare facilities, socioeconomic constraints, cultural perceptions and lack of awareness about diabetes," he said,"From my experience as an endocrinologist, early detection and continuous care can drastically alter diabetes outcomes. Collaborative efforts between govt bodies, healthcare professionals, and community organisations are vital to mitigate the burden of untreated diabetes in India, improve health literacy, and deliver timely, equitable care across all geographies."

Dr Anoop Misra, chairman Fortis C-Doc, told **TOI** untreated diabetes is a serious problem. However, he added, that treatment coverage is unlikely to be less than 30%, as reflected in the Lancet study. "Many people opt for alternative therapies, some self-medicate and there are many others who try to deal with the condition by lifestyle modification until the condition worsens. All this is true and requires urgent action," he said.

Kashmir student detained for 'glamorising' terrorism online

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Srinagar: A student from south Kashmir's Kulgam district pursuing his MSc in Lab Science was detained by Counter-Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) Wednesday for allegedly misusing social media to propagate radical, anti-national views and instigate public sentiment against govt of India. He allegedly "glamorised" terrorism on his social media handles and was himself about to pick up arms, the CIK said.

Accused Bhat Navidul Ali, a resident of Tazipora-Mohammadpora, had been in "constant touch with cyber/virtual entities radicalising and motivating youth to join terrorism and terrorist ranks", the CIK statement said. Bhat "also consumes radical content available on the internet" and it was learnt he was "about to join terrorist ranks", CIK stated. On receiving this information, a special team detained him for questioning. His parents and neighbours were also called for counselling, CIK said.

> **He misused social media to propagate anti-national views and instigate public sentiment against the Indian govt, Counter-Intelligence Kashmir said**

"An appeal is made to the youth of Kashmir Valley to refrain from involving in such illegal activities and parents are advised to keep a close watch upon their wards so the youth does not fall into the trap of such enticements," CIK added.