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THE WORLD



JORDAN LOSES 2ND VOTE FOR U.S. SPEAKER

Representative Jim Jordan, the hard-line Republican from Ohio, lost a second bid for Speaker Wednesday after running headlong into opposition from a bloc of mainstream GOP holdouts. After he failed to win a majority Tuesday, Jordan lost again when the number of Republicans refusing to back him grew by two. **NVT**

BIDEN IN TEL AVIV TO SHOW SOLIDARITY, suggests Israel did not carry out hospital bombing

FURY ACROSS REGION OVER INCIDENT, anti-Israel protests rage on streets of capitals

ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION holds emergency meeting in Saudi city of Jeddah

Gaza hospital toll 471, saving rest now a race



(Left to right) Wounded Palestinians at al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City after arriving from al-Ahli hospital following an explosion; US President Joe Biden greeted by Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu after arriving in Israel on Wednesday. **AP**

Strip's largest hospital running out of fuel, doctors forced to operate on floors

NAJIB JOBAIN, ISABEL DEBRE, RAVINESSMAN & MATTHEW LEE
KHAN YOUNIS, OCTOBER 18

DOCTORS IN Gaza City faced with dwindling medical supplies performed surgery on hospital floors, often without anaesthesia, in a desperate bid to save badly wounded victims of a massive blast that killed civilians sheltering in a nearby hospital amid Israeli bombings and a blockade of the territory.

The Hamas militant group blamed the blast on an Israeli airstrike, while the Israeli military blamed a rocket misfired by other Palestinian militants. At least 500 people were killed, the Hamas-run Health Ministry said.

The Hamas-run Gaza Health Ministry revised the death toll from an explosion at a Gaza City hospital down from 500 to 471 Wednesday but did not elaborate on how authorities reached that figure.

Rage at the hospital carnage spread through the Middle East as US President Joe Biden landed in Israel in hopes of stopping a spread of the war, which started after Hamas militants attacked towns and cities across southern Israel October 7.

The explosion left gruesome scenes. Hundreds of Palestinians had taken refuge in al-Ahli and other hospitals in Gaza City, hoping they would be spared bombardment after Israel ordered all residents of the city and surrounding areas to evacuate to the south.

ABBAS, JORDAN KING CALL OFF MEETING

■ A Palestinian official said President Mahmoud Abbas has cancelled participation in a meeting scheduled with President Joe Biden and other leaders. He was scheduled to join Jordan's King and Egyptian President.

■ Israeli military denied role in a blast that killed hundreds at a Gaza hospital and said that it was caused by a misfired Palestinian rocket. Palestinian Islamic Jihad rebutted Israel's claim, accusing it of trying to evade responsibility.

Shifa Hospital, where hundreds of victims of the al-Ahli Hospital blast were taken, will run out of fuel on Wednesday unless more supplies enter the Gaza Strip, the hospital's general director says.

The hospital, Gaza's largest, is stretched far beyond its capacity following the al-Ahli explosion, Mohammed Abu Selmia said Wednesday, adding that

health workers were still treating severely wounded patients.

He said earlier that doctors were performing operations on the floor without anaesthesia and that a shortage of essential medical supplies was an urgent issue.

Hospital director Suhaila Tarazi said the aftermath of the blast was "unlike anything I have ever seen or could ever imagine." "Our hospital is a place of love

and reconciliation," she said.

Doctors there resorted to performing surgery on floors and in the halls, mostly without anaesthesia.

"We need equipment, we need medicine, we need beds, we need anaesthesia, we need everything," Abu Selmia said.

He warned that fuel for the hospital's generators would run out within hours, forcing a complete shutdown, unless supplies enter the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, thousands of students rallied at Egyptian universities on Wednesday to condemn Israeli strikes on Gaza.

Demonstrations also erupted in Lebanon, where Hezbollah has traded fire with Israeli forces at the border.

Protests have also been held in Morocco and Bahrain, two countries that forged diplomatic ties with Israel three years ago as part of the Abraham Accords. **AP**

Biden backs Bibi on hospital incident: 'Was done by the other team'

AAMER MADHANI & COLLEEN LONG
TEL AVIV, OCTOBER 18

PRESIDENT JOE Biden vowed to show the world that the US stands in solidarity with Israel during his visit there Wednesday, and offered an assessment that the deadly explosion at a Gaza Strip hospital that prompted mass protests in Arab nations apparently was not carried out by the Israeli military.

"Based on what I've seen, it appears as though it was done by the other team, not you," Biden told Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during a meeting. But he said there were "a lot of people out there" who weren't sure what caused the blast, which sparked protests throughout the Middle East.

Biden didn't offer details on why he believed the Israelis were not responsible for the blast, and the White House did not immediately explain his assessment.

"The entire world was rightfully outraged but this outrage should be directed not at Israel

but at the terrorists," PM Netanyahu said during subsequent talks with Biden and Israel's war cabinet.

Biden had also been scheduled to visit Jordan to meet with Arab leaders Wednesday, but the summit was called off after the hospital blast.

His remarks in Tel Aviv spoke both to horrors that the Israelis had endured, but also the growing humanitarian crisis for Palestinian civilians in Gaza.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken secured an agreement with Netanyahu to discuss creation of a mechanism for delivering aid to the territory's 2.3 million people.

The White House said Wednesday that a current intelligence assessment shows Israel was "not responsible" for the explosion at a Gaza hospital, but that information was still being collected.

The assessment is "based on analysis of overhead imagery, intercepts and open source information," National Security Council spokesperson Adrienne Watson said. **AP**

Israel to let Egypt deliver limited aid to Gaza after Biden's request

ASSOCIATED PRESS
JERUSALEM, OCTOBER 18

ISRAEL SAID Wednesday that it will allow Egypt to deliver limited quantities of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip.

PM Benjamin Netanyahu's office said the decision was approved in light of a request from visiting US President Joe Biden. In a statement, it said it "will not thwart" deliveries of food, water and medicine, as long as the supplies do not reach Hamas.

Biden said Wednesday that Israel had agreed to allow humanitarian aid to begin flowing into Gaza from Egypt with the understanding it would be subject to inspections and that it should go to civilians and not Hamas militants.

Netanyahu's office made no mention of badly needed fuel and it was not clear when the aid will start flowing.

Israel, which controls most crossings into Gaza, says it will not allow deliveries from its territory. It also demanded that international Red Cross be allowed to visit kidnapped Israelis held captive in Gaza.

Expel Israel ambassadors, impose oil embargo: Iran to Islamic world

AGENCIES
TEHRAN, OCTOBER 18

IRAN'S TOP diplomat is calling on Muslim nations to expel their Israeli ambassadors and launch an oil embargo on Israel after an explosion at a hospital in the Gaza Strip.

The comments Wednesday by Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian mark the first time an oil embargo has been discussed as Israel wages war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip after its unprecedented October 7 attack.

"We expect the Islamic countries that have diplomatic relations with the Zionist regime to cut off their relations immediately and expel the Israeli ambassador from their country," Amirabdollahian said in a clip aired by state television in Iran. "Secondly, the export of oil to the country of Israel and any project



Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian (left), with Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Qatar on October 14. **AP file**

that exists between any Islamic state and Israel must be stopped immediately."

There was no immediate acknowledgment of the call by Israel, nor any other nation. Amirabdollahian made the call while in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, for an emergency meeting of the

57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Worries about a broad embargo seem partly responsible for sending prices for Brent crude oil, the international benchmark, up to about \$93 a barrel, from \$91.50, on Wednesday. Brent prices later eased back.

DEATH, DESTRUCTION

ISRAEL **PALESTINE**

TOTAL DEAD

1,400+ ■ Pope Francis has announced a prayer service in St Peter's Square next week for peace

3,478 ■ Gaza Health Ministry revised death toll from a blast at a hospital down from 500 to 471

TOTAL INJURED

1,000+ ■ Israel says at least 199 people taken during the Hamas attack are being held captive in Gaza.

12,000+ ■ 1,300 people in Gaza are believed to be under the rubble, alive or dead, health authorities said

OTHER FATALITIES

■ Hezbollah spokesman said Lebanese Red Cross has collected the bodies of four militants, who were pronounced dead on Tuesday.

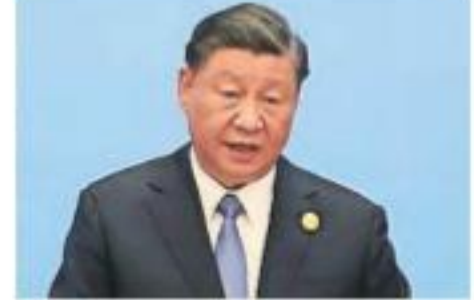
■ Israeli airstrike hit a three-story building near the Gaza port belonging to the Haboush family, killing 40 people and wounding 25.

Xi warns against decoupling from China, praises Belt & Road project

LAURIE CHEN & YEW LUN TIAN
BEIJING, OCTOBER 18

Chinese President Xi Jinping warned against decoupling from China as he addressed the Belt and Road Forum in Beijing on Wednesday, criticizing Western efforts to reduce dependence on the Chinese economy.

Xi also lauded his plan - Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) - launched 10 years ago of building global infrastructure and energy networks connecting Asia with Africa and Europe through overland and maritime routes, saying "blueprints turned into real projects". To support Belt and Road proj-



Xi Jinping speaks at the opening ceremony of the Belt and Road Forum. **Reuters**

ects, the China Development Bank and Export-Import Bank of China, the country's two policy lenders, will each set up a financing window of 350 billion yuan (\$48 billion), with state-run Silk Road Fund adding 80 billion yuan

to the pool, according to a statement issued after the forum.

At the forum that ended on Wednesday, \$97.2 billion worth of cooperation projects were signed.

Representatives of over 130 countries, largely from the Global South, attended the forum including Xi's "dear friend" Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"We stand against unilateral sanctions, economic coercion, decoupling and supply chain disruption," Xi told over 1,000 delegates.

Western leaders insist their goal is to "de-risk", not "decouple", from China, saying they want to diversify supply chains that have become overly dependent on the world's second-largest economy. **REUTERS**

Successfully conducted flight test of Ababeel missile system: Pak Army

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 18

PAKISTAN ON Wednesday successfully conducted the flight test of Ababeel Weapon System to further strengthen its deterrence, the army said.

The latest test of the ballistic missile system was aimed at "revalidating various design, technical parameters, and performance evaluation of different sub-systems," said a statement by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) - the media wing of army. "The missile system is aimed at strengthening deterrence and en-

hancing strategic stability in the region through operationalisation of Full Spectrum Deterrence in overall construct of Credible Minimum Deterrence," it stated.

No details about the missile system have been provided by the army.

The launch was witnessed by General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJSC), and senior officers, scientists and engineers of strategic organisations.

President Arif Alvi, caretaker PM Anwaarul Haq Kakar and the services chiefs congratulated all members of the strategic forces on the achievement. **PTI**

Putin filmed in Beijing with officers carrying Russia's nuclear briefcase

REUTERS
MOSCOW, OCTOBER 18

Rare footage was shown on Wednesday of Russian President Vladimir Putin in Beijing accompanied by officers carrying the so-called nuclear briefcase which can be used to order a nuclear strike.

Putin, after a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing, was filmed walking to another talks surrounded by security and followed by two Russian naval officers in uniform each carrying a briefcase. The camera zooms in on one of the briefcases.

Russia's nuclear briefcase is carried by a naval officer. Known as the "Cheget" (named after Mount Cheget in the Caucasus



Russian naval officers carry what is said to be Russia's nuclear briefcases. **Reuters**

Mountains), the briefcase is with the president at all times but is rarely filmed. "There are certain suitcases without which no trip of Putin's is complete," the state agency RIA said in a Telegram

Lavrov arrives in North Korea

Seoul: Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov arrived in Pyongyang Wednesday for talks seen as setting stage for visit by President Vladimir Putin, who has stepped up cooperation with isolated North Korea. **REUTERS**

post, under footage. In another clip, Putin walks out of a meeting in Beijing with the naval officers again filmed just a few paces from Putin who grins as he walks down stairs. **REUTERS**

AMID BLAME GAME, BIDEN BACKS NETANYAHU

Outrage over Gaza City hospital deaths, protests roil West Asia



Wounded Palestinians in Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City after arriving from Al-Ahli hospital following an explosion there. AP

PM: Civilian deaths a serious concern, those behind must be held responsible



**EXPRESS
IN ISRAEL**

SHUBHAJIT ROY
TEL AVIV, OCTOBER 18

HOURS AFTER a deadly explosion at a Gaza hospital was said to have killed hundreds of civilians, Israeli and Palestinian officials traded

blame Wednesday as outrage mounted and protests erupted across West Asia, raising the spectre of a wider regional conflict.

The Palestinians blamed an Israeli missile strike for the deaths at the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza City — the Hamas-controlled Gaza Health Ministry put the death toll at 471 — while Israel maintained it had nothing to do with the explosion and said a rocket launched by the

'We welcome any help from India for release of over 200 hostages'

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

SAYING ISRAEL is prepared for a long haul, the country's Ambassador to India, Naor Gilon, spoke to *The Indian Express* on India's hand of friendship, deaths



Naor Gilon, Israel's Ambassador to India

FOURTH YEAR OF LADAKH STANDOFF

Winter coming, Army turns to tech, more surveillance for troop redeployment at LAC

AMRITANAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

REDEPLOYMENT OF troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), which could also include a reduction in the overall number of troops from the icy heights of eastern Ladakh while maintaining adequate reserves in depth areas, will be part of the Army's winter posture in the region, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

Top sources in the government said there will be a strong domination of the border using the latest surveillance devices, winter air surveillance operations by helicopters and limited patrolling when required over the next few months.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI REPORT, P7

With no substantive forward movement in the 20th round of military talks between India and China last week, the Army is now preparing for the fourth consecutive winter in eastern Ladakh since the start of the standoff in

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Ahead of Assembly polls, Centre hikes MSP for wheat, 5 other rabi crops

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

WEEKS BEFORE the crucial Assembly elections in five states, the Centre on Wednesday announced hikes in the minimum support price (MSP) for wheat and five other rabi crops for the 2024-25 marketing season.

The hike in wheat MSP — by Rs 150 per quintal or 7 per cent — is significant as it is the second largest crop after paddy in terms of area coverage. In the crop year 2022-23, the area under wheat

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EXPLAINED Last hike before LS polls

THIS IS the last MSP hike before the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The six rabi crops for which MSP has been hiked will be harvested and marketed when the country will be in the middle of elections next year. It comes in the run-up to Assembly polls in MP, Rajasthan, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Mizoram.

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SC pulls up two from NCLAT, issues contempt notice: 'Shows the rot there'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

OBSERVING THAT the National Company Law Tribunal and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal "have got down to a rot now", the Supreme Court on Wednesday issued notice to two NCLAT members, asking them to show cause as to why contempt of court proceedings should not be initiated against them for allegedly defying its directions in a dispute relating to Finolex Cables.

"We are of the view that it is necessary to pass orders to ensure that the dignity of this court is restored... We are of the view that the members of NCLAT bench are liable to be proceeded against in contempt proceedings. We issue notice of show-cause against the members..."

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Mutiny in Bengal BJP, Army's winter preparedness, and India's space dreams

BJP faces mutiny from its party workers in Bengal, Indian Army prepares for a harsh winter in eastern Ladakh, and India's space goals.

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Outrage over Gaza City hospital deaths

Palestinian Islamic Jihad had misfired and landed on the hospital, resulting in casualties.

As charges flew thick and fast and condemnation of the incident poured in from across the world, especially from outraged capitals of the region where protests raged, US President Joe Biden flew into Tel Aviv and met Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to show solidarity with Israel over its war against Hamas. He appeared to have backed Netanyahu on Israel's claim that the explosion at the hospital was a result of a misfired rocket by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

(The Associated Press news agency quoted Biden telling Netanyahu: "Based on what I've seen, it appears as though it was done by the other team, not you." But he said there were "a lot of people out there" who weren't sure what caused the blast. "The entire world was rightfully outraged but this outrage should be directed not at Israel but at the terrorists," Netanyahu said during a subsequent meeting with Biden and Israel's war cabinet. Biden had also been scheduled to visit Jordan to meet with Arab leaders Wednesday, but the summit was called off after the hospital explosion. The Reuters news agency said an urgent meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was taking place in Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi too reacted to the Gaza hos-

pital incident. "Deeply shocked at the tragic loss of lives at the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, and prayers for speedy recovery of those injured."

"Civilian casualties in the ongoing conflict are a matter of serious and continuing concern. Those involved should be held responsible," he said in a post on X — this was perceived as a message to both Israel and Hamas.

His remarks were in line with the statement earlier by the Ministry of External Affairs whose spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said there was an universal obligation to observe international humanitarian law, and also a global responsibility to fight the menace of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

As it drew condemnation from Iran, Jordan, Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and others, Israel presented what it called additional evidence indicating that the Palestinian Islamic Jihad was responsible for the blast.

The Gaza hospital incident has deepened the fault lines between the Arab world and Israel, and also within Israeli society.

Jonathan Spyer, a Jerusalem-based analyst who is director of research at the Middle East Forum, said, "The Hamas attack was unprecedented and Israel has responded against the murderous, jihadi organisation. Hamas has always made it clear that it is not possible to co-exist with Israel."

On the hospital incident, he said there was emerging evidence that there had been much less damage, and the blast took place at the hospital's parking lot and that it was a result of a rocket misfired by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Spyer said that those who believed the claims of "a murderous outfit" showed "enormous bias".

On the fault lines between the Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs, he said they have to be "concerned" on the issue of co-existence since 20 per cent are of Arab ethnicity. "There has been gratifyingly little or no incident of any Israeli Jew targeting fellow compatriots of Arabian-origin. So far, there has been no such misguided vengeance, since there is a general sense of solidarity and of a national mission that needs to be completed," he said.

Dr Tareq Abu Hamed, an Israeli Arab and a resident of southern Israel, who heads the Arava Institute, said that despite the atrocities of Hamas, there is no substitute for dialogue.

"We will all have a very difficult time overcoming this trauma. We all hope that this war will end very soon. Both sides are suffering. No one wins in a war, civilians on both sides are suffering and dying. The only way to stop this cycle of violence, this cycle of war is to have dialogue, build understanding, and build trust in order to get the just peace that we are all looking for," he said.

'We welcome any help from India for release of over 200 hostages'

of civilians on both sides, and how the conflict is now spreading to other parts of Israel. Edited excerpts:

On the day that US President Joe Biden has landed in Israel to show solidarity, where do you think this conflict is headed? Is Israel gearing up for a long haul?

We appreciate Joe Biden's visit; he is the leader of the biggest friend of Israel. America is a great supporter of Israel. As for the war, we believe it is going to be a long haul. After the barbaric October 7 attack by the Hamas on our people, killing more than 1,400 women, children and elderly, and even kidnapping more than 200, we have decided to make sure the

Hamas doesn't have the capacity to do something like this ever again.

But Israel has also come under attack for collateral damage to civilians on the other side, especially in the wake of the hospital blast. Do you think collateral damage is inevitable during a conflict of this scale?

Unfortunately, yes. The Hamas is using civilians as human shields. They were given time and warning to evacuate the southern part of the Gaza Strip before our offensive, but they chose to field civilians. It is clear that they want collateral damage so that they can put international pressure on us to stop us. They want to use dead civilians as protection, but we are

not going to stop.

As for the hospital attack, they are the ones who did it. We are very sorry that while trying to kill Israeli children, the Hamas killed their own children too.

Regarding the October 7 attacks, did Israel ever anticipate attacks of this scale?

Twelve days later, after the southern part of Israel came under violent attack by the Hamas, we are now seeing disturbance spreading towards the northern part. There is concern that Iran is trying to unleash Hezbollah to open up a second front, but we will contain them as well.

The Iran connection is clear; they have been training, aiding and arming Hamas for many

Winter coming, Army turns to tech, more surveillance for troop redeployment at LAC

will continue through winters wherever feasible," a source said.

Asked about the possibility of redeploying additional troops in the summers, the source said the summers will see a series of exercises by various reserve formations including the strike corps and a decision to hold back troops will be taken depending on how the talks with the Chinese progress.

Medical authorities and the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), the source said, are working on a system to reduce the existing acclimatisation period which is conducted in three stages of six days for stage 1, and four days each for stages 2 and 3, and studies on this are in advanced stages.

"The reduced acclimatisation schedule will greatly speed up the induction of fresh troops if required," the source said.

Another round of military talks is expected to take place during the winter months. Local commanders of the two sides, meanwhile, will continue interacting regularly to avoid any incident.

In the 19th round of Corps Commander-level talks between both sides, disengagement of the troops deployed by both sides along the LAC and overall de-escalation of troops in the Ladakh region was part of the agenda, as was adherence to existing protocols and sharing of patrol information to prevent clashes on ground. Phase-wise plans for limited deinduction of troops from

along the LAC were also readied, but were not implemented.

In September last year, both sides pulled back troops to disengage from Patrolling Point-15 in the Gogra-Hot Springs area of eastern Ladakh, marking a step forward in the military standoff.

Friction points such as Galwan Valley, north and south banks of Pangong Tso and the Gogra-Hot Springs area have seen some resolution in the last three years with the creation of buffer zones. There is, however, yet to be any disengagement at the legacy friction points such as Depsang Plains and Demchok. At present, around 50,000-60,000 troops remain deployed on either side of the India-China boundary.

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SC pulls up two from NCLAT

said a three-judge bench presided by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud.

The bench directed the two NCLAT members — Justice Rakesh Kumar (judicial) and Alok Srivastava (technical) — to appear before it on October 30. While Justice Kumar is a retired judge of Andhra Pradesh High Court, Srivastava is a former Union Law Secretary.

The bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, set aside an October 13 NCLAT judgment on an appeal relating to the Annual General Meeting of Finolex Cables. It directed that the matter be heard afresh by NCLAT Chairperson Justice Ashok Bhushan.

Hearing a plea in the morning of October 13, the Supreme Court had asked the scrutinizer to "forthwith declare" the result of the September 29 Annual General Meeting and directed the NCLAT to pronounce its judgment in the pending appeal "after it is duly apprised of the fact that the result of the Annual General Meeting has been declared".

However, in the post-lunch session, the Supreme Court was informed that the NCLAT bench comprising Justice Kumar and Srivastava had declared the judgment despite the counsel for the appellant bringing to their notice the apex court's direction.

Govt hikes MSP for wheat, 5 other rabi crops

in the country stood at 318.25 lakh hectare, while production is estimated to be 110 million tonnes. Two of the five poll-bound states — Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan — are among the top five wheat producing states in the country. The other three are Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana.

The absolute hike of Rs 150 in the wheat MSP, which makes it Rs 2,275 per quintal, is the highest after 2007-08 when an equal hike was announced. In terms of percentage points, the latest hike is the highest since 2011-12, when an increase of 9.83 per cent was announced. The MSP for five other rabi crops — barley, gram, lentil (masur), rapeseed & mustard — have been increased in the range of 2.65 per cent to 7.08 per cent.

The MSP hike was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), which met under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Briefing reporters on the CCEA decisions, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said the MSP has been approved as per the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices. The Modi government is committed to ensure 1.5 times return to farmers, he said.

In absolute terms, the highest MSP increase as compared to the

	2023-24	2024-25
Wheat	₹2,125	₹2,275
Barley	₹1,735	₹1,850
Gram	₹5,335	₹5,440
Lentil (Masur)	₹6,000	₹6,425
Safflower	₹5,650	₹5,800
Rapeseed & Mustard	₹5,450	₹5,650

*MSP (₹/Quintal) for RMS

In Bihar, JD(U), RJD set to take mileage out of caste survey

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & VIKAS PATHAK
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

HAVING SET the tone for a national political discourse with the release of the Bihar caste survey data, the ruling JD(U)-RJD combine is now working to take its message to the people at the grassroots level across the state.

In public functions being organised across Bihar, both the parties have begun to talk about the "benefits" of the caste survey, and how it was established by the Narendra Modi-led central government with "ulterior motives".

The BJP, on its part, is following the line taken by PM Modi that such demands are being made to "divide" Hindus. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, BJP leader and ex-Bihar deputy chief minister Sushil Modi said that while the BJP is not against the idea of a caste census, an all-India caste census was "logically next to impossible".

In the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, while the JD(U) has incorporated the caste survey in its statewide programme of "Karpooi Charcha" (discussions on the thoughts of Karpooi Thakur), the RJD, through its "Ambedkar Paricharcha" (discussions on the thoughts of Ambedkar), has started to project alleged discrimination against

organised in Patna on Friday. The party intends to take it to the district level in the coming days.

"All party workers and leaders, including the party chief, gathered at the Karpooi Sabhaghar [part of the JD(U)'s Patna office] Friday to thank the CM for making the caste survey happen. If Karpooi Thakur gave EBCs (Extremely Backward Classes) the status of a special category, it is Nitish Kumar who gave them social and political power. It has also been decided that this programme will be taken to the district-level and events thanking the CM will be organised across the state. Through these events, we will

also demand from the Centre that a caste census be conducted across the country," JD(U) spokesperson Rabin Prasad Singh said.

"Karpooi Charchas", named after socialist icon and ex-Bihar CM Karpooi Thakur, who was regarded as the pioneer of OBC (Other Backward Classes) and EBC reservations in the country, are being held across the state since August. The JD(U) has formed seven separate teams under senior party leaders, including Thakur's son Ramnath Thakur, a Rajya Sabha MP. They have been asked to visit each of Bihar's 243 Assembly constituencies and complete the

discussion series by January 24, 2024, which will also mark the birth centenary of Karpooi Thakur. The party is also distributing pamphlets during these functions, which, apart from listing Nitish's work for EBCs, allege that the Centre has been "politically humiliating" the EBCs by allegedly stopping scholarships and other schemes for them. It is also making a demand for Bharat Ratna for Karpooi Thakur, which is supported by Deputy CM and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav. The RJD's "Ambedkar Paricharcha" event has been running since April.

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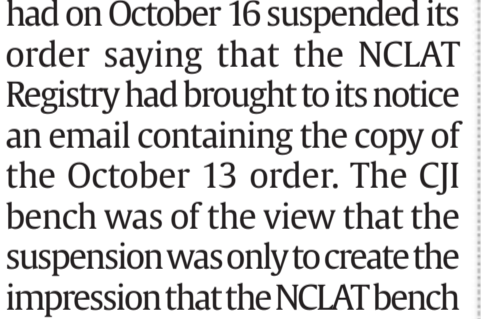
5,335. Madhya Pradesh is the biggest producer of wheat, followed by Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Karnataka.

The MSP of rapeseed & mustard is fixed at Rs 5,650 per quintal, which is Rs 200 (or 3.67 per cent) higher than the current MSP of Rs 5,450. In absolute and percentage points terms, the hike is lower than last year when the MSP was hiked by Rs 400 per quintal (7.9 per cent).

Rajasthan is the top producer of rapeseed & mustard followed by Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

The MSP for lentil (masur) has been fixed at Rs 6,425 per quintal, which is Rs 425 (or 7.08 per cent) higher than the current rate. The hike is lower as compared to the last year when it was increased by Rs 500 per quintal (or 9.09 per cent). Madhya Pradesh is the top lentil producer, followed by Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar and Rajasthan.

The MSP for safflower is fixed at Rs 5,800 per quintal, which is Rs 150 (2.65 per cent) higher than the current year's rate. The increase is lower than the last year, when it was raised by Rs 209 per quintal (or 3.8 per cent) over the previous year's rate. As far as safflower is concerned, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are the top producing states.



Chief Minister Nitish Kumar

lower classes by the BJP dispensation.

Also, to give the caste survey its own stamp of legitimacy and highlight the role of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in making it happen, the JD(U) will organise a series of events across the state to "thank the CM". The first such event was

DTC SEEKS Rs 285 CR SUBSIDY, FINANCE DEPT SAYS CREATE SCHEME

Rollout of 579 e-buses may be delayed over subsidy allocation

GAYATHRI MANI NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

DELHI MAY have to wait longer than expected to get the next tranche of electric buses, with the Finance Department flagging issues with funding for subsidies.

Officials said that while the Cabinet approved the proposal last year, the Transport Department has not made any provision in the budget to fund the subsidy, after which the Finance Department has advised it to prepare a scheme.

A total of 1,500 e-buses were to be procured under the Centre's grand challenge, which is part of its scheme to promote e-buses in the country. Of the total, 921 buses were to be procured under the Centre's FAME scheme, as per which a subsidy of Rs 45.26 lakh



Delhi government has a target to add 10,480 buses by 2025, of which 80% are supposed to be electric. Archive

per bus to be given. The subsidy for the remaining 579 e-buses was supposed to be given by the Delhi government.

Following the approval, the Transport Department and the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) requested an amount of Rs 285 crore as subsidy.

Sources, however, said that the Finance Department in a re-

cent meeting refused to release the amount and advised the Transport department to prepare a detailed scheme.

Transport department has to make the scheme, which will be sent to the Planning Department. Once approved, it will go to the Finance department," said sources.

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said, "Although this issue

has not been brought to my notice, once a proposal has received approval of the Cabinet, the Finance Department should make adequate funds available to the department. It should also take all necessary steps so that funds are released on time."

Officials said that like the FAME model, the Delhi government will give a subsidy of Rs 285 crore for the 579 buses.

Currently, there are 800 e-buses in Delhi, 400 e-buses under the FAME-II model were inaugurated last month.

At the inauguration, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had said the government gets a subsidy of approximately Rs 45 lakh per bus (from the Centre), while the total expenditure on procuring 921 buses would be Rs 4,091 crore.

The Delhi government has a target to add 10,480 buses by December 2025, of which 80% — 8,280 — are supposed to be electric.

DDA unveils fresh mega e-auction phase, property in prime areas up for grabs

UPASIKA SINGHAL NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

FOR THOSE seeking prime properties in the national capital, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on Wednesday unveiled its 18th phase of mega e-auction, that will remain open for registration until November 6.

In the latest phase, the DDA has opened the bidding floor for a range of properties that include 50 institutional plots (among them 20 leasehold religious sites), 12 industrial plots, 46 residential plots, two group housing plots, 28 commercial plots, and 19 small-size residential plots in Rohini, all available on a freehold basis. Additionally, bids have been invited for two CNG/green fuel sites and four gas godowns on an annual licence fee, 145 freehold built-up shops, 13 freehold Janak Place shops, 15 kiosks, 16 mobile tower sites, and 105 function sites with monthly licence fee.

Prospective bidders can access information through QR codes featured in advertisements available on social media platforms. Those interested should register and partake in the auction exclusively online, via the official DDA website.

A help desk has been set up at the DDA office in Nagrik Suvidha Kendra at Vikas Sadan, INA. It will be operational from Monday to Friday between 11 am and 5 pm. Online bidding for these properties has been scheduled for three days, November 7 to 9.

No ad hoc faculty appointments from now: DU notifies colleges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

DELHI UNIVERSITY in a notification has directed all its colleges to put an end to appointments of ad hoc teachers and push towards making only permanent appointments of faculty.

The notification issued Tuesday said that the institutions' appointment of teaching staff on ad hoc basis is "in disregard to the UGC Regulations, 2018, which is a matter of grave concern."

The University officials said there was only one college — Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College in Dev Nagar — which "accidentally" put out an advertisement to hire ad hoc professors instead of guest professors.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Shri Prakash Singh, Director, South Campus said: "Till date about 3,000 teachers have been permanently appointed in all colleges of DU, excluding the 12 Delhi government colleges. About 200-250 permanent appointments have been made in departments. Every day, at least 3-4 colleges have their recruitments going on in full swing."

"In line with the guidelines of the UGC and Government of India, we have told the colleges to appoint Guest lecturers if needed," he added.

University Registrar Vikas Gupta said that the circular was issued to all colleges as the university is pushing to "put an end to ad-hocism and to make appointments at the college level on a permanent basis".

Advertisement for ASHEESH KHANNA 9818243331, featuring 'AVAILABLE GOLF LINKS' and 'SOUTHERN STAR JEWELLERY'.

Nursery admission process at pvt schools to kick off on Nov 23



The last date for submission of application forms will be Dec 15. The first list of selected names will be out on Jan 12. Archive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE ADMISSION process for nursery, KG and class I for general category students in Delhi's private unaided recognised schools will begin on November 23, according to the Directorate of Education (DoE).

A circular issued by the DoE Wednesday said the admission process will begin on November 23, the last date for submission of application forms will be December 15, and the first list of selected names, along with a waiting list, will be out on January 12.

Queries of parents are to be resolved after the first list, and the second list, if any, is scheduled to be displayed on January 29. The admission process for

the general category will end on March 8.

According to the circular, only Rs 25 can be charged from parents as admission registration fee.

For admission in nursery, KG and class I, the minimum age for admission shall be three years, four years and five years respectively by March 31 of the year in which admission is being sought.

The circular also said that a monitoring cell is to be constituted in each district under the chairmanship of the Deputy Director (District).

This cell will ensure that each private unaided recognised school uploads the criteria on the online module of the DoE, and that they do not adopt criteria that have been abolished by the department.

Relief amount for Kashmiri migrant families in city raised to Rs 27k a month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

IN A MAJOR relief to Kashmiri migrants living across Delhi, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena Wednesday approved the proposal to increase the Adhoc Monthly Relief (AMR) amount, being paid to the families, from Rs 10,000 per month to Rs 27,000 per month.

The L-G has also approved bifurcation or addition of names in the Kashmiri Migrant Cards issued by the city government to facilitate adult and married children of migrants to get their own cards made and become separate units. Officials said, "A non-migrant girl marrying into a migrant family will be added as a member of the Kashmiri migrant family."

According to the L-G House, this enhancement in eligibility will increase the number of beneficiaries being covered by about 70%. The revision in the AMR comes after 16 years — set in 1995 as Rs 5,000 per month, it was raised to Rs 10,000 per month in 2007.

Aadhaar seeding of data relating to the family members eligible for AMR will be mandatory, and the payment of relief



L-G Vinai Kumar Saxena approved the proposal to increase the Adhoc Monthly Relief amount

to migrants will be only through Aadhar Payment Bridge System/PFMS, which will be as per the extant norms.

AMR is provided to the J&K migrants under the Security Related Expenditure (Relief & Rehabilitation) introduced by the Centre in 1989-90, to support those who were uprooted from Kashmir during the militancy.

In Delhi, AMR is provided to the migrant families registered by GNCTD during 1990-93 and around 2,000 families are being paid AMR at the rate of Rs 3,250 — Rs 1,000 by Delhi government and Rs 2,250 by the Centre — per person per month, to a maximum of four people per family. The monthly expenditure incurred on AMR is approximately Rs 2.50 crore.

Government of India Ministry of Corporate Affairs Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) IICA Building, 7th Floor, Plot P-6,7,8, Sector-5, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122050.

FORM No. STK—6 PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

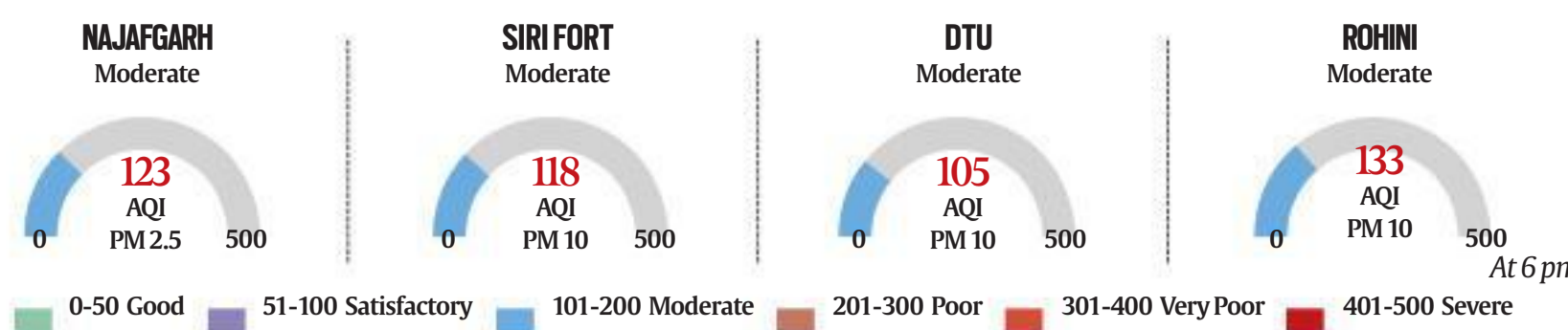
Public Notice No.ROC C-PACE/STK-6/2023/07/404 Date: -04.10.2023

Reference: (1) In the matter of striking off or removal of names of 112 (One Hundred Twelve) companies in Delhi State under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

Table with columns: S No., Work Item, CIN, Company Name. Lists 112 companies for removal from the register.

(2). Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification, carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies. (4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off of name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice. (Harihara Sahoo) Registrar of Companies cbc 07123/11/0133/2324 Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit



SKY WATCH
FORECAST: October 19
 Clear sky, Mist in the morning
MAX: 31 (1.6°C below normal)
MIN: 16 (2.4°C below normal)

97 WITNESSES EXAMINED, OVER 300 HEARINGS IN COURT; SENTENCING NEXT WEEK

Soumya Vishwanathan's murder: 15 yrs on, 4 convicted

WHAT HAPPENED OVER THE YEARS

THE CASE

September 30, 2008: Soumya Vishwanathan, a 25-year-old journalist working with *India Today*, was found dead in her car on Nelson Mandela Marg in South Delhi

THE CRIME

- **Soumya** was heading home to Vasant Kunj in her Maruti Zen from her Jhandewalan office after work around 3 am. Soumya spoke to her father around 3.15 am while on her way, informing him she would reach home in 15-20 minutes
- **Around 3.30 am**, police had said a rickshaw puller



informed them about an accident; Soumya was found dead in her car. Later, police were informed by doctors at AIIMS that there was a bullet in her skull and a murder case was registered

■ **In March 2009**, police claimed that IT executive Jigisha Ghosh's killers were also the ones who shot and killed Soumya

BREAKTHROUGH

It was a tattoo that led Delhi Police to the three men who were allegedly involved in Soumya's and Jigisha's murders

THE FIVE ACCUSED, THE CHARGES

Ravi Kapoor, Amit Shukla, Baljeet Malik, and Ajay Kumar were held guilty for murder while Ajay Sethi was convicted of stealing property under sections of the MCOCA 1999

'Don't want the death penalty for the men... they should get a life term... suffer like we did': Mother

ARNABJIT SUR
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

FORSOUMYA'S parents, Wednesday's court order didn't bring any relief from the 15-year-long life "imprisonment" that they had been handed by fate after their daughter's murder in 2008.

In a courtroom full of lawyers and media personnel, the couple struggled to find words to describe their feelings on the conviction of Soumya's four killers. Her mother Madhavi Vishwanathan (78) told *The Indian Express*, "The order will serve as a befitting response to anyone who might be thinking of repeating this act... As for us, we have already lost our younger daughter... The order does not change that even though we knew all along that the men standing trial were her killers."

Madhavi, who worked as a lecturer at DU before moving to a private firm later, said life after Soumya's death has been nothing but a never-ending ordeal. "We have kept Soumya's room the way it was with all the photos



Madhavi and MK Vishwanathan at their Vasant Kunj home; (above) a collage of Soumya's photos

from her school and college days on the walls... it gives us a feeling that she's still with us," she said, sitting at their Vasant Kunj home.

Attending court hearings during the trial was another ordeal for the couple with the matter being adjourned several times. "... the quantum of sentence is yet to be decided but I don't want the death penalty for them; they should serve a life sentence and suffer like we did throughout

these years," said the mother.

Soumya did her undergraduate from DU's Kamala Nehru College and her post-graduation in journalism from IIMC, Dhenkanal. Her father MK Vishwanathan (82), who worked with *Voltas* before retiring a few years before her death, said Soumya joined *India Today's Headlines Today* in February 2008 and was considered someone with a brilliant work profile: "On

the day of the incident, she stayed back at office as she was producing a news story on two bomb blasts, one in Malegaon and the other in Gujarat... She left in her car as we told her not to take the office cab which might be unsafe."

"I remember when I was called by then DCP (South) to identify the main accused, Ravi Kapoor, who was caught in Jigisha Ghosh's murder. When I asked Kapoor why he killed my

daughter, he told me, 'Galti se hogaya, maama nahi chahta tha'". Pointing to a collage of photos of Soumya from her childhood to her days in the media, her father recalled how everyone in the society knew his daughter: "She was a favourite among neighbours... Our elder daughter is in Vietnam... living here has become lonely," added Madhavi.

However, the couple refuses to leave the house as it has too many memories of Soumya. "It becomes difficult to climb till the second floor but this is the place where our daughter grew up and spent most of her living years..." said Vishwanathan.

One of their neighbours, Preeti Bahl, who had known Soumya since she was a toddler, said a day before the incident, "she told my mother-in-law, who was rebuking her for not meeting her, that she will be taking a week's leave from the next day and would come to see her then". "The next day, after midnight, we received news of her death... it was a jolt to us neighbours as she was part of the family," she added.

NIRBHAY THAKUR & ARNABJIT SUR
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

FIFTEEN YEARS after 25-year-old journalist Soumya Vishwanathan was killed, a Delhi court Wednesday held four men guilty of murder and offences under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). In this period, over 300 hearings were held and 97 witnesses examined.

On September 30, 2008, Vishwanathan, who was working with *India Today*, was found dead in her car on Nelson Mandela Marg in South Delhi. A breakthrough came in 2009 during the investigation into the murder of BPO employee Jigisha Ghosh when one of the accused confessed to also being involved in Vishwanathan's murder.

The court of Additional Sessions Judge Ravindra Kumar Pandey has now held the accused — Ravi Kapoor, Amit Shukla, Baljeet Malik, and Ajay Kumar — guilty of murder and committing organised crime resulting in the death of a person under the MCOCA, while a fifth man, Ajay Sethi, was convicted for receiving stolen property and conspiring to abet, aid in, or knowingly facilitate organised crime under the MCOCA. The court will announce the quantum of sentence next week.

The court held that the prosecution



Special CP (Special Cell) HGS Dhaliwal with Madhavi Vishwanathan. *Express*

relied on circumstantial evidence, scientific analysis, and eyewitness accounts to corroborate accused Kapoor's confessional statement. It also observed that the prosecution successfully demonstrated recovery of a key piece of evidence — a WagonR, which hit Soumya's Zen from the left — from Sethi.

The court also held reliable Kapoor's confessional statement, recorded by then DCP Southeast during trial, which was crucial in proving that he led the organised crime syndicate and that other accused were its members.

The defence had argued that the confessional statement was obtained under police pressure and that it lacked Kapoor's signature on two pages. The prosecution, however, argued that the statement is admissible under the MCOCA, and was made voluntarily and with all legal procedures. The court held the defence's arguments untenable.

To support its case, the prosecution also presented the testimony of ACP Mohd. Ali, who established that Kapoor was leading the organised syndicate and that the other accused had many criminal cases against them. The prosecution had also presented evidence — recovery of a pistol and cartridges from Kapoor at the time of his apprehension.

The court also relied on scientific evidence provided by the FSL which, according to them, corroborated Kapoor's statement and noted that the prosecution also relied on the testimony of Inspector Rajeev Kumar and ASI Shree Kumar, who collected certified copies of criminal cases against Kapoor.

The defence argued that circumstantial evidence was incomplete and failed to establish a link between the accused and the victim's death. However, the court held the prosecution had successfully demonstrated that the accused depended on the proceeds of the organised crime syndicate for their livelihood.

IPS officer kept in touch with kin, ensured watertight case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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FOR ALMOST 15 years, the family of TV journalist Soumya Vishwanathan waited for justice for their daughter who was shot dead at Nelson Mandela Marg. Her parents, MK Vishwanathan and Madhavi, said they had little to no information about the investigation till senior IPS officer HGS Dhaliwal came to their aid.

The family said he was the only officer who visited them and called about case updates. On Wednesday, when the judgment was pronounced — the judge convicted four men for murder — Dhaliwal came to court and hugged the parents.

Dhaliwal, now Special CP of the Special Cell, was DCP (South) when the incident took place. Initially, police thought

Soumya died in an accident; it was the autopsy that showed she was shot dead. The case lay in cold storage for six months and was solved when another woman, Jigisha Ghosh, was targeted and murdered in a similar manner in Vasant Kunj in 2009. "Due to efforts by multiple teams, a total of 125 witnesses... police and forensic officials, doctors etc were cited in the chargesheet. We ensured there was enough scientific and corroborative evidence," said Dhaliwal.

His teams recovered the country-made pistol used to kill Soumya after they arrested three men in Jigisha's murder. "The WagonR used by accused Ravi and others was also recovered. Accused's phone locations proved they were at the murder spots in 2008 and 2009... The cases were probe in a manner to ensure they were watertight," he added.

How arrests in IT exec's murder helped cops crack Soumya case

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

ON SEPTEMBER 30, TV journalist Soumya Vishwanathan was heading home in her car when a group of robbers in a WagonR started chasing her. At Nelson Mandela Marg, they finally caught up to her car and fired to stop and rob her. The bullet, however, hit Soumya in the head and her car hit the footpath. She died of injuries.

For the next six months, the case lay cold with no leads or suspects. It was in 2009, when cops were solving another robbery-murder case, that they found Soumya's killers. A team led by Inspectors Neeraj Chaudhary and Upender Singh and ACP Atul Verma, under Special Commissioner HGS Dhaliwal (who was DCP South

then), cracked both cases.

On March 19, 2009, IT executive Jigisha Ghosh was abducted by three men after her office cab dropped her near her Vasant Vihar home around 4 am. Two days later, her body was found near Surajkund, Haryana. Police said she was robbed.

Dhaliwal said, "The two incidents took place a few kilometres from each other. While we were investigating Jigisha's case, it was found that someone was using her ATM cards on March 20 and making withdrawals from multiple places... the accused also bought watches with Jigisha's debit card at Sarojini market."

It was footage from the watch shop and ATM that gave police their first visual of the suspect — a tall and stout man with a tattoo of his name on his right hand. A second accused was caught in

another footage with a weight set on his waist. Investigators said it was clear the accused are young boys/men who were into fitness. The photos were shown to all nearby gyms, pubs, barber shops, and club houses.

With help from a gym owner, police apprehended Amit Shukla, Baljeet Malik and Ravi Kapoor on March 23, 2009. "During questioning, we asked about their previous involvements. It was then revealed that the men had killed Soumya in 2008. They said they shot her along with another associate, Ajay Bhaingra," added Dhaliwal.

Questioning also revealed that the accused gave chase and killed Soumya after she refused to stop her car, and abducted Jigisha as she was talking on her phone and didn't pay heed to them when they shouted at her, police said.

Starting Saturday, passengers can take a ride on India's first rapid rail corridor

DHEERAJ MISHRA
GHAZIABAD, OCTOBER 18

A PREMIUM coach with reclining seats, a separate one for women, and differently abled friendly features: Starting October 21, passengers can hop onto India's first regional rapid rail and travel in comfort.

Following the inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Sahibabad Friday, the 17-km priority section of the 82-km-long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor will become operational. This has five stations: Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duha and Duha Depot, covering 17 km.

Commuters will be able to travel using QR code-based journey tickets, National Common Mobility Cards (NCMCs), and QR code-based digital tickets that can be available through the mobile app, 'RAPIDX Connect'. Expected time of arrival of the next train will be shown in the platform's electronic public display.

- Here are some of the features:
- One premium coach in each train with features like reclining seats, coat hooks, magazine holders and footrests. Entry to this coach will be through a premium lounge on the platform.
 - A train attendant to ensure safe and secure commute.
 - One coach in every train — the one next to the premium coach — reserved for women.
 - A designated space for wheelchairs and stretchers in the last coach.
 - A diaper-changing station in the women's washroom at

every station for commuters with young children.

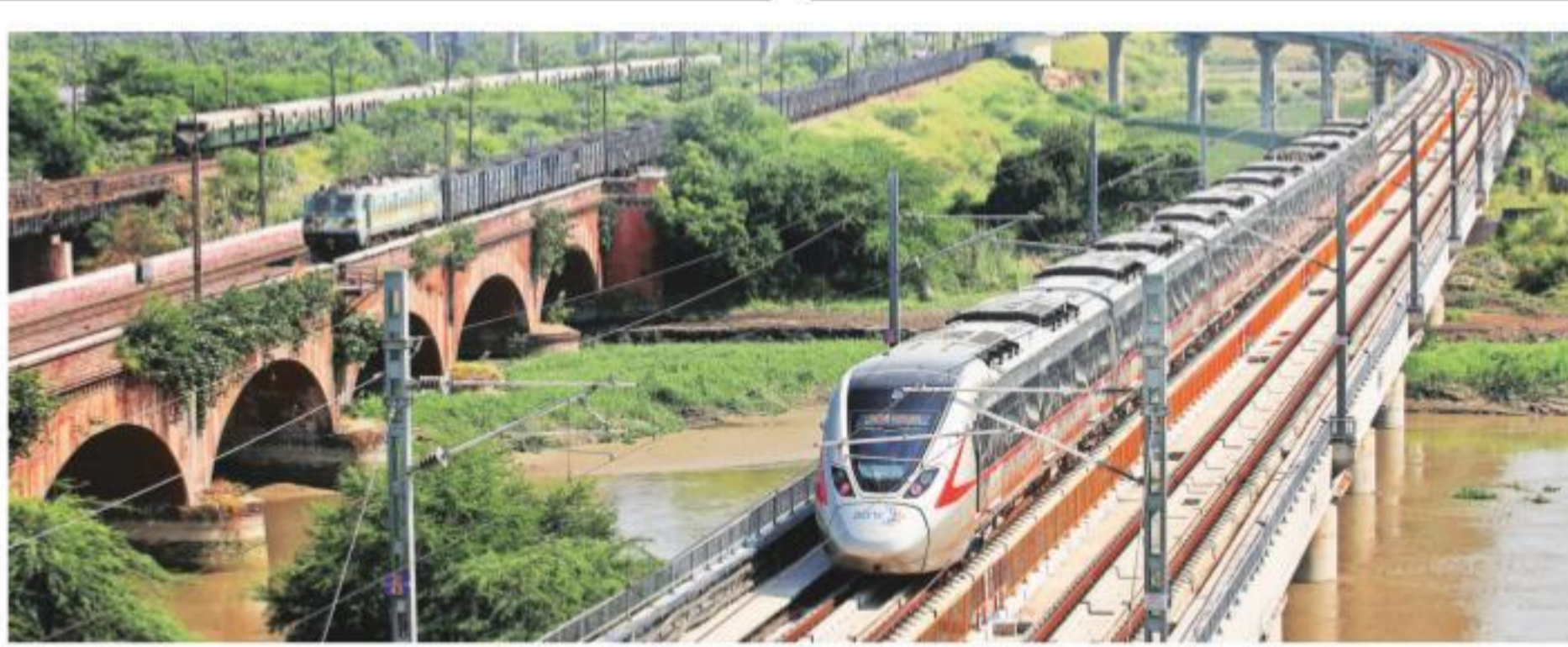
Further, a Lost & Found Centre has been established in RAPIDX and any lost item can be collected from the same station within 24 hours. The priority section Lost & Found Centre is located at the Ghaziabad RAPIDX Station, which will work from 8 am to 8 pm.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled Door Frame Metal Detectors will be used for security screening of commuters at stations.

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC), which is implementing the Regional Rapid Transit System (RTTS) project across NCR, has entered into an agreement with two mobility operators to provide para transit-based feeder services, which will operate electric auto rickshaws from RTTS stations.

They have outlined tentative routes from each of the priority section stations. These routes will extend over 9 km, encompassing not only urban areas but also village communities such as Bikanpur, Milak Chakarapur, Shahpur Nij Morta, Basantpur Senthali, and Atour Nagla.

The Security Control Centre (SCC) has been set up at the Depot, which will monitor the entire priority section 24x7 through CCTVs. The security at stations in Uttar Pradesh is entrusted to the UP Special Security Force. In Delhi, security will be ensured by the Central Industrial Security Force. The UP government has also made provisions for police stations in Ghaziabad and Meerut for RAPIDX, and a police post at every RAPIDX station.



Opening this week

The 17-km priority section of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RTTS Corridor is slated to be opened for passengers on Oct 21, a day after its inauguration

- The priority section, between Sahibabad and Duha Depot, has five stations — Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Guldhar, Duha and Duha Depot
- The trains can go at a maximum speed of 160 kmph
- A train will be available every 15 minutes
- They will be operational between 6 am and 11 pm
- Each train has six coaches, including a premium coach and one reserved for women

COMMUTER-FRIENDLY FEATURES
INSIDE COACHES INCLUDE:

- Ergonomically designed 2x2 transverse seating, with 72 seats in a standard coach and 62 seats in premium coach
- Wide standing space
- Luggage racks
- CCTV cameras
- Laptop/mobile charging facility
- Dynamic route maps
- Auto control ambient lighting system
- Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning System (HVAC)

SECURITY:

- AI-enabled Door Frame Metal Detector for security screening
- UP Special Security Force will provide security at stations in the state



A view of RAPIDX, ahead of the inauguration of the priority section of the Delhi-Meerut RTTS in Ghaziabad, Wednesday. *Praveen Khanna*

'Our loss is Manipur's gain': Delhi HC bids farewell to Justice Siddharth Mridul

MALAVIKA PRASAD
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

FIFTEEN YEARS after his appointment as a judge of the Delhi High Court, Justice Siddharth Mridul bid farewell Wednesday as he embarks on his new journey as Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court. On Monday, the Centre in a notification appointed Justice Mridul to the post in the Northeast state.

At his farewell reference, Justice Mridul, known for his poetic demeanour, thanked the High Court by quoting a couplet by Mirza Ghalib: "Meherbaan ho ke bula lo mujhe chaaho jis waqt, main gaya waqt nahi hun ki fir aa bhi na sakun. (Call me back at any time, it's not as if I am time gone by which can't come back)."

Justice Mridul also said the bar and the bench, the two wheels of the administration of justice, have always worked in tandem in Delhi to secure for the people liberty, equality and justice.

Reminiscing about his time spent in the city's courts, including the Supreme Court, he said he will miss the "beautiful city of Delhi".

Speaking at the farewell reference, Delhi HC Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma said that though Justice Mridul's absence will leave a void in the high court, "what is our loss is Manipur's gain".

Echoing the sentiment, and in the background of the current situation in the state, Additional



The Centre in a notification appointed Justice Mridul as Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court

Solicitor General Chetan Sharma said "something in his heart" tells him Justice Mridul's arrival will bring a semblance of peace in Manipur.

The senior-most 'puisne' judge in the HC, Justice Mridul was elevated as an additional judge in 2008 and thereafter became a permanent judge in 2009.

In the HC, he was presiding over a roster of cases in a division bench comprising habeas corpus and preventive detention matters, criminal contempt pleas, and criminal appeals among others.

Just last week Justice Mridul, while sitting in a division bench, had commuted the death sentence of Ariz Khan, one of the accused in the 2008 Batla House shootout case, to life imprisonment. He was also part of the bench that rejected Umar Khalid's bail plea last year in the 2020 Delhi riots larger conspiracy case.

Art of Effective Essay Writing for UPSC CSE

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The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) conducts its annual Civil Services Examination (CSE) to identify and select candidates who would go on to play a central role in the development of the country. To carry out the varied roles and responsibilities in the public service effectively, Civil Servants are required to possess certain skills and abilities which are assessed through the Essay Paper of the Mains Examination.

The Significance of Essay Writing in the UPSC Examination

Through the Essay Paper, the UPSC peaks into the knowledge and interest of the aspirant over a variety of topics. Additionally, it evaluates an aspirant's analytical skills, articulation of thoughts and expression of ideas in a coherent and logical manner. In other words, the ability to construct and weave a narrative around an issue in an engrossing and thoughtful manner is assessed.

Two Categories of Essays

A careful analysis of the Previous Year Questions reveals that Essay topics in this

Paper can be broadly categorized into Information-based essays and Philosophical essays

The Information-based essays primarily rely on the knowledge-related aspect of the essay topic that includes facts, data, evidence, etc. Whereas, Philosophical essays deal with abstract topics and ideas with diverse interpretations.

Therefore, aspirants preparing for Essay Paper should be comfortable dealing with both types of essays, especially the Philosophical essay topics which have been predominantly asked by UPSC in the recent past.

Beginning the Essay Writing

Essay is a work of non-fiction prose interwoven around a subject or topic in

the form of arguments, its analysis, discussion, and solutions. The essence of the essay lies in its structure and flow. A well-structured essay is like a carefully designed building having a robust foundation and a good architecture. The structure of an essay essentially constitutes an Introduction, the Body and the Conclusion.

Introduction is like a doorway to the essay and must highlight the relevance of the essay, whereas body forms the core of an essay which provides scope to the writer to discuss the theme of the essay over multiple dimensions along with its limited elaboration.

Conclusion gives a sense of completion to the essay through a closure statement. Here, one can give practical solutions, both short term and long term, to the issues highlighted in the thesis statement.

Choosing the Right Topic

Effective essay writing starts with choosing the right topic and its correct understanding. One should not simply opt for a topic

because of its familiarity and it seems exciting. It should be based on a good understanding of the topic with adequate content stock. Therefore, a significant amount of time should be devoted to brainstorming ideas for the essay topic before actually beginning with the essay writing.

Brainstorming for Ideas

Brainstorming aids in idea generation by exploring various aspects of the topic. It consolidates related ideas for easy reference, not only for the main essay content but also for crafting diverse essay introductions and conclusions.

Deliberating Upon Introduction

Depending on the essence of the essay topic, it's pivotal for an aspirant to thoughtfully choose the type of introduction that resonates with the theme. A compelling introduction can be anchored on references to notable personalities, insightful quotations, evocative anecdotes, or engaging narrations.

The goal is to craft an introduction that not only aligns with the essay's theme but also captivates the reader's interest right from the outset, setting the tone for the subsequent discussion.

Body: The Most Substantive Part of the Essay

The body is the most substantive part of the Essay that reflects a multitude of qualities including multidimensional thinking, analytical ability, time management skills, among others.

The explanations provided in this section should be diverse and can come from various sectors such as Social, Political, Historical, Economic, Cultural, Environmental, Ethical, etc. depending on the subject matter of the Essay.

Alternatively, it can have temporal dimensions such as Ancient, Medieval,

Modern, Post-Independence, Post-LPG, Contemporary, etc. Prospects, issues, challenges, and solutions, wherever present should be explored.

The guiding principle while providing these arguments is that they should conform to the constitutional, legal, ethical, moral, and cultural mores of the society. They should further be well-substantiated with suitable examples, wherever possible.

Ultimately a Conclusion

The conclusion is crucial, as it summarizes key points, reinforces the thesis, and leaves a lasting impact,

enhancing the essay's effectiveness. Impactful conclusions can be provided in different manners by using quotations, stories, poems, etc. depending on the theme and underlying idea of the topic.

Conclusions can also be prescriptive in nature while trying to address some issue or challenges. However, it is pertinent to note that they should be practical, have an optimistic undertone and provide forward looking visions.

A coherence in the whole essay can also be achieved by adopting a cyclic approach by linking the conclusion to the introduction.

Balancing Substance and Style Through Presentation

Crafting a strong essay demands a balance between content and style. Hence, the significance of presentation methods should not be underestimated. Smart presentation improves the lucidity and effectiveness of arguments, thus facilitating a more efficient transmission of ideas. Further, it not only captivates the reader but also imparts a seamless logical structure and enhances the essay's clarity and coherence.

Learning from the Insights of Toppers

Toppers, who have excelled in the exam in previous years, highlighted the importance of various presentation tools in adding more value and impact to the essay.

An analysis of their answer scripts reveals effective use of headings & subheadings, simple and concise language, judicious use of diagrams, content highlighting techniques, and small

paragraph, among others that add more value and voice to the content.

Right Feedback and Continuous Improvement

Applying the conventional wisdom and toppers insights into developing and improving the essay writing skills requires regular and continuous practice. Essay writing skills can further be honed



when the practice is supplemented by valuable feedback from mentors, teachers and peers. Quality and constructive feedback is like a mirror reflecting strengths and areas of improvement ultimately paving the path to enhancement of essay writing skills.

Analyzing the Trend and Perspectives

Careful analysis of trends and patterns of the essay topics in previous year papers is crucial. By analyzing the previous years essay papers, one can obtain valuable

insights into the topics, themes and perspectives asked in the essay paper.

Continuous analysis and practice of the previous years topic facilitates targeted preparation, time management and greater sense of exam readiness.

The Journey of essay writing is not just a test of one's writing prowess

but an evaluation of one's capacity to think critically and express oneself with clarity. Let the essay be your canvas, and the words your brush, painting a portrait of your intellect, ideas and convictions. In doing so, one not only prepares for an examination but also embarks upon intellectual exploration and self-expression.



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6 DECISION 2023

CHHATTISGARH • MADHYA PRADESH • MIZORAM • RAJASTHAN • TELANGANA

ELECTION IN NUMBERS

41,81,457

There are nearly 42 lakh first-time voters – who turned 18 before October 1 – in the five states, accounting for 2.6% of the electorate

WINDFALL FOR FARMERS

Farmers key, MSP hike by govt could reap rich poll harvest

MP, Rajasthan, Telangana are big producers of rabi crops for which Centre has announced the increase

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

Poll-wise significance

MADHYA PRADESH

The state, which saw the Congress win narrowly in 2018 and lose power in less than two years owing to defections to the BJP, is the top producer of masur in the country, the second largest producer of gram, wheat and rapeseed-mustard, and the fourth largest producer of barley.

Farmer distress is one of the top poll issues in the state, where 70% of the population is linked to the agriculture sector. Farmers have been facing problems like low crop prices, high input costs, erratic weather, crop damage, debt and lack of infrastructure support.

In its manifesto for the state polls released on Tuesday, the Congress promised waiver of loans and electricity bills for farmers, support price of Rs 2,600 for wheat, Rs 2,500 for paddy, and purchase of cow dung at Rs 2 per kg.

The BJP is counting on the lure of schemes like the Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojana, PM-Kisan and the

TOP RABI CROP PRODUCERS, 2022-'23

WHEAT, MSP HIKE 7%	UP	336.10
	MP	227.3
	Punjab	167.83
	Haryana	109.36
	Rajasthan	106.36

RAPESEED-MUSTARD, MSP HIKE 3.67%	Rajasthan	58.32
	UP	16.20
	MP	15.51
	Haryana	13.02
	WB	8.16

SAFFLOWER, MSP HIKE 2.65%	Karnataka	0.56
	Maharashtra	0.23
	Telangana	0.08
	Andhra Pradesh	0.03

LENTIL (MASUR), MSP HIKE 7.08%	MP	6.36
	UP <td>5.17</td>	5.17
	WB <td>1.51</td>	1.51
	Bihar <td>1.32</td>	1.32
	Jharkhand <td>0.48</td>	0.48

BARLEY, MSP HIKE 6.63%	Rajasthan	11.26
	UP <td>5.92</td>	5.92
	Haryana <td>0.46</td>	0.46
	MP <td>0.39</td>	0.39
	Uttarakhand <td>0.28</td>	0.28

GRAM, MSP HIKE 1.9%	Maharashtra	317.5
	MP <td>30.95</td>	30.95
	Rajasthan <td>18.09</td>	18.09
	Gujarat <td>12.98</td>	12.98
	UP <td>8.98</td>	8.98

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

RAJASTHAN

A state held by the Congress, which has been fighting off the BJP challenge all through its term, Rajasthan is the largest producer of barley and rapeseed-mustard, the third-largest producer of gram, and the fifth-largest producer of wheat and lentil.

During a recent poll rally in Rajasthan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had raised the Congress promise of farmer loan waiver and asked if people had received it. He had also accused the Ashok Gehlot government of leaving "no stone unturned" to stop the Narmada water organised by the Centre from reaching

Rajasthan's farmers.

The Congress is betting big on the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project, which is expected to ensure water for drinking and irrigation in 13 districts of the state, and alleging that it is stalled due to the Modi government.

Last year, the Gehlot government, in a first, had presented a separate agriculture budget.

TELANGANA

The state, where the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is in power and where the BJP is trying to make inroads, is the third largest producer of safflower in the country.

The BRS government has a winning farmer scheme in Rythu Bandhu, and in its manifesto released recently, the party promised to raise farm investment support under it to Rs 12,000 per acre per farmer, from Rs 10,000 right now.

Last year, the BRS – till then seen as "friendly" to the Centre – had launched protests against the Modi government demanding that it procure paddy after a bumper crop in the state.

The Congress has promised to increase farmer support to Rs 12,000, and said it would also pay crop investment support to tenant farmers.

CHHATTISGARH, MIZORAM:

These two states do not account for much of the rabi crops that saw an MSP hike.

The Congress government, though, has been banking big on farmers. It is in a tussle with the Centre over credit for the state's high procurement price for paddy (the highest in the country). It remains one of the main poll issues in the state.

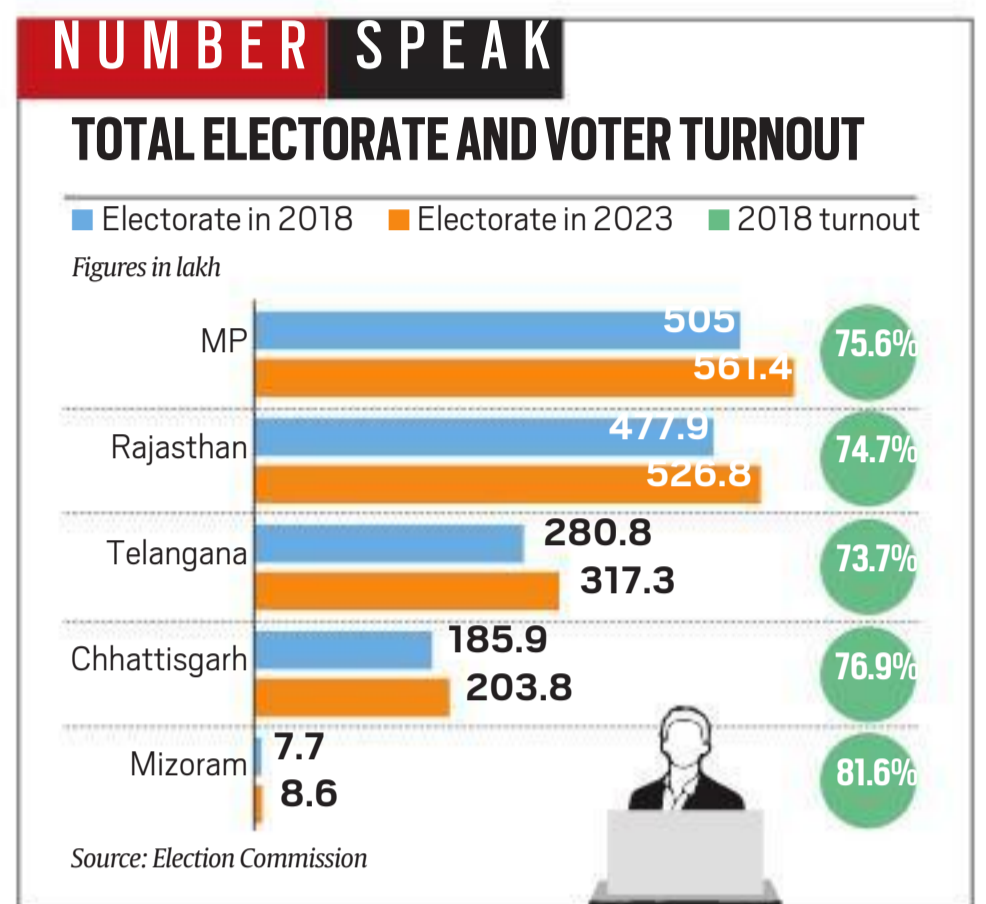
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KEY PLAYERS

AIMIM'S TOP TWO LEADERS CENTRAL TO BRS PLANS IN TELANGANA

IN MIZORAM, WILL MIZO NATIONALISM OVERRIDE CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS?



Behind delay in Rajasthan list of Cong: Gehlot, party at odds

MANOJ CG
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE FATE of several ministers of the Ashok Gehlot government continued to hang in the balance as the Congress on Wednesday held lengthy meetings to draw up the list of its candidates for the Assembly elections. In contrast to the other election-going states of Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Chhattisgarh and Telangana, the party has yet to release its first list of candidates for Rajasthan, which goes to polls on November 25.

The delay, sources said, is because of differences over benching some MLAs, including ministers. Sources said Gehlot was keen on renominating all his ministers. He also wants to field all six former BSP MLAs who joined the Congress in 2019, and the Independents, most of them ex-Congressmen who supported his government during crises.

Party insiders claimed that the leadership was keen to deny tickets to those who, according to it, have less or little chance of retaining the seats this time. Its assessment is said to be based on internal surveys conducted by poll strategist Sunil Kanugolu's team. In fact, Gehlot reportedly said at one of the meetings that he knows Rajasthan better than the strategists.



Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi at the party office in New Delhi Wednesday. Anil Sharma

Sources said among those ministers whose fate hangs in the balance are Shanti Kumar Dhariwal, Mahesh Joshi, Govind Ram Meghwal, and Shakuntla Rawat. Dhariwal and Joshi were among the three Congress leaders whom the high command had show-caused last year after a group of MLAs loyal to Gehlot boycotted a CLP meeting.

The Congress's Central Election Committee (CEC) met on Wednesday to discuss candidates for around 100 seats but sources said the panel cleared only about half of those seats. The high command, especially Rahul Gandhi, is said to be upset with the screening committee for coming up with single names for the rest of the constituencies. Sources said the central leaders asked the screening committee to come back with the names of at least three probable candidates for each seat. The sense was that the screening commit-

tee, which shortlists the probabilities, could not put up multiple names in the face of stiff resistance from Gehlot and his camp.

Some of the central leaders later wondered whether the CEC's task was to just rubber stamp the names put before it and not apply its mind factoring in the feedback that the party has got from multiple channels, including surveys. Sources said Gehlot was against denying tickets to MLAs and ministers because of corruption charges against them.

Gehlot, before leaving for Delhi on Tuesday, argued that had the MLAs been corrupt they would have taken money offered to them to topple his government in 2020. The two political developments that had rocked the state Congress – Pilot's rebellion in 2020 and the parallel CLP meeting held by Gehlot camp MLAs – are also now playing out in the candidate selection.

Two ex-MNF leaders in BJP's Mizoram list, state chief Vanlalhmuka from Dampa

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 18

TWO MIZO National Front (MNF) leaders who jumped ship to the BJP recently feature in the party's list of 21 candidates for the forthcoming Mizoram Assembly polls. The party released two lists, with 12 and nine names respectively, on Wednesday.

Former Assembly Speaker, Lalrinliana Sailo stepped down from his post and joined the BJP last week after being denied a ticket by the MNF. The BJP has fielded him from Mamit; he had won from the Chalih seat in 2018.

In the previous election, the BJP contested in 39 seats but only managed to win Tuichawng. The seat was represented by Buddha Dhan Chakma who is from the minority Chakma community. The MLA announced his retirement earlier this year. The party has now fielded Durjya Dhan Chakma, the former Chief Executive Member of the Chakma Autonomous District, who switched from the MNF to the BJP earlier this month.

The other high-profile entry into the BJP in the last few weeks was of K Beichhu. A former minister in CM Zoramthanga's

Cabinet, he had been expelled from the MNF this January for "anti party activities". He will be contesting from the Siaha seat.

Other names in the list include BJP Mizoram president Vanlalhmuka; he will be contesting from Dampa.

Sailo told *The Indian Express* earlier this week that the BJP, which is considered a marginal player in the state, would play a "decisive role in the government formation process", given the stiff competition between the three primary contenders (the MNF, the Zoram People's Front and the Congress) in this electoral contest.

Cong releases second Chhattisgarh list: 22 new candidates, 10 MLAs dropped

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 18

THE CONGRESS released its second list of 53 candidates in Chhattisgarh on Wednesday, including the Dudhadhari temple's Mahant Ramsundar Das from the Raipur City South constituency, where he will face one of the BJP's strongest leaders in seven-time MLA and former Cabinet minister Brijmohan Agrawal.

In December 2021, Das lodged a protest against the derogatory statements about Mahatma Gandhi made during the 2021 Dham Sansad held in Raipur.

The Congress had named 30 candidates in its first list Sunday. While 25 sitting MLAs have been



Dudhadhari temple mahant from Raipur City South

retained, 10 were dropped and 22 new candidates were named in the second list.

Bhilainagar MLA Devendra Yadav, who is said to be close to CM Bhupesh Baghel and was named in an ED case, has retained his seat.

But Bilaigarh MLA Chandra Dev Rai, also under the ED's scanner, was dropped.

Ten women have been given tickets, including three sitting MLAs. But Dharsiwa MLA Anita Sharma, who contested in place of her husband Yogendra Sharma after he was killed in the 2013 Jhiram Ghati Naxal attack, has been replaced by former Rajya Sabha MP Chhaya Verma.

Balrampur MLA Brihaspat Singh, who had accused Deputy CMT S Singh Deo of being involved in an attack against him in 2021, lost his ticket. Singh Deo, a member of the committee that allocated tickets, had publicly said he would not take responsibility for Singh's seat.

KEY PLAYER

DEEP MUKHERJEE
JAIPUR, OCTOBER 18

KIRODILAL Meena does not hold any position in Rajasthan BJP. But, in the last five years, the 71-year-old Rajya Sabha MP has been a more regular face at protests against the Ashok Gehlot government than his party colleagues who are part of the state unit.

From addressing press conferences and making "revelations" about the alleged involvement of people close to the state government in cases of leak of government recruitment exam question papers to "self-styled raids" with the media in the tow, often the issues Meena raises are

later picked up by the state BJP.

Last week, he conducted one such self-styled raid, taking the media to a popular building in Jaipur housing multiple shops and commercial establishments. He alleged that people close to the government had stashed away Rs 500 crore and 50 kg of gold earned through corruption, including question paper leaks, in the building's private lockers.

As Meena sat on a dharna in front of the lockers, the television media streamed it live. Later, after he levelled the allegations, teams from the ED and I-T Department raided the lockers even though it is still unclear if actual black money was kept at the place. After the clamour



The MP is key to BJP's prospects in eastern Rajasthan. Facebook

died down, the Federation of Rajasthan Trade and Industry issued a statement terming the allegations as politically motivated and saying those levelling the allegations were doing for political gains.

Meena, who belongs to the

tribal Meena community, is not new to controversy. In 2021, he dodged the police and hoisted a flag of the Meena community at the Amargarh Fort in Jaipur following a controversy over a saffron flag being taken down at the fort. The action came even as tribal leaders accused Hindu groups of trying to appropriate tribal symbols.

Meena, who holds an MBBS degree, was first elected to the Assembly from Mahwa in Dausa district in 1985 on a BJP ticket. In 1989, he won his first Lok Sabha election.

At 13.48% of Rajasthan's population, tribals are a significant vote bank. Of them, the Meenas are the majority. While the Meenas have traditionally been

Congress voters, the BJP leader has forged a base among them for his party, consistently winning elections in eastern Rajasthan districts with a high tribal population.

Given his clout in the region – Meena's ability to draw crowds is one of his greatest assets – it was not surprising to see earlier this month that Meena was one of the seven MPs fielded so far by the BJP for the Assembly elections. Meena will be in the fray from Sawai Madhopur, where the BJP doesn't hold even one of the four Assembly constituencies. In 2018, the BJP won only one of the 24 constituencies in the districts of Bharatpur, Dausa, Dholpur, Karauli, and Sawai Madhopur.

30 close fights in 2018 polls: Why BJP, Cong are keeping an eye on regional parties in MP

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

AS MADHYA Pradesh heads for what looks like another close election, one data from the 2018 Assembly polls when the Congress just finished ahead of the BJP is telling.

In at least 30 seats (of the total 230), the margin of victory was less than 3,000 votes last time. The Congress won 15 of these seats and the BJP 14, with the BSP taking 1.

In the 2013 elections, which the BJP had swept, there were 33 such seats where less than 3,000 votes separated the winner from the loser. Of the 33, the BJP had won 18 seats, the Congress 12, the BSP 2 and an Independent 1.

This means that the role of smaller parties could be crucial in the state polls. These include the BSP, which has tied up with the regional Gondwana Gantantra Party (GGP), and the Samajwadi Party, which is looking at contesting 30-odd seats after its plans to align with INDIA partner Congress fell through. The BJP has tried to get over this by transporting several heavyweights from the centre into the fray.

Of the 33 seats decided by narrow results in 2013, in 26, a different party won in 2018 – indicating how small swings could decide results here.

Of the 26 where the results changed from 2013, the Congress won 16 and the BJP 9 in 2018. An Independent won 1.

Of the 7 seats where the same party won in 2013 and 2018, the Congress won 4 in 2018, and BJP 3.

Regional parties as key

In the following eight seats in 2018, the victory margins were less than the votes garnered by smaller parties.

VIJAYPUR: The BJP defeated the Congress by 2,840 votes; the BSP got 35,628 votes and finished third.

GWALIOR RURAL: The BJP won, defeating the BSP by 1,517 votes. A party called the Bahujan Sangharsh Dal got 7,698 votes while the Aam Aadmi Party got 2,689 votes in the contest.

GWALIOR SOUTH: The Congress won against the BJP by merely 121 votes. A BJP rebel contesting as an Independent got as many as 30,745 votes while the BSP candidate too took away 3,098 votes, the AAP got 646 and NOTA 1,550.

BINA (SC-RESERVED): The BJP defeated the Congress by 460 votes. The Republican Party of India (A), whose vote base is Dalit, got 1,563 votes here.

MAIHAR: The BJP beat the Congress by 2,984 votes. The

LOCAL FACTORS

230
TOTAL SEATS

2018: In 30 seats, the margin of victory was less than 3,000 votes. The Congress won 15, BJP 14, BSP 1. In many seats, regional parties got more votes than the victory margin.

2013: In 33 seats, less than 3,000 votes separated the winner from the loser. The BJP won 18, Congress 12, BSP 2 and an Independent 1.

2013-2018: Of the 33 seats won narrowly in 2013, 26 changed hands by 2018.

GGP took a big chunk, 33,397 votes, while the SP got 11,202.

TIMARNI (ST-RESERVED): The BJP defeated the Congress by 2,213 votes. Here again, the GGP was seen to have hurt the Congress as it garnered 5,722 votes.

DEOTALAB: The BJP beat the BSP by 1,080 votes. Here, the SP was believed to have hurt the BSP as it got 2,213 votes.

RAJPUR (ST-RESERVED): The Congress won against the BJP by a margin of 932 votes. Here, the CPI got 2,411 votes and the AAP 1,510.

2018 overall picture

The BJP's tally came down to 109 in 2018, from 165 in 2013. The Congress nearly doubled to 114 from 58. Given that the Congress got 2 seats less than the half-way mark of 116, the party secured the help of 4 Independents and 1 SP and 1 BSP MLA each to form the government.

However, 15 months later, in March 2020, 23 Congress MLAs rebelled, bringing down the party's Kamal Nath government. In the bypolls conducted for 26 seats later that year, the BJP won 18, the Congress 7, and an Independent got 1.

Both the BJP and Congress have worked out action plans for the seats won by narrow margins. BJP spokesperson Rakesh Tripathi said the party was focusing at the booth level in seats it lost narrowly in 2018 but bounced back in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. They have identified 12,000 such booths.

State Congress spokesperson K K Mishra said their plan for such seats includes "micro-level organisational management to selection of the candidate as per local political scenarios".

7 GOVT & POLITICS



ROAD TO PRAISE

DELHI LIEUTENANT Governor V K Saxena was in for some unexpected praise at a meeting chaired by Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari earlier this week. The meeting convened to review the condition of roads and highways in the vicinity of the national capital, was also attended by Delhi's seven MPs and senior officials from the state government, in addition to Saxena. Gadkari, according to a source who was part of the proceedings, had said that the Delhi L-G could make the NHAI spruce up the NH-8 to-and-from the IGI airport within six months, something he (himself) could not accomplish in nine years. The stretch was renovated as part of preparations for the G20 Summit.

THEIR FACTIONS

UNION MINISTER of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel's younger sister Aman Patel on Tuesday was present on the stage of a "sankalp sabha" in Pratapgarh (Uttar Pradesh) that Apna Dal (Sonelal) had organised to mark the death anniversary of the party founder late Dr Sone Lal Patel. Her presence left the party functionaries guessing if Aman is entering politics? Apna Dal had split into Apna Dal (Sonelal), and Apna Dal (Kamerawadi), which is run by his wife Krishna Patel and daughter Pallavi Patel. Apna Dal (Sonelal), which is a BJP ally at the Centre and in UP, is led by his younger daughter Anupriya. Aman, who is the youngest among Sonelal's four daughters, later spoke to the media and targeted her elder sister Pallavi — a Samajwadi Party MLA.

'Those hoping for Mandal-II should remember this is not the BJP of 1991'

FORMER BIHAR deputy chief minister and the BJP's OBC face in the state SUSHIL MODI tells VIKAS PATHAK that a pan-Indian caste census is a logistical impossibility, that caste enumeration was needed only for political representation that OBCs already have, and that OBCs can perhaps be sub-categorised into more than two categories. Excerpts:



What problem does BJP have with the methodology used in the Bihar caste survey?

No methodology was discussed with political parties or made public, despite demands for the same. So, there are several complaints from caste groups. Many say no one came to their house to ask them. That apart, in some cases like that of the Yadavs, a dozen sub-castes have been consolidated under one header, while in the case of the Kushwahas, their sub-caste of the Dangis has been enumerated separately. If all Kushwaha sub-castes are added, their number will be at least 9.5% (it is 4.21% in the survey report). Even among the fishermen community, the Mallahs, there are 10-11 sub-castes that have been split and shown separately.

The Opposition is demanding an all-India caste census.

At the all-India level, a caste

census is next to impossible. That is why there was no caste census after 1931. Even in 1931, data of all castes was not collected — only a limited number of castes were counted. A caste census happened in 1941, but the data was never released.

A conscious decision was taken by the Nehru government in 1951 that apart from SCs and STs, we won't enumerate any other caste in the Census, as they alone have political reservation proportional to their population. So, their headcount is important.

In 2010, when Lalujji (BJD chief Lalu Prasad) and Mulayamji (late SP chief Mulayam Singh Yadav) raised this issue, Chidambaramji (then Union Home Minister P Chidambaram) said that a conscious decision was taken in 1951 that the only headcount that would be done was of SCs and STs. Moreover, the Registrar General of India has held that it (caste census) is logistically not possible.

OBCs do not have political reservation, so where is the need for headcount? All OBCs need are job and education reservation, which is already available.

It is very difficult to count castes even at the state level. There are castes, sub-castes, clans, titles. When the Centre attempted a caste census in 2010-11, it found there are 46 lakh castes, whereas if you add the Mandal Commission findings with the various state lists, you will get hardly 5,000 castes.

Even without a caste survey, the Modi government has done a lot for OBC empowerment. Most schemes benefit them, in particular the EBCs. The BJP is not against the idea of a caste census, but is against using it to divide society. It hardly matters whether OBCs are 52% or 63% of the population; if you want to devise schemes for their empowerment, you can do it.

Do you think the Opposition hopes for a Mandal-II moment with this demand?

Those who think that they will create Mandal-II should remember that this isn't the BJP of 1991. The BJP's PM and face is Narendra Modi, an OBC. The BJP has a large OBC component among its legislators. It is the favourite party of the OBCs. As for the Congress, Rajiv Gandhi opposed OBC quotas. The BJP is so powerful among OBCs that neither the Congress nor Nitish Kumar can dent it. Among lower OBCs, the BJP has 70-80% support. The Congress and others are living in an illusion.

Has time come to bifurcate the central OBC list into backward and extremely backward categories?

The Rohini Commission was set up for this. I don't know what they have reported to the Centre. Bihar has had OBC bifurcation since 1977. In over 10 states, there is some kind of bifurcation. Over 100 castes in Bihar have less than 1 lakh population. These castes are lower even among lower OBCs. Dividing OBCs into three or four parts — which means further bifurcation among lower OBCs too — is doable. There are many castes among lower OBCs that haven't benefited from reservations. To empower them, no caste data is required.

Rahul flags Adani coal imports report, demands investigation

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SENIOR CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to order a probe into reports that the Adani group imported billions of dollars of coal at prices above the market rate.

Quoting a report which had appeared in British daily *Financial Times*, Rahul accused the Adani group of fleecing people to the tune of Rs 12,000 crore allegedly by making them pay more for electricity rates through over-invoicing of coal imports.

The Adani group has denied any wrongdoing.

Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters, he said the Adani group "buys coal in Indonesia and by the time the coal arrives in India, its prices double and he has taken approximately Rs 12,000 crores from the pockets of the poorest people in India... Adani is over-invoicing coal and stealing directly from the people of India, and I don't understand why the Prime Minister doesn't comment on this. This cannot happen without the protection of



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a press conference at the AICC headquarters in New Delhi on Wednesday. Anil Sharma

the Prime Minister of India. It is impossible. So, the question is why is there no action being taken on this gentleman?"

He asked the Prime Minister to come clean on the issue. "Come clean, start the investigation, defend your credibility," he said. Asked whether the Congress would initiate a probe if voted to power, he said, "Surely, we would order an investigation when we come to power."

He said such a story would have brought down any government in the world but no action

was being taken in India.

Asked whether Congress-ruled states, which are paying subsidies to the poor in lieu of high electricity rates, would initiate a probe into this, Gandhi said, "We will look into it."

On whether he has questioned NCP chief Sharad Pawar, who met Adani recently, Rahul shot back: "Sharad Pawar is not the Prime Minister of India."

"Sharad Pawar is not protecting Mr Adani, Mr Modi is and that is why, I ask Mr Modi this question..." he said.

Artisans' death in Rajkot: Mamata assures CID probe

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WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Wednesday assured the families of the two artisans from Purbha Bardhaman district who were allegedly beaten to death in Rajkot of a CID probe. She also announced compensation of Rs 2 lakh each for the families of the dead.

The two artisans were Rahul Farsad Sheikh and Suman. The CM made the assurance while



CM declared Rs 2 lakh ex gratia for families of the 2 killed

virtually inaugurating Durga Puja pandals in the state. Condemning the incident, the chief minister said, "The brutal killing of the two sons of Kalna cannot be accepted in any way." She then advised the families of the deceased workers to lodge a

complaint at the local police station. "The case will be handed over to the CID. Just as there are migrant workers from Bengal in other states, there are also many migrant workers in this state," the CM said.

On October 13, Rahul Farsad Sheikh and Suman alias Minu were allegedly beaten to death over a suspected theft of 100 gm of silver at a jewellery-making unit in Rajkot.

A day later, nine men, including the owner of a jewellery-making unit in Rajkot, were ar-

rested by the police. The accused included Sagar Savaliya, proprietor of MBS Ornaments — the jewellery-making unit on Bhavnagar Road.

The others arrested are MBS Ornaments managers Vipul alias Pintu Moliya, Himalay alias Jignesh Kiyada and Dhruvin alias Dhaval Hapaliya; security guard Shupendra and his brother Shailendra; labour contractors Tanmay Bengali and Pradeep Bengali as well as Bhikha Dadal, a man who identifies himself as a journalist.

SC to hear pleas seeking relook at its PMLA verdict

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

DESPITE VEHEMENT objections from the Centre and Enforcement Directorate regarding procedure, the Supreme Court decided Wednesday to go ahead with the hearing of a batch of pleas seeking reconsideration of its July 2022 judgment upholding provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, and the probe agency's powers under it.

"Sorry, there is nothing which says may not. If we are not inclined, we will not," said Justice S K Kaul, presiding over a three-judge bench, as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and ED, protested the court taking up fresh pleas while the review petition against the judgment in Vijay Madanlal Choudhary vs Union of India is pending.

The hearing saw sharp exchanges between SG Mehta and Justice Kaul, with the former emphatically saying, "Your Lordships cannot look into it", and the latter saying, "I have never seen you so agitated".

"Question is, are you Lordship expected to sit in appeal over the coordinate bench (the July 2022 ruling was also by a three-judge bench) decision? The review is pending. The review is yet to be heard on which I would like to address first," the SG told the bench, also comprising Justices Sanjeev Khanna and Bela M Trivedi.

Justice Kaul said some of the petitions raised questions regarding the 2022 ruling and "we felt it may require some hearing whether that view taken is correct or not... Five-judge bench is not constituted from the beginning. Two judges refer to three judges, three judges refer to five judges... Certainly we are entitled to look into it, and [maybe] say this is meaningless, this is considered... But if three judges feel some aspects require a relook at the principle of law, certainly we are not constrained by any norms to say that we cannot look into it or refer it to a larger bench".

The SG asked: "But can I bring a petition tomorrow before a five-judge bench or three-judge bench that I don't agree with the same-sex judgment,



Justice S K Kaul; Solicitor General Tushar Mehta

you please reconsider it. And suppose it goes to another coordinate bench, can that coordinate bench refer it to a larger bench?"

"Yes. If a three-judge bench comes to a conclusion... we do it every day," said Justice Kaul.

When Mehta said that "there are judgments which say Your Lordships may not do", Justice Kaul said: "Sorry, there is nothing which says may not. If we are not inclined, we will not."

With the SG refusing to budge, Justice Kaul asked if he was saying "that there can never be a reference from a three-judge bench to a larger bench?" The SG responded: "There can never be a petition filed challenging the validity of the same provisions saying that according to me on some grounds it has some problem."

Mehta said he was aware of some of the prima facie observations of the bench and added: "But this is wider than individuals involved, or our respective egos involved...".

He submitted that PMLA is a global response and unlike other laws, it was enacted by Parliament on recommendations of FATF. "They (FATF) conduct mutual evaluation. They then put us on a list which is responsible for the country getting financial assistance from international funding agencies," the SG said. "Therefore, your lordships may await the FATF evaluation. Otherwise, it would have serious implications. I don't see any urgency."

When the court rejected the request, he said: "If Your Lordships are going into the merits despite my submission that it may be in national interest to wait for a month or so..." To this, Justice Kaul said: "Everything is in national interest. Sometimes scrutiny is also in national interest."

The court will hear the matter next on November 22. Justice Kaul retires on December 25.

People feel cheated by Cong, will bring BJP to power: Nadda

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KOTA, AJMER, OCTOBER 18

PEOPLE OF Rajasthan feel "cheated" by a Congress government "steeped in corruption" and have made up their mind to bring the BJP back to power in the state, party president J P Nadda said on Wednesday.

Nadda, who arrived in Kota earlier to hold meetings with the party office-bearers from Kota, Bundi and Jhalawar, said youngsters, farmers and the common man have decided to show the door to the Congress in the November 25 Assembly polls.

"The enthusiasm that I see among our workers clearly shows that the people of Rajasthan have made up their mind towards the BJP. And they have resolved that they want a change," Nadda told a press conference in Kota. "The public has decided to uproot the corrupt (Ashok) Gehlot government of the Congress and made up its mind to bring about change," the BJP president said.

He targeted the Gehlot government on the issues of corruption, paper leaks, farm loan waiver and atrocities against women. "I see that in a way, the people of Rajasthan feel cheated," the BJP leader said.



BJP president J P Nadda in Kota on Wednesday. PTI

The BJP, which is looking to wrest power from the Congress in the desert state, has so far announced candidates for 41 seats. No candidate for the Kota division has so far been announced.

Earlier in the day, Nadda held meetings with the party's office-bearers from Kota and Bundi in the first round and those from Jhalawar and Baran in the second round.

Nadda's visit to Kota division was significant in view of the launch of a public awareness campaign on the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday.

Former CM and senior BJP leader Vasudhara Rajje's Assembly constituency (Jhalrapatan) also falls in the Kota division.

Army is prepared to deal with any LAC contingency: Rajnath

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh Wednesday said talks with China on the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh will continue but expressed confidence in the Army to tackle any contingency that could arise.

The minister was addressing the senior leadership of the Army on the third day of the second Army Commanders' Conference of this year.

The comments come days after India and China held the 20th round of military talks in eastern Ladakh. With no apparent forward movement in the talks, the Army is now preparing to go ahead with its winter posture at the LAC which would include a significant redeployment of troops.

At the event — which started in a hybrid format Monday — the Army leadership will discuss existing security scenarios, situations along the borders and in the hinterland, and challenges for the security apparatus. A Defence Ministry statement Wednesday said the conference is also focusing on issues pertaining to organisational restructuring, logistics, administration and human resource management.

Addressing the Army leadership, the Defence Minister lauded the efforts of the Border Roads Organisation, saying it has been working in difficult conditions and has been instrumental



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

in strengthening border infrastructure, including improvement of road communication along the borders with China and Pakistan.

Talking about the situation along borders with Pakistan, the Defence Minister said a proxy war by the adversary continues even as he lauded the Army's response to cross-border terrorism.

He said unconventional and asymmetric warfare, including hybrid war will be part of the future conventional wars and that is evident in the recent conflicts happening in various parts of the world. "This necessitates that Armed Forces should keep all these facets in consideration while planning and formulating strategies," he said, adding that it is important to keep learning from past incidents.

"Expect the unexpected and thereby plan, strategise and prepare accordingly," he said.

Role in BJP big picture foggy, Gadkari gets a movie break

Marathi film *Gadkari* to be released on Oct 27; Union minister skips trailer launch attended by top Nagpur BJP leaders

SHUBHANGI KHAPRE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

A PICTURE is worth a thousand words. How about a full-length feature film?

That is the question on many lips as Maharashtra primes for the October 27 release of a Marathi biopic on Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari titled, simply, *Gadkari*.

It's rare for a living politician to be memorialised on the silver screen — rarer still in the top-heavy BJP, where such honours have been reserved for only Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The release of the trailer this week in Gadkari's home town

Nagpur answered as many questions as it raised. The BJP's star brigade from Nagpur, led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and including local party MLAs, was present in strength — but neither was Gadkari, nor any other non-Nagpur BJP leader of significance.

Given Gadkari's status as an outlier in the Modi-Amit Shah universe, all the signals, for many, pointed to a twist in the tale.

At an event last month, the Union minister had given another indication of his distance from the party leadership when he remarked: "For this LS election, I have decided there will be no banners. I feel those who want to vote will vote, those who don't, won't."



The Gadkari biopic trailer was released Monday in Nagpur

The Gadkari film, which calls itself "a realistic depiction" of the Union minister's life, is written and directed by little-known filmmaker Anurag Rajan Bhusari. While Rahul Chopra

plays Gadkari, Aishwarya Dorle is in the role of his wife Kanchan Gadkari.

A Gadkari aide claims he was reluctant about the idea at first. "When the film director and pro-

ducer first expressed their desire, the minister was dismissive. But after persuasion, he gave his nod."

According to the aide, Gadkari believed the filmmakers wanted to make a documentary. That it turned out to be a biopic was a surprise, as per the aide.

He adds that, in this light, the Union minister's absence at the Nagpur event was "natural". "He neither owns it, nor disowns it. He just didn't want to discourage the young filmmakers."

About the timing of Gadkari the film's release — as the countdown begins for the 2024 Lok Sabha and Maharashtra polls — a BJP insider said: "The film was conceptualised and made way back, before the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. It was put on hold for unex-

plained reasons."

While some sources said these reasons included the need for "some modifications" in the film, others point out that a launch at the time would have clashed with several biopics around PM Modi then. One such film, released in May 2019, had seen extensive promotion by BJP cadres.

A senior state BJP general secretary said: "The film is not a BJP venture. But since Gadkari is a revered party leader, individually, people may go and watch it." At the trailer launch, Fadnis said: "Gadkari is like Raj Kapoor. He dreams big, and he also pursues his dreams to the logical end... His innovative and visionary leadership is an inspiration for us."

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Maharashtra: 2 women slow poison 5 family members

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

FED UP of domestic violence and an ancestral property dispute, two women relatives teamed up, searched about methods to kill on internet, sourced a slow poison — Thallium — from Telangana, and allegedly poisoned five of their family members in Mahagaon village in Gadchiroli over a period of one month, police said.

According to police, the two women Sanghamitra Kumbhare (22) and Rosa Ramteke (36) — who were arrested on Wednesday, planned meticulously over two months and executed the plan between mid-September and October 15.

The incident came to light after suspicion grew over the mysterious deaths of five family members in a month. Besides the five who lost their lives to slow poison-

ing, two family members and a driver are admitted to hospital with similar symptoms.

Sanghamitra, who originally hails from Akola, married Roshan Kumbhare in December 2022. "Her parents were against the relationship and she eventually eloped with Roshan and moved into their house at Mahagaon in Gadchiroli," said a police officer.

She stayed there with Roshan, his parents Shankar and Vijaya, and his sister Komal. All four, along with Varsha Urade, sister of Vijaya, were victims of the plan executed by Sanghamitra and Ramteke, who is the sister-in-law of Vijaya.

According to police, Sanghamitra's marriage did not turn out to be the expected way and she allegedly faced domestic violence at the hands of her husband. Other family members ill-treated as well, police said.

"Her in-laws would constantly taunt her while her husband as-



(Clockwise from top) Shankar, Vijaya, Roshan, Varsha and Komal.

saulted her at times. When Sanghamitra's father came to know about this, she died by suicide in Akola by hanging himself in April this year. This added to her trauma," said police.

During Raksha Bandhan fes-

tival, Sanghamitra wanted to go home to celebrate with her family but Roshan and his parents allegedly did not allow her. As she kept insisting, a fight broke out in the family when Roshan allegedly assaulted her.

"While Sanghamitra sat crying outside the house, her aunt-in-law Rosa Ramteke saw her and consoled her. Sanghamitra confided in her and told that she feels like killing them," said an officer.

Ramteke, who had an ancestral property dispute with Roshan's family, saw an opportunity and started provoking her further against them.

"Vijaya had three sisters and a brother; Ramteke is her sister-in-law. Vijaya's father had a four-acre land and she was pushing for equal distribution of the property among the five siblings. However, Ramteke felt that the property should only go to her husband," a senior police officer said.

She assured Sanghamitra that she would help her kill the family members, said the officer. Since then the two started searching for methods to kill on Google. Initially, they ordered a poisonous flower online to mix it in their food but they eventually dropped it because they feared getting caught.

Later they learnt that Thallium is a slow-killer and they could add it to the food of family members, without leaving any trace behind. In mid-September, the duo procured Thallium from Telangana after and started mixing it in food. Police are yet to ascertain how they procured it.

In her confession to police, Sanghamitra said that she mixed Thallium in a non-veg food item of Shankar, Vijaya and Komal, while for Roshan, she mixed it in dal (lentil). Ramteke took the responsibility of administering Thallium to Varsha Urade, who is Vijaya's sister.

On September 20, Shankar and Vijaya complained of tingling in the limbs, severe backache and head ache, as they got blackened lips and a heavy tongue. They were admitted to a hospital at Aheri from where they were shifted to a hospital in Chandrapur and subsequently to a private hospital in Nagpur. But before the doctors could diagnose the illness, Shankar died on September 26, while Vijaya died the next day.

"While their children were recovering from the loss, health of Komal, Urade and Roshan also deteriorated. They were also admitted to hospital and died on October 8, 14 and 15 respectively," said an investigator. However, due to the symptoms they all had, the medical officer suspected that all of them were poisoned.

Accordingly, the Gadchiroli police started a probe and took Sanghamitra to the police station for inquiry.

Azam, his wife, son sentenced to 7 years in jail in forgery case

MANISH SAHU
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 18

A SPECIAL COURT in Rampur on Wednesday sentenced senior Samajwadi Party (SP) leader and ex-MP Azam Khan, his wife Tanzeen Fatima and son Abdullah Azam Khan to seven years of imprisonment in connection with a four-year-old case related to alleged forgery of Abdullah's birth certificate.

"All three—Azam Khan, Tanzeen Fatima and Abdullah Azam Khan—who were out on bail have been sent to jail," said Prosecuting Officer (Rampur) Amar Tiwari. The MP-MLA court magistrate Shobit Bansal awarded the three the maximum seven-year sentence.

The three have been convicted under IPC sections 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), 467 (forgery of valuable security, will, etc), 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating), 471 (using as genuine a forged document or electronic record) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy), said Special Public Prosecutor, Rampur, Shiv Prakash Pandey.

In all, 15 prosecution witnesses were examined by the court, while the defence produced 19 witnesses, he added. Speaking to mediapersons before being taken into custody, Khan said: "Insaaf aur faisley mein farq hota hai. Yeh faisala hua hai... Kal se hi purey shehar ko malum tha. Aapke chotte channel par chalne laga tha itni saza honi hai. Kya kahe in ish se jyada. Yeh bhi maloom tha kitni saza honi hai... Aapne judgment dekh bhi liya hoga. Humein aaj pata chala. (There is a difference between justice and verdict. A verdict has been announced. Since yesterday everyone in the town knew. Small channels of yours were telling the quantum of the sentence. What should I say more than this... You must have seen the copy of the judgment. I came



Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan outside Rampur district jail Wednesday. PTI

to know about it today)." This is the fourth case in the past year in which Khan has been convicted, and the second conviction of his son and former MLA Abdullah Azam Khan.

Azam Khan's counsel, Nasir Sultan, said they would file an appeal against the judgment in the higher court.

Reacting strongly to the conviction, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said his party leader was being harassed for being a Muslim. "Mohammad Azam Khan saheb aur unke pariwar ko nayay milega. Unke khilaf badi saazish hui hai, bade sharyantra hue hain. Aur saazish-sharyantra ka parinam hai ki aaj unhe iss tarah ki saza ka saamna karna pad raha hai. Aur unhone university banayi. BJP ke logon ka kehna hai, BJP ke andar jo log hain, un tak ne kaha ki Azam Khan saheb Musalman hain, islye iss tarah ki saza face karni pad rahi hai (Mohammad Azam Khan and his family will get justice. A big conspiracy has been hatched against him. And the result of the conspiracy is that he is facing such a punishment. He set up a university. People in the BJP, the party insiders, say that because he is a Muslim, he is facing such a punishment)," Akhilesh said.

On X, Akhilesh wrote: "The public is watching and understanding the game being played to scare an entire section of society by targeting Azam han-ji and his family."

Dr Reddy's Labs gets nod to study popular weight loss medication

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WITH A new class of weight loss drugs flying off the shelves globally, India's drug regulator has given the green light to Dr Reddy's Laboratories to carry out a bioequivalence study of semaglutide, the active ingredient in these drugs.

The pharmaceutical company also sought a waiver for a full-fledged phase-III clinical trial, which the committee, that met last month, said could be decided based on data from the bioequivalence study.

While a bioequivalence study essentially establishes that two versions of the same drug get absorbed in a similar manner in the body, a phase-III clinical trial looks at the effective outcome of administering the drug. "Phase-III clinical trial waiver can be considered based on the review of bioequivalence study report by the SEC committee," the minutes of the meeting of the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) on endocrinology and metabolism said.

Semaglutide is sold as Ozempic for the treatment of diabetes and Wegovy for obesity by

EXPLAINED
How the weight loss drugs work

WEGOVY AND Ozempic belong to a new category of drugs called GLP-1 receptor agonists that slow digestion, helping patients feel full for longer. These enable weight loss to the point where doctors say bariatric surgeries could become a thing of the past. There have been reports of some people experiencing gastric symptoms, including stomach paralysis after consuming the drug.

Danish company Novo Nordisk. There is also an oral semaglutide medicine that is sold under the brand name Rybelsus, which is available in India as well.

The SEC had earlier this year recommended the import of another drug from the same category — Tirzepatide sold under the brand name Mounjaro by American firm Eli Lilly.



PLEDGE TO FIGHT DRUGS

School students at the Golden Temple to offer prayers along with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann as part of the 'Hope Initiative' to fight against drug abuse, in Amritsar, on Wednesday. Around 35,000 school children offered prayers at the shrine, and pledged to stay away from drugs. Besides the students, thousands of people joined the campaign and offered prayers online. Calling it a first-of-its-kind mass movement against drugs, Mann said it will break the backbone of the menace. Rana Simranjit Singh

Tripura and Odisha get new Governors

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday appointed former Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das as Governor of Odisha and senior Telangana BJP leader Indra Sena Reddy Nallu as Governor of Tripura.

Das was the first non-tribal Chief Minister of Jharkhand from 2014 to 2019 and also served as Union Urban Development Minister. He will take over from Ganeshi Lal, who has completed his tenure as Odisha Governor.

Born in 1955, Das became the sixth Chief Minister of Jharkhand in 2014. He is the first Chief Minister of the state to complete a full five-year term.

The new Tripura Governor, Indra Sena Reddy Nallu, is a three-time MLA. ENS

Two days after head injury during boxing match, NDA cadet dies

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A 21-YEAR-OLD cadet from the 145th course of the National Defence Academy (NDA) who had sustained a head injury during a boxing match on October 16, succumbed to his injury in the early hours of Wednesday.

Cadet Pratham Mahale held the appointment of the Squadron Cadet Captain and was part of the 145th course that is set to pass out of academy by end of November.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Pratham's cousin Dinesh Mali said that Pratham's mother has urged that a thorough probe be conducted into the incident and the

causes of his death and that it should be ascertained if all the safety measures were taken at the time of the boxing match.

Pratham's family hails from Sayagaon village in Chalisgaon taluka of Jalgaon district in Maharashtra.

He is survived by his parents Gorakh and Sheetal — both of whom work as teachers in Pimpalner town in Dhule district — and a younger sister.

Mali, who is also a resident of Sayagaon said, "We can't even begin to imagine what his parents and sister are going through. It was Pratham's dream to join the Armed forces since his childhood and for that he and his parents had worked hard and sacrificed a lot."

Kerala Catholic Church OKs marriage registration before church ceremony

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
OCTOBER 18

THE SYRO-MALABAR Church, a numerically strong Catholic Church based in Kerala, has decided to allow marriages to be registered before they are solemnised in church. The decision, which marks a departure from previous practices, was aimed at addressing growing demand from Church members who need marriage certificates to apply for family visas to join spouses abroad.

However, the decision came with a rider — the couple should not cohabit before their marriage is "sacramentally solemnised", and this should be done at the earliest possible opportunity, the Church said.

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The order was issued last month by Cardinal George Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church. The order said that for reasons such as the need for obtaining family visas to foreign countries, members of the Church could approach their local Church leadership for permission to get civil registration of marriage done. "The party who approaches the local hierarchy for permission shall present a writ-

ten request to that effect, which shall carry the undertaking that they will not live together, being aware of the sinfulness of cohabitation before sacramental marriage, and that they will get marriage sacramentally solemnised at earliest possibility," order said.

In 2007, the Supreme Court had made civil registration of marriage mandatory irrespective of religion. The Church had mandated that members first get marriage solemnised in a church before it is registered under civil law.

Syro-Malabar Church's Archbishopric Chancellor, Fr Abraham Kavilpurayidathil, said, "This change is meant to help those employed abroad, but want to apply for family visas. Many come on short leave, and won't have time for civil registration if done after marriage at a church."

Gujarat: 13-year-old boy stabs minor 14 times over friendship with girl, held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SURAT, OCTOBER 18

A 12-YEAR-OLD boy was allegedly stabbed 14 times by a 13-year-old boy in Surat's Pandesara area late Tuesday. While the boy is in a critical condition at the New Civil Hospital, the police detained the accused on Wednesday.

According to the police, the 12-year-old boy is friends with a girl whom the 13-year-old wanted to befriend. However, the girl refused to be friends with him.

On Tuesday night, the 12-year-old boy, a student of Class VI in a municipal school, had gone out to dump garbage at an open ground near a water canal close to his

home. The police said that while he was dumping garbage, the 13-year-old boy spotted him and picked up fight with him. Subsequently, the 13-year-old stabbed the younger boy and escaped after critically injuring him.

Three local youths of the area, who knew the 12-year-old boy, found him lying by the road and brought him home, the police added. His parents then rushed him to the hospital.

The victim's father filed a police complaint on Wednesday morning, following which an offence was lodged under sections 326 (voluntarily causing hurt by use of dangerous weapon) and 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) of the Indian Penal Code.

In Chhattisgarh, this 33-year-old delivers govt services door to door

JAY PRAKASH S NAIDU
RAIPUR, OCTOBER 18

IN ONE day, 33-year-old Chandrashekhar Sarwa rides his motorcycle to a government hospital, a slum, a chawl, a housing society and an independent bungalow in Raipur city to bring people the government documents or services that they need.

Sarwa is one of 135 executives working for Chhattisgarh government's Mitaan Yojna, which was launched to help people obtain government documents and services by making a phone call from home and paying a fee of Rs 50.

To call a Mitaan executive home, residents dial a five-digit, toll free number that connects to a centralised call centre with 15 employees. Once someone

makes a call, they are told to keep the required documents ready for the service they need. Then, they are given an appointment for a visit by a Mitaan executive to their house. The executive will collect required documents from the applicant's house, make copies, and initiate service. If the application was for a government document, the executive picks it up from the department concerned and delivers it to applicant's home.

Started in May last year, Mitaan Yojna was set up at a cost of Rs 3.5 crore. It employs 150 people, and has served 1,40,802. The scheme is currently available only in the state's urban areas.

There are 24 services that can be availed through Mitaan. These include linking mobile number with Aadhaar; enrolling a child (up to age 5) in Aadhaar;



Chandrashekhar Sarwa is one of 135 executives working for Chhattisgarh government's Mitaan Yojna. Jayprakash S Naidu

getting certificates of birth, domicile, marriage, death, and caste; PAN card; ration card; copy of land record; registration of marriage, shop/establishments, unorganised labour; land informa-

tion and further corrections and updates in all these documents. On a September day, The Indian Express joined Mitaan executive Sarwa as he prepared to visit the homes of six different

people, either to collect copies of their documents or to deliver the documents they applied for.

The day began with Sarwa rushing to DKS hospital where 24-year-old Sanjay Sidar, a power loom worker, wanted to urgently get his ailing brother's mobile number linked with Aadhaar in order to avail free healthcare under the Centre's Ayushman Bharat scheme. While there, other patients also asked Sarwa about linking their numbers with Aadhaar.

"Just yesterday, I helped a few patients with this, and now they have Ayushman cards. I will come back again in a few days and help others. The receptionist has my number, and he gives it to all the patients who need the service," Sarwa said.

His second stop was at a housing society where 53-year-old

Moti Jain, an educationist, needs a domicile certificate urgently so his son can apply to a law college.

Sarwa then headed to Trimurti slum, where Ashish Naik was looking to get an Aadhaar card made for his two-year-old daughter, Jarina. They need the card so that Jarina's name can be added to their below-poverty-line ration card, which will enable them to get more rice for family.

But when Sarwa reached the spot, Naik was not at home, so he was given a different appointment. Sarwa headed to home of another slum-dweller, to whom he delivered a birth certificate.

He then left the slum and headed to the bungalow of Dimple Kodwani, who was waiting for her daughter's birth certificate in order to get a passport made. "The first time, even

though the response was fast, there was a spelling mistake. So, I had to call him again. But this time, the appointment got delayed by 15 days. The scheme is good and I will call them again if I need any more certificates. Sometimes, we do not have knowledge on what all documents are needed for something, so this service is helpful. I heard about the scheme on the radio," Kodwani said.

Sarwa's last stop was at a chawl, where Lachi Chura wanted to add his son's name to the ration card to get more rice. Chura said, "Some months ago, we were informed about this service when we went to the municipal office. We had called the number a few times, but it was busy so we gave up. Now, my brother-in-law called him

and he is here to help. The service makes things easy."

With his day's work done, Sarwa expresses his satisfaction. "This job offers me love, respect and a chance to serve society. I am happy. In all earlier jobs, the payment was not fixed, and it was just money in exchange for service," he said. At this job, he gets paid Rs 13,000 a month.

Mitaan Yojna CEO Saumil Chaubey said the service will soon be extended to cover even more parts of the state. "We started the scheme in May last year with 14 municipal corporations in the state. Presently, the Yojna is available in all municipal corporations and municipal councils in all the 33 districts in Chhattisgarh. In the next phase, we have plans to extend it to all nagar panchayats."

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GLOBAL INVITATION (THROUGH E-BIDDING ONLY)

FOR SELECTION OF TRANSMISSION SERVICE PROVIDER ON BUILD, OWN, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (BOOT) BASIS FOR INTER-STATE TRANSMISSION PROJECTS

PFC Consulting Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Power Finance Corporation Limited (A Government of India Undertaking), invites proposals for setting up of transmission projects on Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis following single stage two envelope process of "Request for Proposal" (RFP).

Interested bidders may refer to the RFP notification and RFP documents available on the website <https://www.mstcecommerce.com> and <https://www.pfcindia.com>.

The Bidders may obtain the RFP documents on all working days between 10:30 hrs (IST) and 16:00 hrs (IST) from 19.10.2023 to one working day prior to bid submission for the projects mentioned below on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,00,000/- or USD 7,000 plus applicable GST @18% from 9th Floor, Wing - A, Statesman House, Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110001, Tel.: 91-11-23443996; Fax: 91-11-23443990; e-mail: pfcclt.ip@pfcindia.com. The RFP documents can also be downloaded from <https://www.mstcecommerce.com> and <https://www.pfcindia.com>, however, in such case, interested party can submit Response to RFP only on submission of non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,00,000/- or USD 7,000 plus applicable GST @18% separately. The survey report and clarification to RFP documents shall be issued to those bidders, who have obtained/purchased RFP documents by paying requisite fee at least one working day prior to bid submission date. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated regarding clarifications/ amendments/ time extensions etc., if any. The important timelines in this regard are as follows:

S. No	Name of Transmission Scheme	Last Date for seeking clarifications (dd/mm/yyyy)	Last Date for submission of response to RFP (dd/mm/yyyy)	Date of opening of Response to RFP (dd/mm/yyyy)
1.	Transmission System for Evacuation of Power from potential renewable energy zone in Khavda area of Gujarat under Phase-IV (7 GW); Part B	08/11/2023	26/12/2023 up to 15:00 hrs (IST)	26/12/2023 up to 15:30 hrs (IST)
2.	Transmission System for Evacuation of Power from potential renewable energy zone in Khavda area of Gujarat under Phase-IV (7 GW); Part D	08/11/2023	27/12/2023 up to 15:00 hrs (IST)	27/12/2023 up to 15:30 hrs (IST)
3.	Transmission System for Evacuation of Power from Rajasthan REZ Ph-IV (Part 2:5.5 GW) (Jaisalmer/Barmer Complex); Part D	08/11/2023	28/12/2023 up to 15:00 hrs (IST)	28/12/2023 up to 15:30 hrs (IST)

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TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is invited for the supply of following item.

(1) Implementation of integrated MDM (Meter Data Management) System.

Note : For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

PRO/AAM(M)/93/2023 GENERAL MANAGER

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड
CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.
(एक नव्वरन कम्पनी (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम))
A Navratna Company (A Govt. of India Undertaking)
NSIC New MIDP Building, 2nd Floor, Okhla Ind. Estate (Opp. NSIC Okhla Metro Station), New Delhi-110023

TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)

Online tenders in Single Bid system are invited for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 01 No. Pitless Electronic In-motion Weigh Bridge of 140 MT capacity (as per RDSO specification No. WD-29-MSC-19 Rev.-1/latest) excluding construction of weigh bridge room (weigh bridge room is already constructed) at Punjab Logistics Infrastructure Ltd. (PLIL), Ahmedgarh (VPO Ghungrana, maierkotla Road) Ludhiana Punjab-141204 on Turnkey Basis including GAC.

The bid document can only be downloaded after paying ₹1,000/- through online from the website www.tenderwizard.com/CCL.

Tender No.	CONA-UTEIMWB/PLIL-01/2023
Estimated Cost	₹43,71,900/- (Inclusive of GST)
Period of the contract	90 days from SITC and six years for AMC
Earnest Money Deposit/ Cost of Document*	₹87,438/- (through e-payment) as per clause 3.0 of Section-II
Tender Processing Fee*	₹1,000/- Inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment
Date of Sale (Online)	From 19.10.2023 at 16:00 Hrs. to 08.11.2023 up to 17:30 Hrs.
Date & Time of submission	09.11.2023 up to 18:00 Hrs. (E-Tendering Mode Only)
Date & Time of Opening	10.11.2023 at 15:30 Hrs.

*Through e-payment
CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons therefor. For complete details log on to www.tenderwizard.com/CCL.
Group General Manager/Technical (Area-1)

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Global South Centre of Excellence was announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during the Voice of Global South Summit held on 12-13 January 2023. The Centre is being established at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi.

The Centre invites applications from well qualified, energetic and dynamic scholars for the following posts:

- Adviser (Agriculture)
- Adviser (Health)
- Adviser (Digital Solutions)

Initially, the engagement of selected candidates would be for a period of one year, which may be extended further depending on assessment of overall performance.

Detailed advertisement, including qualifications, experience and remuneration for the posts concerned may be viewed at RIS website at www.ris.org.in/opening.

Interested candidates may send their applications along with CV and supporting documents as stated in the detailed advertisement to RIS by email latest by 31 October 2023 at: recruitment@ris.org.in

CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum
(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
P.O. IIP, Mohkampur, Haridwar Road Dehradun - 248005 (Uttarakhand), INDIA, Website: www.iip.res.in

Advertisement No. 06/2023

Date of commencement of online applications : 20.10.2023
The last date for receipt of online applications : 09.11.2023 (17:30 hours)
The last date for receipt of hardcopy of applications: 19.11.2023 (17:30 hours)

CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun, a premier Institute under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), that has a rich legacy of being a pioneer in the area of Petroleum & Hydrocarbon industry and is presently engaged in the development of sophisticated green technologies to cater to the energy needs of modern world and for reducing carbon footprint. CSIR-IIP has strong collaborations with industries and academia in India & abroad.

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Sl. No.	Name & No. of Posts with reservation	Area of Post(s) & Reservation	Pay Level (as per 7th CPC)	Total Emoluments approximately*	Maximum Age as on last date of online application**
1	Post : Technical Assistant Total Posts - 24 (UR-11, SC-04*, ST-02, OBC-05*, EWS-02) *01 post of OBC and 01 post of SC are backlog vacancies	(i) Mechanical Engg (UR-02, ST-01, OBC-01) (ii) Electronics/EEE (UR-01) (iii) Civil Engg (SC-01) (iv) Chemical Engg (UR-02, SC-01, OBC-01, EWS-01) (v) Chemical Science (UR-04, ST-01, OBC-03, EWS-01, SC-02) (vi) Microbiology/Biotechnology (UR-01) (vii) Science Communication & Dissemination Directorate (01-UR)	Pay Level-6 (Rs. 35400-112400)	Rs. 59196/-	28 Years
2	Post: Technician(1) Total posts - 27 (UR-13, SC-05*, ST-01, OBC-04, EWS-03, PWD-HH-01) (This includes one backlog Post of SC Category)	(i) Attendant Operator/Laboratory Assistant (Chemical Plant) (UR-05, OBC-01, SC-01, EWS-01) (ii) Turner (SC-01); (iii) Glass Blowing (SC-01); (iv) Plumbing (SC-01); (v) Carpentry (UR-01); (vi) R&AC (01-EWS); (vii) Welder (UR-01); (viii) Mason (01-EWS); (ix) Fitter (UR-01, OBC-1, ST-01) (x) Diesel Mechanic (OBC-01); (xi) Motor Mechanic (UR-01, OBC-01); (xii) Electronics (UR-01, 01-SC); (xiii) Library (PWD-HH-01); (xiv) Computer Operator (UR-02); (xv) Boiler Attendant (UR-01)	Pay Level-2 (Rs. 19900-63200)	Rs. 33118/-	28 Years

*At minimum of the scale. ** Age relaxation will be given as per Government of India Rules. (UR-Unreserved, SC-Scheduled Castes, ST-Scheduled Tribes, OBC-Other Backward Classes, EWS-Economic Weaker Sections; PWD-Person with Disability; HH-Hearing impaired)

Minimum Educational Qualifications: (1) For Technical Assistant Posts: (i) Diploma in Mechanical Engineering/Electronics OR EEE/Civil/Chemical Engg of at least 3 years full time duration or at least 2 years full time duration in case of lateral admission in Diploma course or its equivalent with experience of two years in the relevant area/field. (ii) B.Sc. or equivalent with minimum 60% marks having chemistry/Microbiology/Biotechnology as one of the subjects and one year experience in relevant discipline from a recognized Institute/Organisation.

(2) For Technician(1) Posts: SSC/10th Standard or equivalent with Science subjects, with minimum 55% marks and ITI certificate or national/state trade certificate or 2 years full time experience as an apprentice training from a recognized institution OR 3 years of work experience in a Ministry/Department/Organisation/Public Sector Undertaking / Autonomous Body under Government of India/State / UT in trades of 'Attendant Operator (Chemical Plant) or Laboratory Assistant (Chemical Plant) / Turner / Glass Blowing/ Plumbing / Carpentry / R&AC / Welder / Mason / Fitter / Diesel Mechanic / Motor Mechanic / Electronics / Library / Computer Operator & Programming Assistant / Boiler Attendant' Trades.

The detailed advertisement, terms and conditions and instructions to the candidates are available on the Institute website www.iip.res.in. For applying the posts online, visit institute website and apply through the online application form available there. Candidates are advised to read the detailed Advt. carefully before applying.

Sr. Controller of Administration

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB

RECRUITMENT NOTICE - NON-TEACHING POSTS
(Advt. No. CUPB/23-24/911 Date: 17.10.2023)

Online applications are invited from prospective & eligible candidates for various Non-Teaching posts on Regular/Contract/Deputation basis.

Link to apply online: <https://cupnt.samarth.edu.in>
Last date to apply online: 16.11.2023 (upto 5:00 PM)
For details visit www.cup.edu.in

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VPO Ghudda, District-Bathinda-151401 (Punjab), Email: recruitment@cup.edu.in
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation-47 read with Regulation 29 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 2nd November, 2023 to inter-alia consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and period ended on 30th September, 2023 and declaration of 2nd Interim Dividend for 2023-24, if any, to the shareholders. Further, in terms of SEBI (PIT) Regulations, 2015, as amended, the Trading Window for dealing in Equity Shares of the Company is closed for all designated persons & their immediate relatives for the period from 01st October, 2023 till the expiry of 48 hours after declaration of the Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and period ended on 30th September, 2023.

This information is also available on the website of the Company and the websites of the Stock Exchanges where the Company's shares are listed viz. BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com) and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (www.nseindia.com)

For & on behalf of Container Corporation of India Limited
sd/-
Place: New Delhi Date: 10.10.2023
Executive Director (Finance) & CS

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UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY OF KASHMIR

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RECRUITMENT OF DEAN STUDENTS WELFARE

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The detailed advertisement notice containing information with regard to eligibility requirements, age limit & other conditions is available on Official website of the University www.skuastkashmir.co.in.

Date of commencement of online application forms is 25th of October, 2023 & last date of submission of online application forms is 24th of November, 2023.

sd/-
(Prof. T.H. Masoodi)
Registrar

No. Au/Adm(GAD)/Adv-Dean/2023/10059-1118
Dated: 04.10.2023

ONLINE AUCTION NOTICE

Prison Department, Haryana (District Jail Sonapat, Ph.No. 0130-2221717) Email ID-suptdtnp.jail@hry.nic.in E-Auction Portal (<https://eauction.gov.in>)

Prison Department Haryana, unit District Jail Sonapat will online auction for Waste Food through on NIC e-auction as per detail given below.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Remarks
1.	AUCTION NOTICE No.	2023 Sonapat-1
2.	Participation Fees/Security Fees (Earnest Money Deposit Required)	5000/- (Refundable)
3.	Offline Submission of e-Service Fee & Participation Fees i.e. Earnest Money Deposit.	The Cheque of 5000/- of Security fees in the favor of The Superintendent Jail Sonapat Submit in the office of District Jail Sonapat
4.	Deposit of Security Fee (only through Cheque)	Before 07:00 PM on 26.10.2023 i.e. before Start of Online Auction
5.	Date of Start of Published	20.10.2023 from (05:00:00 PM)
6.	Date of Submission	23.10.2023 at 05:00:00 pm
7.	Date of End Submission	24.10.2023 at (05:00:00 pm) with extensions
8.	Date of Approval Start	25.10.2023 at (09:00:00 AM)
9.	Date of Approval End	26.10.2023 at (12:00:00 pm) with extensions
10.	Auction Start Date	27.10.2023 at (08:00:00 AM)
11.	Auction End Date	27.10.2023 at (04:00:00 PM) with extensions
12.	Tender limit (Age)	One Year Only

IMPORTANT NOTE(S):-

- To participate in the Online Auction, there is need to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) class 3. Bidders can participate by sign-up online (create user account) on NIC e-Auction Portal i.e. <https://eauction.gov.in>.
- Date and Time of making payment of e-Service Charges, Participation Fees & Security fees is as under-Cheque Before 09:00 AM on 26.10.2023 i.e. before Start of Online Auction. The Cheque of 5000/- of Security fees in the favor of The Superintendent Jail Sonapat Submit in the office of District Jail Sonapat
- After the deposited of Participation Fees & Earnest Money the bidder have to upload the photocopy of D.D on e-auction portal department should be approved the same in the e-auction portal. After verification of the D.D by the department, if not update/ uploaded by the bidder will not able to participate in the auction.
- The intending bidders before participation in the Online Auction/ bidding process will be required to create their user id and password at i.e. (<https://eauction.gov.in>) step's to create user id and password steps:-
 - Go to Online Bidder Enrollment link at eauction.gov.in
 - Fill all the required information at online bidder enrollment page.
 - After successful creation of user id and password intending bidder required to login in eauction.gov.in
 - Link Digital Signature Certificate(D.S.C) with intending bidder's account at eauction.gov.in
 - After Successful completion of above said point's bidder will able to go at their home page screen at eauction.gov.in and then bidder can participate in intending auction

III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ONLINE AUCTION

Sr. No.	Details
1.	5. The Online Auction for Waste Food will start on 23.10.2023 to 27.10.2023
2.	The Product will be sold on "as is where is basis" & "as is what it is basis".
3.	Eligibility of participation in online auction:-Any individual above the age of 18 years can participate in online auction.
4.	G.S.T. @ 5% or as applicable time to time shall be charged extra over & above the Highest Bid
5.	It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to inspect the Product physically (thoroughly & carefully) before participating in the Online Auction for the same.
6.	Refund of Participation Fees (EMD):-The same cheque will be send to the concern bidder through postal service on the address provided by bidder. In case of unsuccessful bidders (whose rates are not Highest), the cheque of the participation fees (EMD) will be returned within 7 days from the date of close of Online Auction Participation Fees (EMD), through postal service.

IV-Other Details

1. In case of any query regarding process of e-Auction, the intended bidder can contact the service provider at below mentioned address:-
Help Desk = 0130-2221717,
E-Mail - suptdtnp.jail@hry.nic.in

Sr. No.	Name of the Department	Unit	Product	Quantity	Starting Price/(in Kgs) (in Rs.)
01.	Prison Department Haryana	District Jail Sonapat	Waste Food	As per wastage food	15/- Rs. Per Kg

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR
LOK NAYAK HOSPITAL: NEW DELHI-110002
(GENERAL BRANCH)

Applications are invited for certified Radiological Assistant course 2023-25 session Batch No. 62, Last date for receipt of application form duly filled is 06-11-2023 up to 3.00 PM. Completed application form in all respect alongwith self attested photocopies of all the educational, Caste, Character Certificate, Domicile of Delhi, Aadhar Card & two photographs(one should be affix on the application form) etc. Must be submitted in the General Branch, Vth floor MRD Building, Lok Nayak Hospital, New Delhi-110002.

Educational Qualification:

Students who are the domicile of the Delhi only are eligible to apply for admission in the said course. The Candidates should have passed the senior secondary examination (10+2) not earlier than 2022 and secondary school examination (10th) not earlier than 2020. They should have passed from a recognized school situated in Delhi and recognized by CBSE on regular basis with Physics, Chemistry and Biology as main subjects obtaining not less than 50% marks for each of these subjects. 5% will be deducted from aggregate of PCB marks for every attempt in 10+2 while preparing the final merit list. The last two years of schooling should be in Delhi.

- Seats :-
There are total 15 seats out of which 03 seats are reserved for OBC candidates and 02 Seats for SC and 01 for ST candidate and 01 seat is reserved for EWS candidates.
- Age:-
Candidates applying for the said course must have attained the age of 18 years as on 06.11.2023, but should not be more than 22 years as on 06.11.2023. 05 Year age relaxation for SC/ST and 03 year's age relaxation for OBC candidate in Upper Age.
- Duration of Course :-
Two years course Selected candidates will be paid of Rs.500/- P.M. and will be required to execute the bond on Rs.100 Non-Judicial stamp paper for Rs.3000/- that is, if selected candidates drop out of the said course before its completion, he/she will be deposit the bond money and also submit all the stipend money taken till date of Resignation.
- Application for can be obtained from General Branch, 5th floor MRD Building, LNH from 21.10.2023 to 06.11.2023 on all working days and the same is also available on the website <http://www.lnh.delhigovt.nic.in>.

Signature
(MEDICAL DIRECTOR)
Medical Director LOK NAYAK HOSPITAL
(Govt. of NCT of Delhi)
New Delhi-110002

DIP-Shabdarth-Classified-0192-23-24

PUBLIC NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING E-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR REALLOTMENT OF ONE ZONE OF RETAIL LIQUOR VENDS OF DISTRICT JHAJJAR IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR2023-2024.

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for re-allotment of one zone of retail liquor vend of Country Liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2/L-1A) of district Jhajjar in the State of Haryana, as mentioned below, are hereby invited for the remaining period of excise policy year 2023-24.

Sr.No.	Name of District	Zone Code
1	Jhajjar	ZJHA22

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for this zone and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

1	Starting date and time for placing e-tenders.	From 20th October, 2023 (9.00 AM)
2	Closing Date and time for placing e-tenders.	Till 20th October, 2023 (04.00 PM)
3	Evaluation of e-tenders.	20th October, 2023 (05.00 PM)

3. The reserve price of this zone for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.17 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy 2023-24. The reserve price and quota of this zone shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.

4. The e-tenders for this zone can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zone shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 13th May, 2023, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 13th May, 2023 is also available on the official website of department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.

5. The excise arrangement of this zone containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) and DETC (ST) of the district concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

6. The re-allotment of this zone shall be done at the risk and cost of original allottee. The original allottee shall be liable to make up any deficiency incurred by the state as a result of the re-allotment of this zone.

7. The allotment and grant of licence shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2023-24. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2023-24 is available on official website of the department.

7. The allotment shall be subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC), Haryana. He may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment

Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Haryana

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IIT-Kharagpur student from Telangana found dead in hostel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, OCTOBER 18

A FOURTH-YEAR Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kharagpur student was found hanging in his hostel on Tuesday night in Paschim Medinipur district. While the institute said the student "chose the path of self-harm", the police said they are investigating the matter.

K Kiran Chandra, 21, was a resident of Telangana, and a student in the electrical engineering department.

According to sources, he was found dead by his other hostel inmates. He was rushed to the hospital on the IIT-Kharagpur campus where he was declared brought dead.

A case of unnatural death has been lodged. "He (Chandra) was a boarder of the Lal Bahadur Shastri (LBS) Hall of Residence and chose the path of self-harm on the night of 17th October, 2023," an IIT-Kharagpur release said Wednesday. The institute said Chandra was with two of his roommates in their hostel room till about 7:30 pm. "Later, the other two left for academic activities. Around 8:30 pm, fellow boarders of LBS Hall found his room locked from inside. The door was forced open and he was found...security and students brought him to BC Roy Technology Hospital," it added.

President launches agri roadmap for Bihar, bats for organic farming

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, OCTOBER 18

LAUNCHING AN agricultural roadmap for Bihar, President Droupadi Murmu Wednesday called for climate-friendly agricultural practices and suggested that the state's farmers take up organic cultivation.

"For some time, Bihar has received less rain. Otherwise, rivers and ponds have been part of its identity. Water conservation is required. Climate-resilient agriculture will play a key role in environment conservation. There has been growing demand for organic farming now... it is good to know that the state government has developed an organic farming corridor along Ganga," she said in Patna.

Governor Rajendra Arlekar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav were present at the launch of the fourth Agricultural Roadmap that will run till 2028.

The President said it was heartening to learn that the agriculture roadmap provides for mega food parks and export infrastructure. She also praised increased productivity in wheat and maize farming in Bihar and spoke of how the state had become one of the top producers of honey, makhana and fish.



Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar presents a memento to President Droupadi Murmu at the inauguration of the fourth edition of Agricultural Road Map of Bihar in Patna, Wednesday. PTI

Calling herself the daughter of a farmer, Murmu also said she would like to return to her village after her tenure as President — to engage in farming.

The Chief Minister reminded Murmu of JD(U)'s support for her Presidential candidature and requested her to visit Bihar frequently. This was Murmu's first visit to Bihar after becoming President.

The President accepted the invitation and termed herself a

"Bihari" as her home state of Orissa had historical links to Bihar. Saying Bihar had a key role in making India a developed country, Murmu called it the land of Buddha where there was no place for "ill-will and conflict".

CM Nitish said: "The fourth agriculture roadmap involves a cost of Rs 1.62 lakh crore from agriculture and other departments. Our farmers have excelled in potato and rice farming besides recording high produc-

tivity in production of vegetables. We have identified 9 lakh crore acres, mostly in North Bihar where there is water-logging for 8-9 months in a year. We have been developing it for fish and specialised farming. We have already become self-reliant in fish production."

The CM also requested Governor Arlekar to assess the agriculture roadmap and give his feedback to departments concerned.

Ahead of SC hearing, govt clears transfers of 16 HC judges

Justice Muralidaran sent to Calcutta HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

TWO DAYS before the Supreme Court is to take up the issue of delay in appointment of high court judges, the Centre on Wednesday cleared the transfer of 16 judges in various high courts.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by the Constitution of India, the President of India, after consultation with the Chief Justice of India, is pleased to transfer the following high court judges," Union Minister for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal said in a post on X.

Among the 16 transfers cleared, Acting Chief Justice of Manipur High Court M V Muralidaran has been transferred to the Calcutta High Court. It is learnt that at least 10 more recommendations for transfer of HC judges are still pending with the Centre.

On October 11, the SC Collegium headed by CJI D Y Chandrachud had reiterated its recommendation to transfer Justice Muralidharan to Calcutta HC, overruling his request to be transferred to Madras HC, which is his parent HC.

On October 20, a bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul is likely to continue hearing the contempt plea against the delay in ap-

pointment of judges by Centre. In the last hearing on October 9, Attorney General R Venkatarmani had assured the bench notifications will be issued soon.

Apart from Justice Muralidhar, the other transfers are: Justice SP Kesarwani from the Allahabad HC to Calcutta HC; Justice Raj Mohan Singh from Punjab and Haryana HC to Madhya Pradesh HC; Justice Narender G from Karnataka HC to Andhra Pradesh HC; Justice Sudhir Singh from Patna HC to the Punjab and Haryana HC; Justice Madhuresh Prasad from Patna HC to the Calcutta HC; Justice Arvind Singh Sangwan from Punjab and Haryana HC to Allahabad HC; Justices Avneesh Jhingan and Arun Monga from Punjab and Haryana HC to Rajasthan HC; Justice Rajendra Kumar from the Allahabad HC to Madhya Pradesh HC; Justice Nani Tagia from Gauhati HC to Patna HC; Justice C Manavendranath Roy from the Andhra Pradesh HC to Gujarat HC; Justice Munnuri Laxman from Telangana HC to Rajasthan HC; Justice G Anupama Chakravarty from Telangana HC to Patna HC; and Justice Lapita Banerjee from Calcutta HC to Punjab and Haryana HC. Justice D Venkata Ramana has been transferred from Andhra Pradesh HC to Madhya Pradesh HC.

Ram temple Trust gets FCRA nod, can receive foreign donations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 18

THE UNION Home Ministry has granted FCRA approval to Sri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra, which would allow the Trust to receive monetary contributions from outside the country for the construction of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

"The Sri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra has been approved by the FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act) Department of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to receive voluntary contributions under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act 2010," Champat Rai, the general secretary of the Trust, said in a post on X.

The Trust said the contributions can be sent to a designated bank account in the SBI's 11 Sansad Marg branch, New Delhi. "The FCRA section of the MHA has registered the Trust—Sri Ram Jannabhoomi Teerth Kshetra—to accept the voluntary contributions from foreign sources... Such contributions can be sent only to designated bank account. No such contributions shall be accepted in any branch or any other account of the Trust," the Trust said in a statement.

Ram Temple "Pran Pratishtha" or the consecration ceremony is likely to take place in January next year.

Days after escape from Pune hospital, drug racketeer nabbed in Karnataka

VIJAY KUMAR YADAV
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

THE MUMBAI police arrested Lalit Patil, who was behind the multi-crore mephedrone racket busted by the Pimpri-Chinchwad police in 2020, from Channasandra village in Karnataka, Tuesday night, days after he escaped from Pune's Sassoon General Hospital.

Patil was arrested by a team of Sakinaka police from Channasandra and was produced before a court in Andheri that remanded him in police custody till October 23. Lalit, who had been in judicial custody since 2020, escaped from Sassoon General Hospital on October 2 where he was undergoing treatment.

Earlier this month, the Sakinaka police, under the supervision of Joint Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Satyanarayan Chaudhary and



Lalit Patil to be in police custody till October 23

DCP Zone X, Datta Nalawade, raided a factory in the MIDC area of Nashik early this month and seized huge amounts of drugs. The said factory is believed to be owned by Bhushan Patil, the brother of Lalit Patil.

"We began crackdown on the drug racket in August this month and began with first seizure of 10 grams of drugs. Later, during the course of the investigation, our men arrested 14 accused besides raising a factory in Nashik. Patil being the main accused the total arrest is now 15," said Satyanarayan Chaudhary, joint commissioner of police (law and order). Policy probe has revealed that

after escaping from Pune, Lalit first went to Chalisgaon in Maharashtra. From there he went to Dhule and then to Surat in Gujarat, using a rented vehicle. After meeting some relatives there, he took their help to get a rented car to reach Karnataka via Surat-Solapur-Bijapur route. From Bijapur, he went to Channasandra.

While looking for Patil for two weeks, the police team was keeping an eye on his close relatives. During this task, they discovered that Patil contacted and visited one of the his relatives in Surat. Later, the police traced this relative and learnt about Patil's plan, said an officer. After his arrest by the Pimpri-Chinchwad police in December 2020, Lalit was lodged in Yerawada Central Prison. In June, he was admitted to Sassoon Hospital for hernia and tuberculosis. On October 2, a day before his hernia surgery, Lalit escaped from the hospital.



MESSI TOUCH TO PUJA

A 32-foot statue of Argentine footballer Lionel Messi holding the 2022 FIFA World Cup installed on a pandal in Kolkata on Wednesday. Partha Paul

Sushant Rajput case: Aaditya moves HC, seeks to be heard in PIL for CBI probe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

SHIV SENA (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray has moved the Bombay High Court seeking to be heard before any order is passed in a public interest litigation demanding a CBI probe in connection with the deaths of actor Sushant Singh Rajput and his former manager Disha Salian.

Thackeray in his application filed on October 13 through advocate Rahul Arote said the PIL was not maintainable as a probe in the matter was already on by state machinery.

The PIL, filed by the "Supreme Court & High Court Litigants Association of India" through its president, Rashid Khan Pathan, in September this year demanded the immediate arrest and custodial interrogation of Thackeray in connection with the "mysterious" deaths of Disha Salian and Sushant Singh Rajput.

The PIL has not yet been taken up for hearing by HC.

"We have filed an intervention application saying we should be heard before any order is passed. We have said the PIL is not maintainable as the investigation in Sushant Singh Rajput matter is already on by CBI," Arote said.

"How can any order be passed in a PIL when a state machinery is already seized of the probe," he added.

The PIL sought a direction to the CBI to probe Thackeray, a former Maharashtra minister, and for a comprehensive probe report to be submitted.

Sushant Singh Rajput was found dead in his apartment in suburban Bandra on June 14, 2020.

While the Mumbai police registered an Accidental Death Report (ADR) case and started a probe, the actor's father in July lodged a complaint with the Bihar police alleging that Rajput's girl-

friend Rhea Chakravorty and her family members had abetted his suicide. The case was later transferred to the CBI which is presently carrying out a probe in the city. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is probing allegations of money laundering against Rhea and her family, while the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) is looking into claims that Rhea used to consume drugs and had also given the same to Rajput.

Disha Salian, a former manager of Rajput, died on June 8, 2020, after falling off the 14th floor of a residential building in suburban Malad. The city police had registered an ADR case.

Bengaluru cracker shop fire: Another youth dies, magisterial inquiry on

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 18

THE KARNATAKA government Tuesday ordered a magisterial inquiry into the Attibele fire tragedy.

The government appointed Amalan Aditya Biswas, the regional commissioner of the Bengaluru division, as the investigating officer. It has asked the officer to submit the report within three months.

The government order stated that a spot inspection should be carried out to check if the fireworks store had obtained a licence in accordance with the rules under Section 6B of the Explosives Act, 1884. Biswas has

also been asked to check if the fire started owing to negligence or if it was accidental in nature.

Meanwhile, a day after the order, another youth who was battling for his life died, taking the toll to 17. Rajesh, 19, a native of Tamil Nadu passed away at Saint John's hospital in Bengaluru Wednesday.

On October 7, a massive fire broke out at the Balaji Traders firecracker shop-cum-godown in Attibele, on the outskirts of Bengaluru. Fourteen people died on the spot and five were admitted to hospital. Three people including Rajesh later succumbed to their injuries.

The Attibele police have registered a case and arrested the owner of the shop and his son.

Uttarakhand signs MoUs worth over ₹3k cr in UAE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 18

INVESTMENT MOUS worth Rs 3,550 crore were signed by the Uttarakhand government delegation with various groups on the second day of its visit to the UAE for the Uttarakhand Global Investor Summit scheduled for December 8-9.

The delegation held meetings with various industrial groups in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday in the presence of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama. MoUs were signed with Lulu Group, Hyper Market, ACT facilities and Regent Global.

Earlier, on the first day of the UAE tour, investment MoUs

worth Rs 11,925 crore were signed in the presence of CM Dhama. Overall, investment MoUs worth Rs 15,475 crore were signed in UAE.

Dhama also participated in a programme organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday. Dhama said his government has chosen the path of development of the state by preserving the cultural, natural, and spiritual beauty. He said under the guidance of PM Narendra Modi and the cooperation of the Central Government, projects worth more than Rs 1,50,000 crore have been approved in the state over the last five years. A target of investment of at least Rs 2.5 lakh crore has been set.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah interacts with tribal youth in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Shah to tribal youth: For better future, shun the idea of Naxalism

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

UNION HOME Minister Amit Shah Wednesday interacted with 200 tribal youth under the Tribal Youth Exchange Program (TYEP) and appealed to them to play an important role in eradicating the idea of naxalism from the country as the ideology is against development and bright future.

He also said Left-Wing Extremists (LWEs) as well as their ideology are against the country's development and bright future.

Interacting with 200 tribal youths under the Tribal Youth Exchange Programme, Shah also said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided to build 10 tribal museums across the country at a cost of Rs 200 crore in memory of tribal freedom fighters.

During his interaction, Shah said a lot of opportunities are available for the tribal community now but naxalism is creating hurdles on way to a bright future. He said violence cannot provide jobs and it is necessary

to join the mainstream of society for development and creation of basic infrastructure.

"It is the responsibility of tribal youth to neither take the wrong path nor allow others to do so. Tribal youths should tell everyone to come back home and inform them that the country is progressing in every field and there are ample opportunities for them," he added.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has been running the TYEP for 15 years through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, under which, young men and women of the tribal community from the interior areas most affected by LWE are taken on a tour to major cities and metros across the country.

This year, 5,000 young men and women are participating in TYEP. Three groups are visiting New Delhi this year. The first group is visiting Delhi from October 15-21 and includes 140 participants from Bijapur, Sukma, Bastar, Dantewada, Kanker, Narayanpur and Rajnandgaon of Chhattisgarh and 60 participants from Balaghat, Madhya Pradesh.

10-DAY PROGRAMME IN JHARKHAND'S LOHARDAGA HELPS LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR GROWTH STRATEGY

IIM-powered course for entrepreneurs from Maoist-hit district

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, OCTOBER 18

A GIRL WHO recently passed her class 12 exams, and her mother, deliberate the links between production cost, quality, competition and a lack of profit in connection with their at-home mustard oil business; a woman in her 30s, part of a self-help group, is guided on how to negotiate the right price for her jute products; a man in his 40s discusses his dairy business's new tagline — Jeevan Dhaara doodh: Furti ka raaz, Jeevan Dhaara kesaaith (Jeevan Dhaara milk: The secret behind agility, with Jeevan Dhaara).

These were some of the scenes that played out at a Rural Self Employment Training Centre in a Maoist-affected district in the heart of Jharkhand, where, between September 11 and September 20, emerging entrepreneurs based in villages got a crash course on marketing and business skills

from top B-school professors.

The Management Development Programme (MDP) was an initiative devised by Lohardaga district's Deputy Commissioner Krishna Prasad Waghmare, who, with the help of the Niti Aayog Prize money allocated to aspirational districts, organised 10 days of classes taken by IIM Ranchi professors at the training centre in Lohardaga town.

The classes were in Hindi to ensure that the 30 participants could fully engage with and grasp the wide range of topics covered, including market research, product positioning, branding, pricing strategies, and digital marketing, among others.

"Earlier, I never knew what IIM was. But now I have a dream for my own children to study at an IIM," said Holika Devi, an artisan who attended the programme.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Deepak Kumar Srivastava, the director of IIM Ranchi, said the programme was a testament to the



Participants attend a Management Development Programme crash course on marketing and business skills

institution's commitment to Jharkhand. "At IIM Ranchi, we believe in global orientation and local responsiveness, and this MDP is one of the ways through which we can support local communities. The programme will equip... [rural entrepreneurs] to expand their businesses and create a positive impact on the local economy," he said.

Among these rural entrepre-

neers is Jitendra Turi, who came up with the tagline for his product, Jeevan Dhaara milk, during one of the classes. Turi, a farmer, and two of his partners attended the training programme to learn how to run a dairy business since they were set to get cows from the district administration under a government scheme.

In class, they got a lecture on various brands' advertisements,

and were encouraged to devise their own tagline that resonates with their customers.

"I have no experience in business, but after attending the classes, I have realised that we will not make much profit just by selling milk. We learned that profit can be made through value-added products, such as ghee or paneer," Turi said.

Tripti Sahu and her mother Rekha Devi have long been struggling to make their mustard oil business profitable. During a class on pricing strategy, the mother-daughter duo told the class that they sell the oil at Rs 150-160 litre when the cost of making it, including labour, comes to more than that. Sahu lamented that competitors often compromised on quality to sell oil at cheaper rates.

Explaining that they should include a profit margin in the price, even if competitors sell at a smaller price, their professor Shweta Jha said: "That is why we

had a class on promotion preparing taglines: What is it that you are giving? Is the product chemical-free? What is the quality? If people in your panchayat are not buying it, there is a market in other areas which we spoke about during the class on consumer insights. It is the idea behind the oil that also needs to be sold."

Speaking to *The Indian Express* later from her home in Hirbi panchayat, Sahu said her family was now ready to scale up the business. "We will set up an Instagram page as well, and start an account on Facebook soon," she said. Their IIM professor said the classes were also an opportunity for the teachers to learn from these rural entrepreneurs.

"At IIM, we mostly teach students who have not done any business before, and the mode of communication is English. In Lohardaga, we had to improvise a lot while focussing on the basics and communicating without using jargon," Jha said.

EXPLAINED SCIENCE

WHAT CAUSED LARGEST 'MARSQUAKE'? WHY ANSWER SURPRISED SCIENTISTS

ON MAY 4, 2022, NASA's InSight lander detected the largest quake yet recorded on Mars, one with a 4.7 magnitude — fairly modest by Earth standards but strong for our planetary neighbor.

Given Mars lacks the geological process called plate tectonics that generates earthquakes on our planet, scientists suspected a meteorite impact had caused this marsquake. But a search for an impact crater came up empty, leading scientists to conclude that this quake was caused by tectonic activity — rumbling in the planet's interior — and giving them a deeper understanding about what makes Mars shake, rattle and roll.

"We concluded that the largest marsquake seen by InSight was tectonic, not an impact. This is important as it shows the faults on Mars can host hefty marsquakes," said planetary scientist Ben Fernando of the University of Oxford in England, lead author of the research published this week in *Geophysical Research Letters*. "This represents a significant step forward in our understanding of Martian seismic activity and takes us one step closer to better unraveling the planet's tectonic processes," added Imperial College London planetary scientist and study co-author Constantinos Charalambous.

NASA retired InSight in 2022 after four years of operations. In all, InSight's seismometer instrument detected 1,319 marsquakes.

Earth's crust is divided into immense plates that continually shift, triggering quakes. The Martian crust is a single solid plate. But that does not mean all is quiet on the Martian front.

"There are still faults that are active on



The dome-covered seismometer belonging to NASA's InSight lander, on Mars. NASA/JPL-Caltech

Mars. The planet is still slowly shrinking and cooling, and there is still motion within the crust even though there are no active plate tectonic processes going on anymore. These faults can trigger quakes," Fernando said.

The researchers determined that the 4.7 magnitude quake was centered in the Al-Qahira Vallis region in the Martian southern hemisphere, roughly 2,000 km southeast of InSight's location just north of the equator. They think it originated perhaps a few dozen km below the surface.

"Most of the marsquakes we've detected thus far have been associated with a region called Cerberus Fossae, located eastward of InSight. Conversely, the origin of this one left us puzzled, as no discernible surface features indicated ongoing tectonic processes as a likely cause, particularly ones that would cause such a powerful quake," Charalambous added.

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EXPLAINED BUSINESS

WHY SC ORDER ON TELCOS' LICENCE FEE TAX HAS INDUSTRY WORRIED

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

IN A blow to telecom companies, the Supreme Court has held that payment of entry fee as well as variable annual licence fee made by telcos will be considered capital expenditure and not revenue expenditure, and taxed accordingly.

The decision could bring in additional tax liabilities for telecom companies — especially for older telcos like Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea — to the tune of \$1 billion in the current fiscal year, according to industry estimates.

What did the Supreme Court rule?

Hearing an appeal by the Income Tax Department clubbed with 33 similar petitions, the SC said: "We hold that the payment of entry fee as well as the variable annual licence fee paid by the respondents-assessee to the Department of Telecommunication under the (New Telecom) Policy of 1999 are capital in nature and may be amortised in accordance with Section 35ABB of the (IT) Act."

This essentially means that instead of deducting the entire expenditure all at

once, the company will need to deduct a portion of the total fee each year for tax purposes. The top court also set aside a Delhi High Court order that categorised licence fees before and after July 31, 1999, differently, as capital expense and revenue expense, respectively.

How will the order impact telcos?

Currently, telecom companies treat licence fee as an expense, claiming deductions on account of variable licence fees on a year-to-date basis for computing their tax liability.

"...after the judgement, the licence fee would have to be treated as a capital expense, with a provision for amortisation of the licence fee over the licence period. Prima facie, the accounting change would lead to higher EBITDA/PBT and lower cashflow on higher tax outgo initially, but would likely even out over the licence holding period," according to a Kotak Institutional Equities report.

It is worth noting that the SC order has not clarified whether the changes will have to be made on a retrospective basis.

Telcos are likely to file a review petition and the actual tax liability could get delayed, the Kotak report said.

EXPLAINED POLITICS

OBCs and subcategories

OBCs, the beneficiaries of 27% reservation in Central Govt jobs, are not a monolith. The 2,514 castes in the central list of OBCs are at different levels of marginalisation. States have long sought to dice the OBC quota to ensure equity, but subcategorisation at the central level has been a hot-button issue

SHYAMLAL YADAV
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE MINISTER for Backward Classes Welfare in Andhra Pradesh said on Wednesday that the state will begin a backward classes census from November 15. C Srinivasa Venugala Krishna said the 139 backward-class communities in the state were unaware of their numerical strength, and the data would help the government serve them better.

The publication of the results of the caste survey in Bihar earlier this month had raised the possibility that other states too would announce similar exercises as the country enters a new cycle of elections. The enumeration of castes, as well as the sub-categorisation of the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in order to ensure equity in the distribution of reservation benefits have been hot-button issues for long.

Other Backward Classes

The expression 'OBC' was coined to denote backward/ marginalised communities and castes that were not Scheduled Castes (SCs) or Scheduled Tribes (STs). It is recognised that social backwardness in India has traditionally been a direct consequence of caste status, and that other types of backwardness have flowed from this initial handicap.

Affirmative action for OBCs is mandated by Article 15(4) of the Constitution: "Nothing in this article or in clause (2) of Article 29 [non-discrimination with regard to admission into state educational institutions on grounds of religion, caste, etc] shall prevent the State from making any special provision for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens...".

Article 16(4) allows the State to make "any provision for the reservation of appointments or posts in favour of any backward class of citizens which, in the opinion of the State, is not adequately represented in the services under the State".

'Backwards' among OBCs

OBCs have been generally identified on the basis of their occupation: cultivation of own land, tenant farming, agriculture labour, cultivation and selling of vegetables, fruits and flowers, cattle-rearing, washing of clothes, carpentry, blacksmithy, oilseeds crushing, pottery, stone-cutting, etc.

The many castes among the OBCs are at different levels of marginalisation. At first glance, two broad categories within the OBCs emerge: those who own land, and those who do not.

The demand for reservation for the "backwards among OBCs" has gained traction as the feeling has grown that a handful of 'upper' OBCs have grabbed most of the benefits of the 27% reservation that was implemented more than 30 years ago.

EBCs: the case of Bihar

The Bihar caste survey identified 27% of the



Former Bihar Chief Minister Karpooori Thakur (second from right) introduced quotas based on subcategorisation of OBCs in 1979. Thakur is seen with fellow socialists (from left) Biju Patnaik, Madhu Limaye, Devi Lal, Rabi Ray. Express Archive

population as "pichhda" (backward), and 36% as "atyant pichhda" (Extremely Backward Classes, or EBCs). Back in 1951, the state had prepared a list of 109 castes, 79 of which were deemed to be "more backward" than the remaining 30. In 1964, Patna High Court struck down the two lists as unconstitutional.

In June 1970, the Bihar government appointed the Mungeri Lal Commission, which in its report of February 1976 named 128 "backward" communities, 94 of which were identified as "most backward". The Janata Party government of Chief Minister Karpooori Thakur implemented the recommendations of the Mungeri Lal Commission.

The so-called Karpooori Thakur Formula provided 26% reservation, of which OBCs got a 12% share, the economically backward classes among the OBCs got 8%, women got 3%, and the poor from the 'upper' castes got 3%.

In an attempt to build a base for himself beyond his own small Kurmi caste, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has made efforts to reach out to the 'backward' OBCs (mainly the artisan castes) to the exclusion of the 'upper' OBCs — mainly Yadavs whose loyalties lie with Lalu Prasad. Like the *ati-pichhda* backwards (EBCs), a category of "Mahadalits" has been identified among the Scheduled Castes. In both Bihar and UP, the EBCs are seen as a large vote bank that is wooed by the BJP as well.

The OBC reservation pie in Bihar is currently divided among groups including BC-I and BC-II.

Two OBC Commissions

FIRST OBC COMMISSION: The panel, headed by Kaka Kalelkar, was constituted by Jawaharlal Nehru's government on January 29, 1953, and submitted its report on March 30, 1953. To identify socially and educationally backward classes, the commission adopted the following criteria: low social position in the traditional caste hierarchy of Hindu society; lack of general educational advancement among the major section of the caste/ community; inadequate or no representation in government

service; inadequate representation in trade, commerce and industry.

The First OBC Commission prepared a list of 2,399 backward castes or communities in the country, and categorised 837 of them as "most backward". The Commission also recommended enumerating castes in the 1961 census, providing 25-40% reservation at different levels of government jobs, and 70% reservation for admission to technical and professional institutions.

The report was never discussed in Parliament and never implemented.

SECOND OBC COMMISSION: This was the B P Mandal Commission, which was appointed in 1979 by Morarji Desai's Janata government, but the implementation of which was announced only in 1990 by the government of V P Singh.

The Mandal Commission identified 3,743 castes and communities as OBCs, estimated their population at 52%, and recommended 27% reservation in government jobs and admissions to all government-run scientific, technical, and professional institutions. No subcategories were recognised within the 27% OBC quota.

The Centre's Official Memorandum on the implementation of the Mandal recommendations, issued on September 25, 1991, said: "Within the 27%...reserved for SEBCs, preference shall be given to candidates belonging to the poorer sections of the SEBCs...". However, the Centre has always implemented the quota treating the entire OBC population as one block after excluding the "creamy layer" of affluent candidates on the basis of criteria fixed after a Supreme Court ruling.

Subcategories in states

Over the decades, state governments have applied their own criteria to distribute quota benefits among the various categories of OBCs, a process that began well before the Mandal recommendations were implemented at the Centre.

■ In Andhra Pradesh, OBCs are divided

into five subcategories: (A) Aboriginal tribes, *vimukt jatis*, nomadic and semi nomadic tribes etc; (B) Professional group like tappers, weavers, carpenters, ironsmiths, goldsmiths, *kamsalins* etc; (C) SC converts to Christianity and their progeny; (D) all other OBC castes and communities not covered in the previous three categories; (E) 14 Muslim OBC castes, who were identified in 2007. Groups A-E share 29% reservation benefits, split into 7%, 10%, 1%, 7%, and 4% respectively. Telangana follows the same model.

■ In Karnataka, 207 OBCs castes are divided into five sub-groups.

■ Jharkhand has two groups: Extremely Backward Classes and Backward Classes.

■ West Bengal's 143 OBC castes are divided into More Backwards and Backwards.

■ In Maharashtra, the 21% OBC reservation is shared by the Special Backward Category (2%) and Other Backward Classes (19%).

■ In Tamil Nadu, the 50% OBC quota is divided among Backward Classes (26.5%), Backward Class Muslims (3.5%), and Most Backward Classes/Denotified Community (20%).

■ In Kerala, 40% OBC reservation is divided into eight subgroups, including Ezhava/Thiyya/Billava (14%), and Muslims (12%).

■ In Uttar Pradesh, the BJP-led government of Rajnath Singh constituted a Social Justice Committee to subcategorise SCs and OBCs to provide quotas within quotas. The Hukum Singh Committee declared Yadavs as 'forwards' among backwards and ranked more influential communities like Jats below them, and put Jatavs at the top among SCs. The report was challenged before the Supreme Court, and the BSP-BJP government headed by Mayawati did not go ahead with the implementation.

UPA's subcategorisation bid

With land-owning OBCs having deserted the Congress in both North and South India, the party was looking for a new base. As the 2014 elections approached, the BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate Narendra Modi started to underline his OBC identity and, at a rally in Kochi on February 9 that year, declared that backwards and most backwards would rule India for the next 10 years.

Days later, on February 13, the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment asked the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) to examine the matter of subcategorisation of OBCs in the central list. On March 2, 2015, the NCBC, then headed by Justice (ret'd) V Eswaraiiah, suggested that OBCs should be subcategorised into Extremely Backward Classes, More Backward Classes, and Backward Classes.

The recommendation was not implemented and, in October 2017, a new commission for subcategorisation of OBCs was constituted under Justice G Rohini. The Rohini Commission submitted its report on July 31 this year, but its contents are not public.

Vizhinjam port: latest row over mega project

SHAJU PHILIP
 THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 18

THERE IS fresh debate in Kerala over the under-construction Vizhinjam international seaport project, the country's first deep-water transshipment port.

On Sunday, the state accorded a grand reception to a vessel that brought a ship-to-shore crane to the port. Docking of the heavy load carrier vessel is being seen as a milestone towards the operation-readiness of the much-delayed project. While the ruling CPI(M) and the Opposition Congress started a credit war over the project, senior BJP leader and MoS V Muraliedharan termed

the reception for a "ship with construction material" a publicity stunt.

What is the project?

Located near Thiruvananthapuram, Vizhinjam is India's first international deep-water transshipment port. It has a natural depth of more than 18 meters, scalable up to 20 meters, which is crucial to get large vessels and mother ships. It is located 10 nautical miles from the international shipping route.

The Rs 7,600-crore project is being executed by Adani Ports and SEZ Private Limited.

Attempts to execute the project were made by successive regimes. Finally in 2015, the then Congress government inked a deal with the Adani Group. Of the total invest-

ment, the Adani Group would invest Rs 2,454 crore and another Rs 1,635 crore would be mobilised from the state and Centre.

Which vessel docked at Vizhinjam?

Hong Kong-flagged Zhenhu Hua 15 docked at the seaport under construction. This is meant for moving cargo from ships to the shore. Seven more such cranes would be brought from China in the coming months.

Why is a transshipment port needed?

India has 13 major ports. What it lacks is a land-side mega-port to deal with ultra-large container ships. Hence, nearly 75% of India's transshipment cargo is handled at ports like Colombo, Singapore, and Klang.

Developing a port into a transshipment hub will bring in benefits such as forex savings, foreign direct investment, development of related logistics infrastructure, employment generation, and increase in revenue share.

Why was the project delayed?

The Adani group in 2015 promised that the project would be ready in 1,000 days. However, it missed deadlines several times since 2019, mainly due to the delay in the construction of a breakwater.

The 2017 Ockhi cyclone, the Covid-19 pandemic, acute shortage of granite boulders to build the 3.1-km breakwater, and last year's fishermen protest against the project contributed to the delay.

Severe spell of drought in the Amazon: Causes, impact, warning bells

ALIND CHAUHAN
 NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE AMAZON rainforest is reeling under a severe drought. Numerous rivers vital for commuting have dried up, resulting in no water, food, or medicine in villages of Indigenous communities. The Rio Negro, one of the world's largest rivers by discharge levels, has fallen to a record low level of 13.59 metres near the city of Manaus, Brazilian authorities said on Monday.

"We have never seen anything like this. It is the worst drought in history," said Wilson Lima, the governor of Amazonas (a Brazilian state, covered almost entirely by the Amazon rainforest). He has declared a state of emergency in more than 50 towns and cities of Amazonas, *The Financial Times* reported.

The latest calamity is another addition

to the long list of causes that are accelerating the destruction of the Amazon, called the planet's lungs. The rainforest covers nearly seven million square kilometres, or about the area of Australia, and stores more than 150 billion metric tonnes of carbon. In the past five decades, between 17 and 20 per cent of the Amazon has been destroyed.

Its complete destruction would cause havoc, accelerate climate change, and increase the frequency of droughts and floods across the world.

Wildfires, dead fish

The present spell of drought began in June and has persisted. As a result, water levels have dropped and fish and river dolphins, known as boto, have been washing up dead — their rotting carcasses contaminating water supply in some areas.

The lack of water has also stalled operations of a major hydropower dam in the



A boy walks on a dry area of a stream that flows into the Rio Negro. Reuters

region and left tens of thousands of people stranded in remote jungle villages, with limited access to water, food, and other sup-

plies. Brazilian authorities fear that about 500,000 people may be affected due to the drought by the end of October.

"There's just dirt now where the river used to be," Ruth Martins, 50, a leader of Boca do Mamirauá, a tiny riverside community in the Amazon, told *The New York Times*.

The extreme dry conditions have made the rainforest more vulnerable to wildfires. So far this month, Amazonas has witnessed 2,700 blazes — the highest ever noted for the month of October since the records began 25 years ago, according to Brazil's National Institute for Space Research.

Because of smoke from wildfires, air quality in Manaus has plummeted to hazardous levels.

Simultaneous natural events

Droughts aren't unheard of in the Amazon. Most recently, the rainforest witnessed a dry spell in 2021, the worst in at least 90 years. The latest drought is proba-

bly even more severe as two simultaneous natural events have hindered cloud formation, reducing the already low rainfall levels.

One of them is the onset of El Nino, which refers to an abnormal warming of surface waters in the equatorial Pacific Ocean. The weather pattern is known to trigger extreme heat.

The other weather event is the unusually high water temperatures in the northern tropical Atlantic Ocean. Due to warmer ocean waters, heated air rises into the atmosphere, which then reaches the Amazon rainforest. The warm air inhibits the formation of clouds, causing rainfall to drop sharply.

A grim future

Over the years, several studies have indicated that with rising global temperatures, the Amazon will experience longer and more frequent droughts. A 2022 study, published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, said if humans

continue burning fossil fuels at the current rate, the rainforest would experience major drought nine out of every 10 years by 2060.

A different 2022 study, published in the journal *Nature*, revealed that the Amazon has become slower at recovering from longer periods of drought over the past 20 years and is nearing its tipping point. Beyond the tipping point, it would transform from a lush green forest into drier open savanna, releasing the large amount of stored carbon, and thus exacerbating global warming.

There is an urgent need to curb deforestation and greenhouse gas emissions to protect the Amazon, and, where possible, reforest the degraded swathes, according to experts. Elena Shevliakova, a scientist at the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told *Scientific American* that the rainforest might appear like a distant world, but everyone on Earth is connected to its fate. "Losing the Amazon is going to affect everybody," she added.



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THE DEFECT OF EQUALITY IS THAT WE ONLY
DESIRE IT WITH OUR SUPERIORS.
— HENRY BECQUE

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

It's back on us

On marriage equality, the buck has been passed — to legislature, and queer community. Change will come



VIVEK DIVAN

CEASE THE FIRE

After the Gaza hospital blast, the crisis seems more intractable, Israel is in a more difficult position than before

BEFORE AND BEYOND the claims and counter-claims around the blast at al-Ahli al-Arabi hospital in Gaza, is a stark and disturbing reality, visible to anyone who cares to take a look in the digital age: Hundreds of people are dead and several injured in a place of refuge and healing, and the terrible loss and suffering is likely to continue. Israel has claimed that it is not responsible for the attack — which comes 11 days after the Hamas strikes, the deadliest in decades — and has cited what it calls evidence in support. Initially, the Israeli military suggested that the blast was the result of a failed rocket launch by Hamas, and that it was actually due to a Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) rocket barrage. Hamas and PIJ have denied the accusation. Whatever the truth of the matter, Israel is now in a more difficult situation than it was before the attack from a security and geopolitical perspective. If it continues with its offensive in Gaza, international support — which is already fragile — for Israel's actions will continue to dwindle.

The blast has cast a shadow over US President Joe Biden's Israel visit. While there was little doubt that Biden would be unequivocal in his support to Tel Aviv — he has stated that the hospital blast “appears as though it was done by the other team” — there was hope that he would also counsel restraint as well as try to bring actors from across West Asia to the negotiating table. But the situation on the streets in the aftermath of the blast across the Arab world and the cancellation of Biden's summit-level meeting in Jordan have put paid to those hopes. The wide protests after Iran-backed Hezbollah's call for a “day of rage” to coincide with Biden's visit are a disturbing portent. The outrage following the tragedy in Gaza makes it more difficult for the Arab leadership to engage with Israel and walks back the breakthroughs in the Abraham Accords of 2020.

The fact is that there is no easy way out of the current conflict. The attack by Hamas has precipitated a muscular, military response from Israel. But the longer the violence draws on, the worse it is for everyone, including Israel. A prolonged ground offensive in Gaza will be, in essence, a “counter-terrorist” battle with guerrilla forces without easy or definitive victories. Casualties on both sides will be significant and Israel's adversaries in the region may feel emboldened and even attempt to open up another military front. The diplomatic costs of the conflict, too, are steadily growing. Until the recent deadly attack by Hamas and Israel's brutal response, a real possibility of a peaceful and inter-connected West Asia had emerged with the signs of thaw between Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Israel. That possibility has now receded. As a first step, for long-term peace, the government of Israel should suspend military action so that humanitarian aid can reach civilians in Gaza and beyond. It is only in a respite from violence that a conversation on how to move forward can begin.

NOWHERE IN THE world where queer sex has been decriminalised, has law reform that introduced marriage equality followed within five years. Indeed, even where civil partnership rights have been recognised for queer people, it has often taken several years for marital rights to then be conferred. To expect such rapid change in India — an even more complex context given personal laws — was to be untethered from reality. And, to expect the Supreme Court to provide marriage equality in such a context was naïve at best. After witnessing the hearings in the case, any wise reader of the bench should have known that the claim for marriage equality was not on the cards.

I, for one, am glad the court did not “legislate” queer marriage. To bestow that would need amendments to several laws, which is the domain of the people's elected representatives, not a selected few jurists. In a nation that still hangs on to the vestiges of democracy, it is frightening to imagine the tyranny of these few over the lives of millions on any given issue. This was never a case to be debated in the courtroom, but one which required robust thought and detailed understanding of the law reform required to provide queer people with relationship rights through the legislature. Such effort requires not the lurch towards filing writ petitions, but the hard work of engaging with the larger diverse queer community, understanding our priorities and needs, amplifying our realities, strategically thinking of how we can be represented, and sensitising and advocating with those in positions of power whose understandings need to be enhanced. This is time-consuming, participatory work, but then nothing worthwhile comes easy. Most of us in the queer community know this well, having worked for decades to rid India of Section 377.

What lies ahead for the queer community? The evidence that has been documented and presented to the Court is only but a little of all that exists to reveal the inequality and violence that queer people face in their daily lives. Whether a committee is set up or not, it is crucial for us to augment this data and use it to advocate for equity, so that the need for change becomes undeniable to even the naysayers. Here, the Court suggests where our energies may lie — not only at the level of the Union government but perhaps also where there is leeway in working with state governments to foster progressive reform.

The judgment of the Supreme Court has been disappointing not because it rejects marriage equality, but because of some of the other things it does not go far enough to do. For example, the non-recognition of discriminatory acts against queer live-in relationships as actionable claims while foisting responsibility on the legislature, is a failure of the court to exercise judicial review. While the Court uses lofty themes of dignity, inclusivity, and empowerment, ultimately it is the implementation of its directives that will give real meaning to much of the substance of the ruling. After all, like the Puttaswamy judgment on privacy, if such decisions are followed daily in the breach, then they are as valuable as the paper they are written on.

Another example of seeming half-heartedness is the Court asking the government to set up a committee to look into the issues brought before it. While lending some clarity on the scope and composition of this forum, the court fails to indicate a timeframe. Recall this: In 2018 while decriminalising queer people, the same court directed the State to “ensure that this judgment is given wide publicity through the public media... at regular intervals, and initiate programmes to reduce and finally eliminate the stigma” against queer people. Further, and “above all, all government officials, including and in particular police officials... be given periodic sensitisation and awareness training of the plight” of queer persons. Five years later, absolutely nothing has been done in this regard. There is no reason to believe that a committee to look into equality claims by queer people will be set up and made meaningfully functional.

But with every setback, we must look for glimmers of hope. Fortunately, two petitions before the Court — Borah and Kajal — brought these issues to the fore, which the court made vital observations on. For example, the Court

requires the State to step up and demonstrate the best of its instincts and the fullness of its duties to be the protector of the marginalised. The Court recognises in clear terms that all forms of violence against queer people are rampant, and that they are entitled to the protection of the State, which is also responsible for its prevention. Indeed, more specifically, it directs the police machinery to take several measures, including to not harass people due to their queerness or to force them to return to violent natal homes. The court also views the forced mutilation of intersex persons, and sexual orientation conversion and gender identity ‘treatments’ as violence, and directs the government to ensure that these are halted immediately. This lifeline is critical to the lives of several queer people. But, it requires the full weight of the State to guarantee through implementation.

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The buck has been passed — not just to the legislature, but also back to the queer community to organise and work in unison on a long yet likely rewarding path.

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LAGGING BEHIND

Indian society is slowly but surely accepting queer relationships. It is up to judiciary and legislature to catch up

FAR FROM THE halls where justice is pronounced and forums where laws are made, a momentous change has been quietly underway. On September 18, 21-year-old Manisha married her 27-year-old partner, Dimple, at a ceremony where she came dressed as the groom and the bride wore red. Their families and friends were there to celebrate the wedding, which was officiated by the priests at Gurdwara Kalgidhar Sahib in Bathinda. “I am content with how society has responded to our daughter's marriage. People shouldn't interfere in others' choices,” Manisha's mother said, according to a report in this paper (‘If two people are happy, why should anyone object?’, IE, October 18). It is a sentiment that is increasingly echoed in towns and villages, gais and qasbas throughout the country — sometimes loud and assertive, often quiet yet insistent. Even as the Supreme Court passed the marriage equality bill back into Parliament's court in its October 17 verdict, the growing evidence for Indian society's slow but sure progress down the road to acceptance of queer relationships is hard to ignore.

Take the case of Aditi Anand and Susan Dias, among the petitioners for marriage equality, who wrote in these pages about the hope embodied by their son and his friends, who are growing up without homophobia, and the participation of the school management and other parents in effecting this change (‘We will get there’, IE, October 18). Others among the petitioners who went to the Supreme Court, seeking the right to marry, have similar stories of love finding a wider social acceptance — after all, 53 per cent of Indians, according to the results of a survey by the Pew Research Centre, released earlier this year, favour marriage equality. It is a change that is reflected in — and arguably, enabled by — films and shows, such as *Made in Heaven*, *Badhaai Do*, *Mujaa Ma*, and *Khuffiya*, which centre, with compassion and care, the stories of LGBTQ+ characters, giving expression to hopes and dreams not so different from those of other Indians.

History shows that whether it's temple entry, abolition of untouchability or even the decriminalisation of non-heterosexual relationships, vast social changes can flow in two directions — from institutions to society, via laws and judicial interventions, and from society to institutions, when customs change and traditions are expanded to accommodate differences and institutions must then take note. Many of these stories and examples signify an irreversible cultural shift, of the kind that is also seen in the growing affirmation of queer rights and freedoms. It is now up to the legislature and judiciary to catch up.

CARBON CONUNDRUM

A climate researcher loses his job because he refused to take a flight. But does individual sacrifice make a difference?

EVER SINCE THE enormity of climate change dawned on the world, it has been apparent that leading a low-carbon lifestyle holds the key to resolving the crisis. That's easier said than done. Though using the AC a little less or eating millet instead of steak does help, walking the climate talk involves much more than personal choices. The pace of lives today is overdetermined by fossil fuel-based energy systems and even climate advocacy outfits cannot risk falling off the grid. Research often involves traveling great distances and most campaigners do not have the luxury of opting for a slower commute. This predicament often breeds conflicts like the one last week, between climate researcher Gianluca Grimalda and his employer, the Kiel Institute for Worldwide Economy (IfW) in Germany.

Grimalda has avoided flying after pledging to reduce his GHG footprint 10 years ago. Since March, he has been researching the impacts of climate change in Papua New Guinea. He had reportedly taken a 35-day, 15,000-km overland journey, travelling through Iran, India and Thailand, to reach the southwest Pacific. In the past, IfW supported its employee. But his latest project has been a difficult one for Grimalda, who has defaulted on deadlines. His bosses asked him to return by early October. Grimalda calculated that a flight from Papua New Guinea to Germany would mean a carbon footprint 12 times more than the slow travel option. He paid for his choice with his job.

The conscientious activist and the constrained employer/society need not always be in conflict. Much depends on how people see themselves. A consumer clothes actions, including climate-friendly ones, as personal choices. A citizen, in contrast, recognises that changes at the breakfast table, or those involving travel decisions, are potent only when they feed into collective action — something climate change has sorely lacked.



RAJAN KUMAR

NOT THE OLD MIDDLE EAST

Restraining both Hezbollah and Israel can prevent crisis from spiralling

DEAR EDITOR, I DISAGREE

A column in which readers tell us why, when they differ with the editorial positions or news coverage of 'The Indian Express'

THE HAMAS ASSAULT and the Israeli counter-offensives have once again thrust the Palestinian issue into the spotlight. The magnitude, ferocity and brutality of the Hamas assault have shocked the world. The militants mercilessly killed around 1,300 and abducted roughly 150 people. Hamas' dastardly attack has invited severe criticism from all over the world. In addition, it has undermined the credibility of both Hamas and the Palestinian movement. Embracing reprehensible terrorist methods has tarnished their reputation. If the liberators turn so atrocious, it casts doubt on the very principles they claim to uphold.

An editorial in this paper (‘After terror attack by Hamas on Israel, Old Middle East is back’, IE, October 9) argued that the “Old Middle East” is back, and this will shatter the prospect of a rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Israel. While this assessment is accurate in the short-term, it is unlikely to hold over the long run. First, Hamas cannot fight a long-term war with Israel; regional powers, barring some provocations from Iran, have shown little inclination to escalate the conflict; and finally, Iran's expanding influence in the region will make Saudi Arabia more vulnerable, pushing it closer to the US.

Hamas' attack was to terrorise Israel and galvanise the West Asian states. It may have succeeded in repositioning the Palestine problem, but the states of West Asia are divided in their support of the Palestinian cause. In contrast, it has unified the fractured Israeli government which was in disarray due to internal political strife. Israel has mobilised its society, garnered Western support, and is determined to dispatch ground forces which might change the status quo in Gaza. Israel will not allow Hamas to rule in Gaza now. This is in marked contrast to its erstwhile policy, which tolerated

the de facto rule of Hamas there. Daniel Hagari, a spokesperson for the Israel Defence Forces, stated, “Israel would no longer allow Hamas to exist as an entity next door. We are collapsing the governance and sovereignty of the Hamas organisation.” However, Hamas forces are unlikely to be exterminated, as they can operate from neighbouring territories.

Hamas' ability to sustain the conflict rests entirely on the backing of Hezbollah and Iran. Without their support, the war would end in a couple of weeks. Tehran's support of Hamas is hardly a secret, though it has denied its role in the present crisis. A complex web of networks exists between Hezbollah and Hamas, marked by tactical cooperation as well as rivalry. The Iranian regime has not condemned the brutality of the Hamas assault. Its Foreign Minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, stated that Palestine has a right to resist occupation and blamed Israel squarely for the incident. He nonetheless qualified the statement by saying that “the actions of resistance groups in the Al-Aqsa Storm Operation were entirely Palestinian and self-motivated.” Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi issued a similar statement praising the Palestinian operation against the Zionist regime. Tehran is working overtime to galvanise support in the Arab world. Its foreign minister visited Baghdad, Beirut and Damascus. He also met Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Doha. Iran is trying to mobilise these states and prepare them in case of escalation. It is likely to steer clear of a direct confrontation with Israel at this juncture, but the potential engagement of Hezbollah could compel a shift in its strategy.

These developments have alarmed the Saudis. They are unequivocal in their support for Palestinian statehood but have estranged

their ties with Hamas owing to the latter's proximity to Iran and Turkey. The Saudis are wary of a growing wave of anti-Israel sentiment in the region. They will have to contain the pressure coming from the Arab streets to break all ties with the Jewish state. Riyadh has suspended its negotiations with Israel, but its vulnerability has multiplied. Therefore, Riyadh is likely to remain close to Washington, despite a chill in its ties with Israel. The Saudis cannot depend on China and Russia for their security as Iran has stronger ties with these nations.

Washington will remain engaged in the region for some time now. It is taking extensive measures to contain the crisis by deterring Hezbollah and Iran. It has deployed nuclear-powered *USS Dwight D Eisenhower* and the *USS Gerald R Ford* carriers in the Eastern Mediterranean to intimidate them. Antony Blinken visited Israel, Jordan, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Egypt to assure these states of civilian protection. The Biden Administration avoided provocation by not implicating Iran directly and tempering down its statement from “Israel has the right to defend itself” to call for “civilian protection” and humanitarian aid to Gaza.

In the short-term, restraining both Israel and Hezbollah are the two primary concerns to prevent the crisis from spiralling into a regional conflagration. The international community must protect civilians in Gaza from Israel's counteroffensive. New Delhi should continue to engage with both sides to encourage a ceasefire and a dialogue. In every crisis, there is a silver lining to be discovered. The recognition of Palestine would be the first step in that direction.

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OCTOBER 19, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

FOREIGN HAND IS CLOSE

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi told the army top brass to be vigilant in view of the attempts being made by outside powers to influence the countries in India's neighbourhood. Mrs Gandhi did not name these powers but expressed concern over the worsening global situation which, she said, was having an impact on India and its neighbourhood.

J&K QUESTION AT UN

INDIA ONCE AGAIN took objection to Pakistan's reference to “the unresolved ques-

tion of Jammu and Kashmir” at the UN. “Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India,” counsellor Rajendra Rathore of India's permanent UN mission reiterated in the General Assembly's special committee. Earlier, during a debate on the subject of self-determination, a Pakistani delegate said: “We must draw attention to the unresolved question of Jammu and Kashmir.”

AICC MEETING

WHEN THE CONGRESS (I) held its last AICC session in Delhi in December 1980, Rajiv Gandhi, a pilot, attended briefly as a visitor. But when the AICC (I) begins its three-day

session tomorrow, he will be the second most important personality after his mother. There is another change in atmosphere. The 1980 session was held after Mrs Gandhi's party had swept a parliamentary election. This meet is in the shadow of setbacks.

BLAST IN ASSAM

FOURTEEN PERSONS WERE injured, four of them seriously, when what the police suspect to be a time bomb exploded in a Gauhati city bus. The bomb blast broke a lull in Assam since explosions were reported on September 10 when the agitators had called for a rasta roko agitation.



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Revolution and its sutradhar

M S Swaminathan was more than just a scientist. He was the champion that Indian agriculture lacks today



HARISH DAMODARAN

IN MARCH 1963, after an invitation was extended to him by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) through the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the American agronomist Norman Borlaug came to Delhi and toured the country's major wheat-growing areas to study the crop that was in the grain-filling stage prior to harvesting.

He was accompanied by M S Swaminathan, then the head of IARI's division of botany, and his colleagues, including S P Kohli, M V Rao and V S Mathur. Based on his field observations, Borlaug decided to send about 100 kg seeds each of four semi-dwarf wheat varieties he had bred at Mexico under a Rockefeller Foundation-funded programme — Sonora 63, Sonora 64, Mayo 64 and Lerma Rojo 64A — for testing under Indian conditions.

The seeds arrived in October 1963. Swaminathan — who had first recognised the potential of growing the Mexican varieties and was instrumental in getting Borlaug to India — arranged for their sowing in November, at trial fields in IARI (Delhi) as well as in Ludhiana (Punjab), Pantnagar and Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh), and Pusa (Bihar).

Encouraged by their yield performance at the multi-location trials, Swaminathan, in June 1964, proposed that Borlaug's varieties be planted in the fields of actual farmers, especially smallholders, in the ensuing 1964-65 rabi season. He sought 1,000 such "national demonstrations" to show that the higher yields had to do with the "new plant type" — less tall varieties with strong stems that responded to high-fertiliser doses and didn't bend when their ears were heavy with well-filled grains — and not landholding size. C Subramaniam, the then Union minister of agriculture, approved the programme in August, overruling objections of his officials and Planning Commission economists. They were sceptical about the efficacy or even necessity of the semi-dwarf wheat. Left to them, the multi-location trials would have gone on for years just in research fields.

In November 1964, the seeds of Sonora 64 and Lerma Rojo 64A were sown by farmers from Delhi's Jaunti village. They harvested 4-4.5 tonnes of grain per hectare during April-May 1965, as against their average 1-1.5 tonnes from the existing tall varieties. For Swaminathan, it was a vindication of his faith in both the technology and the absorptive capacity of farmers.

In 1965-66 and 1966-67, India suffered back-to-back droughts. As foodgrain production fell to 72-74 million tonnes (mt), from the previous five years' average of 83 mt, imports soared and touched 10.4 mt in 1966. Swaminathan now pushed for the import of 18,250 tonnes of seeds of the two Mexican varieties. He convinced Subramaniam and also got the then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri to agree after inviting him to see the standing crop of the varieties at IARI's trial fields in March 1965. He simultaneously worked the bureaucracy. His father-in-law S Bhoothalingam being the finance secretary, with the authority to release scarce foreign exchange for the then largest seed shipment in history, definitely helped.

As the imported seeds got planted on a large scale, foodgrain output crossed 95 mt in 1967-68 and 108.5 mt by 1970-71. Wheat production alone more than doubled from 11.4 mt to 23.8 mt between 1966-67 and 1970-71. By this time, Indian scientists — Punjab Agricultural University's D S Athwal and IARI's Kohli — had developed their own Kalyansona and Sonalika varieties through selections from segregating populations of other wheat strains (S 227 and S 308) sent by Borlaug. These produced amber-coloured grains with



C R Sasikumar

better chapati-making quality than the red kernels from the original Mexican varieties.

The purpose of recounting the above details and the chronology of events is to highlight the central role of Swaminathan. The Green Revolution's blockbuster wheat varieties were bred by the likes of Athwal, Kohli and Mathur (Arjun, HD 2285 and HD 2329), just as the legendary G S Khush (IR 36 and IR64), V Rama Chandra Rao (Swarna) and M V Reddy (Samba Mahsuri) did for rice.

Swaminathan's work, as a PhD and post-doctoral researcher at Cambridge and Wisconsin, was primarily in potato genetics and breeding. Yet, he was undoubtedly the master strategist and *sutradhar* (architect) of India's Green Revolution. His ability to keep abreast of global agricultural breakthroughs — tracing the Norin-10 dwarfing genes in wheat from Japan and locating Orville Vogel and Borlaug, who had developed varieties incorporating these in the US and Mexico respectively — and building connections with ministers and top officials as such as scientists made him the conductor of the symphony orchestra.

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Swaminathan wasn't only *sutradhar*; he was also Lord Krishna of Indian agriculture who saw what lay ahead too. As early as January 1968, he flagged the risks of pathogen and pest attacks from mono-cropping ("a sin-

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gle variety...grown in large, contiguous areas") and "unscientific tapping of underground water (leading to) the rapid exhaustion of this wonderful capital resource left to us through ages of natural farming".

The Green Revolution relied on breeding varieties enabling farmers to apply more nutrients and water. This "more input, more output strategy" has yielded diminishing returns over time, apart from being environmentally and financially unsustainable. A younger Swaminathan of the 21st century would, perhaps, have focused on technologies for improved nutrient and water use efficiency ("less input, more output") and breeding for climate change. He would have championed cutting-edge agricultural biotechnology, gene modification and editing research with the same zeal as with the semi-dwarf wheat and rice varieties.

Indian agriculture today lacks champions like Swaminathan and Kurien who could have the ear of the political leadership. They had a strategic vision for the sector that placed the farmer at the centre in their overall scheme of things.

There aren't many scientists for whom farmers would have observed a *bhog* and *antim ardas* funeral service, as was done for Swaminathan at a gurdwara in Punjab earlier this month. For them, he was a *Kisanan Da Masiha* (a messiah of the farmers). Prime Minister Narendra Modi said pretty much the same, when he called him not a "Krishi Vaigyanik" (agricultural scientist), but a "Kisan Vaigyanik" — a farmers' scientist.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The US and other governments believed that the conflict at the heart of the Middle East was unsolvable but manageable, and could be sidelined. It appears all the more impossible to manage now — and yet that is precisely why the US and others must attempt to do so." — THE GUARDIAN

Whose body, whose rights

For women seeking reproductive autonomy, there is agony and disappointment at the end of the mazes they navigate



SNEHA BANERJEE

A WOMAN'S QUEST to terminate her pregnancy was under the spotlight in the Supreme Court this month, with the Court finally denying her permission earlier this week. She is a 27-year-old mother of two, with an unwanted pregnancy conceived during lactational amenorrhoea, reportedly suffering from and undergoing treatment to address a high toll on her mental health postpartum since her second child. Ideally, in a country like India — one of the first in the Global South to have a population policy — which promotes the two-child norm, a woman seeking termination to avoid being a mother the third time over, should not have ruffled feathers like it did. After all, in stark contrast to several countries, regulation of abortion in India is (rightfully) celebrated as liberal until, of course, we are faced with cases such as this petitioner's. The contentious issue in this case was that it is a 26-weeks pregnancy, beyond the permissible gestational limit prescribed in the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 2021. There is arguably no absolute right to abortion — it is conditional and primacy is accorded to medical practitioners' opinion on cases that aren't straightforward with regard to the conditions laid out in the law.

In a brief span of time, this case was scrutinised by two different multi-judge benches of the apex court, including one headed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud that ruled against the petitioner. The matter came before this bench after a split verdict by Justices Hima Kohli and B V Nagarathna. The case had been heard by the Supreme Court in early October and permission for termination had been granted in consonance with the assessment provided by the concerned Medical Board. It was revisited when a doctor who was also a member of that Board, sought clarification about the mode and exact specificities of carrying out the termination. After noting her displeasure about this new communication from someone who ought to have raised these concerns in the original report itself, Justice Kohli nevertheless cited her "judicial conscience" to not permit the termination in disagreement with Justice Nagarathna.

What appears to have triggered the appeal to "conscience" as well as much of the sensationalist attention that this case has received, is the evocatively interchangeable use of the terms "foetus", "child" and "baby", given the advanced stage of pregnancy and questions of "viability" of life at that stage. Moreover, at this stage, the mode of termination was likely to be preterm birth with or without intervening with the foetal heart rate and, hence, concerns around "feticide" were highlighted by the doctor who sought clarification. The way she elaborately described the details of the medical procedures that must be resorted to and repeatedly re-

ferred to the foetus in question as "baby", it is clear that there was a latent personal discomfort as well as over-caution regarding the termination process, possible preterm birth and aftercare. Yet, Justice Nagarathna emphasised the "primacy [that] must be given [...] by all concerned including courts of law" to the petitioner's decision to terminate. She cited Justice DY Chandrachud's observation in the 2022 *Ms X* case that "every pregnant woman has the intrinsic right to choose to undergo or not to undergo abortion without any consent or authorisation from a third party" in her ruling, underscoring reproductive autonomy. In the judgment, however, the bench headed by the CJI has not paid heed to this aspect.

In 2021, the MTP Act, 1971 was amended to raise the permissible limit of gestational duration from 20 to 24 weeks. It further instituted provisions for the constitution of Medical Boards whose powers were delineated in the Rules to streamline considerations for requests to terminate a pregnancy beyond 24 weeks. This amendment sought to address the fact that petitioners had routinely approached the courts for permission beyond the upper gestational limit prescribed in the law, and there has been sufficient evidence to demonstrate that such a revision could be reasonably reflected in the law. Even when the present case isn't the first such plea seeking termination beyond the revised permissible limit after the amendment, it is one that pushed the limits of ethical considerations for abortion that is fraught with globally discernible "pro-choice" and "pro-life" polarisations.

This petitioner did not approach the court from a position of victimhood, rather that of a citizen with agency. Her pregnancy has been conceived within the socially sanctioned ambit of heterosexual marriage, she is battling postpartum psychosis but is not "of unsound mind". There seem to be no foetal anomalies, but she has foregrounded her unwillingness to have another child irrespective. In her affidavit, she categorically stated that she doesn't "want to keep the baby even if survives. The government can take care of the baby in case it survives and can even give it in adoption or whatever it deems suitable" (sic). In this sense, she articulated her request as a matter of right, to exercise a reproductive choice, and seeking support from the State for safe abortion services. All of which India has endorsed in the 1994 Cairo Declaration on Population and Development and re-asserts in principle and as commitments in its laws and policies. Given the pitting of a debatably "viable life" against her individual bodily autonomy, she held her ground, challenging notions of sacrificial womanhood. Unfortunately, there seems to be agony and disappointment for women at the end of the mazes they navigate to seek ever elusive reproductive autonomy. Despite avowed goals of "empowerment", is it a foregone conclusion that women are not to stake claims on their own bodies, on their own terms? The answer is blowing in the wind.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE ROAD AHEAD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Door is ajar' (IE, October 18). The Supreme Court's refusal to accord legal recognition to marriages between persons of the same sex is a huge setback. In effect, the Court has accepted the government's view that any move to legalise same-sex marriages will fall in the legislature's domain. There was widespread expectation that the five-judge Constitution Bench would grant marriage rights under the Special Marriage Act. However, the majority verdict has underscored the discrimination and harassment the community faces. Authorities now have a key role to play in sensitising the public. It is up to the legislature to create a relevant legal framework.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

FERRYING HOPE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A ferry to Jaffna' (IE, October 18). The renewed ferry service will foster stronger bonds between people on both sides of the Palk Strait. In an era where connectivity often happens through digital screens, this is a testament to the enduring significance of human interaction. The revitalisation of the India-Sri Lanka ferry service represents a leap of faith. It could be a catalyst for deeper trade ties and enhance economic stability in the region.

SS Paul, Nadia

EXCLUSIONARY BILL

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'With strings attached' (IE, October 18). No quota for women from the OBC and minority communities in the Women's Reservation Bill leaves little doubt that it is meant to perpetuate the sway of the caste groups that call the shots. Past experience has shown that the elected women members of Parliament and state assemblies belonging to higher castes seldom make common cause with their sisters from marginalised sections. Absence of a quota will lead to further political marginalisation.

SH Quadri, Bikaner

TWO SIDES OF A COIN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Those Congress cannot see' (IE, October 18). The writer has rightly brought up the issue of political bias in magnifying rivals' errors while hiding its own. The Congress certainly has no monopoly on this because all parties including BJP do the same. This was evidenced by the whataboutery over the viral video of two Kuki women paraded naked during the Manipur riots when PM Modi pointed to women's atrocities in opposition-ruled states. Congress has historically opposed OBC reservation, but Rahul Gandhi publicly admitted that that was a mistake. Can we expect a similar gesture from the BJP?

LR Murmu, New Delhi

I am disappointed but hopeful

Court hasn't done enough but legislation for same-sex marriage will come



DUTEE CHAND

MY PARTNER Monalisa and I, like so many others in the country, were hoping that the Supreme Court would pave the way for the legalisation of same-sex marriage on Tuesday. Old and outdated laws have been struck down in our country in the past. Both of us were eagerly looking forward to some positive news. I am disappointed but still hopeful — I believe legislation that allows for same-sex marriage will be passed in Parliament soon. India is a democratic country and allowing for same-sex marriage will only give joy to more people.

I got the courage to speak about being in a same-sex relationship only when the Supreme Court decriminalised Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code a few years ago. Clearing the way for same-sex marriage would have been the next step.

Take our case. We were planning to get married next year because we were confi-

dent the Supreme Court would allow for it. In that sense, it is a setback. We may still have a ceremony and get married next year but it won't be recognised by society in the way it should be. But we will surely have a marriage ceremony even if things don't change. We want to experience the traditional customs associated with a wedding.

It is not that what people say matter to me but when other countries have allowed for same-sex marriage, one is hopeful the same happens in India. Now, when we go out sometimes people ask me who Monalisa is. Not that this question irks me but it would be nice to say that she is my wife. The questions would end and people would look at us like any other couple. The Supreme Court has its own reasons for asking the Parliament to decide. I don't want to get into that. But if same-sex marriage is allowed, criticism of same-sex couples will stop. Some of them find it difficult to be un-

der constant scrutiny, or to be asked uncomfortable questions.

Also there are practical problems same-sex couples face when it comes to documentation and paperwork, be it for health, bank accounts or even for a visa. If I want to pass on my property to my partner in the future, it can get complicated. When we get older, there will be further complications. Monalisa and I have been staying together in Bhubaneswar since 2018. We first met at a puja ceremony and have been together since. Initially, when people got to know that we were a same-sex couple, they said things which were not nice. But slowly their mind-set changed because both of us were brave. There were tough times, but we didn't let it come in the way of our love. What people need to understand is that we are in love with each other and it is not that I forced her to stay with me or vice versa.

We have gone through ups and downs like all other couples who stay under one roof but it is the love that forms a strong bond and makes us happy, no matter what we have had to face. I have always believed that people should be able to live and share their lives with whoever they want. There is no greater emotion than love and nothing should come in the way of the joy of two consenting people.

Nowadays, people are more understanding and the snide remarks have more or less stopped. These days we are asked the question: When are the two of you getting married?

The Supreme Court has put in place safeguards and given rights to those in same-sex relationships, but I wish it had done more.

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4 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

Classifieds

PERSONAL

VARSHA ISSAR W/O VIKRAM ISSAR, R/O 24/8, S.F., ASHOK NAGAR, DELHI, have changed my name to **VERSHA ISSAR** for all purposes. 0040694262-1

It is for general information that I, Hoshiyar Singh Bisht S/o Damar Singh Bisht R/o Bhagwanpur Jaisingh, PO-Kathgharia, Anand Vihar, Haryana, Nainital, Uttarakhand-263139, declare that name of mine and my wife has been wrongly written as Hoshiyar Singh Bist and Anita Bist respectively in my Pension Payment Order S/031088/2008 of Army and Army Service Record Book. The actual name of mine and my wife is Hoshiyar Singh Bisht and Anita Bist respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0070869084-1

I, ZAHID HUSSAIN S/O JAMALUDDIN R/O HNO. E-16/1001, BLOCK-E, BAPA NAGAR, KAROL BAGH, DELHI-110005, CHANGED MY NAME TO JAHID HUSAIN. 0040694352-3

I, YOGENDRA PRATAP CHAUHAN, S/O CHHATRA PAL SINGH CHAUHAN, R/O FLAT NO-1008, TOWER-C, JANARA ESTATE GARDEN, SECTOR-16, GREATER NOIDA-WEST, GAUTAMBUDDH-NAGAR, U.P.-201301, changed my name to **YOGENDRA PRATAP SINGH CHAUHAN.** 0040694366-3

I, Vijayendra Sharma, S/O Ramnarain, R/O, H.No.220/26, Gali no. 4, Suri petrol pump wali gali, Vishal-nagar sonipat, Haryana, have changed my name to **Vijayendra Kumar,** for all purpose. 0040694357-4

I, Varun V S/o Shri Veeramani A.R/O H.No. 771, P&T Quarters, Sector-6, R K Puram Sector-6, South West Delhi, Delhi-110022 inform that **Varun V & Varun Veeramani** is the name of one and same person. 0040694203-1

I, UMA W/O KISHOR KUMAR, H.NO-2391, PUNJABI BASTI, SUBZI MANDI, GHANTA GHAR, MALKA GANJ, DELHI-110007, have changed my name to **UMA SAXENA,** for all, future purposes. 0040694352-2

I, TAJENDER KAUR, W/O TEJINDER PAL SINGH, R/O 31, CLUB ROAD, PRAGATI APARTMENT, PASCHIM-VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110063, have changed my name to **TAJINDER KAUR.** 0040694347-3

I, Susmita Mohanty W/o Satyajit Das R/O 201, Devika Apartment, Sec-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad (UP), have changed my name to **Susmita Das** for all purposes. 0040694340-4

I, Suman Bala Yadav, W/o Brahm Dutt, H.no. 556, wad no.31, Sector-52, Wazirabad Gurgaon Haryana, have changed my name to **Suman Bala,** for all purposes. 0040694361-6

I, Savita w/o Rajesh Kumar R/o House No.99, poth kalan, Delhi-110086, have changed my name from **Savita Devi** to **Savita** for all future purposes. 0040694357-10

I, Satnam W/o Pawan Kumar, R/O WZ-422B, Raj Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name **Satnam Sangwan** to **Satnam** for all future purposes. 0040694361-5

I, Salim Ahmad S/o Rashid Ahmad R/O 12A/26, 26 E. Gali No.11, Vijay-Mohalla, Maujpur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to **Saleem Ahmed** for all purposes. 0040694364-1

I, Salla D/o Shri Wazid Hussain, R/O, House No.E-13/6 A/FF, Block-C-13, Hauz Rani, New Delhi-110017, have changed my name to **Saila Khan,** for all purposes. 0040694361-11

I, Sukhwinder Kaur, W/o Ajit Singh, R/O FZ-195, Syed Nangloi, Paschim vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my name to **Sukhwinder Kaur.** 0040694347-4

I, SIDHDHARTH DAGAR, S/O, HARENDRA SINGH DAGAR, R/O C-16, PARAMOUNT GOLF COURSE- SITE C- EXTENSION PHASE-1, SURAJPUR, GREATER NOIDA, UP, 201306, HAVE CHANGED MY FATHERS NAME, FROM **HARINDER SINGH DAGAR** TO **HARENDRA SINGH DAGAR.** 0040694347-8

I, SHEHZEEN SHARF, W/O Mohd Zakir, R/O 1082/1, 1st-floor, Katra Gulam-Mohammad, Lal Kuan, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to **SHAHZEEN,** permanently. 0040694361-2

I, SAMA PARVEEN, W/o Mohd Hasan, R/O F2-425, gali no-3, Sunder-Nagri, Delhi-93, declare that name of my has been wrongly written as **Sabeena parveen** in my minor son **Mohd Ahzan** age-13 years in his school-records. The actual name is **Sama Parveen** for all the future purposes. 0040694361-7

I, Rohtash Singh, S/O Ram Prashad, Add: 22 Masih Garh Sukhdev Vihar, New Friends Colony, South Delhi, Delhi-110025, changed my name to **Rohtash kumar.** 0040694357-8

Cyrus Effie Monteiro S/O Lawrence Hermenegildo Monteiro R/O 35-D, Shatabdi Vihar Apartments, E-15, Sector-61, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 have changed my name to **Cyrus Monteiro** for All the Future Purposes. 0070869018-1

I, Rahul Kumar, S/o-Ashok Kumar, Add-Plot-no.09, River Heights-Society, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh -201017, changed my name to **Rahul Vats** 0040694357-1

I, RINKI KUMARI AGARWAL, W/O DEEPANSHU AGGARWAL, R/O 39-B, G AND JU BLOCK, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034, have changed my name to **RINKI KUMARI AGRAWAL.** 0040694357-2

I, REMANI KOOLIKKADAVU NARAYANAN, W/O, SAJEEV PANKAJAKSHAN, ADD-B-584, SECOND FLOOR, SUDERSHAN PARK RAMESH-NAGAR, WEST-DELHI-110015, changed my name to **REMANI SAJEEV,** for all, future purposes. 0040694357-6

I, Puja Malhotra, D/o-Deepak Kumar Malhotra R/O-9/17, FF, East Patel-Nagar Delhi-8, have changed my name to **Pooja Malhotra.** 0040694357-3

I, Priyanka Gupta W/o Vaibhav Gupta R/O 715, Tower-3, Ashiana Upvan Ahinsakhand-2, Indirapuram Ghaziabad (U.P.) have changed my name to **Priyanka Ghiya** for all purposes. 0040694340-3

I, Pradeep Kumar, S/O- Shri Jaipal Singh, R/O L-40A, Upper Ground Floor, Gali No.5, Vijay Vihar, Phase-2, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my minor son name from **Aarav** to **Aarav Kumar.** 0040694366-1

I, Parveen Yadav, S/o Desh Raj Yadav, R/O P-27, 4th-Floor, P-Block, Uppal-South End, Sec-48, Fazilpur, Gurgaon, Haryana-122101, have changed my name to **Praveen Yadav,** for all purposes. 0040694364-2

I, Parveen S/o Mogi R/o-1083 H-3 Block, Jahangirpuri Delhi-110033 changed my minor son name **Kiran Kumar** to **Karan Rathod** 0040694361-8

I, PRADEEP KUMAR, S/O-Late Shri. Ram Nath, R/O D-114-A, Krishna Park, Devili Road, Khanpur, New Delhi-110080, inform that **PRADEEP KUMAR** and **PARDEEP KUMAR,** both names are same persons. My correct name is **PRADEEP KUMAR.** 0040694361-6

I, Neeraj Kumari W/o Shishpal Singh R/O B-9/360, First Floor, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to **Neeraj Kumar.** 0040694357-9

I, Ayasha W/o, Shahid Ahmed, R/o 36/339 Himmatpuri, Delhi-110091, Have Changed My Name To **Aisha Ahmed,** For Future. 0040694370-1

I, Neel kamal, s/o Mahinder Singh R/o, House, num.4, Gali, num.3 Block-c, sheetla-colony, Gurgaon-122001, Have changed my name **neel kamal singh.** 0040694361-4

I, Nareesh Goel S/O Darbari Lal Goel residing at B - 5/, 26, Krishna Nagar, East delhi-110051, have changed my name to **Nareesh Kumar Goel,** infutur for all purpose, vide affidavit dated 17/10/2023 at Delhi 0050228932-1

I, NEETU SRIVASTAVA, W/O SHARAD KUMAR, H.NO-20/276, DMS- COLONY, HARI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110064, have changed my minor son name, from **YASHNEIL NARAIN** to **YASHNEIL NARAIN SRIVASTAVA.,** 0040694347-9

I, Mohd Shafiq, S/o-Mohd Sadiq, R/O-Z-1P/248, Welcome, Seelampur-III, Delhi-110053, that my Father's name, has been, wrongly written, as **Mohd Sidiq,** in my passport. The actual name of my father **Mohd Sadiq,** 0040694370-3

I, Mohd Hanif, S/O Abdul Lateef, House, No 748, Chowki Suwalan, DaryaGanj, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to **Mohd Haneef,** for all, future Purposes. 0070869054-1

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Sh. Uday Singh R/o H.No.5/358, Trilok Puri, Delhi-110091, inform that my name in my daughter's name **Arkansa** of 9th class in **Guru Harkishan Public School Hargobind Enclave Delhi-110044** that my name in school record wrongly written as **Vinod** instead of **Vinod Kumar.** **Vinod Kumar** and **Vinod** are same and one person. 0040694276-1

I, MOHAMMAD ZUHAIB KHAN, S/O Mohammad Arif Khan, R/O-1347, Chitli Qabar Phatak ban walia Suwalan-Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to **ZUHAIB KHAN,** permanently. 0040694361-1

I, MOHGHALI, W/O DEEPAK MEGHJI, R/O SHREE BALAJI RESIDENCY-C-704, PLOT, NO-9 MALL-ROAD, AHINSA KHAND-2 INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U.P 201014, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **MEGHALI DUBEY.** 0040694347-6

I, MANJIT KAUR W/O GURPREET SINGH, R/O-14/411 BLOCK-14 SUBHASH-NAGAR DELHI-110027, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **MANJEET KAUR.** 0040694352-6

I, M. Abdullah Azhar, S/o-Mohd Azhar Khan, residing at F-68, Second Floor, Street No.10, West Jawahar Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to **Mohd Abdullah Azhar** 0040694350-1

I, Geeta Kumar D/o Sh. Om Prakash Arora W/o Sh. Mukesh Kumar R/O 204, Kewal Kunj Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to **Geeta** for all purposes. 0040694265-3

I, KUNAL S/O KISHOR, H.NO-2391, PUNJABI BASTI, SUBZI MANDI, GHANTA-GHAR, MALKA GANJ, DELHI-110007, have changed my name to **KUNAL SAXENA,** for all, future purposes. 0040694352-1

I, KANTA PRASHAD S/O-GOPAL DUTT R/O-H.NO-G-1/366 RAJ NAGAR PART-II, PALAM COLONY DELHI-110045, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **KANTA PRASAD.** 0040694350-3

I, JEENA W/O-ARUN SASIDHARAN PILLAI, Presently residing at, **Devi Sadanam, Kuzhimathad (P.O.), Kottarakkara, Kollam (Dist.), Kerala-691509,** have changed my name, from **JEENA TO JEENA G,** vide-Affidavit, dated-18.10.2023 0040694370-5

I, Dishita D/o Manoj Kumar Sharma R/O A-602, Royal Tower, Sector-61, Noida (U.P.) have changed my name to **Dishita Sharma** for all purposes. 0040694340-1

I, Mansuri s/o Yaqub Mansuri r/o 2815/2E gali no-12 Chanderpuri kailash nagar gandhi nagar Delhi-110031, have changed my name to **Dilshad Mansoori** 0070869057-1

I, DINESH S/O, SATYAVRAT, HOUSE, NO.42 VILLAGE- MUKANDPUR TEH-BAHADURGARH, HAJJAR, HARYANA- 124507, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME **DINESH CHHIKARA.** 0040694370-2

I, Manoj Kumar Sharma R/O A-602, Royal Tower, Sector-61, Noida (U.P.) have changed my son's name from **Aran** to **Aran Sharma** for all purposes. 0040694340-2

I, Dilbagh Arora, S/o Sh. Dhakwa Dass Arora, R/O-BE-57, Third-Floor (Right-Side), Hari-Nagar, New Delhi-110064, hereby declare that **DIL BAGH ARORA** and **DILBAGH ARORA** are one and the same person. 0040694357-2

I, DHANVEER SINGH, S/O- RAJNIT SINGH KALSIA, ADD-70-MEERA KUNJ, CHANDER VIHAR-NILOTHI EXTN, WEST DELHI-110041, Changed My Name To **DHANVEER SINGH KALSIA,** for all, future purposes. 0040694357-5

I, CHANDRA LEKHA AGRAWALS/O SHYAM SUNDER LAL, R/O FLAT NO-24177, TOWER-23, MARVELLA MAHAGUNI WOODS SEC-16C, GREATER-NOIDA WEST, GAUTAM BUDDHA-NAGAR, UP-201009, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM **CHANDRA LEKHA AGRAWAL** TO **CHANDRA LEKHA.** 0040694347-7

I, Bidhan Naskar, s/o Sushanta Naskar, r/o c-138 first-floor, back-side, Hari-nagar, Delhi-110027, have changed my name to **Bidhan chandra Naskar.** 0040694347-5

I, Ashiya Begum, w/o Mohd Arif R/O B-17B gali no-1-main road kanti nagar krishna nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to **Varshan** 0040694350-2

I, Abhishek, S/o Sh. Kailash Chand, R/O-24 J. Camp, Tigri, New Delhi-110062, have changed my name, from **Abhishek** to **Abhishek Beniwal,** for all purposes. 0040694361-3

I, ASHA, W/O MAHAVIR SINGH, ADD: RZ-689/B GALI NO.2 INDRAPARK PALAM VILLAGE NEW-DELHI 110045, changed my name to **DULARI.** 0040694352-5

I, ANJALI daughter of, Atar Singh Presently, residing At, H.No.15, Gali.No.14, Raj Nagar Part-II, Palam, New Delhi-110077, have changed my name from **ANJALI to ANJALI MAHUR,** vide-Affidavit, dated-18.10.2023. 0040694370-4

I, I, hitherto known as MALTI ALIAS MADHU D/O SHRI TARA DUTT R/O 30/10-F, INDIRA VIKAS COLONY, NIRANKARI COLONY, DELHI-110009 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **MADHU.** 0070869054-1

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Sh. Uday Singh R/o H.No.5/358, Trilok Puri, Delhi-110091, inform that my name in my daughter's name **Arkansa** of 9th class in **Guru Harkishan Public School Hargobind Enclave Delhi-110044** that my name in school record wrongly written as **Vinod** instead of **Vinod Kumar.** **Vinod Kumar** and **Vinod** are same and one person. 0040694276-1

I, Mohd Sharfuddin S/O SABBUL MIYAN R/O E-12, SECTOR-BL, TRONICA CITY, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201103, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **MOHD SARFUDDIN ANSARI.** 0040694352-4

I, MOHAMMAD ZUHAIB KHAN, S/O Mohammad Arif Khan, R/O-1347, Chitli Qabar Phatak ban walia Suwalan-Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to **ZUHAIB KHAN,** permanently. 0040694361-1

I, MOHGHALI, W/O DEEPAK MEGHJI, R/O SHREE BALAJI RESIDENCY-C-704, PLOT, NO-9 MALL-ROAD, AHINSA KHAND-2 INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U.P 201014, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **MEGHALI DUBEY.** 0040694347-6

I, MANJIT KAUR W/O GURPREET SINGH, R/O-14/411 BLOCK-14 SUBHASH-NAGAR DELHI-110027, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **MANJEET KAUR.** 0040694352-6

I, M. Abdullah Azhar, S/o-Mohd Azhar Khan, residing at F-68, Second Floor, Street No.10, West Jawahar Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to **Mohd Abdullah Azhar** 0040694350-1

I, Geeta Kumar D/o Sh. Om Prakash Arora W/o Sh. Mukesh Kumar R/O 204, Kewal Kunj Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to **Geeta** for all purposes. 0040694265-3

I, Seema, W/o Raj Kumar, R/o 54-A, Gali No.-6, Indra Park Extn, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name to **Fareeda,** for all purposes. 0040694260-1

I, Ashly w/o Mohd Arif, r/o B-17B gali no-1-main road kanti nagar krishna nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to **Varshan** 0040694350-3

I, SUPRIYA SUNDRIYAL D/O MF Bharat Gopal R/O House No-187-A, First Floor, ArjunNagar, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi-110029 do hereby declare that my 10th Certificate Records my name mentioned as **SUPRIYA** as per Aadhar Card and Pan Card my names is **SUPRIYA SUNDRIYAL, SUPRIYA and SUPRIYA SUNDRIYAL** both are the Name of one same Person 0040694277-1

I, SHONIYA SHARMA W/O No.4174291N RANK EX NK RAJENDER KUMAR SHARMA, R/O H.No. W-Z-294, VASHIST PARK, GALI NO.1, PANKHA ROAD DELHI-110046 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **SONIA SHARMA** Vide Affidavit dt. 18/10/2023 0070869057-1

I, SAMIKSHA BALBIR BAHADUR ANAND, W/O-KUNNAL SABHARWAL, R/O-A-169, MEERA BAGH, PASCHIM VIHAR, NEW DELHI-110087, have changed my name to **SAMIKSHA SABHARWAL.** 0040694357-7

I, S. JAIDEEP S/O Bala Krishna R/O C-43A, First Floor, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064, inform that **S. JAIDEEP** and **JAIDEEP SHRIRAM** both are one and same person i.e. me. 0040694267-1

I, S. JAIDEEP S/O A B Kumar, R/O B-1/71, Sector-17, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to **Subir Kanti Kumar.** 0070869012-1

I, Ritu Devi W/O Sh. Prem Kumar Gupta R/O H.No.R-3, Second Floor, Near Baghel Mandir, Private Colony, Srinivaspuri, South Delhi-110065, have changed my name form **REETU DEVI** TO **RITU DEVI** for all future purposes. 0070869022-1

I, Ram Swarup s/o Ram Partap Aggarwal, R/O-1-236, Karam Pur, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to **Ram Swaroop Aggarwal.** 0040694280-1

I, Ram Narayan S/o. Mr. Mata Prasad R/O, D-220, Punjabi Basti, Baljeet Nagar, Patel Nagar, S.O. Central Delhi have changed my name to **Ram Narayan Morya** 0040694306-1

I, Ram Gupta w/o Sh. Ramesh Gupta R/O GH-1/379, MIG Flat, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name to **Rama Devi,** for all purposes. 0040694271-1

I, Rajani Shukla w/o Rajeev Shukla R/O 103, Tower-B, First Floor, Jasminium Apartment, Sector-45, Gurgaon-122003 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **RAJNI SHUKLA.** 0040694281-1

I, Pushpa R/O 11/176, Geeta Colony, Delhi-110031, inform that my husband's name mentioned as **Narendra Kumar,** in my Pan Card instead of my father's name **Manohar Lal Nagpal.** 0040694275-1

I, Pramod Tayal S/O Bhaitaram Tayal residing at 32, Nehru Marg, Kewal Park, Ajadpur, Shanjari Pur, North West delhi-110033, have changed my name to **Parmod Tayal,** infutur for all purpose, vide affidavit dated 17/10/2023 at Delhi 0050228984-1

I, Pawan Kumar Garg S/o Sh Ramavtar Garg, R/O 25-A, Pocket-I, Sheik Sarai, Phase-2, New Delhi-17, have changed my names to **Pawan Kumar Garg** for all future purposes. 0040694309-1

I, Mool Chand Yadav S/o Sh. Nand Lal Yadav R/o 5/212, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi, Mool Chand & Mool Chand Yadav both names are same & one person. 0040694303-1

I, AMIT KATOH S/O NANA KACHROF/O F-1A, PANDAV NAGAR, MAYUR VIHAR PH-1, PATPARGANJ, DELHI-110091 declare that name of my daughter has been wrongly written as **ASCHARYA** in my service record. The actual name of my daughter is **ASCHARYA KATOH** 0070869050-1

I, Mohan Singh S/O Jhagar Singh R/O Pocket A-3, House number 5, Sector 4, Rohini New Delhi-110085 I have changed my minor son name from **Daksh** to **Ayansh** and he shall hereafter be known As **Ayansh** for all future purposes. 0070869071-1

I, Mohmed Ghulam Nabi S/o Mohd Asgar Nabi R/O 137/11, Street No.11, Champion Gym, Zakir Nagar, Okhla, Delhi-110025, have changed my name to **Mohd Gulam Nabi.** 0040694268-1

I, Komal Pandit S/o Suresh Kumar Matuyal R/O Khasra No.-35/3 Ground Floor khatu Shyam Mandir, Virender Nagar Burari, Delhi-84 have changed my name to **Kamal Natuyal** for all Purposes. 0070869049-1

I, Kiran D/o, Ram Narayan Morya R/O D-220, Punjabi Basti, Baljeet Nagar, Patel Nagar, S.O. Central Delhi have changed my name to **Kiran Morya** 0040694305-1

I, Swati D/o, Ravi Shankar R/O H.no-10/62, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar-4, Delhi-110024 have changed my name to **Swati Srivastava.** 0040694366-2

I, Akashi D/o Sh. Raj Pal Sharma R/O A-2/29, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to **Akashi Sharma** for all purposes. 0040694265-1

I, Karuna Nanda Bhikshu, S/O Ramani Barua, R/O 432-A, Jagajyoti Buddha Vihara, Sant Nagar, East of Kailash, Delhi-110065, have changed my name to **Ven karuna Nanda Mahathera,** for all purposes. 0040694260-2

I, Hem Lata W/O Nagesh Malhotra R/O A-605, BPTP Park Elite Pratham, Near Puri Pratham, Sector-84, Kheri Kalan (113), Faridabad, Haryana-121002 have Changed my name from **Hem Lata** to **Hema Malhotra** for all future puposes. 0040694269-1

I, Gagandeep Kaur Makkar W/o Varinder Singh R/O Flat No.395, First Floor, Pocket-A, Phase-2, Sec-17, NSIT Dwarka, New Delhi-110078, have changed my name to **Gagandeep Kaur** for all future Purposes. 0070869047-1

I, Dinesh Pal S/O Avinash Chander Chaudhary R/O C-203, Mayur Apartment, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to **Dinesh Pal Chaudhary,** for all purposes. 0040694344-1

I, Devendra Singh Matharu S/o Joginder Singh Matharu R/O A-1003, Antriksh Kanball, Sector-77, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201301 have changed my minor daughter's name from **DEVANSHI** to **DEVANSHI MATHARU** for all future purposes. 0070869013-1

I, DEVENDRA SINGH MATHARU R/O M.S. DEVANSHI MATHARU R/O A-1003, ANTRIKSH KANBALL, PLOT NO.GH-3B, SECTOR-77, NOIDA, DISTT-GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR, U.P.-20130, have changed my daughter name from **DEVANSHI** to **DEVANSHI MATHARU** for all future purposes. 0070869021-1

I, Ashok Kumar Goel S/O Om Prakash Gupta R/O 79B, First Floor, Gali, No.4, Anarkali Garden, Jagatpuri, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to **ASHOK KUMAR** for all future purposes. 0070869016-1

I, Ansh Goel S/O Ashok Kumar R/O 79B, First Floor, Gali No.4, Anarkali Garden, Jagatpuri, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051 have changed my name to **ANSH GOYAL** for all future purposes. 0070869014-1

I, Vinayak S/O Ram Narayan Tripathi R/O House No-70109, Tower N, 14th Avenue, Gaur City 2, Noida Extension, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201009, have changed my name to **Vinayak Tripathi** 0070869093-1

I, Rima Soorma D/o Inder Lal Soorma and W/o Rahul Khosla R/O 5, S-3, DLF-3 Sector 24, Nathupur(67), DLF Qe Gurgaon, Haryana -12200

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
B-1103
e-mail ID supenger_rbjyp@yahoo.co.in Phone No 06854-231528
Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J.C (R&B) - 30/2023-24
Date: 16.10.2023

1. Name of the work: BUILDING WORK
2. Total No. of Works: 01 (One) No.
3. Estimated cost: Rs. 4.43 Crs.
4. Period of completion: 11 (Eleven) Months.
5. Cost of Bid Document: Rs. 10,000/-
6. Bid Security (EMD): Rs. 4.43 Lac As per column no. 06 of IFB.
7. Class of Contractor: "A" Class as per cl. no. 05 of TCN & according to Financial Eligibility.
8. Date & time of availability of bid: From 11.00 hours of 20.10.2023 to 17.00 hours of 03.11.2023
9. Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the Portal: 17.00 hours of 03.11.2023
10. Opening date of Bid: 10.00 hours of 04.11.2023
11. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid: Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <https://tendersodisha.gov.in> Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/-
Chief Construction Engineer
Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore
OIPR-34108/11/0034/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
O-1308
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BOLANGIR
e-Procurement Notice

1. Name of work: Construction of Bridge works under BSY for the Year 2023-24
2. No. of work: 12 (Twelve) bridge works.
3. Time for completion varies from: 12 (Twelve) to 18 (Eighteen) calendar months
4. Approximate estimated cost varies from: Rs. 205.38 lakhs to Rs. 847.01 lakhs
5. Mode of Submission of Tender: Tender Should be submitted online in www.tendersodisha.gov.in
6. Other details are as follow

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on line for bidding	Last date and time of seeking tender	Date & Time of opening of Tender
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir	BLGR/Online-29/2021-22	20-10-2023 at 11.00 A.M. to 03-11-2023 at 5.00 P.M.	02-11-2023 upto 5.00 P.M.	04-11-2023 at 11.00 A.M.

The date will be intimated to the technically qualified bidders later on

• Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
• Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e tender website only

Sd/- D.K. Seth
Chief Construction Engineer,
R.W.Circle, Bolangir
OIPR- 25118/11/0050/2324

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice
Sr.DEN/HQ/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders Nos. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards earnest money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No. Date	211-DRM-MB-23-24 dt. 18.10.2023
Name of work	Cold weather patrolling of railway track by outsourcing agency under ADEN/HQ/MB and ADEN CH.
Tender Closing Date / Time	13.11.2023
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Rs. 47,67,077.00
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs. 95,400.00
Tender Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 3,000.00
Bidding Start Date	30.10.2023
Period of Completion	4 month

No.: 75-W/2/3/WA/Publication Dated.: 18.10.2023 3255/2023
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
CIRCLE OFFICE, UP JAL NIGAM (RURAL) MORADABAD
Letter No.: 1069/Nivda/35 Dated: 16.10.2023
VERY SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

Online percentage rate very short term 3rd time e-tenders in two bid system for the operation & maintenance of 58 MLD STP and 2 nos. MPS in Moradabad city, near Gulabadi, in District Moradabad U.P. are hereby invited on behalf of Chairman U.P Jal Nigam from the reputed contractors having requisite work experience & financial capabilities. Tender documents shall be available at e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in> latest by 19.10.2023 at 11:00AM. Interested contractor may view and download Tender Document (i.e. Technical & Financial capacity evaluation cum technical bid and financial bid) and upload their tender, duly filled online latest by 31.10.2023 up to 3:00 PM. Technical bid shall be opened on 31.10.2023 at 5:00 PM. The non refundable cost of e-tender document fee Rs.10,000.00 +18% G.S.T. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 28.10.2023 at 11:00AM in office of the Superintending Engineer, Circle office, U.P. Jal Nigam (Rural), Ashiyana colony, Phase-I, near OHT, Kanth road, Moradabad.
Superintending Engineer

BIHAR SCHOOL EXAMINATION BOARD
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
(Through e-procurement mode only over <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)
Tender Notice No. - PR 379 / 2023

Bihar School Examination Board, Patna invites e-tenders under two bid systems from the reputed, experienced & technologically sound Firms /Companies/ Agencies/ Societies for "Providing Service of Barcode (Fictitious Roll) Printing on 3 Parts of OMR Cover of Used Answer Booklet, Tearing of Flying Slips, Packetting of Flying Slips and Answer Books for Intermediate & Secondary Examination, 2024 (Annual / Compartmental) at 04 (Four) District HQs of the Bihar State viz. Bhojpur, Gaya, Vaishali and Chapra (Saran)."

Scope of work	Cost of Tender Document (Inclusive of GST @18.00% to be paid through e-payment mode (i.e., NEFT/ RTGS/Credit Card/Debit card) (Non-Refundable)	Tender Processing Fee (Rupees Five Hundred Ninety Only)	Earnest Money (Refundable) (Rupees One Lakh Only)
Providing Service of Barcode (Fictitious Roll) Printing on 3 Parts of OMR Cover of Used Answer Booklet, Tearing of Flying Slips, Packetting of Flying Slips and Answer Books for Intermediate & Secondary Examination, 2024 (Annual / Compartmental) at 04 (Four) District HQs of the Bihar State viz. Bhojpur, Gaya, Vaishali and Chapra (Saran).	₹1,180/- (Rupees One Thousand Eighty Only)	₹ 590/- (Rupees Five Hundred Ninety Only)	₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)

Tender Schedule / Programme:

Particulars	Date/Time: Duration
Online Sale/Download date of Tender documents	From: 19/10/2023 (13:00 Hrs) to 08/11/2023 (13:00 Hrs) (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Pre-Bid Meeting	26/10/2023 at 11:30 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Last Date/ Time for submission of Bid	08/11/2023 up to 13:00 Hrs. (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Submission of EMD (in case of BG) in Hard copy/ Original	10/11/2023 up to 13:00 Hrs. (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	10/11/2023 at 14:30 Hrs (Bihar School Examination Board, Sinha Library Road, Patna-800017)
Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by Competent Authority.

• Contact Details: Sh. Vinod Kumar Singh, Nodal officer - +91 62999 23095, E-Mail ID - eproc-bseb-bih@eproc.bseb@gmail.com
• Note:- Bihar School Examination Board reserves the right to Accept/ Cancel/ Reschedule tenders without assigning any reasons. **Secretary**

UN-RESERVED FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS - 2023
In order to clear extra rush of passengers during forthcoming Festival Season, Northern Railway has decided to run the following Un-reserved Festival Special Trains as per details given below:-

04048/04047 Anand Vihar (T) - Katihar Jn. - Anand Vihar (T) 8 Trips
Festival Special Express Train

TRAIN NO. 04048	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04047
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.
— 15:30	Anand Vihar (T)	17:50 —
15:00 —	Katihar Jn.	— 18:00

Days of Run : 04048 Ex Anand Vihar (T) on 08.11., 11.11., 14.11. & 17.11.23 and 04047 Ex Katihar Jn. on 09.11., 12.11., 15.11. & 18.11.23
Accommodation : General.
Stoppages: Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn., Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria and Mansi stations.

04052/04051 Anand Vihar (T) - Saharsa Jn. - Anand Vihar (T) 8 Trips
Festival Special Express Train

TRAIN NO. 04052	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04051
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.
— 22:45	Anand Vihar (T)	10:30 —
03:30 —	Saharsa Jn.	— 07:00

Days of Run : 04052 Ex Anand Vihar (T) on 08.11., 11.11., 14.11. & 17.11.23 and 04051 Ex Saharsa Jn. on 10.11., 13.11., 16.11. & 19.11.23
Accommodation : General.
Stoppages: Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur Jn., Deoria Sadar, Siwan Jn., Chhapra, Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Samastipur Jn., Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria Jn. and Simri Bakhtiyarpur stations.

04058/04057 Anand Vihar (T) - Jaynagar - Anand Vihar (T) 8 Trips
Festival Special Express Train

TRAIN NO. 04058	STATIONS	TRAIN NO. 04057
ARR. DEP.		ARR. DEP.
— 08:30	Anand Vihar (T)	10:00 —
07:00 —	Jaynagar	— 11:00

Days of Run : 04058 Ex Anand Vihar (T) on 09.11., 12.11., 15.11. & 18.11.23 and 04057 Ex Jaynagar on 10.11., 13.11., 16.11. & 19.11.23
Accommodation : General.
Stoppages: Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur Jn., Muzaffarpur Jn., Samastipur Jn., Darbhanga Jn., and Madhubani stations.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No. 22-A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K & L-2023-24-WV

Name of work with its location : A. Annual Maintenance of P-Way Zone works in the section of SSE/P-Way/GGN under ADEN/DEE for the period ending 30.06.2024. Similar nature of work:- Any type of track work.
B. Annual maintenance of P-Way zone works for the year of 2023-24 in the section of SSE/P-Way/DEE under ADEN/DEE. Similar nature of work:- Any type of track work.
C. Improvement of yard in the section of SSE/P-Way/HNZM under ADEN/HNZM
D. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of staff quarters service building and supply of building material at JNC, FDB, FDN, BVH, AST & PVL in the section of SSE/W/FDB under ADEN/TKD for P.O.E. 30.06.2024. Similar nature of work: Any Civil work other than track work.
E. De-watering of various LHS & cleaning of bridges, water way on DE-RE section under ADEN/DEE. Similar nature of work:- Any Civil work other than track work.
F. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Staff Quarters & Service Buildings and Supply of building material for day to day maintenance in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/HNZM for period ending 30.06.2024. Similar nature of work:- Any Civil work other than track work.
G. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Staff Quarters & Service Buildings and Supply of building material for day to day maintenance in the section of SSE/W/TKD under ADEN/HNZM for period ending 30.06.2024. Similar nature of work:- Any Civil work other than track work.
H. Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of Staff Quarters & Service Buildings and Supply of building material for day to day maintenance in the section of SSE/W/HNZM under ADEN/HNZM for period ending 30.06.2024. Similar nature of work:- Any Civil work other than track work.
I. Annual zone work for repairs to Bridges on DEE-RE section in the section of SSE/W/DEE under ADEN/DEE P.E. 2023-24. Similar nature of work: Any Civil work other than track work.
J. Annual P-Way zone for maintenance of track work in the section of SSE/P-Way/HNZM under ADEN/HNZM for the year 2023-24. Similar nature of work: Any type of track work.
K. Annual repairs to various Major and Minor Bridges between JNC-PWL under ADEN/TKD. Similar nature of work: Any Civil work other than track work.
L. Civil works in connection with Provision of 3.05 mtr wide FOB at Patli and JSKA station in the section SSE/W/GGN. Similar nature of work:- Fabrication, supply, assembly, erection and launching/regarding of girders through girder, plat girders, FOBs etc. in running track.

Approx. Cost of work	A. Rs. 7000254.00	B. Rs. 6999948.69	C. Rs. 4499821.34
	D. Rs. 8984448.12	E. Rs. 5085519.83	F. Rs. 7399950.48
	G. Rs. 6000161.85	H. Rs. 6000642.23	I. Rs. 5499995.44
	J. Rs. 8500150.39	K. Rs. 5926297.33	L. Rs. 16744698.69

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-ICT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)

	A. Rs. 140000.00	B. Rs. 140000.00	C. Rs. 90000.00	D. Rs. 179700.00
	E. Rs. 101700.00	F. Rs. 148000.00	G. Rs. 120000.00	H. Rs. 120000.00
	I. Rs. 110000.00	J. Rs. 170000.00	K. Rs. 118500.00	L. Rs. 233700.00

Completion period of work

	A. 09 Months	B. 09 Months	C. 06 Months	D. 09 Months
	E. 09 Months	F. 09 Months	G. 09 Months	H. 09 Months
	I. 09 Months	J. 09 Months	K. 09 Months	L. 06 Months

Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender Upto 15.00 hrs. on 10.11.2023 Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 10.11.2023

Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/280/OET/2023-24/W-V/NT-22-A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K & L
Date: 18.10.2023 3248/2023
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CENTRAL RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Open e-Tender Notice No. CAO (C) 23 of 2023 Dated: 16-10-2023
Chief Project Manager/NGP, Central Railway, 6th floor, New Administrative Building, D.N. Road, CST Mumbai- 400 001, for and on behalf of President of India invites Open tenders through e-tendering (Two packet system), from reputed contractors for the following work. Name of work: Construction of 3rd line between Juharpur (Ex-c) Km. 751.10 to Dharakh (In-c) Km. 831.80 (Excluding Station Yards of Kalaakhar, Pola Patthar and Dhochramohr station) overall length 75.318 Km. on Irtasi-Nagpur Section of Central Railway. Approx Tender Cost: Rs.6,040, 191, 711/- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.10,000,000/- Completion period: 30 months (Including Monsoon) Validity of offer: 180 days from the date of opening of tender for the work. Website Address: <http://www.ireps.gov.in> Availability of Tender Documents: Tender notice document can be seen on the above website. Date & Time of Submission & Opening of Tender: The e-tenders duly completed in all respects, along with the requisite documents, should be uploaded electronically on the above mentioned website, up to 15:00 hrs on 28-12-2023. These tenders (Technical Bids only) will be opened on the same day after 15:00 hrs. Joint Venture Firm: Joint Venture (JV) firms will be allowed to participate in this tender. For detailed guidelines/special conditions pertaining to JV Firms, tenders may please refer to tender document. Important note for tenderers: 1) The Tendering will solely be through e-tendering only. All intending tenderers need to first register with IREPS website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> 2) Prospective tenderer/s are advised that before submitting their offer electronically, they should refer to the Tender details regarding terms and conditions, eligibility criteria etc. 3) The mode of submission of cost of EMD shall be through Net Banking / Payment gateway (Online payment) Bank Guarantee only, on the IREPS website (e-tender portal) <http://www.ireps.gov.in> 4) Tender documents & corrigendum issued from time to time are available on the website mentioned above. Changes, if any, would be posted on this website at least 15 days in advance of opening of tender and may be seen on this website. 5) Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. 6) Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on the body. For any additional information please contact on any working day between 10:30 hrs to 17:00 hrs to Chief Project Manager/NGP, Central Railway, 6th Floor, New Administrative Building, D. N. Road, CST, Mumbai - 400001; Telephone No:(022) 22620963 or Dy. Chief Engineer (Const), Betul, Ph. No. 0712-2250122 Mob. 7219612253 /7219612276 on any working day between 10:00 hrs to 17:30 hrs.
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:-नीलामी सूचना:-

बिहार राज्य पाठ्य पुस्तक प्रकाशन निगम लि०, पटना अंतर्गत बुद्ध मार्ग स्थित डिपो में रक्षित हटियरस्त अथवा फटे-पुराने / अप्रचलित पाठ्यपुस्तक को सार्वजनिक तौर पर नीलामी के माध्यम से बिक्री करने हेतु (जो जहाँ हे एवं जैसा हे) के आधार पर प्रति एप्लेटो का दर विहित प्रपत्र में आमंत्रण किया जाता है। अतः सभी क्रयकर्ताओं से अनुरोध है कि उक्त नीलामी से संबंधित सूचनाएं निगम के वेबसाइट: <http://bstbpc.gov.in> के निविदा संकलन तथा <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> /EPSV2WEB/ के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन भाग लिया जा सकता है। उक्त एप्लेट पर निविदा दस्तावेज दिनांक 18-10-2023 से 08.11.2023 को अपराह्न 4.00 तक उपलब्ध होंगे एवं उक्त निविदा दिनांक 08.11.2023 को अपराह्न 04-30 बजे Online माध्यम से प्रबंध निदेशक के कार्यालय प्रकोष्ठ में खोली जायेगी।
आदेश से/-
(सन्नी सिन्हा) प्रबंध निदेशक
बिहार राज्य पाठ्य पुस्तक प्रकाशन निगम लि०
PR-010515 (Ni.Ni.) 2023-24

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WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION
'E' TENDER NOTICE
ELECTRICAL (POWER) DEPARTMENT
NOTICE INVITING TENDER EL/50/125 (23-24) Date: 13.10.2023 Divisional Railway Manager (Elect), Western Railway, Vadodara Division for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender on Indian Railways website: www.ireps.gov.in from experienced and reliable contractors for the following works: Sr. No.: 1-Tender No.: BRC-EL-P-15-1119-2186-R1, Name of the work: Vadodara Division: Electrical work in connection with works under Plan head 51 and 42 at various stations. Estimate Cost (₹): 10023429.00/- EMD (₹): 200100.00/- Tender fees: NIL, E-Tender closing date: 20/11/2023, Website particulars: www.ireps.gov.in
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EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
AMC of 4 wheeler (02 nos.) & 8 wheeler (03 nos.) tower wagon Cummins make diesel engine (06 nos. engine) in DDU Division for 2 years

Open e-tender notice No. TRD/OT/07/TW/AMC/23-24

E-tenders are invited from reputed contractors having proven experience, electrical license, and sound financial standing supported by the valid documents for the work as per details given below :-

1. Name of work with location : AMC of 4 wheeler (02 nos.) & 8 wheeler (03 nos.) tower wagon Cummins make diesel engine (06 nos. engine) in DDU Division for 2 years.
2. Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 1,74,89,157.54.
3. Earnest money / Bid Security to be deposited : Rs. 237500/-
4. Last date and time for submission of tender : Upto 09/11/2023 on 15.00 hrs.
5. Website particulars from where the details of e-tender can be obtained : www.ireps.gov.in
Sr. Divnl. Elect. Engineer (Tr-D), DDU PR/1427/DDU/ETRD/T/23-24/28

बिहार सरकार
बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि० पटना
(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)
राष्ट्रीय स्पर्धा ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं०-43/2023-24

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-800023
2. निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि : दिनांक: 17.10.2023
3. निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (डाउनलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: 01.11.2023 से 21.11.2023 को 15:00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा जमा (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: 22.11.2023 को 15:00 बजे तक।
5. निविदा बिक्री का स्थान : केवल वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर
6. प्री-बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक-10.11.2023 को 16:00 बजे संबंधित उप महाप्रबंधक के कार्यालय कक्ष में।
7. प्री-बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक: 11.11.2023 को 16:00 बजे, मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-23
8. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (टेकनीकल बीड) : दिनांक: 23.11.2023 को 15:00 बजे।
9. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वित्तीय बीड) : तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के बाद।
10. निविदा वैधता की तिथि : 120 दिन
11. कार्य का विवरण :

क्र०	जिला का नाम	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतित राशि (अनुसूचित एवं नैर अनुसूचित) (₹) में	अग्रघन की राशि (₹ में)	परिमाण विषय का मूल्य (अप्रघन/पंजीय) (₹ में)	Bid Processing Fee	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (माह में)	उप महाप्रबंधक का नाम
1	बाँका	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजनांतर्गत बाँका जिलान्तर्गत कलोरिया प्रखण्ड के प्रान्त उच्च विद्यालय धोबनी, मौजा-धोबनी में 400 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹2,67,20,600.00	₹5,35,000.00	₹10000.00	As per website	06 (छः)	भागलपुर
2	भागलपुर	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजनांतर्गत भागलपुर जिलान्तर्गत सन्हीला प्रखण्ड के ताडर महा विद्यालय, ताडर के प्राणण में मौजा-ताडर में 400 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹2,67,20,600.00	₹5,35,000.00	₹10000.00	As per website	06 (छः)	भागलपुर
3	पश्चिम चम्पारण	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना के अंतर्गत पश्चिम चम्पारण, बेतिया जिला अंतर्गत मिताही प्रखण्ड के खैरा रुपही में 400 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम निर्माण का कार्य।	₹2,67,20,600.00	₹5,35,000.00	₹10000.00	As per website	06 (छः)	मुजफ्फरपुर
4	गोपालगंज	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना के अंतर्गत गोपालगंज जिला अंतर्गत विजयीपुर प्रखण्ड के खिरौडीह में अवस्थित भूमि में 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम निर्माण का कार्य।	₹2,14,47,561.00	₹4,29,000.00	₹10000.00	As per website	06 (छः)	सारण

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।
PR. No. 010491 (Ni.Ni.) 2023-24
मुख्य महाप्रबंधक,
बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, पटना
बिहार में शराब का व्यापार, बिक्री एवं सेवन अहिंसा है। इससे संबंधित शिकायत इस नंबर पर दर्ज कराएँ, आपकी जानकारी गुप्त रखी जाएगी।
टॉल फ्री नं- 15545 या 1800 345 6268

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (MECH.)
IRRIGATION MECHANICAL DIVISION, BIRPUR
Short Re-Tender Notice. - 07/2023-24
LOCAL/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
(Through e-procurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

1. DETAILS OF WORK

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in Lac)	Earnest Money (in Lac)	B.O.Q./Tender form in Rs.) non-refundable	"Payable to Bid processing fee (Non-refundable), only payable online mode"	Time of completion
1	तिहाई यंत्रिक प्रमंडल, बौरपुर के अंतर्गत कोशी बराज के 66 अंश गेटों (हिंड रेगुलेटर सहित) में उपरोक्त आंदोलन एवं स्काफ सिस्टम का पुनर्स्थापन कार्य एवं आगामी वर्ष वर्ष (2023-24 से 2027-28) के लिए स्काफ सिस्टम का वार्षिक मरम्मत एवं समीक्षण तथा स्काफ सिस्टम से गेटों का संचालन के साथ-साथ ट्रांसमिशन से सम्बंधित कार्य। (A) Establishing New Automation/SCADA System for 66 Nos. (10 Nos. U.S. Gate, Size 60' x 26', 46 Nos. S.W. Gate Size 60' x 21' & 10 Nos. H/R Gate Size 40' x 15') Gate of Koshi Barrage and Monitoring Room, Anishabad Patna with the help of latest SCADA Software completed within Six Month. (B) Spares and Man Power Supply for Operation and Maintenance of Automation/SCADA system installed at 66 Nos. Gates of Koshi Barrage Gate and functioning including SCADA system installed in control room at Barrage itself with Monitoring Room at Anishabad, Patna for Data Transmission for CR to MR with V -SAT Antena communication system including all labours & material for 05 (Five) Years.	839.18	16.79	10,000.00	5,900.00	05 (Five) Years

2. Date of issue of Notice Inviting Tender :- Date 17-10-2023
3. Period of sale of Bid Document :- Date 03-11-2023 to 12-11-2023 On website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4. Time, date and place of Pre-Bid Meeting :- Date 06-11-2023 at 3.00 PM office of the Chief Engineer (Mech.), WRD, Patna
5. Last Date and Time for Receipt of Bids :- Date 13-11-2023 up to 3.00 PM On website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6. Time and Date of Opening Technical Bids :- Date 14-11-2023 at 3.30 PM On website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
7. Time and Date of Opening Financial Bids :- After approval of Technical Bid. Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in only
8. Place of Opening of Bids :- Through website:

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL DELHI CANTT

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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited for renovation work in the Multi Purpose Hall of Army Public School, Delhi Cantt with replacement of PPGI damaged sheets and false ceiling with GRG (Glass Fiber Reinforced Gypsum) tiles with electrical wiring, LED Panel 175mm x 18 Watt etc area 1350 Sqm. Tender Forms can be downloaded from school website www.apsdelhicantt.com. Tender Form duly completed in all respect be submitted to APS Delhi Cantt by **10 AM 08 Nov 2023 with a DD of ₹1000/- & ₹1,03,000/-** as Tender Form fee & EMD respectively in favour of Army Public School Delhi Cantt. Last date for submission of Tender Form is 1000h on 08 Nov 2023. Opening date of Tender is 08 Nov 2023 at 1030h. For any queries contact APS Delhi Cantt on 25693777, 25692720.

Presiding Officer

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender No.: CEN05GWL1323

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), N.C. Railway, Gwalior for and on behalf of the President of India invites open on line e-Tenders (Single packets system) for the following work:

E-Tender No. CEN05GWL1323
Description of Work: Maintenance of track (New GC Line) between Sumaoli-Kailaras under ADE/Gwalior.

Approx Cost (₹): 24.03 Lakh Date of Closing Tender: 08.11.2023
Date of Completion/Period from issue acceptance letter: 06 months

Tender on line can be submitted upto 15:00 hrs. on 08.11.2023. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in. 1683/23 (ADM)

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JHARKHAND STATE RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

3rd Floor, F.P.P. Building, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004
Letter No. JSRRDA - 486/2023-1930 Dated: - 17.10.2023

CORRIGENDUM

PR No- 308873 dated 11.10.2023

Following correction/ modification is hereby made in E-tender-103/2023-24 for hiring consultants "Proposal (RFP) for Supply, installation Commissioning, Maintaining and Monitoring of GPS based Vehicle Tracking System on hire basis in key machinery and equipment engaged in execution of road works in Locations as identified by PIUs under PMGSY-II(2022-23) in Jharkhand" inas given below:-

Sl. No.	Written as	Should be read as
1.	Last Date & Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 25.10.2023 at 5.00 PM	Last Date & Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 30.10.2023 at 5.00 PM

PR 309497 Rural Work Department(23-24)D Chief Engineer JSRRDA, Ranchi.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused **Rakesh, S/o Om Prakash, R/o Village Dagan Khedi, Post Maandi Kheda, Tehsil Firozpur Jhirkha, District Nooh, Haryana-122107**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC no. 12450/2019, u/s 138 NI Act**, registered at **P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi**, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Rakesh**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rakesh**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Rakesh**, of case **CC no. 12450/2019, u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi**, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **20.11.2023**.

By Order
Bhujali,
Metropolitan Magistrate-01, NI Act,
Room no. 201, CBA-II,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/11753/CD/2023 (Court Matter)

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No. 1013 Tender Time Extension Notice-1 Date: 18.10.2023

Due to unavoidable circumstances the date of submission and opening of:

- NIT-10/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2023-24
- NIT-11/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2023-24
- NIT-12/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2023-24

1. Strengthening of 11 kV MVCC network by connecting line from HRT feeder from Barrage to Colony Sub-Station of Joshiyara Barrage
2. Repairing and Rewinding of various pumps and motors at Joshiyara Barrage, MB-II, Uttarkashi
3. Sealing of gates of Joshiyara Barrage with caulking material by under water diving team invited by the office of Executive Engineer (E&M), Joshiyara Barrage, Joshiyara, Uttarkashi is hereby extended as follows:-
Last date of downloading the tender - 27.10.2023 upto 15:30 Hrs.
Last date of submitting the tender - 27.10.2023 upto 15:30 Hrs.
Due date for opening the tender - 31.10.2023 at 11:30 Hrs.

For eligibility criteria and fuller & further details kindly visit our website www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com. Bidders are advised to regularly visit our website for further details, subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc.

Executive Engineer
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person whose name, residence and family is unknown, was found dead near Power House, 5th Pusta, New Usmanpur, Delhi on 17.10.2023 at 07:22 AM. In this regard **DD No. 13A, U/s 174 Cr.P.C., dated 17.10.2023**, has been registered at **P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi**.

The description of the UIDB is as under:
Sex: Male, Age: About 30 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Dark, Wearing: Blue lower.

If anyone has any information about this UIDB, kindly inform the SHO/New Usmanpur, Delhi.

SHO
P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi
Ph. No.: 8750870722
DP/11768/NE/2023 E-mail: sho-newusmanpur-dl@nic.in

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

SEE SECTION U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Honey Singh & Avtar Singh S/o Didar Singh R/o Amrit Singh Ka Makan Near Lalita Park Laxmi Nagar, Delhi also at DDA Market DD 107, 20-Block Near Gurx Amar Dass Public School Peshori Gurdwara Tilak Nagar, Delhi**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No.40899/2017 U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Honey Singh & Avtar Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Honey Singh & Avtar Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Honey Singh & Avtar Singh** of **Case FIR No.40899/2017 U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **01.12.2023**.

By Order
Sh. Devanshu Sajjan
Metropolitan Magistrate-07
Room No-289, 2nd Floor
Tis Hazari, Courts, Delhi

DP/11711/WD/2023 (Court Matter).

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one female namely **Shiwani W/o Raju Sour R/o H.No. Kh.No.154, Gali No.16, Futi, Nr. Apara Ghar Ashra Ashish ka Plot, Pooth Khurd, Delhi** has been missing since 17.09.2023 at 8:45 PM from her house the area of PS Bawana, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 86A Dated 19.09.2023** has been registered at **P.S. Bawana, Delhi**. The description of missing female is as under:

Name: Shiwani, Husband's Name: Raju Sour, Age: 28 years, Height: 5', Face: Long, Built: Thin, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Black Color Saari & Blue Slipper in feet ID Mark: A Tattoo Mark on Right Hand "RAJU"

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

SHO
P.S., Bawana, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27751949
27752534

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/11304/ON/2023

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LTD

(CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001702)
Regd. Office:- Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004.
fax # 0651-2400483 e-mail : cesp.jseb@rediffmail.com

Notice inviting tender for Procurement through Rate Contract

JBNVL invites online e-tender from reputed, technically experienced and financially sound Authorized manufacturers/supplier only for supply of following Material through rate contract :-

Sr	NIT/Tender no. and description of item	Tender fee	Date of publication of tender on website	Document download start date & time	Bid Submission start date	Pre bid meeting date	Bid Submission end date	Last date of physical submission of tender fee and EMD	Technical bid opening date and time
1	206/PR/JBNVL/2023-24 Rail Pole (13 mtr. long, 60 kg./m)	Rs 10000/- + GST	18/10/2023 from 13:00 Hrs.	18/10/2023 from 13:10 Hrs.	18/10/2023 from 13:20 Hrs.	01/11/2023 at 15.30 Hrs.	07/11/2023 upto 18:00 Hrs.	08/11/2023 upto 16:30 Hrs.	08/11/2023 at 18:00 Hrs.

NOTE:- (i) Only e-tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and may be contacted on Mobile No. 9431135523/9430348596, NIC helpline No. 0651-2400178
(ii) Tender fees must be paid in the form of DD (original copy) or through online mode. The details for the online transaction is mentioned in the tender document.
(iii) Tender fee is non-refundable.

स्वहित एवं राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाव। कृपया अपनी शिकयती को टॉल फ्री नं 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज कराये।

Sd/-
General Manager (S&P)

PR 309285 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(23-24)#D

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Pankaj Arora, Authorised Signatory of DLA Industries Private Limited Add. Naghla Megha Chowk, Modipur Road, Karnal, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case No. 12194/2018 U/s 138 NI Act** registered at **P.S. Rajinder Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **Pankaj Arora, Authorised Signatory of DLA Industries Private Limited** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Pankaj Arora, Authorised Signatory of DLA Industries Private Limited** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Pankaj Arora, Authorised Signatory of DLA Industries Private Limited** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **20.11.2023**.

By Order
Ms. Bhujali,
Metropolitan Magistrate, (NI Act-01) Central,
Room No. 201, Second Floor,
(Court Notice) Court Building-II, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/11202/CD/2023

UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephone: 0135 - 2763508, 2763808 Fax: 0135 - 2763507
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC25866, Website: www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com

Ref. No.: 1017 NOTICE INVITING TENDER Dated: 18.10.2023

Office of the Executive Engineer, PCM(GV), Mayapur, Haridwar invites sealed & separate tenders from interested bidders. Brief summary of tenders are given below:-

- Tender Notice Reference:**
NIT No. - 06/2023-24/EE/PCM(GV)/ Mayapur- Annual Sweeping & Cleaning Work of Chilla Colony for the year 2023-24.
NIT No. - 07/2023-24/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur- Annual Horticulture Upkeeping & Sweeping Cleaning Work of Chilla Power House Premises at Chilla
- Estimated Value of Tenders:-** Rs. 22,41,831.72 and Rs. 18,96,572.07 respectively.
- Date of availability of bid document on website:-** 18.10.2023 from 13:00 Hrs.
- Last Date for Submission of Tender:-** 08.11.2023 upto 13:00 Hrs.

For eligibility criteria and full and further details kindly visit our website. The tender can be downloaded from our website i.e. <http://ujvn.com> and tender cost shall be paid at the time of submission of the tender.

Executive Engineer, PCM (GV)

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE (TIME)	CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, GOHANA	CONST. OF STREET FROM POJI CANTEN TO VINOD KHATHRI HOME IN CHOPRA COLONY GALI NO.03 WARD NO. 16 MC GOHANA. - 2 WORKS	16.10.2023 25.10.2023		NA	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	0122525013 seymg@gmail.com
2	MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, GOHANA	CONSTRUCTION OF GURU SUDARSHAN DWAR ON CIVIL ROAD, NEAR COLLAGE MOD MC GOHANA	16.10.2023 08.11.2023		NA	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	0122525013 seymg@gmail.com

22002/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	UHBVN	NIT NO 354/P&D/2023-24 B-706	DATE OF CLOSING OF ONLINE E-TENDER FOR SUBMISSION OF TECHNO COMMERCIAL BID AND PRICE BID ON WEB PORTAL HAS BEEN EXTENDED UPTO 07.11.2023 AT 15.00 HRS. AND DATE OF OPENING PARTI OF PROPOSAL ON WEB PORTAL SHALL BE 08.11.2023 AT 15.00 HRS.	www.uhbvn.org.in	01722570431 cepd@uhbvn.org.in
2.	UHBVN	NIT NO 355/P&D/2023-24 B-707	DATE OF CLOSING OF ONLINE E-TENDER FOR SUBMISSION OF TECHNO COMMERCIAL BID AND PRICE BID ON WEB PORTAL HAS BEEN EXTENDED UPTO 07.11.2023 AT 15.00 HRS. AND DATE OF OPENING PARTI OF PROPOSAL ON WEB PORTAL SHALL BE 08.11.2023 AT 15.00 HRS.	www.uhbvn.org.in	01722570431 cepd@uhbvn.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in 22024/HRY

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./ AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HVPNL	E-TENDER ENQUIRY NO 05/CWG/2023-24 DATED 15.09.2023 ONLINE TENDER ID 2023_HBC_311991_1	OPENING DATED 17.10.2023 (TIME 18:00 HRS.) CLOSING DATE 25.10.2023 UPTO (TIME 13:00 HRS).	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 prod@hvnpn.org.in
2.	HVPNL	TENDER ID NO 2023_HBC_299439_1	THE DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 30.10.2023.	www.hvnpn.org.in	0172-2583789 prod@hvnpn.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in 22025/HRY

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE/TENDER	OPENING DATE (TIME)	CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	THE PALWAL COOP. SUGAR MILLS LTD., PALWAL	TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF BIO-CIDE DITHIO CARBAMATE BASE AND VISCOSITY REDUCER WASH (MAKE-AGNI CARBON/POLY-CHEM/NKI) + 29 OTHERS	17.10.2023 25.10.2023		8 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	8307653970

21999/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Telephone No. 01893-220098 E-mail: hp-kan2@nic.in

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Superintending Engineer HPPWD 9th Circle Nurpur H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in the electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in lacs)	Starting date for downloading bid	Earnest Money (in lacs)	Deadline for submission of Bid	Eligible Contractor
1.	C/o link road from Deehrian to Balah Km. 0/0 to 3/450 (SH- Formation Cutting, Passing place, CD work, side drain, Parapets and R/Walls GSB, WBM-II, WBM-III, metalting & tarring and cement concrete pavement) including under NABARD-XXVIII).	447.90	26.10.2023 10.00 AM.	8.96	02-11-2023 (5.00 PM)	'A & B' Class

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in. Date of Opening of tender is 03-11-2023 at 11.00 AM.

Superintending Engineer,
9th Circle, H.P.PWD, Nurpur,
Pin No. 176202 Tel. No. 01893-220098. e-mail: hp-kan2@nic.in
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

3332/HP HIMLOK SAMPARK

झारखण्ड सरकार

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
कम्पाइंड बिल्डींग, ओल्ड चास कोर्ट एरिया, बोकारो।

ई- निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या :- 20/2023-24/RWD/EE/BOKARO दिनांक - 18.10.2023

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, बोकारो द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र। संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में) अंश में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेंडर कॉल नं०
1	RWD/EE/BOKARO/DMFT/01/2023-24 जरीडोह प्रखंड अन्तर्गत पंचायत बाराडीह बहादुरपुर पाईप फेक्ट्री से खांजो नदी के किनारे पथ निर्माण।	99,63,100.00	निम्नानु- लाख तिरसठ हजार एक सौ सठ मात्र	06 माह प्रथम

- वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 28.10.2023
- ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 07.11.2023 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 09.11.2023 अपराह्न 03.30 बजे।
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, बोकारो, कम्पाइंड बिल्डींग, सिविल एंजीनियरिंग, ओल्ड चास कोर्ट एरिया, चास बोकारो, झारखंड, पिन- 827013
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं- 9431060119
- विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग
कार्य प्रमंडल, बोकारो।

PR 309408 (REO) 23-24 (D)

THE SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY, (UNDER KPIDFE - IMA & OTHER SCAM)

3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Tower, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001

NOTICE/INVITATION FOR E-AUCTION FOR MOVABLE ITEMS

Pursuant to attachment of movable properties by the Government under the provisions of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 (KPIDFE Act) and pursuant to the absolute attachment order by the Hon'ble Special Court the Special Officer & Competent Authority (under KPIDFE-IMA and other Scam), is issuing notice for e-auction of the movables attached through e-auction on 'as is where is and whatever there is basis'.

"SPLOCA" hereby invites bids from the intending bidders along with a bid deposit as mentioned in the table below as Earnest Money for MOVABLE ITEMS- to be paid through DD drawn in favor of "Special Officer and Competent Authority (EMD)" or through RTGS/ NEFT to the Account number 41506340119, IFSC Code: SBIN0040277 STATE BANK OF INDIA, VIDHANA SOUDHA Branch.

Short description of the Movable items

Sl. No.	Description of items	Reserve Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1	Furniture & Fixtures	51,87,551/-	6,00,000/- (Rs. Six lakhs only)	25,000/-
2	Electrical & Electronics	51,80,821/-		25,000/-
3	Personal Computers and Peripherals	12,83,357/-		6,000/-
4	Miscellaneous	6,95,855/-		3,000/-

Last date of Submission of Bid Documents & EMD Submission: **16th of November 2023 Until 5 pm.**
Date of Inspection & Time: **20th of November 2023, 11 am to 2 pm, Place of Inspection: IMA Jewels Building, No.5 Lady Curzon Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru**
Date of Pre bid Meeting & time: **21st of November, 2023 3 pm to 4 pm, Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Bengaluru-01.**
Date & time of E-Auction: **23rd of November 2023 11 am to 1 pm**

For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: <https://www.bankeauctions.com>. The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact **Joint Secretary, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001**, e-mail ID: splocaeauction@gmail.com or Contact Mob. No 8217203930.

Sd/-
The Special Officer & Competent Authority (Under KPIDFE - IMA & Other Scam)
Bengaluru, Karnataka

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 18.10.2023
DIPR/CP/1764/7en/2023-24

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग

ई-पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा सं- 04/RE/2023-24/RWD/EE/HAZARIBAG दिनांक :- 18.10.2023

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

कार्य की विवरणी :-

क्र। सं०	आईडेंटिफिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	प्रखण्ड	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में) अंश में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	कॉल नं०
1	RWD/HAZ/S/P KG/01/2023-24	हाडी	पटरणी से दरिया हुवाग तक पथ की सुदृढीकरण कार्य (लंबा-2.000 किमी)	10,99,89,600/-	दस करोड निम्नानु- लाख नवसो हजार एक सौ रुपये मात्र	9 (नौ) माह द्वितीय
		हाडी	बैंगपुर से बड़कोटाह रोते हुए होन्मोडा तक पथ की सुदृढीकरण कार्य (लंबा-6.950 किमी)			
		हाडी	इंटर कोलाज होडर से कनको तक पथ की सुदृढीकरण कार्य (लंबा-5.000 किमी)			
		दाक	नानो मंड से कोलाज (बैंग भाग) तक पथ की सुदृढीकरण कार्य (लंबा-1.615 किमी)			
		टाटोबांरिया	पटरणा से मंगरपट्टा होते हुए कोलाज नदी तक पथ की सुदृढीकरण कार्य (लंबा-7.350 किमी)			

- वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 27.10.2023।
- ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 06.11.2023 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि, एवं समय-07.11.2023 पूर्वाह्न 3.30 बजे।
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग।
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं-06546-265286।
- विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग।

PR 309512 Rural Work Department(23-24)D

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, Shakurbasti, Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under **Single Packet System** for the under noted work:-

Name of Work & Location	Completion period of the work	Approx. Cost of work	Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)
P.Way linking and other allied works such as Assembling, laying, linking & dismantling of B.G. Railway track, points & crossing, traps, leading of P.Way material & PRC sleepers, putting & supplying of 65 mm machine crushed stone ballast and AT welding etc. for Asaoti-addition and alteration in connection with High Rise OHE at Asaoti/Piyala station and merger of DFCCIL western corridor at Asaoti Yard	06(Six Months)	₹91.05 Lakh	₹1.82,100/-

Sale/availability of tender document on Rty. Website
Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 17.10.2023 to 09.11.2023 upto 11:30 Hrs.

Last date/Time of upload of tenders
09.11.2023 upto 11:30 hrs. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 26.10.2023 to 09.11.2023

Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender
09.11.2023 at 11:30 hrs. (Immediately after closed of uploading of tender.

Opening of tender
09.11.2023 at 11:30 hrs. (Immediately after closed of uploading of tender.

No.: 398-ACS-C-SSB Dated : 16.10.2023 3226/2023

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Kulbir Singh S/o Karam Singh R/o Flat No. 5, Vikas Puri Police Station, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 36/14 U/s 354/506/509 IPC** registered at **P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **Kulbir Singh** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Kulbir Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Kulbir Singh** is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **21.11.2023**.

By Order
Ms. Aakansha Gautam
Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court-04
Room No. 252, Second Floor
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/11728/OD/2023 (Court Notice)

GURUGRAM UNIVERSITY, GURUGRAM

बिहार सरकार
बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि० पटना
(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)
ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं-42/2023-24

1. विज्ञानदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-800023

2. निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि : दिनांक: 17.10.2023

3. निविदा कामजात प्राप्त (हाउसलोट) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: 01.11.2023 से 21.11.2023 को 15:00 बजे तक।

4. निविदा जमा (बैंक बिल) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: 22.11.2023 को 15:00 बजे तक।

5. निविदा बिडों का स्थान : केवल वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर

6. प्री-बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक-08.11.2023 को 16:00 बजे संबंधित उप महाप्रबंधक के कार्यालय कक्ष में।

7. प्री-बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक: 09.11.2023 को 16:00 बजे, मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-23 दिनांक: 23.11.2023 को 15:00 बजे।

8. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (टेकनीकल बीड) : तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के बाद।

9. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (वित्तीय बीड) : 120 दिन

10. निविदा वैधता की तिथि : 120 दिन

11. कार्य का विवरण :

क्र.सं.	विकास का नाम	कार्य का नाम	प्रस्तावित दर (अनुमानित एवं प्रति वर्ग मीटर) (₹)	अवधि की राशि (₹)	परिमाणु बिड का मूल्य (अनुमानित) (₹)	Bid Processing Fee	कार्य संपादन की अवधि (वर्ष में)	उप महाप्रबंधक का नाम
1	गोपालगंज	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत गोपालगंज जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड मुख्यालय के समीप परियोजना में 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	पटना
2	बौंका	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत बौंका जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	भागलपुर
3	बौंका	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत बौंका जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	भागलपुर
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5	बौंका	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत बौंका जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	भागलपुर
6	बक्सर	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत बक्सर जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	पटना
7	गोपालगंज	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत गोपालगंज जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	सारन
8	समस्तीपुर	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत समस्तीपुर जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	दरभंगा
9	समस्तीपुर	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत समस्तीपुर जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	दरभंगा
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13	पश्चिम चम्पारण	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत पश्चिम चम्पारण जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	मुजफ्फरपुर
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15	सारन	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत सारन जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	सारन
16	गोपालगंज	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत गोपालगंज जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,81,77,600.00	₹3,64,000.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	सारन
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19	मुजफ्फरपुर	मुख्यमंत्री खेल विकास योजना अंतर्गत मुजफ्फरपुर जिले के अंतर्गत प्रखण्ड के अंतर्गत वनपुर पंचायत में WPU मॉडल के अंतर्गत 200 मीटर ट्रेकयुक्त फुटबॉल स्टेडियम का निर्माण कार्य।	₹1,99,68,412.00	₹3,99,370.00	₹100000.00	As per website	06 (03)	दरभंगा

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मुख्य महाप्रबंधक,
बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि०,
पटना
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Govt. of Bihar
Notice Inviting Walk-In Interview for Selection of PMU for "National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem" (NAMASTE) Scheme
Urban Development and Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar
1st Floor, Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna - 800 015
(Tel: 0612-2215580, Fax: 0612-2217059)
Email: urbansec-bih@nic.in, udhd.bih@gmail.com, Website : <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban>

Eligibility Criteria:
Essential:
• Graduate or Post Graduate degree from a recognized university in Planning, Social Work, Public Policy, business administration, Sociology, Anthropology, Commerce, Science, or other related fields with at least 55% marks.
• 2 years of relevant work experience (for Graduate Candidates)
• Age between (21-35) yrs.
• Computer proficiency in MS Office and proficiency of working on various mobile applications.
Desirable:
• Relevant work experience of 2 years (for Post-Graduation Candidates)
Scope of Work:
• Report the progress of implementation of the scheme in the ULBs of the State
• Report the progress periodically and as and when required or any report of information, in respect of ULBs of the assigned state.
• Regular updation of MIS (Namaste portal)
• Visit any District or ULBs for any work relating to implementation of the scheme.
Salary Structure:
• The PMU would be paid monthly remuneration of Rs 45000/- per month inclusive of applicable taxes and statutory dues.
• TA/DA <= Rs 10000/- will be paid based on actual basis upon furnishing the original documents (Work related travel within the State)
Interview Date: 31st Oct 2023
Place: Conference Hall, Ground Floor, UD&HD Dept, New Secretariat, Bailey Road, Patna-800001
Time: 10 a.m - 5 p.m
Required Documents: CV and original education & work-related certificates.
(Note: Any cost associated with travel for the interview will not be payable from Department)
For further details please visit : Project Officer-cum-Additional Director
www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar Directorate of Municipal Sanitation & Development PR- 010530 (Urban) 2023-24
UD&HD, GoB

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

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प्रेस विज्ञापित

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना द्वारा आयोजित 60-62वीं, 63वीं, 64वीं एवं 65वीं संयुक्त प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा के अन्तर्गत बिहार प्रशासनिक सेवा में नियुक्ति हेतु प्राप्त अनुसूची के अन्तर्गत सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग, बिहार, पटना द्वारा अनुसूचित अर्थात् बिहार के अन्तर्गत राज्य अर्थात् बिहार के निवासियों को नियुक्ति संबंधी अधिसूचना निर्गत की गयी।

2. उक्त बैच के कतिपय अर्थात् निर्धारित कारसेलिंग में अनुपस्थित रहे एवं कतिपय अर्थात् द्वारा कारसेलिंग के उपरान्त बिहार प्रशासनिक सेवा में नियुक्ति हेतु अधिसूचना निर्गत होने के पश्चात् अवतक अधिसूचित पद पर योगदान नहीं किया गया है। ऐसे अर्थात्/नवअधिसूचित पदाधिकारियों की सूची निम्नवत् है :-

क्रम सं०	अर्थात्/नवअधिसूचित पदाधिकारी का नाम	अनुक्रममांक/ मेधा क्रमांक (बैच)	अभ्युक्ति
1	श्री रोहित दूबे	291018 / 44 (60-62वीं)	अधिसूचित परीक्ष्यमान वरीय उप समाहर्ता, भोजपुर।
2	श्री निखिल कुमार प्रजापति	171828 / 60 (63वीं)	अधिसूचित परीक्ष्यमान वरीय उप समाहर्ता, दरभंगा।
3	श्री अनुराग आनन्द	268585 / 3 (64वीं)	कारसेलिंग से अनुपस्थित
4	श्री ओम प्रकाश गुप्ता	289818 / 1 (64वीं)	अधिसूचित परीक्ष्यमान वरीय उप समाहर्ता, भोजपुर।
5	श्री विद्यासागर	363683 / 2 (64वीं)	अधिसूचित परीक्ष्यमान वरीय उप समाहर्ता, कटिहार।
6	श्री सत्यम कुमार	480870 / 13 (64वीं)	अधिसूचित परीक्ष्यमान वरीय उप समाहर्ता, नवादा।
7	श्री राहुल कुमार	216635 / 31 (64वीं)	अधिसूचित परीक्ष्यमान वरीय उप समाहर्ता, दरभंगा।
8	श्री सुमित कुमार	168734 / 4 (65वीं)	अधिसूचित परीक्ष्यमान वरीय उप समाहर्ता, दरभंगा।
9	सुश्री अनामिका	199532 / 9 (65वीं)	कारसेलिंग से अनुपस्थित
10	श्री नवनीत कुमार	464362 / 145 (65वीं)	कारसेलिंग से अनुपस्थित

3. इस प्रेस विज्ञापित के माध्यम से उपर्युक्त अनुसूचित अर्थात्/नवअधिसूचित पदाधिकारियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि बिहार प्रशासनिक सेवा में नियुक्ति हेतु प्राप्त अनुसूची के अन्तर्गत सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग, बिहार, पटना में उपस्थित होकर यह स्पष्ट किया जाय कि बिहार प्रशासनिक सेवा में नियुक्ति हेतु अवतक उपस्थित नहीं होने/अधिसूचित पद पर प्रारंभ नहीं करने के कारण अपने नहीं बिहार प्रशासनिक सेवा हेतु की गयी आपकी अनुसूची/नियुक्ति को रद्द कर दिया जाय।

4. निर्धारित तिथि तक सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग, बिहार, पटना में उपस्थित होकर स्थिति स्पष्ट नहीं करने पर यह समझा जायेगा कि इस संबंध में आपको कुछ नहीं कहना है और आपकी अनुसूची/नियुक्ति को रद्द कर दी जायेगी।

उक्त सूचना state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

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(सतीश कुमार तिवारी)
अवर सचिव
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Govt. of Bihar
Prisons and Correctional Services
Home Department (Prisons), Government of Bihar
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Request For Proposal
(Through e-Procurement mode only)
(www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Tender Notice No: Kara/Kray-04-31/2023/05 (2023-24)
Inspectorate of Prisons and Correctional Services, Home Department (Prisons), Govt of Bihar invites Request For Proposal (RFP) to welcome interested capable and reputed firm(s)/agency(s) for the Selection of agency for Setting up of bakery unit with all the accessories on engineering, procurement, construction (EPC) mode in Model Central Prison Beur Patna .RFP Documents containing further information can be downloaded from :- (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Sl. No.	Scope of work	Cost of tender document (To be paid through e-payment mode only through/NEFT/RTGS/ Credit/Debit Card/ Net Banking) (In Rupees)	Tender processing Fee (Non Refundable) (Inclusive of GST @18.00%) (To be paid through e-payment mode only through/NEFT/RTGS/ Credit/Debit Card/ Net Banking) (In Rupees)	Earnest Money Deposit(EMD) (To be paid through e-payment mode only through/NEFT/RTGS/ Credit/Debit Card/ Net Banking) (In Rupees)
1	2	3	4	5
01.	Selection of agency for Setting up of bakery unit with all the accessories on engineering procurement construction (EPC) mode in model central prison Beur for good quality bakery products and Training to prisoners and carry out pilot production using the supplied Machinery and Equipment.	Rs 10,000 /-	As per Beltron	Rs 3,50,000 /-

RFP Schedule/Programme

Sl. No.	Activity	Date/Time : Duration
1.	Online Sale/Download date of RFP document on (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)	From 18/10/2023 to 09/11/2023 Upto (18:00 Hrs.)
2.	Date/Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	30/10/2023 at 12:00 Hrs In the office of Inspector General, Prisons and Correctional Services, Old Secretariat, Patna-800015
3.	Last Date/Time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid	Till 10/11/2023 Upto 18:00 Hrs.
4.	Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	13/11/2023 at 12:00 Hrs.
5.	Date & time for opening of Financial Bid	Date to be announced later by competent authority on
6.	Contact person/Nodal Officer for queries	Sri. Rajeev Kumar Singh Assistant Inspector General(HQ), Prisons and Correctional Services Mob no- 7250448267

(i) For support related to e-tendering process, bidders may contact at following address m junction Services private limited Rj Complex, 2nd floor, Canera Bank campus, Khajpura, Aashiyana Road, PS Shastri Nagar, Patna-800014 Toll Free No: 18005726571, E-mailid eproc2support@bihar.gov.in, Working Hours: 8:00 AM to 7:00PM (All days in week except few selected state holidays) or may visit the link at (eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
PR- 010401 (Ni.Ni.) 2023-24

सहायक कारा महानिरीक्षक (मु०)
कारा एवं सुधार सेवाएँ
बिहार, पटना
नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

बिहार सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
स्थानीय क्षेत्र अभियंत्रण संगठन,
कार्य प्रमंडल -1 मोतिहारी
(केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
शुद्धि पत्र

अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय के आदेश संख्या झापांक-3929 दिनांक 05-10-2023 के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- E-10(SBD)/2023-24, ई-टेंडर जिसका पीआर संख्या 009820 है, उक्त निविदा को अपरिहार्य कारणवश निम्नांकित संशोधन/परिवर्तन किया जाता है जो निम्न प्रकार है:-

युप सं०	कार्य का नाम एवं	वर्तमान में संशोधित कार्य का नाम
28	हरिपति प्रखंड अन्तर्गत ग्राम पंचायत चड़रहीमें में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।	हरिपति प्रखंड अन्तर्गत ग्राम पंचायत चड़रहीमें में पंचायत सरकार भवन का निर्माण कार्य।

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना का इस हद तक संशोधित समझा जाए। उक्त निविदा के अन्य शर्तें यथावत् रहेगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
स्था० क्षेत्र अभि० संगठन
कार्य प्रमंडल-1 मोतिहारी

PR. No. 010463 (Planning) 2023-24
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DINDIGUL CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Roc No.: 7695 /2023/ E2 DINDIGUL DISTRICT Date: 17.10.2023
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (TNCRUDDP)
Dindigul City Municipal Corporation invites tenders through E-tendering system from eligible tenderers for "Under Ground sewerage scheme to the left out areas in Dindigul City Municipal Corporation". Tenderers shall submit their tender online through in e-tendering website <https://tntenders.gov.in> upto **03.00 P.M.** (as per the time in the server clock of the tender portal) on **28.11.2023**. The tenders will be opened through online at **3.30 P.M.** on the same day.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of tender (Rs. in Crore)	E.M.D. in Rs.
1.	Under Ground sewerage scheme to the left out areas in Dindigul City Municipal Corporation	118.90	1,18,90,000/-

1. The tender documents shall be made available from **26.10.2023**
2. The tender document may be downloaded from the website <https://tntenders.gov.in> upto **3.00 P.M.** on **28.11.2023**.
3. Tenders through e-submission shall only be accepted.
4. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **7.11.2023 at 11.00 A.M.** in the Office of the Dindigul City Municipal Corporation, Main Road, Dindigul - 624 001.
Commissioner
DIPR / 5678 / TENDER / 2023 Dindigul City Municipal Corporation

TAMIL NADU POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION LTD
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
NORTH CIRCLE
No.1&7, Inspector quarters, PGR Line, Behind CPO Building, Annadhanapatty, Linemedu, Salem - 636 006.
email id: spndengrnc.tnphcl@tn.gov.in, Phone: 0427-2903010

e-tender Invitation for Bids No: 27 / 2023-2024 Dt: 18.10.2023

Name of Work	Approximate value of work in Lakhs
1. Construction of 20 Nos. of Assistant Commissioner and 40 Nos. of Inspector Quarters (Stilt + 10 floors) with development works at Ganapathy East, Gandhipuram in Coimbatore City, (Group- I) (SE/NC/DB/1762/2023)	Rs.2100.45 + GST @ 18%
2. Construction of 80 Nos. of Sub-Inspector Quarters (Stilt + 10 floors) at Ganapathy East, Gandhipuram in Coimbatore City, (Group-II) (SE/NC/DB/1762-A/2023)	Rs.2184.90 + GST @ 18%

1) For Tender document, visit <https://tntenders.gov.in>
2) Date and Time for downloading and submission of tender documents: **06.11.2023 from 12.00 Noon to 21.11.2023 upto 6.00 P.M**
3) Date and time of opening of the e-tender : **23.11.2023 at 11.15 A.M**
4) Detailed Tender Notice is available in the website www.tnphc.com & www.tnphc.gov.in
Superintending Engineer,
North Circle, TNPHC Ltd
DIPR/ 5685 /TENDER/2023

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान कर्णप्रयाग।
ई-टेंडर नोटिस
निविदा सूचना सं. 2537/ई-टेंडर नोटिस/2023-24/ दिनांक 18/10/2023

1. कार्य का नाम:- जनपद चमोली के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित पेयजल योजनाओं के जल जीवन मिशन द्वितीय फेज के कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र. सं.	पेयजल योजना का नाम	विकास क्षेत्र	कार्य का विवरण	निविदा प्रतिभूति	अवधि
1	सुमरपुर (संशोधित)	गैरसेण	पाइप लाइन बिछाने का कार्य एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्य।	99000	4 माह

2. पोर्टल पर निविदा उपलब्ध होने की तिथि :- 19/10/2023 समय: 17:00 बजे
3. पोर्टल पर निविदा प्राप्त की अन्तिम तिथि :- 02/11/2023 समय: 17:00 बजे
4. पोर्टल पर निविदा खुलने की तिथि :- 03/11/2023 समय: 13:00 बजे
5. उक्त पेयजल योजना कि निविदा सिंगल बिड है, निविदा की पूर्ण जानकारी, शुद्धि पत्र एवं निरस्तीकरण आदि हेतु www.uktenders.gov.in पर लॉग इन करते रहें।
6. जिन टेकेंदरों द्वारा पूर्व में अनुबन्ध के उपरान्त भी अभी तक कार्य प्रारम्भ नहीं किया गया है उनकी निविदा को निरस्त करने की कार्यवाही की जायेगी।

हस्ता./-
अधिशासी अभियन्ता

BIHAR MEDICAL SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION LIMITED, PATNA
BMSICL (A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)
2nd & 3rd Floor of Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS Campus, Sheikhpura, Patna
Phone: +91 612 2283289, Fax: +91 612 2283289

निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-BMSICL/Infra/34/2023, दिनांक- 16/10/2023
बिहार चिकित्सा सेवाएँ एवं आधुनिक संरचना निगम लिमिटेड, पटना द्वारा निम्न कार्य हेतु प्रतिशत/मद दर निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कोई भी संवेदक को केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार/लोक उपक्रम में किसी भी श्रेणी में निविदा हो निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं, परंतु उक्त कार्य का एकरारनामा होने के पूर्व इस निगम में समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधन कराना अनिवार्य होगा:-

युप संख्या	कार्य का नाम	परिमाणु वित्त की राशि (लाख में)	अवधि की राशि (₹0 में)	परिमाणु वित्त का मूल्य (₹0 में)	बिड प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1.	सारण जिलान्तर्गत सिताब दरिया में तीस शैथ्या के सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र एवं स्वास्थ्य कर्मियों के क्वार्टर तथा अस्पताल परिसर का चहारदीवारी का निर्माण कार्य।	1225.22	22,25,300/-	11,80,000/-	As Per e-Proc2	12 माह
2.	कैमूर जिलान्तर्गत नुआँ में तीस शैथ्या के सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्र का निर्माण कार्य।	694.71	13,88,300/-	11,80,000/-	As Per e-Proc2	12 माह

2. निविदा समय-सारणी (Tender Schedule)

Sl. No.	Activity	Date & Time
1.	Bid Submission Start Date	From 27/10/2023, 11:00 AM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
2.	Bid Submission Last Date	Up to 11/11/2023, 05:00 PM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
3.	Physical document (Original Affidavit & Payment Receipt) Submission End Date	Up to 13/11/2023, 03:00 PM in the office of BMSICL, Patna (2nd & 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Bihar, Patna)
4.	Technical Bid Opening Date	13/11/2023, 03:00 PM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in

Metro Railway, Kolkata

E-Tender Notice No.: 09/23-24, dt. 13.10.2023 for procurement of stores. E-Tenders for following items have already been uploaded in www.ireps.gov.in with all details. Manual bid will not be accepted. Corrigendum/Amendment, if any, would be uploaded only in the aforesaid website.

Table with columns: Tender No., Brief Description, Quantity, Closing date & time. Includes items like BLDC Fan, SEPCOS Relay, Air Compressor with Motor, Escalator with AMC, Taper Roller Bearing, S3 Basic Drive, Door Control Unit, Unit exchange spares for control electronics.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 61/2023-2024 Dated: 18.10.2023 Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system

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

Table with columns: S.N., Tender No., Brief Description, Qty., Closing Date. Includes items like CONTACT SEGMENT FOR REVERSER T TYPE, PANTOGRAPH FOR FRIEIGHT LOCOS TYPE, SQUARE HOLLOW SECTION, BATTERY STORAGE UNIT, FULLY THYRISTORISED CONTROLLED DC ARC WELDING RECTIFIER, ALUMINIUM CHEQUERED SHEET SPEC C-8217 (REV-2), SUPPLY INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF COMPLETE SET OF BPAC, ALTERNATE EQUALISING STAY.

NOTE- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

MAHARASHTRA SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking) "Krupanidhi", 9 Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400001 Tel: 022-22620624

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Padmanabhanagara Division, Opp. to Sagar Hospital, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bengaluru - 560 078. No: EE(PN)/TEND/07/2023-24 Date: 18.10.2023

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER CENTRAL IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR 'e' Procurement Notice No. ACECIC - 05/ 2023-24

Large table with columns: Procurement Officer, Bid Identification No., Name of Work, Cost of Work (Rs. in Lakhs), Bid Security (Rs.), Class of Contractor, Bid documents available online for bidding, Date of opening of Technical Bid, Period of completion of work. Includes items like Improvement to Right Bank of river Daya, Improvement to Kunkhai Left Embankment, Improvement to Daya River Left Embankment, Improvement to Bhargavi Right Embankment, Improvement to Bhargavi Right Embankment from RD, Improvement of Service Road over Lamijhara Right Embankment, Improvement of Service Road over Dahuka Right Embankment, Improvement to Service Road on Kalkapur Disty, UCO Bank to Deulimatha from RD, Improvement to Ankushpur Disty, Restoration to Mahandi Right Embankment, Restoration to Hada Right Embankment from Arikama to Sasan.

Small ID: acecic_dow@yahoo.com Further details conditions can be seen from Govt. website www.tenderorissa.gov.in

NMDC Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise) 'Khanij Bhavan', 10-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028 CIN:L13100TG1958GOI001674. CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT Tender Enquiry No.: HO (Contracts) / FAS & AS / Mines / 942/186 Dated: 19-10-2023

Name of the Work: Providing and Supplying Additional necessary Medical Equipments, Fire Fighting Systems and Other Necessary Equipments to Sushruta Children's Hospital and Primary Health Center at Sakamma Garden in Ward No-200 Yadiyuru (Old Ward No-167) (2nd Call). Approx. Value of Work (₹. in Lakhs): 100.00 EMD (in ₹.): 2,00,000/-

बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम लिमिटेड (A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking) Shiksha Bhawan, Bihar Rashtrabhasa, Parishad Campus, Acharya Shvipujan Sahay Path, Saidpur, Patna-0800004 Tel. No : 0612 - 2660850 Fax No : 0612 - 2660256 E-mail: bseidc@gmail.com * Website : http://www.bseidc.in

Table with columns: Sl. NO., Group No, District Name, Name of Work, BOQ Amount (In Lakh), EMD, Cost of BOQ, Period of Completion, Rem arks. Lists various school construction projects across districts like Begusarai, Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, Jamui, Katihar, Madhepura, Madhubani.

Table with columns: S.No., ACS No., District Name, Name of Work, BOQ Amount (In Lakh), EMD, Cost of BOQ, Period of Completion, Rem arks. Lists various school construction projects across districts like Muzaffarpur, Patna, Siwan, Vaishali, Madhepura, Samastipur, Patna, Darbhanga, Kishanganj, Madhepura, Bhagalpur.

नोट:- (i) प्राकृतिक बिड घट या बढ़ सकती है एवं तदनुसार अद्ययन की राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है। (ii) वेबसाइट: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर अंकित प्राकृतिक बिड राशि, अद्ययन की राशि एवं परिमाण विषय की राशि अंतिम रूप से मान्य होगा। (iii) Beltron Bid Processing Fee- As appeared on e-tendering website (1) परिमाण विषय प्राप्त करने (डाउनलोड/अपलोड) की अवधि एवं समय :- दिनांक-25.10.2023 से 01.11.2023, 15:00 बजे तक। (2) प्री बिड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि :- दिनांक-27.10.2023, 15:00 घंटा तक, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम, पटना। (3) शपथ-पत्र एवं अद्ययन की मूल प्रति जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि, समय एवं स्थान :- दिनांक-02.11.2023 (अवकाश घोषित होने पर अगला कार्य दिवस), समय- 15:00 बजे तक, बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम, पटना। (4) टेक्निकल बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक 02.11.2023 समय- 15:30 बजे (5) दर खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के बाद। (6) निविदा खोलने का स्थान :- वेबसाइट- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर (7) निविदा की कैसाती की अवधि :- 120 दिन (8) ई-टेंडरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु संवेदकों को पंजीकृत होना होगा, जिससे कि उन्हें उपयोगकर्ता का नाम (user ID) पासवर्ड (Password) अंकीय हस्ताक्षर (Digital Signature) निर्गत की जायेगी। यह उन्हें वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in से डाउनलोड करके / टेंडर की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने की योग्यता प्रदान करेगा। (9) (i) The details of the tender will be available on the website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in (ii) For more details visit www.bseidc.in/active_tender.php

19 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 65,877.02 ▼ 551.07 (0.83%) NIFTY: 19,671.10 ▼ 140.40 (0.71%) NIKKEI: 32,042.25 ▲ 1.96 HANG SENG: 17,732.52 ▼ 40.82 FTSE: 7,619.34 ▼ 55.87 DAX: 15,150.56 ▼ 101.13

GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹60,650	₹83.27	\$91.03	₹74,700

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of October 17

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH DEARNESS ALLOWANCE

Festive bonus: What does Cabinet's DA hike mean for central govt staff?

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE UNION Cabinet on Wednesday approved a 4 per cent hike in dearness allowance and dearness relief for central government employees and pensioners to 46 per cent from 42 per cent, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur said. Citing it as a decision for benefit of government employees and pensioners amid the festive season, Thakur said the DA hike will be effective July 1.

Outgo for the exchequer

Given the hike in dearness allowance, the total outgo for the exchequer would be Rs 12,857 crore per year, the Minister said after the meeting of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). This will benefit about 48.67 lakh central government employees and 67.95 lakh pensioners, an official statement said.

"The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved to release an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners w.e.f. 01.07.2023 representing an increase of 4 per cent over the existing rate of 42 per cent of the Basic Pay/Pension, to compensate against price rise. This increase is in accordance with the accepted formula, which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission," it said.

The release of additional instalment of dearness allowance to government employees as well as dearness relief to pensioners will be effective from July 1, 2023.

Pay Commission formula

The hike is in line with the formula based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission. The dearness allowance for employees and pensioners is estimated on the basis of the latest Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) which is released by the Labour Bureau every month.

The last revision in DA was done on March 24, 2023, and was effective from January 1, 2023.

The Centre had increased DA by four percentage points to 42 per cent based on the percentage increase in the 12 monthly average of the All India Consumer Price Index for the period ending December 2022. The DA is provided to government employees and pensioners factoring in the rising prices and the cost of living.

On Tuesday, the government announced the grant of non-productivity linked bonus (ad-hoc bonus) to eligible employees for the year 2022-23.

The ad-hoc bonus has been approved for Group C and non-gazetted Group B rank officials, including paramilitary forces. The calculation ceiling for payment of ad-hoc bonus under these orders has been kept at Rs 7,000.

AS US, CHINA RED FLAG LAPTOP IMPORT MEASURE

India to peg import checks as security measure, not trade

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK & AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

INDIA SEES its decision of introducing certain terms and conditions on the import of IT hardware such as laptops and personal computers as a security measure, rather than a trade consideration as it looks to ward off concerns raised by countries including the US, China, South Korea and Taiwan at a recent meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

"The WTO is not a forum to discuss security issues, and our plans around checking the imports of laptops and personal computers is primarily coming from a safety and security perspective. We will explain that in the next meeting," a senior government official said, requesting anonymity.

In August, the government had attempted to impose a licensing requirement on the imports of laptops and personal computers but was forced to delay the directive's implementation till October 31 after strong pushback from the industry.

Since then, it has been work-



South Korea stressed that the proposed measures by India seem inconsistent with WTO rules. File

ing on a new measure called the 'import management system' which will require IT hardware companies to register and disclose data related to their imports, and countries from which they import, among other things. But, the immediate quota system under the previous licensing notification is not going to be imposed from the get go, in a much needed relief to the industry.

The policy, however, is yet to be officially released by the government. The August 3 notification, which delayed the implementation of licensing norms

until October 31, is also yet to be formally revoked.

During a meeting of the WTO's Committee on Market Access on Monday (October 16), the US said that the decision will have an impact on trade of these products, including US exports to India, once it is implemented. America has also said that the decision is creating uncertainty for exporters and downstream users.

Korea stressed that the proposed measures by India seem inconsistent with WTO rules and could consequently create un-

necessary trade barriers. The country requested India to reconsider the implementation of these measures and provide detailed clarifications and information on this issue, including the timeline of its implementation.

Another senior government official said the concerns raised by the countries will be duly addressed at the WTO. The official, however, said that the grounds to object are premature given the fact that the policy for laptop imports is yet to come into place.

Also, given that there were concerns about national security which prompted the restrictions in the first place, it should not be held against India as other countries are also bringing out changes in policies linked to their national interest.

"Countries keep raising concerns at WTO, India has also raised concerns earlier on different issues of some countries. But this matter is unlikely to escalate into a dispute since the policy has not yet come into place. In these times, when every country is moving for their security concerns, India also took a call based on its national security concerns."

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Age factor: Two proxy advisory firms oppose Anant's appointment on Reliance board

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, OCTOBER 18

TWO PROXY advisory firms have advised shareholders of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) to vote against the proposal to appoint Anant Ambani, the youngest son of Mukesh Ambani, on the board of the conglomerate.

Mumbai-based Institutional Investor Advisory Services India Ltd (IIAS), in a recent report, has recommended RIL shareholders to vote against Anant's appointment due to his age.

"At 28 years of age, his (Anant) appointment as a Non-Executive Non-Independent Director does not align with our voting guidelines. IIAS recommends voting AGAINST the resolution," the firm said in the report.

However, IIAS has supported the resolution for the appointment of Anant's elder siblings - Isha and Akash - both 31 years of age, on the RIL's board.

International proxy firm Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) has also recommended shareholders to vote against the appointment of Anant on the board, according to a Bloomberg report.

"A vote against this resolution

On September 25, 2023, RIL in a postal ballot notice sought approval from members of the company, by way of remote e-voting process

is warranted as Anant Ambani's limited leadership/board experience of around six years, raises concerns on his potential contribution to the board," ISS said in an October 12 note, according to the Bloomberg report.

The firm has backed the board appointments of Isha and Akash Ambani on the board, the report said.

On September 25, 2023, RIL in a postal ballot notice sought approval from members of the company, by way of remote e-voting process for the appointment of Isha, Akash and Anant as non-executive directors of the company. The e-voting started on September 27 and will end on October 26.

IIAS, in its report, said the appointments of Isha, Akash and Anant are expected to be effective before December 31, 2023.

India to grow at 6.5-6.8% this fiscal: Deloitte

The growth will be primarily due to festive spending in the coming months followed by higher government spending, as per Deloitte India report



Deloitte's India economic outlook report:

- 6.5%** Growth every fiscal to become the world's third largest economy by 2027
- 8-9%** Every fiscal to become a developed country by 2047

India's micro, small, or medium enterprises will be key in generating income, capabilities, capacities, and ecosystems needed for sustained growth in consumption

Source: PTI

GST evasion of ₹1.36 lakh crore detected in FY24 so far: DGGI

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

THE DIRECTORATE General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) has detected GST evasion of Rs 1.36 lakh crore so far during the current financial year involving "voluntary payment" of Rs 14,108 crores.

The investigation agency under Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime has been working on identifying "masterminds and syndicates" operating across the country since June this year after having carried out an anti-evasion drive earlier, it said, adding that cases have been booked using data analysis aided by advanced technical tools. The DGGI statement comes as several tax notices have been sent to companies under GST.

Over the last few months, companies in sectors ranging from fast-moving consumer goods to automobiles to mattresses makers and insurance companies have received a spate of show cause-cum-demand notices from the GST authorities for issues relating to "short payment" of taxes, "wrongful availment" of credit and mismatch of details in their returns dating back to 2017-18. In addition, online gaming companies and casinos have also received GST demand notices.

"Since June 2023, special emphasis has been to identify and apprehend the masterminds and disrupt syndicates, operating across the country. Cases have been booked using data analysis aided by advanced technical tools which lead to the arrest of masterminds. These syn-

dicates used gullible persons and enticed them with job or commission or bank loan etc. to extract their KYC documents which were for creation of fake or shell companies. In some cases, KYCs were used with the knowledge of the concerned person by paying them small pecuniary benefits," it said.

In the first six months of the current financial year, 1,040 Cases involving GST evasion of around Rs 14,000 crore input tax credit have been detected and a total of 91 fraudsters have been arrested. In November 2020, the DGGI had initiated a special drive against fake ITC fraudsters to plug the leakage in government revenue. Under that drive, it has so far registered more than 6000 cases, involving detection of over Rs 57,000 crore GST evasion and arrest of 500 persons.

PhonePe revenue grows 77% in FY23

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

FINTECH FIRM PhonePe on Wednesday said it has registered a 77 per cent growth in consolidated revenue to Rs 2,914 crore for FY23 on account of market expansion and digital money transfers.

The Walmart group company had posted revenue of Rs 1,646 crore in the financial year 2022.

"We recorded a consolidated revenue of Rs 2,914 crore in FY23, which represents a 77 per cent year-on-year growth over FY22 revenue of Rs 1,646 crore. This growth is led primarily by our focus on market expansion and leadership in the digital payments market, especially in major revenue-contributing use cases like Money Transfers, Mobile Recharges and Bill Payments," PhonePe said in a statement.

PhonePe India Pvt Ltd - which houses the payments business - posted a widening of operating loss (EBITDA) before ESOP cost to Rs 7,021 crore during the reported fiscal from Rs 1,612 crore.

The company said that its recently concluded equity fundraising of Rs 7,021 crore from long-term investors like General Atlantic, Walmart, Ribbit Capital, TVS Capital Funds and Tiger Global will enable it to invest in the country.

BRIEFLY

Next EPFO Board meeting on Oct 31

New Delhi: The Central Board of Trustees (CBT) of the EPFO will hold its next meeting on October 31. An official agenda is yet to be detailed. Issues pertaining to higher pension option under EPS and returns on investments of the EPF are expected to be discussed. ENS

Bajaj Auto Q2 profit rises 17%

New Delhi: Bajaj Auto on Wednesday said its consolidated net profit increased 17.51 per cent to Rs 2,020 crore for the September quarter with robust domestic performance driving revenue. The company had reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,719 crore in the year-ago period. PTI

BoB suspends officials linked to 'bob World' manipulation

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 18

DAYS AFTER the Reserve Bank of India barred state-owned Bank of Baroda from onboarding fresh customers on its mobile application, the Mumbai-based lender has suspended some officials related to alleged manipulation of 'bob World'.

According to sources, some officials as high as assistant general

managers have been suspended in connection with the alleged tampering of customer accounts with the intention to inflate registrations on the bank's mobile app, 'bob World'. A mail sent to the bank seeking comments on the matter did not elicit any response.

On October 10, the RBI had directed BoB to halt fresh onboarding fresh customers on its mobile application 'bob World' with immediate effect, citing material supervisory concerns.

CUDDALORE CORPORATION
Open Tender (TWO COVER SYSTEM) Notice
Date: 17.10.2023

Tenders are invited in Two Cover System for the following works in accordance to the conditions laid down as below.

Sr. No.	Name of the work	Approx. value of work Rs. in Crores	E.M.D. (Rs.)	Eligible class
1	Tamil Nadu Climate Resilient Urban Development Project (TNCRU/DP) 2023/24	133.18	1,33,18,000/-	As per Technical standard
Underground sewerage scheme to the left out areas in Cuddalore Corporation.				
Date, time & venue of pre bid meeting: 06.11.2023, 3.30 pm, Cuddalore Corporation Office.				
Bid documents availability (at free of cost): 28.11.2023 up to 3.00 pm.				
Due date and time for the submission of bids: 28.11.2023 up to 3.00 pm.				
Date, time and place of opening of bids: 28.11.2023 at 3.30 pm in the Office of Cuddalore Corporation.				
Any Other important criteria by tender inviting authority: Can be seen in the tender document. Any clarification required may be sought from the office of Cuddalore Corporation during office hours on all working days. Original CO and original certified copies of documents shall be submitted before 3.00 pm on 28.11.2023.				

DI/PR.5660/Tender/2023
Commissioner, Cuddalore Corporation

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : Re-e-tender No1222023/24/SE/PHC/AL/PR/11
O&M - Water Supply Schemes-KWA-JICA Assisted water supply project to cheralha municipality and adjoining villages operation & maintenance of intake well and pumping station at kalamboorkavu (piravom) Raw water pumping and transmission main and 107 MLD water treatment plant at Thycattussery for Three years -for the year 2023- 2026-General Civil Work EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/-
Tender fee : Rs. 19,518/- Last Date for submitting Tender : 09-11-2023 02:00 pm
Phone : 0477-2237954 Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

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Transaction Banking - Solutions & Special Projects Department, Corporate Centre, 2nd floor, Mafatal Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021.
E-mail - dgmprojects.dtb@sbi.co.in, Website: <https://bank.sbi>, <https://www.sbi.co.in>

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
Please refer the Corrigendum available for RFP No. SBI/TB-S&SP/BA/2023-24/005 Dated: 30.09.2023 available under "Procurement News" at Banks website: <https://bank.sbi>, <https://www.sbi.co.in>, <https://etender.sbi/>.

Place: Mumbai Deputy General Manager (Projects)
Date: 19.10.2023 TB - Solutions & Special Projects Department

TENDER NOTICE
Sealed Tender offers are invited for supply, installation testing & commissioning of 6.5 MWp solar plant under open access scheme in Maharashtra where solar radiation is high, for Gokul Milk plant, B-1, MIDC, Gokul shirgaon, Dist.-Kolhapur. Tender details along with scope of work, technical specifications and Terms and Conditions are available on our website www.gokulmilk.coop. Tender offers are to be submitted on or before 15.00 hrs on 31/10/2023. Right to accept any or all Tenders without assigning any reason is reserved.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS Oct 19, 2023
TATA Power-DDL invites tenders as per following details:

Tender Enquiry No. / Work Description	Estimated Cost/EMD (Rs.)	Availability of Bid Document	Last Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date and time of Opening of bids
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001605/23-24 Rate Contract for Supply of GI Wire	2.05 Crs/ 5,09,000	19.10.2023	09.11.2023; 1500 Hrs/ 09.11.2023; 1530 Hrs.
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001606/23-24 Rate Contract for supply of LT Feeder Pillars (Type A) & Service Pillars	82.56 Lac/ 2,10,000	19.10.2023	09.11.2023; 1530 Hrs/ 09.11.2023; 1600 Hrs.

CORRIGENDUM / TENDER DATE EXTENTION

Tender Enquiry No. / Work Description	Previously Published Date	Revised Due Date & Time of Bid Submission/ Date & time of opening of bids
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001580/23-24 Three Years Rate Contract for LAN works in Tata Power DDL	01.09.2023	23.10.2023 at 1600 Hrs/ 23.10.2023 at 1630 Hrs.
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001564/23-24 ISS IMPLEMENTATION AT NEW UPCOMING GRIDS	07.07.2023	27.10.2023 at 1600 Hrs/ 27.10.2023 at 1630 Hrs.
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001590/23-24 RC for supply of ACBs	27.09.2023	27.10.2023 at 1500 Hrs/ 27.10.2023 at 1530 Hrs.
TPDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001593/23-24 RC for supply of 11 KV RMUs	27.09.2023	30.10.2023 at 1500 Hrs/ 30.10.2023 at 1530 Hrs.

Complete tender and corrigendum document is available on our website www.tatapower-dli.com -> Vendor Zone -> Tender / Corrigendum Documents
Contracts - 011-66112222

IBM inks 3 pacts with IT Min

New Delhi: US multinational technology giant IBM on Wednesday inked three pacts with IT Ministry in areas of semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence and quantum computing.

The move assumes significance as India is taking decisive steps to position itself in cutting-edge new technologies. The three MoUs signed were in the areas of semiconductors, AI and quantum computing. PTI

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
No. NIT/2023-24/20800-12
आवृत्तकालीन ई-प्रस्ताव सूचना संख्या 575/2023-24
Date: 17.10.2023
UIN: RRC2324SL0801178
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Lakh

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Collector of Toll Tax on "Sulamer-Kseer KI Chowk & Dabani-Kurabai-Bambora Road"
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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer-5, Solid Waste Management Division, N. R. Square, Bengaluru-02.
No. BBMP/EE-5/SWM/TEND/03/2023-24/Call-3 Date: 18.10.2023
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) Call-3
(Through GOK KPP Portal) Two Cover System

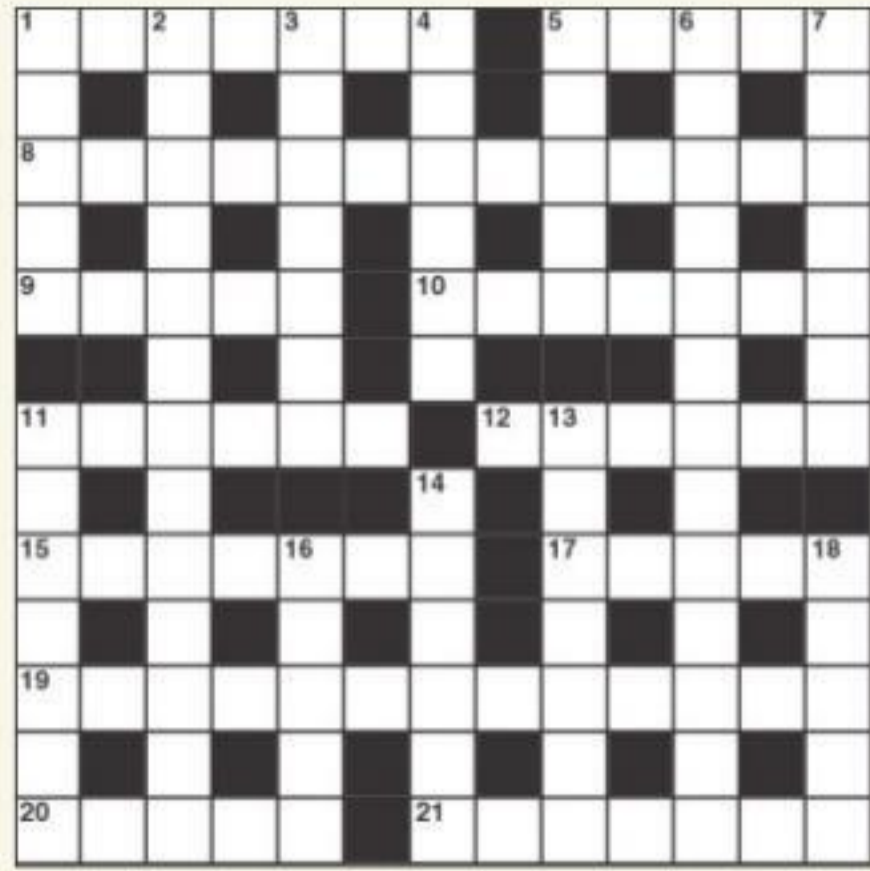
The Executive Engineer-5, BBMP, Bengaluru, Solid Waste Management Division, invites Proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Agency for "Operation and Maintenance of Toilets in BBMP Limits" As detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Assignment / Category	Amount put to tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (₹. in Lakhs)
1.	Operation and Maintenance of E-toilets (8 Units) in Dasarahalli Zone for 3 years in BBMP Limits, (Package-1) SC.	10.94	0.14
2.	Operation and Maintenance of E-toilets (8 Units) in Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone for 3 years in BBMP Limits, (Package-2) SC.	10.94	0.14
3.	Operation and Maintenance of E-toilets (12 Units) in Yelahanka Zone for 3 years in BBMP Limits, (Package-3) ST.	16.41	0.21
4.	Operation and Maintenance of E-toilets (22 Units) in Bommanahalli Zone for 3 years in BBMP Limits, (Package-4) General.	30.09	0.60
5.	Operation and Maintenance of E-toilets (26 Units) in East Zone for 3 years in BBMP Limits, (Package-5) General.	35.56	0.71
6.	Operation and Maintenance of E-toilets (4 Units) in Mahadevapura Zone for 3 years in BBMP Limits, (Package-6) General.	5.47	0.14
7.	Operation and Maintenance of E-toilets (69 Units) in West Zone for 3 years in BBMP Limits, (Package-7) General.	94.39	1.89
8.	Operation and Maintenance of E-toilets (80 Units) in South Zone for 3 years in BBMP Limits, (Package-8) General.	109.44	1.64
9.	Operation and Maintenance of Modular Toilet (34 Units) for a period of 2 year in BBMP limits.	31.00	0.62

Calendar of Events: (1) Availability of RFP Documents from 21.10.2023 at 4:00 p.m. onwards. **(2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries 30.10.2023 up to 3:30 p.m. **(3)** Date of Pre bid meeting at the Office of Chief Engineer (SWM) on 31.10.2023 at 4:00 p.m. **(4)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Proposals is 03.11.2023 at 4:30 p.m. **(5)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals is 04.11.2023 at 4:30 p.m. **(6)** Date of Opening of Financial Proposals after Approval of Technical Proposals through e-Procurement. **(7)** Corrigenda / Modifications / Corrections, if any will be published in the Website only. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer-5, Solid Waste Management Division, BBMP.

CROSSWORD 5186



- ACROSS**
- A gumboil no one treated leads to complaint (7)
 - Injuries resulting from hay stacking (5)
 - He wants a good job and no mistake (13)
 - Cream in the literal sense, though figurative (5)
 - Hearing for second time about converted trailer (7)
 - Assimilate a summary (6)
 - Raise with some relief (6)
 - Some card games supplied by stationers (7)
 - An instrument played in 'Twelfth Night' (5)
 - An Italian is unable to see this window screen (8,5)
 - Maker of ropes or sails (5)
 - He makes one cross at times (7)
- DOWN**
- May make pleas about an indiscretion (5)
 - Union notices (8,5)
 - Eternal theme of the beautician (7)
 - Noisy protest that may follow a jailbreak (6)
 - Rod, pole or perch (5)
 - What the studies is wrong (13)
 - Makes a home that sinks gradually (7)
 - Comes from the revised version (7)
 - Can be made to cry or go (7)
 - Bolt or lock the cell door to prevent it (6)
 - Praise for former duty it's said (5)
 - It counts as a hazard for rambles (5)

Solutions Crossword 5185 Across: 1 Touch, 8 Bigamist, 9 Spurne, 10 Atom bomb, 11 Inane, 12 Aye, 16 Anthem, 17 Mended, 18 You, 23 Ghost, 24 Serenade, 25 Patch, 26 Dead beat, 27 Gross Down: 2 Opponent, 3 Comanche, 4 Winty, 5 Halma, 6 Tiron, 7 Stabs, 12 Army, 13 Ernu, 14 On their, 15 Bedscocks, 19 Ordeal, 20 Aside, 21 Bread, 22 Snubs

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

A good man would prefer to be defeated than to defeat injustice by _____

-Sallust (4,5)

WVAEE CEHILN
 OPUIS CIITMV

SOLUTION: WVAEE - WEAVE, CEHILN - LICHEN, CIITMV - CIVILIAN, OPUIS - OPIUS. Answer: A good man would prefer to be defeated than to defeat injustice by WVAEE

Difficulty Level 5s
Instructions
 To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5354



Difficulty Level
 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
 If it's romance you're interested in, secrecy and discretion are of the essence. Also, expensive outings are guaranteed to impress. This is no time to count the cost or restrict your pleasure. After all, your stars won't be so enjoyable — for another three months.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
 Astrology deals with the interface between your psyche and your environment, if that doesn't sound too pompous. The very simple result is that a change of attitude may now be more important than improvements in your circumstances. More money would help, but it's only part of the answer.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
 Partners may be in an obstreperous mood this morning, but at least you can be thankful that deep-seated questions are coming into the open and awkward issues can now be aired. Nobody can persuade you to do anything against your will, so stick up for yourself.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
 You've got the advantage today, thanks to the Moon's support. When someone you think you know well forgets promises and, perhaps, breaks a trust, you may be inclined to write them off. For your own sake, please be tolerant of such all-too-human behaviour.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
 The trouble with Gemini, their critics say, is that they change their minds as often as their socks. Please bear in mind that you are about to do a complete U-turn in one important area, which may be all very confusing for friends and associates.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)**
 The best way you can use today's planetary energies is to be sympathetic and discreet. You must put other people's interests first and do whatever you can to help. There will be every opportunity to combine a high moral attitude with fun and pleasure.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
 Cancerians have a right to change their minds. You see, your ideas are often formed by feelings rather than facts and, now that someone seems to have a hot-line to your heart, this particular person is likely to affect your attitudes and deeply-held opinions.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
 New friends, associates and colleagues should encourage you to stop dwelling on the past and instead get on and face the future. The problem is that, for as long as there is still a little turbulence in the celestial spheres, it's difficult to see your way forward.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
 You've eked out your resources pretty well so far, but now it looks as if you can relax and splash out a little. Helpful lunar aspects suggest that charity begins at home and that those who deserve your generosity most are intimate family members. Be helpful.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
 There should be a thaw on the way in a partnership which has been decidedly chilly. As soon as personal relationships have eased, you'll be able to tackle new questions with an open mind and a willing heart. If you're looking for good luck the question is, how much good fortune can you take? That's not as silly as it sounds.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
 Onwards and upwards is a good slogan for you to bear in mind at a time like this, especially if your morale has slipped a little. Your personal success, you see, now depends on maintaining an optimistic and confident outlook; hope springs eternal, as they say.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
 Personally, and emotionally, the overall picture may appear challenging, but there is no reason why it should also be upsetting. You have gained so much social confidence lately that there is little that can throw you off balance. At least, not yet.

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Corrigendum No. 4 Dated 14/10/2023
CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

NMDC Limited is issuing this press notification regarding the modification (as indicated in **Corrigendum No. 4 Dated 14/10/2023**) in the **eligibility / qualification requirements** of following tender:

Tender Enquiry No.: HO(Contracts)/NCP&DHCS/DEP-14&11C/945 Dated: 30/08/2023

MSTC Tender Event No.: NMDC/HO/34/23-24/ET/342

Description of Work: Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of New Crushing Plant & Downhill Conveyor System for Deposit 14 and 11C of Bailadila Iron Ore Mines, NMDC, Kirandul Complex (Chhattisgarh) on Turkey basis

The detailed Corrigendum No. 4, Tender documents and other Corrigendum of above tender can be viewed and /or downloaded from NMDC website <https://nmcdportals.nmdc.co.in/nmcdtender>, Central Public Procurement portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app> and MSTC portal https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocure/nmcd/buyer_login.jsp till 30.10.2023.

For further clarification, the prospective bidders can send their queries in the email: contracts@nmcd.co.in and Souvik.G@dastur.com
Executive Director (Works)

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: W_LLH_11_2023-24, dated 16.10.2023. E-Tender (Open Tender) is invited online by Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Elect, C & W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah, PIN-711204 from tenderers having technical and financial capabilities for the following work: **Name of the Work:** Replacement of Condenser and Evaporator Coil for Roof Mounted AC Package Unit of LHB AC Coaches = 67 nos. for Eastern Railway at C&W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah.

Approx cost of Works: ₹ 2,55,33,371.03.

Earnest Money: ₹ 2,77,700.00. **Tender Closing date with time:** 10.11.2023 at 14.00 hrs. **Website where complete Details of Tender is available:** www.ireps.gov.in (MISC-167/2023-24)

Tender Notice is also available at websites: www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of Work and its Location:- 30-Elect-26-T-R1-23-24-E3 ELECTRICAL WORK IN CONNECTION WITH INSTALLATION OF RENEWABLE PLANTS OVER DELHI DIVISION WITH CAMC OF 03 YEARS.

Approx Cost of the works in:- Rs. 231.87 Lacs

Address of the Office:- Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer / General, New Delhi.

Bid Security:- Rs. 265900.00

Date & time of submission of tender:- 13.11.2023, 12.00 Hrs.

Opening of tender:- 13.11.2023, 12.00 Hrs.

Website & Notice Board:- www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.

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No. HSPEDC/Hardware/SS/2K23-11237 Date: 16.10.2023

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender are invited from eligible bidders for e-TENDER for Procurement of Hardware for Samagra Shiksha Himachal Pradesh. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 25.10.2023 (11.30 A.M.) through Video Conferencing.

Last date for online e-bid submission is 15.11.2023 (upto 02.30 PM.) and shall be opened on 16.11.2023 at 02.30 PM. Detailed Tender Document containing Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions are available on HSPEDC website www.hspedc.in and <https://tenders.gov.in>

GENERAL MANAGER (TECHNICAL)

WESTERN RAILWAY - VADODARA DIVISION

OPEN 'E' TENDER NOTICE

Tender No. EL/TRD/Tender/23-24/23

Tenders for and on behalf of The President of India are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical Tr.D) Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara - 390 004 for the following works. **Sr. No.1 - Tender No. & Name of Work:** EL/TRD/Tender/23-24/23, OHE modification work and other allied activities in connection with construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) in Vadodara - Gerapur and Anand - Godhra section of Vadodara Division. **Approximate cost of the work (In ₹):** 1,10,42,388.80/- **Bid Security (In ₹):** 2,05,200/- **Cost of Tender documents and completion period:** Completion period 12 months. **Tender scheduled on:** Tender closing date 20/11/2023 and time of closing at 15.00 hrs. on the same date. **Web page particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen & address of the office and clarification:** web_sib@westernrailways.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical Tr.D) Western Railway, Pratapnagar, Vadodara - 390 004

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SR. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PANCHAYATI RAJ KATHAL	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VILLAGE BANDRANA	13.10.2023 25.10.2023	168.47 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746234748 prexeng_kti@gmail.com
2	PANCHAYATI RAJ ROHTAK	CM CODE SAMPLA CONSTRUCTION OF CHAMARON WALLI CHOUPAT AT VILL HASANGARH + 8 WORKS	16.10.2023 23.10.2023	208.11 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01262254150 prexeng.roh@hry.nic.in
3	PANCHAYATI RAJ JHAJJAR	CONST. OF B/WALL OF KHEL STADIUM AT VILLAGE LOWA KHURD, BLOCK BAHADURGARH, DISTRICT JHAJJAR	16.10.2023 21.10.2023	16.79 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9812544460 prexeng.jr@hry.nic.in
4	PANCHAYATI RAJ JHAJJAR	COMPLETION OF PARK CUM VYAMSHALA VILLAGE-JAHIDPUR BLOCK-JHAJJAR + 7 WORKS	13.10.2023 20.10.2023	41.90 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9812544460 prexeng.jr@hry.nic.in
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ BADHRA CHARKHEDI DADRJI	CONST. OF STREET WITH IPB FROM H/O VIJENDER TO H/O GAJENDER SINGH S/O CHIRANJILAL AT VILL. KANHRA, CONSTRUCTION OF TOILET AND BATHROOM/SHED IN GRAM SACHVALAYA AT VILLAGE DOHKA DINA BLOCK BADHRA DISTT. CHARKHEDI DADRJI. (D-PLAN) + 4 WORKS	13.10.2023 20.10.2023	53.03 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416479223 xenprcharkhedidr@gmail.com
6	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING HANDEI DABWALI	PUCCA AND SINGHPURA - PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF CHLORINATION SYSTEM AT WATER WORKS PUCCA AND SINGHPURA. + 3 WORKS	17.10.2023 25.10.2023	30.83 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8730000001 ee.mandidabwali@gmail.com
7	PWD BBR KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NOS HL STEEL BRIDGES ON SYL AND NBK CANAL AT KM 12.600 ON NILOKHERI KARSA DHAND ROAD (SH-33) (ROAD ID 7407) IN NILOKHERI CONSTITUENCY IN KARNAL DISTRICT. (UNDER CRF SCHEME)	17.10.2023 07.11.2023	2255.23 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9876009311 pwd-eepd-karnal@hry.nic.in
8	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA NARNAUL	RECHARGING GROUND WATER TABLE FROM SURPLUS WATER DURING RAINY SEASON BY INSTALLING INJECTION WELLS OR SUITABLE STRUCTURE AT 20 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN NANGAL CHOUDHARY CONSTITUENCY DISTT MOHINDERGARH (UNDER ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA). + 5 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 25.10.2023	54.80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01282-251214 xen-wsnrl.ir@gov.in
9	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	CONST. OF MALIK CHOPAL IN VILLAGE BHAINSWAN KHURD BLOCK KATHURA + 1 WORKS	CLOSING DATE 23.10.2023	26.32 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416391006 prexeng.sn@gmail.com
10	PANCHAYATI RAJ FARIDABAD	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL OF NAREY WALI LAND WITH IRON GATE AT VILLAGE LAHOLI BLOCK BALLABGARH DISTRICT FARIDABAD VAGY + 11 WORKS	14.10.2023 20.10.2023	137.76 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0129-4313645 prexeng.fbd@hry.nic.in
11	PANCHAYATI RAJ NUH	CONST. OF DIRTY WATER NALA ALONG WITH PUMP SET FOR DEWATERING G.P GHASERA	16.10.2023 25.10.2023	170.42 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8708036914 prexeng.mwt@hry.nic.in
12	PANCHAYATI RAJ KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF ONE ROOM IN SUNAR DHARAMSHALA, MAIR KSHTRIYA SUNAR SABHA, OLD SARAFI, BAZAR, KARNAL. AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROOM/LIBRARY AT ARYA SAMAJ MANDIR, SECTOR-6, KARNAL. + 1 WORKS	13.10.2023 26.10.2023	25.75 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9813805200 prexeng.krl@hry.nic.in
13	PWD BBR SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING AT SDO CIVIL COMPLEX AT GANAUR IN SONIPAT DISTRICT.	13.10.2023 03.11.2023	70.77 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01302200575 pwd-eepd2-sonapat@hry.nic.in
14	PANCHAYATI RAJ AMBALA	SWM CONST. OF SWM SHED AT VILLAGE BEHLOLI, BERPURA BHAROG, GANESHIPUR, GAZIPUR, NASROLI, BLOCK SHAHZADPUR DISTT. AMBALA. + 7 WORKS	12.10.2023 23.10.2023	159.23 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2551368 prexeng.amb@hry.nic.in
15	PANCHAYATI RAJ SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF IPB STREET JOGINDER TELI WALI IN VILLAGE BADSHAPUR MACHHRI BLOCK SONIPAT VANGY + 2 WORKS	13.10.2023 20.10.2023	8.24 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9996001199 vijaypal2315@gmail.com
16	SHKM GOVT MEDICAL COLLEGE NALHAR NUH	COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL & DG SET SYSTEM AT SHKMGMC NALHAR NUH	19.10.2023 31.10.2023	80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01267-282007 tendermgmcnewat@gmail.com
17	PANCHAYATI RAJ KHARKHODA SONIPAT	CONST OF SWM SHED AT VILLAGE SISANA-1 SEHRI AND SILANA BLOCK KHARKHODA. + 7 WORKS	18.10.2023 23.10.2023	72.87 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9818043960 vpsehrawat2023@gmail.com
18	DIRECTOR GENERAL SUPPLIES AND DISPOSALS HARYANA	ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY/INSTALLATION/TESTING/COMMISSIONING OF AIR CONDITIONERS/SPLIT TYPE, WINDOW TYPE AND FLOOR MOUNTED/PILLAR TYPE)	19.10.2023 02.11.2023		https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2570122 supplies@hry.nic.in

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Corrigendum No. 6, Dated: 14-10-2023
CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

NMDC Limited is issuing this press notification regarding the modification (as indicated in Corrigendum No. 6 Dated 14-10-2023) in the **eligibility / qualification requirements** of following tender:

Tender Enquiry No.: HO(Contracts)/SBPTD/SP-II/Pkg-I/944, Dated: 07-08-2023.

MSTC Tender Event No.: NMDC/HO/35/23-24/ET/343

Description of work: Design, Engineering, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of new 7 MTPA Iron ore Screening & Beneficiation Plant - II (SP-II) along with Design, Engineering & Construction of Tailing Dam at Donimala Complex, Bellary, Karnataka on Turkey basis.

The detailed Corrigendum No.6, Tender documents and other Corrigendum of above tender can be viewed and /or downloaded from NMDC website <https://nmcdportals.nmdc.co.in/nmcdtender>, Central Public Procurement portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app> and MSTC portal https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocure/nmcd/buyer_login.jsp till 30-10-2023.

For further clarifications, the prospective bidders can send their queries in the email: contracts@nmcd.co.in and Souvik.G@dastur.com
Executive Director (Works)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Deepak @ Sonu, S/o: Mahabir Singh, R/o: Village Pakashma, Police Station Sampla, District Rohtak, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 212/2018, U/s 25/54/59 Arms Act, P.S.: Bawana, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Deepak @ Sonu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Deepak @ Sonu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Deepak @ Sonu** accused of **FIR No. 212/2018, U/s 25/54/59 Arms Act, P.S.: Bawana, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **06.03.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Vinod Joshi
 Metropolitan Magistrate-05 (North)
 Court Room No. 114, 1st Floor,
 Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/11714/ON/2023-(Court Matter)



TODAY'S MATCH

India vs Bangladesh, 2pm
Live on Star Sports network

Planet Bangladesh

Fans want rivalry with India to be premier subcontinent clash, but their team doesn't quite generate the required awe and anxiety

SHIVANI NAIK
PUNE, OCTOBER 18

FOR INDIA captain Rohit Sharma, Bangladesh-plus-World Cup means a century. He has two against them in World Cups - 104 (92) and 137 (126) - with 132 of those runs coming in boundaries. The conditions at the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Stadium - small boundaries, true surface, ball coming onto the bat - will put more pressure on the Bangladesh bowlers, who aren't having the best of tournaments. Yet, all the commotion and grumbling in Bangladesh is about their batsmen, notably their shaky top order.

Historically, Bangladesh cricket is a bubble in which the conversations and concerns aren't always in sync with the world outside. Lenient towards their bowlers, Bangladesh set a high bar for their batsmen. Like any self-respecting populace of the subcontinent, a daily dose of disses - some deserving, others dramatic - gets directed at the Bangladesh batsmen from the fans, the super-fans and intermittently the ever-frenzied press.

Opener Litton Das might not have caught the attention of the neutrals at this World Cup but on Planet Bangladesh Cricket, he is getting all the headlines. After his first-ball dismissal in Chennai - the futile attempt to hit Kiwi spearhead Trent Boult for six ending disastrously - he had a target drawn on his back.

In Pune, for the next game, an eager media group focused their cameras on him at the team hotel and Das got cranky. He ran to the hotel security demanding to know what the press pack was doing there. The media-persons were flabbergasted and made it known. A Facebook apology followed.

Things had thawed post the social media sorry. But the disenchantment over Bangla batting as a whole finds outlets in loud outbursts. Like one of the super-fans - they wear the Tiger headgear and paint their body in stripes - and his impromptu roar when standing outside the MCA stadium waiting to be let in: "Hatao Hathuri, Bachao Bangla cricket."

The subject of his disaffection is coach



(Left) After an eager media group focused their cameras on him at the team hotel, Litton Das got cranky. (Right) Rohit Sharma ahead of India's match against Bangladesh. P 11

Chandika Hathurusingha, who was recalled for a second stint in 2023 after a successful one some years ago. The super-fan reckons the head coach was responsible for leaving out veteran opener Tamim Iqbal. At this World Cup, every batting stutter sees the Tamim-pining bubble over to the brim.

Leading by example

Captain Shakib al Hasan, 36, battler and battered by ravages of time, is mostly respected for being at the top of his all-rounder game. He continues to contribute with bat and ball, stays sharp tactically and bowls in the Powerplay. His evergreen form draws comparisons with Virat Kohli, and gets called the heartbeat of the nation or Bangladesh jaan.

"He's still very hungry to do well for the team. And his ability to perform under pres-



"We had success in the recent past against India but it is a different ball game in the World Cup. India, the in-form team, has a not-so-good game, and (if) we play to our potential, it will serve us. We need to start well."

CHANDIKA HATHURUSINGHA
BANGLADESH COACH

"Virat Kohli is a special batsman, probably the best batsman in the modern era. I think I'm lucky to get him out 5 times. Of course, it will give me great pleasure, taking his wicket."

SHAKIB AL HASAN
BANGLADESH CAPTAIN, TO STAR SPORTS

sure, with both bat and ball is inspiring. He knows his strengths, trains smart and is aware of the mental needs of the game," gushes Bangladesh senior media manager Rabeed Imam.

Shakib practised on Tuesday, jogged and batted with Hathurusingha himself supervising. But with scans lined up, there were questions over his availability until the morning of the game.

For a while now, Bangladesh are keen to dislodge Pakistan from the perch of the subcontinent's top rivalry against India. While contests haven't been exactly one-sided, Bangladesh are not quite able to drum up the dread or historical anxiety that India's western neighbours evoke.

No one quite buys it, when superfans - there are five of them in Pune, capable of creating quite a racket - talk of 'India-Bangladesh being the new derby.' They are disappointed to hear they aren't Enemy No.1 yet, but proceed to clicking mobile pictures with Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, whom they quite adore.

"Let Rohit score a century, but Bangladesh should win," Tiger Shoyab Ali says, before narrating how Rohit got out of his vehicle to greet him at exactly 2.40 pm in Pune.

India's intimidating batting order has compelled Hathurusingha to bolster his attack by adding another bowler to the line-up, with left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed most likely to come in place of a batsman. The coach called the Pune pitch the best batting wicket he had seen in the tournament, adding, "India's batting order is scary the way they have been playing without fear."

On Planet Bangladesh, Litton & Co might be tiptoeing around the pack, while gulping at the prospect of Bumrah & Siraj fetching up after Reece Topley and Boult - with Kagiso Rabada to follow. But on Thursday, it's the Indian batsmen who are threatening to thunder down on Bangladesh's bowlers.

NUMBER PLATE

137 Rohit Sharma's century against Bangladesh in their 2015 World Cup game in Melbourne. It comprised 14 fours and three sixes.

104 Rohit's ton versus Bangladesh in their 2019 World Cup game in Birmingham. He hit seven fours and five sixes.

132 The number of runs in boundaries Rohit Sharma scored during his two World Cup hundreds against Bangladesh.

Iyer has solved India's No. 4 problem, in his aggressive way

SRIRAM VEERA
PUNE, OCTOBER 18

COUPLE OF weeks before the World Cup, Rohit Sharma was explaining to this newspaper about the 'hawaa', the atmosphere, that had built in Indian cricket in recent years around the No.4 spot.

"Ever since the last ODI World Cup, it has followed us. And perhaps it was a problem during the Virat [Kohli]-[Ravi] Shastri time, but I can speak confidently for us (Rohit and Rahul Dravid) that it hasn't been an issue at all: We have Shreyas Iyer. It's just that due to his injury, and because a couple of players we tried didn't grab the opportunities, the hawaa once again returned. But since I knew Shreyas would be back, I didn't have any sleepless nights over it. He has been perfect for us," Rohit told The Indian Express.

On Wednesday afternoon, Shubman Gill and Ishan Kishan had a batting net under the hot Pune sun, bowling coach Paras Mhambrey had a word with the media, and the Indian unit dispersed from the optional net session. Mhambrey's chat revolved around the immediate future of Ravichandran Ashwin and Mohammad Shami, and the mind realised how Iyer has killed all speculation around him that was doing the rounds pre-Asia Cup: how

Suryakumar Yadav hasn't taken that spot, how India even had to try Axar Patel there. All that narrative is now dead, courtesy Iyer.

The Indian ODI middle order hasn't quite seen someone like Iyer in a long while. Someone with the game and mandate to counterattack from the first ball. Perhaps, a young Suresh Raina (circa 2011 World Cup) to an extent. Yuvraj was of a different timbre; he could make a match, play the situation, gather runs at the start before exploding when he chose. Iyer plays it differently; he goes after the bowling from pretty much get-go. Like he did against Pakistan in the Asia Cup after a flurry of wickets.

In those situations, Yuvraj would have played the situation and went slow as he knew the team's chances would brighten if he stayed. Iyer also plays the situation but his reading and role is different; he counterattacks, knowing that if the tide shifts, the danger will fade. If he gets out, as he did against Australia, slapping a wide one to cover, KL Rahul is behind him to drop anchor. In that aspect, Iyer's counter-attacking fury is balanced by Rahul's calm composure. Fire and Ice.

Rohit might have slept well, knowing Iyer was coming back, but it wasn't an easy time for the man himself. A bulged slip-disc required surgery and he was out for a few months. Such was the untimeliness and extent of the prob-



Shreyas Iyer has played at No. 4 in each of India's games at this World Cup. File

lem that friends and family would suggest divine intervention from 'poojas' to ward off ill luck. Shreyas is a man of superstition. In the past, he would pat the same stray dog in his old neighbourhood before leaving for every game.

The Iyers are a god-fearing middle-class family. The senior Iyers, Santhosh and Rohini, are a delightful Mangalorean couple - jovial, feet firmly on the ground, and full of stories.

They still live in an old middle-class suburb in Mumbai's Worli and the mother, in particular, is a vivid storyteller.

During his teenage years, Shreyas went through a lengthy patch of poor form and things came to a head once in the living room.

"You remember Santhosh, he (Shreyas) came and sat on that couch. He was about to cry," Rohini said during a past interaction at her home with this newspaper. Santhosh then fills in more details: how he suggested to Shreyas to stop cricket as it was affecting him mentally. "But he got angry and said, 'Papa, how can you even say that?'" Santhosh recalled. He brought in sports psychologist Mugdha Bavare, who conducted sessions with the teenager to turn away the blues.

The living room wall is adorned with pictures of deities from Telengana's Tirupati to Thiruchendur in Tamil Nadu.

During that chat, a baby tortoise peeped out of a small basket and began to crawl. "The kids - Shreyas and his younger sister - bring all sorts of animals into the house; I have to end up taking care of it," Rohini said.

A couple of weeks before the start of the World Cup, one ran into Shreyas. That tortoise came up in the chat. "Ah, that died. No more. Most of the out-of-ordinary animals you must have seen are gone now," says Shreyas, who has recently moved into a bigger home and

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Lesson learnt from 2019 World Cup

BY PUTTING its faith in Shreyas Iyer to deliver at the No.4 spot, the team has done the wise thing and learnt from past mistakes. Ahead of the 2019 World Cup, India had experimented with nearly a dozen players for the No.4 spot. It seemed like Ambati Rayudu would be the eventual choice before a dip in form saw him missing out. At the mega event, it was a case of musical chairs with KL Rahul, Vijay Shankar, Hardik Pandya and Rishabh Pant occupying the key batting slot.

lives by himself.

His attacking approach is now a natural fit in this Indian team. He is bound to fail a few times, going for the big pressure-relieving shot, but it's a style that comes naturally to him and, more importantly, has the sanction of the management. The No.4 position is no longer a bottleneck.

Rotation unlikely, momentum key: Mhambrey

DEVENDRA PANDEY
PUNE, OCTOBER 18

THE INDIAN team will continue to back medium-pace allrounder Shardul Thakur ahead of Mohammed Shami for their fourth league game against Bangladesh at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup to be played in Pune on Thursday.

Indian team bowling coach Paras Mhambrey made it quite clear that rotation of bowlers is not on the cards, meaning that pacer Shami and spinner R Ashwin are not likely to play the next game.

Speaking ahead of the clash at MCA Stadium, Mhambrey said that it was never an easy decision and there have been clear chats with the players before every game.

"Whenever we select a squad, the message from us is very clear. That we pick a squad we feel is the best for that wicket. And I think sometimes you will miss out. Someone like him (Shami) is missing out, someone like Ash will miss out. And I think that's the communication that we have with him, we are very clear. Difficult decision, honestly, even with the quality that (Shami) brings to the team, new ball, death, it is difficult to take that decision. But you have to make that decision, you only have eleven on the field," Mhambrey said on the eve of the game.

The last appearance of Shami for India came against Australia in Indore. The Indian team has been putting emphasis on depth in the batting line-up, for the cushion of having more people who can bat down the order.

It looks like the management is currently not giving thought to changing their first eleven, especially with the team on a winning streak. "I think it's important to maintain this start really. So as of now there is no discussion of kind of rotation from our point of view. I think it is important to carry this momentum for the next game as well. No thought as such," Mhambrey said.

The Indian team had missed Jasprit Bumrah especially when he was injured. Mhambrey recalled how tough it was to miss out on a quality pacer like him, especially in major tournaments. Bumrah's return to international cricket has boosted India's bowling line-up.

"Ask me about it man. It has been tough," Mhambrey quickly responded when he was asked how as a bowling coach he missed someone like Bumrah. He added, "I thought the last few years, a couple of years, it has been really tough. It is tough to miss someone like Bumrah.

"You have seen him in the last three games that he has played. What he brings to the table - he is a world-class bowler. He gives you that breakthrough that you require in the power plays. He's well adapted to bowl in the middle overs and he's a top gun death bowler."

It's not only the pace department that has ensured not to leak runs but wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav has been impressive too.

"We've worked with him on certain things in terms of his bowling, his action, and you can translate that in the way he's bowled. His speeds have gone up. His accuracy is up there, hitting those lengths consistently. And I think he really complements in between.

"That's a wicket-taking option as well. He is a wicket-taking option for us," the former Mumbai captain added.



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PARAS MHAMBREY
INDIA BOWLING COACH

BENGALURU PITSTOP

Looking to bounce back from thrashing, Pakistan hope to relive memories

SANDIP G
BENGALURU, OCTOBER 18

THE WAILING of sirens from escort jeeps would finally remind the city that the World Cup is upon it. The busy afternoon traffic stopped when the Pakistan team bus whistled past Anil Kumble Circle. Curious onlookers craned their necks from the windows of their cars, pedestrians gaped in amusement. Vendors were scouting for places to set up stalls before the Pakistan-Australia game on Friday.

At the entrance of the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, a few fans were unsuccessfully coaxing the guards to let them inside. Still in the split-second when Pakistan team's bus arrived at the gate, some sneaked a couple of selfies, without even knowing that the team bus was Pakistan's. When they came to know, they chanted the names of Babar Azam and Shaheen Afridi.

"Isko mil sakte hain kya? Hum bahut door

se aaye hain (Can we meet him? We have come from far away)," one of them pleaded with the guard, who wouldn't budge.

Inside the stadium, a bunch of school-children were waiting. The moment the Pakistan players stepped in, the children, from various NGOs here, began to clap. As did the ground staff, officials and guards. They soaked in the sight of welcoming and familiar faces, as some journalists from Pakistan too had travelled to Bengaluru. Snuffing out concerns of a rampaging flu in the camp, all but standby wicketkeeper-batsman Mohammad Haris put in three hours of training too.

For nearly half an hour, they engaged and entertained the children, giving them throw-downs with plastic bats and balls, cracking jokes, giving them advice and tips, posing for selfies and group pictures. A wave of joy descended on the ground.

At the heart of the banter was Babar, who has been unusually leaden-footed, though at the nets he was free-flowing, and at times



Fans manage to get a picture with Babar Azam in Bengaluru. Sandip G

in ultra-aggressive mode, pulling and hooking with enthusiasm. At the end of the session, as he trudged to the dressing room, a pair of fans screamed his name. Babar had

just gone past them, but returned and obliged for selfies.

So did Afridi, who waved at the crowd and heeded to selfies. Pakistan's premier

speedster, rather off-colour this tournament, bowled at frightening pace towards the end of his session. At the receiving end of the bouncer barrage was Hasan Ali, who would duck and weave from the line. "Mat karo, yaar (don't do this)," he implored Afridi.

In the adjoining nets, Haris Rauf was whipping up serious pace, watched by a trio of star-stuck net bowlers. The moment they saw him wrapping up, they rushed for their bags. But by the time they took out the cameras, Rauf had sped by. He, though, came back and hugged them.

The Bengaluru crowd has generally been sporting towards Pakistan in the past. It has been a scene of fond memories too. It's here that Pakistan won their first Test series in India; it's here that Inzamam-ul-Haq played his 100th Test (and copped a one-match for showing dissent), a thriller that Pakistan won to draw the series 1-1, it's here that Younis Khan carnaged the Indian spinners for 267, the highest score by a visiting batsman on

these shores.

Reminiscing about that Test, Shahid Afridi, at a recent function, claimed that "stones were pelted on our bus".

No such events were reported in mainstream media then, but the crowd certainly booed then India captain Sourav Ganguly, in the middle of a barren run. In a sweet irony, three years later, he compiled his only Test double century at this venue against the same opposition.

If one watches the grainy YouTube footage of the 1987 Test, one could listen to the occasional jeering as well as the thunderous applause and whistles when Imran Khan, at the height of his suavity, received both the series trophy and the man of the series plaque.

Even in India's famous defeat of Pakistan in the 1996 World Cup, one could hear a liberal dose of acknowledgement during Pakistan's 84-run opening stand, especially when Saeed Anwar glided into his square-drives.



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SHORT TAKES

STANDINGS

Team	M	W	L	T	PTS	NRK
NZ	4	4	0	0	8	+1.928
Ind	3	3	0	0	6	+1.821
SA	3	2	1	0	4	+1.385
Pak	3	2	1	0	4	-0.137
Eng	3	1	2	0	2	-0.084
Ban	3	1	2	0	2	-0.699
Aus	3	1	2	0	2	-0.734
Ned	3	1	2	0	2	-0.993
Afg	4	1	3	0	2	-1.250
SL	3	0	3	0	0	-1.532

Warner 'annoyed' and 'frustrated' with DRS

Australia opener David Warner is "annoyed" and "frustrated" at the DRS call which went against him in his side's World Cup match against Sri Lanka and has called for more "accountability" in the system. In the match, which Australia won by five wickets in Lucknow, Warner fell LBW to Sri Lanka pacer Dilshan Madushanka. The left-hander went for review but the DRS call went in favour of the on-field umpire, who had originally given him out. The southpaw, who was batting on 11, left the ground fuming. He was seen smashing his bat against his pad and turned back to yell towards the wicket as he walked off. Warner said he wanted greater transparency on how DRS decisions were made. "I've never had Hawk-Eye come in and explain to us how the technology actually works, it's just for the TV," the 36-year-old said to "cricket.com.au". "If they could come in and explain to us how it works, then sometimes we might (choose) not to refer or to refer." PTI

SA coach Walter blames death bowling, poor start

Dharamsala: South Africa coach Rob Walter has blamed the shock 38-run defeat at the hands of the Netherlands in the ongoing World Cup to his side's disappointing death bowling and poor start with the bat. The Netherlands recovered from 140 for 7 to post 245 for eight in the rain-hit match on Tuesday and then bowled out South Africa for 207 in 42.5 overs to cause the second major upset of the ongoing showpiece. "At 140 for 7, you're in control of the game really. So, not to be able to close it out at the death is disappointing, of course, and certainly the momentum shifted in the game then," Walter said. PTI

Phillips pleased with middle-order rescue job

Chennai: New Zealand's batting display was far from flawless against Afghanistan but Glenn Phillips believes their middle order gave a good account of themselves in Wednesday's World Cup contest. Put into bat, New Zealand were cruising at 109 for one in the 21st over but found themselves under pressure after losing three quick wickets. "The Afghanistans spinners are incredibly talented and strong and with losing a couple of wickets in the middle there the way me and Tommy went about it was really pleasing," Phillips said. PTI

Kiwis bring Afghans crashing down

Kane-less New Zealand endure a few anxious moments before running past England-slayers for 149-run win

VENKATA KRISHNA B
CHENNAI, OCTOBER 18

MITCHELL SANTNER didn't mince words when talking about New Zealand's next opponents, India. For all the 'nice boys' tag that hangs around their necks, the Black Caps are known to be ruthless on the field, especially at World Cups. They have a history of flying under the radar, largely unnoticed, but as they leave Chennai after making it four wins out of four with their 149-run victory over Afghanistan on Wednesday, New Zealand look every bit prepared for India.

Despite getting past Australia and Pakistan, India know New Zealand will be a hard nut to crack at Dharamsala, more so if the conditions are to the liking of the Black Caps. And Santner, who went top of the wicket-takers chart with his three-wicket haul against Afghanistan that took his tally at this World Cup to 11, said that they don't need to go away from their game plan against the hosts.

"I think we have to do similar stuff to what we're doing: chip away, build pressure, do our things, see what happens." This wasn't Santner just playing to the gallery or indulging in mind games. This is what New Zealand have been doing in the four matches they have played, where they have even thrashed the defending champs. Wins in Chennai against Bangladesh and Afghanistan did arrive on expected lines, but ahead of a key run of fixtures against India, Australia, South Africa and Pakistan, they are placed comfortably as even a couple of defeats won't do their prospects of a semifinal spot much harm. But strictly going by how they have fared so far, such outcomes look far-fetched.

On Wednesday, for the first time in this World Cup, they were put through a testing period by the Afghanistans bowlers, especially their spinners. Without Kane Williamson, New Zealand didn't flinch when put under pressure. Instead, in Glenn Phillips – a batsman who has a history of struggling against spinners – and Tom Latham, they found the heroes who rescued them.

Phillips' batting in these conditions was a cause of concern not so long ago. During the tour of India earlier this year and at the IPL, all it needed to dismiss him was someone who could get the ball to spin. Not employing the sweep – the go-to shot for most overseas batsmen who are not comfortable using their feet – Phillips had to stick to his strength of playing from the crease. It is something former West Indies captain Ramnaresh Sarwan had suggested to him during his stint with Jamaica Tallawahs in the Caribbean Premier League.

"I guess the way a lot of boys play over here – sweeping really well and reverse-sweeping really well – but unfortunately I don't have that quite in my gameplan or to the level I'd be happy to use it consistently in a match. So, for me, it's about sticking to my strengths: play from the crease and I do have power. But also the beauty of batting at No.6 is that you have the opportunity to soak pressure or mount pressure [on the opposition], depending on the time you come in. So, [it's] about being able to flip between the two depending on what the team needs," Phillips, who picked up the Player of the Match award, said.

Professional display

Thanks to the 144-run stand between Latham and Phillips for the fifth wicket, New Zealand piled 288/6, a target that proved way beyond Afghanistan's reach as they were bowled out for 139 with Lockie Ferguson and Santner picking up three wickets each. It was the ideal performance that the Kiwis needed before they run into India's batting line-up that looks red hot at the moment.

"Obviously, it's nice to be in this position to lead into this (India) game, but we know it's thing, especially where we used to live. There was a basketball court, where I started giving him under-downs. It started there and then one fine day, Tim de Leede (father of Bas de Leede and a former Netherlands cricketer) saw us and asked me to bring Aryan to the academy of Voorburg Cricket Club," he recalls.

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SCOREBOARD

AFGHANISTAN vs NEW ZEALAND
MA CHIDAMBARAM STADIUM, CHENNAI
Toss: Afghanistan, elected to field

NEW ZEALAND
D Conway lbw b M Ur Rahman 20 (18b, 3x4)
W Young c †Alikhill b A Omarzai 54 (64b, 4x4, 3x6)
R Ravindra b A Omarzai 32 (41b, 2x4, 1x6)
D Mitchell c I Zadran b R Khan 1 (7b)
T Latham (c) † b N Ul-Haq 68 (74b, 3x4, 2x6)
G Phillips c R Khan b N Ul-Haq 71 (80b, 4x4, 4x6)
M Chapman not out 25 (12b, 2x4, 1x6)
M Santner not out 7 (5b, 1x4)
Extras: (lb 4, nb 1, w 5) 10
Total: 50 Ov (RR: 5.76) 288/6
FoW: 1-30 (Devon Conway, 6.3 ov), 2-109 (Rachin Ravindra, 20.2 ov), 3-110 (Will Young, 20.6 ov), 4-110 (Daryl Mitchell, 21.4 ov), 5-254 (Glenn Phillips, 47.1 ov), 6-255 (Tom Latham, 47.3 ov)
Bowling: Mujeeb Ur Rahman 10-0-57-1, Fazalhaq Farooqi 7-1-39-0, Naveen-ul-Haq 8-0-48-2, Mohammad Nabi 8-1-41-0, Rashid Khan 10-0-43-1, Azmatullah Omarzai 7-0-56-2

AFGHANISTAN
R Gurbaz b Henry 11 (21b, 1x6)
I Zadran c Santner b Boulton 14 (15b, 2x4)
R Shah c & b Ravindra 36 (62b, 1x4)
H Shahidi (c) c Santner b Ferguson 8 (29b, 1x4)
A Omarzai c †Latham b Boulton 27 (32b, 4x2)
Alikhill † not out 19 (21b, 3x4)
M Nabi b Santner 7 (9b, 1x4)
R Khan c Mitchell b Ferguson 8 (13b, 1x6)
M Ur Rahman c Young b Ferguson 4 (3b, 1x4)
N Ul-Haq c Chapman b Santner 0 (1b)
F Farooqi c Mitchell b Santner 0 (2b)
Extras (w 5) 5
Total: 34.4 Ov (RR: 4.00) 139
FoW: 1-27 (Rahmanullah Gurbaz, 5.5 ov), 2-27 (Ibrahim Zadran, 6.1 ov), 3-43 (Hashmatullah Shahidi, 13.6 ov), 4-97 (Azmatullah Omarzai, 25.4 ov), 5-107 (Rahmat Shah, 28.1 ov), 6-125 (Mohammad Nabi, 30.4 ov), 7-134 (Rashid Khan, 33.3 ov), 8-138 (Mujeeb Ur Rahman, 33.6 ov), 9-139 (Naveen-ul-Haq, 34.2 ov), 10-139 (Fazalhaq Farooqi, 34.4 ov)
Bowling: Trent Boult 7-1-18-2, Matt Henry 5-2-16-1, Mitchell Santner 7-4-0-39-3, Lockie Ferguson 7-1-19-3, Glenn Phillips 3-0-13-0, Rachin Ravindra 5-0-34-1

such a long tournament and one loss isn't going to hurt you if you win the rest – or you kind of look at that at the start. So, we know they're playing some very good cricket. I think the Powerplay with the ball is going to be very important," the left-arm spinner said.

Striking in the Powerplay has been New Zealand's biggest strength with the ball. As Trent Boult and Matt Henry showed here on an unresponsive track, they are capable of getting the ball to swing and seam. And once they got an opening, Ferguson took over, providing the knockout blows before Santner chipped in at the end.

At Dharamsala, unless the conditions are tailor-made for them, Rohit Sharma & Co will face their first real test at this World Cup for the New Zealand attack has all facets that India has a history of struggling against. Left-arm seam, check. Right-arm seamer, check. Out-and-out pace, check. Left-arm spin, check. Medium-pacers, check. In a format where most teams prefer to be aggressive with the bat, New Zealand's template since the 2015 World Cup has been to go full throttle with the ball. With an all-round, balanced attack at their disposal, it allows them the sort of luxury that not many have. And come Sunday, India could have a real job on their hands.

Bring on Dharamsala.



Glenn Phillips scored 71 off 80 balls to steady New Zealand's middle-order wobble against Afghanistan. AP

Black Caps batting travels through time

In an innings that lasted five minutes short of four hours, New Zealand indulged in a bit of time travel in Chennai, with Afghanistan providing the perfect support cast. One moment they were playing the way the ODIs are supposed to be played in 2023. The other moment, they rolled the clock back, showing the respect the situation demanded when Afghanistan were all over them. And as the innings reached the climax, they fast-forwarded to the present day, showing the influence of T20 cricket.

PHASE 1 STRONG START

When Rachin Ravindra attempted a heave over mid-wicket and ended up losing his stumps to Azmatullah Omarzai – whose seam position had even made Sachin Tendulkar take notice and draw comparison to Bhuvneshwar Kumar's – he ended up giving hope for Afghanistan.

On a very hot October afternoon, with every passing over, Afghanistan's decision to bowl first looked questionable from every front until then. After losing Devon Conway in the seventh over, Will Young – dropped in the second over – and Rachin were playing risk-free cricket, going at over 5.5 runs per over. On a two-paced surface, this was as good as any pair could have batted, especially after limiting Mujeeb Ur Rahman's damage in the first powerplay, where he conceded 27 runs in five overs – nearly two runs more than his career economy rate in this phase.

From 43 runs in the first 10 overs, in the next 10 overs Young and Rachin added 66 runs, putting early pressure on Mohammad Nabi who conceded two sixes in his first three overs. The odd boundary off Naveen-ul-Haq and Rashid Khan between the dot balls was good enough for New Zealand. Sans Kane Williamson, and with Daryl Mitchell and Glenn Phillips to follow – two batsmen who struggled in India earlier this year – this was risk-free, free-flowing cricket at its best.

PHASE 2 COLLAPSE AND REBUILD

It was then that New Zealand entered self-destructive mood. They seemed to commit the same mistake that England, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Pakistan have committed over the past couple

of weeks. On the back of a strong start, with a settled pair in the middle, they have all aimed at moon landing before falling flat. Assessing a par score while batting first at this World Cup has been difficult.

So when Afghanistan got the opening they sought with the wicket of Rachin, they were in no mood to throw it away as they dismissed Young and Mitchell in quick succession. New Zealand lost three wickets in the space of 10 deliveries. If New Zealand stuck to the modern ODI template in the first 20 overs, in the middle overs it was Afghanistan, who embraced it. With three spinners to work around and well aware of Glenn Phillips' limitations, they were waiting to prey on them as New Zealand went without finding a boundary between 18.1 to 28.5 overs – 64 legal deliveries in total.

Latham and Phillips, though, were in no mood to buckle under pressure. The former even played out a maiden off Nabi, fully aware of what another wicket could do. With still plenty of overs to come, dots, singles, and twos – which used to be the classic template for teams in the middle overs – were at the forefront here again. That the 15,525 odd fans embraced what was unfolding in the middle, only added to the theatre. The old-school repair work, where counter-

attack was shelved in favour of pragmatism, is what Latham and Phillips would do for the next hour and a half. Of course, they would hit the odd boundary but never went in search of it to break the shackles. With Latham around, even Phillips grew in confidence. From playing the spinners from the crease that too off the back-foot at the start of his innings, he would graduate to taking forward strides. One thought the duo would go on the offensive between 36-40 overs to make most of the four-fielder rule, but even then they showed tremendous restraint, scoring just one boundary even though Afghanistan tempted them by keeping the mid-off inside the circle. At 185/4 at the end of 40 overs, with the duo adding only 75 runs since coming together at 21.4 overs, they had dug deep. On a pitch where 250 seemed enough, they went in search of it, without breaking sweat.

PHASE 3 FINISH WITH A FLOURISH

Even in the last powerplay, they didn't shift the gears instantly. Between 41-44, they gradually increased the tempo, scoring 25 runs. And from there on, they began to cut loose, effortlessly shifting into top gear, manufacturing shots, finding boundaries and sixes even off good deliveries. In the space of 16 deliveries, they walloped 41 runs



as Afghanistan, looked buried in an avalanche. That Naveen removed both Phillips (71 off 80) and Latham (68 off 74) in one over minimized the damage, but Mark Chapman came just in time to provide the finishing touch that this innings needed as New Zealand ended up with 288/6. Afghanistan played their part in New Zealand's score burgeoning, due to some sloppy catching, and by the end of the first innings, damage was done. Hashmatullah Shahidi and Co were left with too much to do in the run-chase as Kiwis kept piling on the wins.

LIVING HIS DREAM

Aryan, the Dutch all-rounder who fell in love with cricket after Dhoni's six

PRATYUSHRAJ
LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 18

RAKESH DUTT couldn't travel to Dharamsala because his wife Madhu injured her right knee. But watching his son Aryan hit those three sixes off Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi and Gerald Coetzee at their Delhi home on television brought back a lot of memories.

For the Dutt, it all started in Delhi. Twelve years ago, Aryan would tell his father for the first time that he wanted to play cricket.

"The moment MS Dhoni hit that six against Nuwan Kulasekara in the World Cup final, he (Aryan) just hugged me, cried and asked, 'Dad, can I play cricket?' A few moments later, the voice was firmer when Virat Kohli was carrying Sachin Tendulkar on his shoulders. He asked, 'Can I get a bat?'" Rakesh recalls for The Indian Express.

The next day, Dutt, who has studied in Delhi Cantonment and has played cricket in the capital, brought a kit for his eight-year-old son. The journey started but it was difficult to follow that dream at Den Haag in the Netherlands, where they were based.

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thing, especially where we used to live. There was a basketball court, where I started giving him under-downs. It started there and then one fine day, Tim de Leede (father of Bas de Leede and a former Netherlands cricketer) saw us and asked me to bring Aryan to the academy of Voorburg Cricket Club," he recalls.

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One of the big problems for Aryan in those years was his height and shoes. Every four months, he needed bigger shoes. "I can't exactly recall what the year was but when he was in Chandigarh, his shoe size increased in one month. It was difficult to get new ones, and it was one of the reasons he started bowling off-spin, because he couldn't run



Aryan Dutt usually bowls during the Powerplay for Netherlands; (R) The all-rounder with his parents. PTI/Pratyush Raj

due to the pain. His feet have given me nightmares," laughs Dutt.

Before the start of the World Cup, in an interview with this newspaper, Aryan had admitted that he started bowling spin after he suffered a few injuries due to under-sized shoes.

"I started taking spin seriously pretty late.

All credit should go to my shoes," he had said.

Watching the best

For the Netherlands, Aryan bowls generally in the Powerplay and has learnt spin bowling after watching videos of Harbhajan Singh, Ravichandran Ashwin and Nathan Lyon.

"I am a big MS Dhoni and CSK (Chennai Super Kings) fan. In the beginning, I started following R Ashwin because he used to play for CSK. Then I started looking up to Nathan Lyon as well. I have watched a lot of Harbhajan Singh videos too. But at present, I follow Sri Lanka's Maheesh Theekshana. Again because he plays for CSK," said the 20-year-old.

On Saturday, Aryan will be playing against Theekshana in Lucknow when the Netherlands take on Sri Lanka.

With time, Aryan's bowling has improved, courtesy his father, who is his bowling coach and analyst and prints out a plan for him before every match.

"Ahead of every Netherlands match, I watch videos of opposition batsmen. I give him inputs on what to bowl, and where to bowl. The strengths and weaknesses according to whatever idea I have of cricket. I am living my dream through him, so this is the least I could

do," says Aryan's father.

During his U-17 days, Ryan Campbell, former Netherlands coach, who is now with Durham, had called Aryan an exceptional talent. "Look out for Aryan Dutt. I expect him to thrive because he can hit the ball a long way. I really hope to see some of that in the future," Campbell had said on 'The Emerging Cricket Podcast.'

Uniyal showers praise on Aryan's discipline, which Rakesh Dutt says his son got from his late grandfather Baldev Dutt, a Major in the Indian Army.

"He is the replica of my dad. Same height (6'3), athletic body. My father used to play volleyball. The discipline is expected because we are from an Army background. He is competitive and wants to do well. These are the values that one learns growing in an army family. I got it from my father, and I have passed it on to Aryan," says Dutt Sr, whose roots are in Hoshiarpur, Punjab.

Life has come full circle for the Dutt. Twelve years ago, it was he who rejoiced with his son after India won the World Cup, and now, it is Aryan who wipes Rakesh's tears, saying "This is what we wanted, Dad. Who would have thought!"