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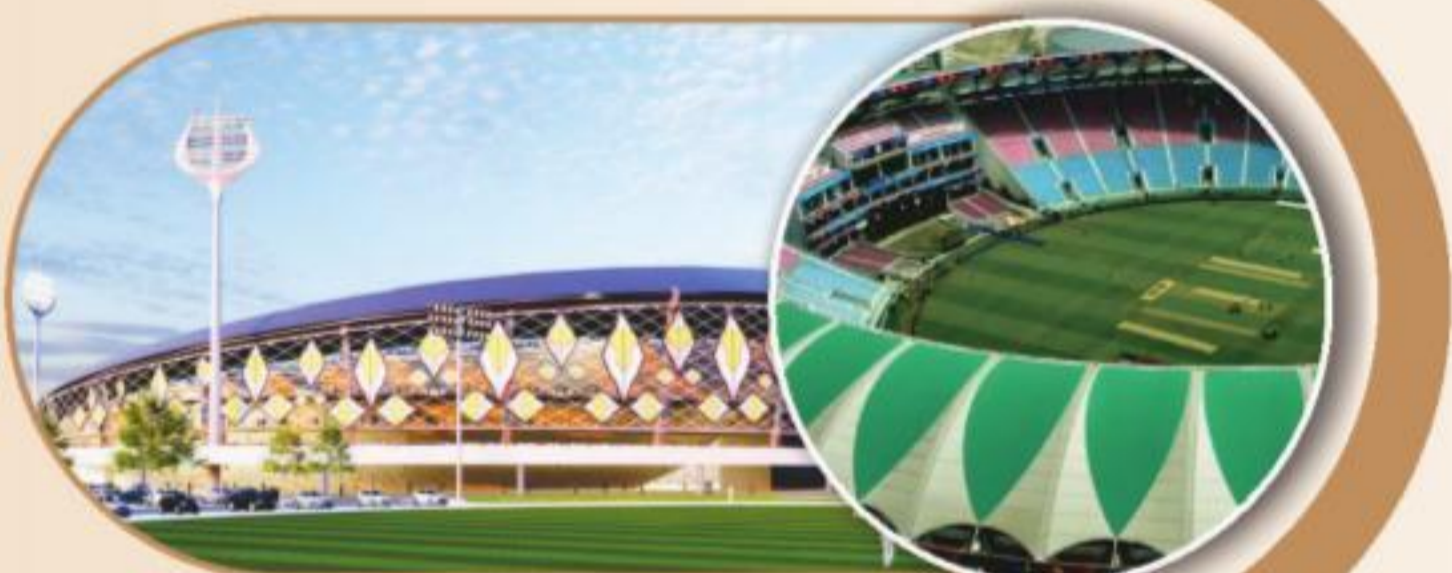
# UTTAR PRADESH IS STEADILY BECOMING SPORTS CAPITAL



## Rewards & Recognition For Sportspersons Bringing Laurels To The Country



- UP government's **emphasis on promotion of sports** helps talented sportspersons turn into shining stars at national and international levels.
- New '**Sports Policy, 2023**' introduced, formation of **State Sports Authority** declared.
- A **State Sports Development Fund** will be created. Provisions have also been made to promote **e-sports** in the state.
- **Largest ever contingent** of 36 sportspersons from the state participated in Indian squad at Asian Games, 2022 concluded at Hangzhou, China.
- **Players of Uttar Pradesh won a total of 23 medals** at Hangzhou Asiad - seven gold medals, eight silver and eight bronze medals.
- Golden girl **Parul Chowdhary of Meerut becomes first athlete to win a Gold and a Silver medal** in two different track and field events at Asian games.
- **Gold winner Annu Rani of Meerut is the first Indian woman to clinch a medal in javelin throw.**
- Kiran Baliyan of Meerut brought a **medal in Shot Put** event in Asiad after a gap of 72 years.
- **Every medal winner at recent Asiad to get cash reward** - Rs. 3.0 crore to Gold medalists; Rs. 1.5 crore to silver medalists; and Rs. 75 lakh for bronze winners.
- Other **13 Asiad participants** from the state also to get Rs. 75 lakh each.
- Government jobs, including **Gazetted positions**, to be given to medal winners in international competitions. 2% horizontal reservation given to sportspersons.
- Annu Rani and Parul Chaudhary, gold medal winners at the the Asian Games 2023 to be given **appointment as DSP besides cash rewards.**
- Sports **facilities being created, developed and upgraded** across the state. Khelo India centers established in all districts.
- **Sigra sports stadium** in Varanasi being upgraded into an international sports complex.
- In Gorakhpur **Sports Stadium** is announced 6 state's first '**Water Sports Complex**' is under Construction of on 5 acre land.
- Establishment of **Major Dhyanchand Sports University** in Meerut.
- '**Khelo India University Games-2022**' organised in Lucknow. More than 4,705 players from 200 universities participated in the event.
- Construction of **Major Dhyanchand Vijay Path** for connecting the Residences/Villages of National and International Players.
- 80,000 **Yuvak and Mahila Mangal Dal** formed at **Gram Panchayat** level to develop sports culture in the state.
- **More than 100 stadiums in rural areas** superintend by 'Yuvak and Mahila Mangal Dals'.
- **Development of Sports Infrastructure**; 30,000 sports grounds get facelift, better facilities like fitness experts and diet experts will be provided in the hostels.
- Maximum benefit of **Khelo India, Fit India Movement, Target Olympic Podium Scheme.**
- Establishment of **sports ground, open gymnasium** and distribution of 'sports kit' in Vantangia villages.
- **Special attention to women and para sports**, local and indigenous sports will be promoted.
- **Rs 1.50 lakh per month honorarium** to be given to international players for quality training in Residential Sports Hostels.
- Medical insurance under **Ayushman Bharat Yojana** and **Eklavya Sports Fund** for all registered players.
- Establishment of **14 centers of excellence**, on PPP mode, where each center specializes in a particular sport.
- **India's first-ever MotoGP** held at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida on September 22-24. It created economic opportunities worth around Rs 1,000 crore while establishing Brand UP on the global stage.



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**PM slams Nitish over 'indecent' remarks: 'He has no shame, his allies silent'**

ANAND MOHAN J  
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 8

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi Wednesday criticised Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's crude remarks on how education among women has helped control population, saying he "doesn't have any shame", and the country was humiliated in front of the world because of his comments. The CM, meanwhile, apologised for his remarks with folded hands.

On Tuesday, in his address during the tabling of the caste census report in the Bihar Assembly, Nitish suggested that an educated woman is able to ensure sex doesn't necessarily end in pregnancy, which helps keep the population in check.

On Wednesday, just before the beginning of the third day of the Assembly session, he said: "If I have said certain things that have been inviting so much criticism... If what I said was wrong, I apologise. I take back my words. If my statement is being criticised, I apologise."

This came on a day Modi addressed three rallies in Madhya Pradesh's Damoh, Guna and Morena.

In Guna, the Prime Minister said, "Those who read newspapers, those who watch TV, their attention must have gone to an incident yesterday... One of the big leaders of the INDI Alliance, who roams around with the flag of their alliance... that leader said indecent things in the assembly, where mothers and sisters were also present. No one can imagine it. He doesn't have any shame. Not only that, not a single leader of the alliance was ready to say a word against the

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MEETING TODAY TO ADOPT DRAFT, WILL THEN BE SENT TO SPEAKER

## Ethics panel draft report recommends Moitra expulsion from LS, pulls up Ali

Moitra hits back at Dubey over his claim of Lokpal seeking a CBI probe

MANOJ CG  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE ETHICS Committee of Lok Sabha, which inquired into the cash-for-query allegations levelled by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey against TMC MP Mahua Moitra, is learnt to have recommended her expulsion from the 17th Lok Sabha in its draft report.

The panel will meet Thursday to adopt the report. It will then be sent to the Lok Sabha Speaker.

The draft report, it is learnt, has also admonished BSP MP Danish Ali for violating Rule 275 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha which deals with confidentiality of proceedings of Parliamentary committees.



On Nov 2, Moitra slammed Sonkar's questioning, called it *vastrahara*; he said she did not cooperate

The report mentions the names of Opposition MPs, includ-

ing Ali, who had objected to panel chairman Vinod Kumar Sonkar's line of questioning at the last meeting earlier this month.

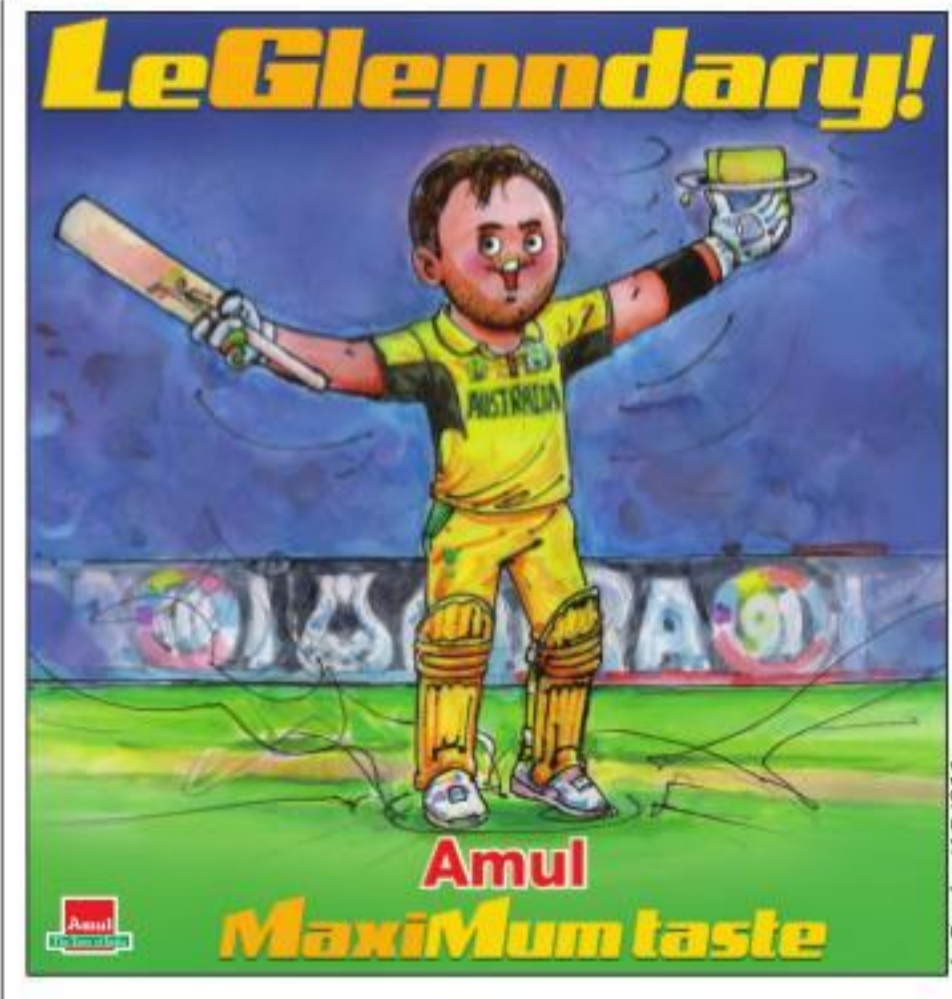
Opposition members in the panel are expected to submit dissent notes, disagreeing with the recommendations of the 15-member panel in which the ruling NDA has a majority.

Moitra and five members of the Opposition — Ali, Congress's Uttam Kumar Reddy and V Vaithilingam, CPM's P R Natarajan and JD(U)'s Giridhari Yadav, had walked out of the

panel's meeting on November 2. Reddy, Congress MP from Nalgonda, said he has written to panel's chairman Sonkar to postpone the November 9 meeting as he has to file his nomination in Telangana.

Moitra had claimed Tuesday that the meeting of the panel was rescheduled from November 6 to November 9 to clash with a Congress member's filing of his nomination from Telangana so as to deplete Opposition numbers.

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## School winter break advanced in Delhi, app-based cabs from other states face ban

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

IN FURTHER steps to curb pollution even as the air quality index (AQI) deteriorated from 395 ("very poor") on Tuesday to 424 ("severe") on Wednesday, the Delhi government said it would stop the entry of app-based taxis registered in other states.

Announcing the decision a day after the Supreme Court raised the issue, Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai said the transport department has been directed to issue an order in this regard. No details were available on when the decision would be implemented.

"The court has said that app-



DEATH BY BREATH

based taxis coming from other states should be banned. The transport department has been directed that app-based taxis entering Delhi from outside should be banned. The department will issue a detailed order," Rai said, adding that bus and metro services have been enhanced to meet the requirements.

The government has also

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## Income bar too low, EWS senior faculty posts go vacant in most Central varsities

RAUNAK SARASWAT  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

NEARLY FOUR years after reservation for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) was introduced, almost all faculty positions for associate professors and professors in Central universities under this quota remain vacant due to a contradiction between two eligibility criteria set by the Union government, according to data accessed under the RTI Act by *The Indian Express*.

As on July 1, 2023, of the 35 Central universities with sanctioned EWS faculty posts, 31, including premier institutions like Delhi University, Hyderabad

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Central University (HCU), University of Allahabad, and Pondicherry University, have failed to fill even a single position at the associate professor and professor level. This has resulted in about 380 faculty positions being left unfilled, exacerbating the issue of faculty shortage.

And it is not for lack of efforts by the Central universities. They have carried out multiple

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## WITH ADVANI, ON HIS 96TH BIRTHDAY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah meet BJP veteran L K Advani at his Delhi residence on his 96th birthday on Wednesday. ANI

## Eye on China, US agency commits funds to Adani's Colombo project

DFC announces \$553 m for development of port terminal

GEORGE MATHEW  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

THE US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) Wednesday said it has committed \$553 million (around Rs 4,600 crore) to support the development of the Adani Group's deepwater shipping container terminal in the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The port's West Container Terminal is being developed by a consortium involving Adani Ports and SEZ, Sri Lankan group



Chinese research ship *Shi Yan 6* berthed at Colombo harbour on October 26. AP

John Keells Holdings and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority. Adani Ports holds a 51 per cent stake in

the container terminal of the port, which also has a terminal run by China Merchants Port Holdings Co Ltd.

The funding by DFC — a development finance institution and agency of the United States federal government that invests in development projects in lower- and middle-income countries — is being seen as a concerted push by Washington for the India-linked project at a time when New Delhi is competing with Beijing for influence in the island nation that is one of the

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## Possible answer to farm fires: New rice variety can replace Pusa-44

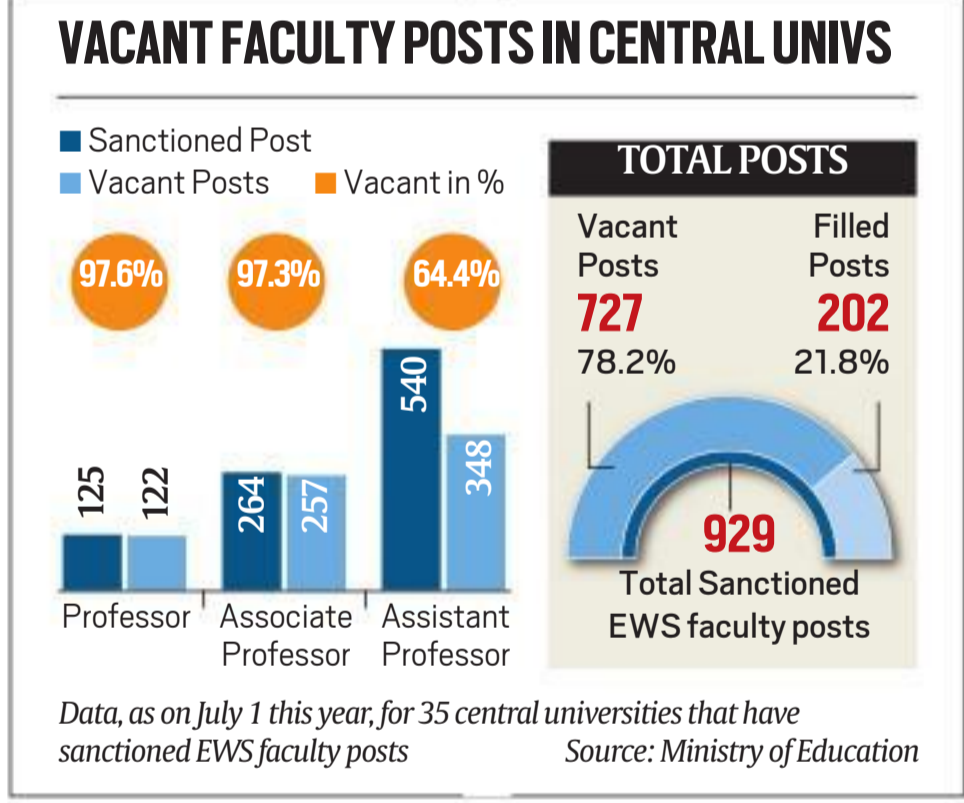
HARISH DAMODARAN & ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA  
NEW DELHI, JALANDHAR, NOV 8

IN ITS order on Tuesday directing the Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan governments to ensure that the burning of crop stubble be "stopped forthwith", the Supreme Court mentioned a "particular kind of paddy... grown mostly in

Punjab". This variety and "the time period in which it is grown" were seen as major causes of stubble burning and the resultant pollution problems in the National Capital Region.

Though the order didn't name the variety, the reference was likely to Pusa-44. It's this variety that Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann had said would be "banned" from next year.

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**AT THE STEERING WHEEL**  
THE ROAD AHEAD  
THE IDEAS PAGE, 13

GIRISH CHANDRA MURMU  
COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR  
GENERAL OF INDIA

## Mumbai's landmark Air India building now state property

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

VALLABH OZARKAR  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

WITH THE Maharashtra government facing a space crunch at the Mantralaya and its annexe, some of its offices will soon have a new address — the iconic 23-storey sea-facing Air India building at Nariman Point, just 600 metres away from the state secretariat.

At a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Wednesday, the State Cabinet decided to acquire the building for Rs 1,601 crore.

The building, designed by well-known architect John Burgee, was constructed in 1974 on reclaimed land that



Maharashtra Cabinet decides to acquire building for Rs 1,601 crore. Express

the state government had leased to Air India. It is among Mumbai's well-known landmarks. In 2018, five years after

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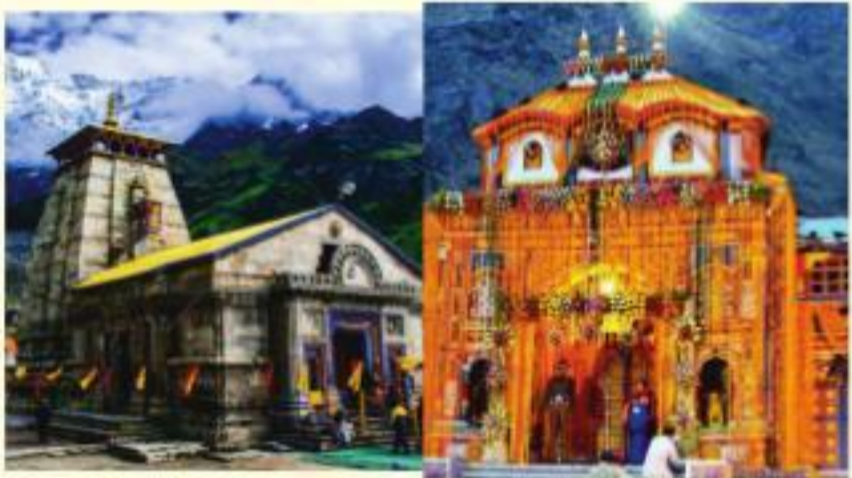
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# Festival Bonanza

## Indian banks boost consumer financial empowerment for festive shopping

Banks play a key role as pillars of financial support during the Diwali festive shopping season, enabling the fulfillment of the aspirations of a vast population exceeding 1.4 billion. This assistance helps make every Diwali a truly extraordinary celebration

**D**IWALI—the much-awaited Indian festival of lights, holds deep spiritual significance, symbolising the triumph of good over evil and the illumination of knowledge to dispel ignorance. This joyous occasion not only brings happiness to Indian faces but also adorns Indian homes and cities with radiant decorations, ushering in hopes of prosperity for the coming year. It serves as a perennial harbinger of good fortune during the typically drab autumn months of October-November. Diwali, spanning five days and celebrated in the Hindu lunisolar months of Ashvin and Kartika, is renowned worldwide as a time of joy, social gatherings, merry-making, festive shopping, and the exchange of gifts, uniting Hindus across the globe in celebration. Celebrated since antiquity and steeped in various myths while remaining intricately linked with several Hindu legends, Diwali symbolises fresh beginnings and presents an ideal opportunity for a wide range of significant purchases, notably due to its association with the Hindu Goddess of prosperity, Lakshmi.

With the time being considered intrinsically auspicious for making expensive purchases—gold, homes, jewellery, automobiles—it is not only a gala time of celebration but also a time of fulfilling long-standing purchase dreams of the aspirational Indian consumer living in Asia's third-largest economy and the world's fastest-growing major economy. With consumption making up for about 60% of the economy of the world's most populous country and the ever-growing consumer aspirations of Indians dovetailing with the desire to make the festival truly memo-



orable, ushers in an unprecedented season of shopping leading up to Diwali. At the same time, lapping up the biggest marketing and sales opportunity of the year are brands and shops alike with their festive offers, spurring a flurry of economic activity throughout the length and breadth of the country.

### Decoding the Diwali spending spree

The days ahead of and until Diwali are synonymous with people indulging in various purchases ranging from new clothes, jewellery and household items to electronics, automobiles, gold and real estate. With the customary practice of buying new gifts and

renovating homes remaining deeply ingrained in the Diwali tradition, families plan extensive shopping and undertake home renovation projects while making sure to buy Diwali gifts for their loved ones. On the other hand, the auspicious occasion of Diwali witnesses businesses seeking capital to expand their operations at this time of the year as well as stock up on inventory to meet the rising demand.

In 2023, as the country puts behind the worst of the devastating pandemic and the battered economy picks up, adding a dash of hope is the poll of economists by Reuters

shedding light on the optimistic forecast that Indian consumer spending during this year's festival season will be slightly better than in 2022. Substantiating the same is yet another survey carried out by a global advertising technology leader, wherein data shows that nearly 70% of Indians are willing to spend more this Diwali, which represents a marked 35% increase from last year. Furthermore, while tracking, ever since the pandemic, the Diwali Spending Index score, which captures the purchase intent of consumers during the Diwali season, a rising trend comes to the fore for the index since 2020 alongside in-

creased anticipation for spending among Indian consumers in each consecutive year's festive shopping season. The data for 2022 shed light on an increased spending propensity of 94.45 among urban Indians from 90.71 in 2021 and 80.96 in 2020, boding well for the market and the country's economy.

While facts and figures showcase a steady increase in the spending propensity of Indians, how prepared does the population feel it is to splurge on Diwali festive shopping? A survey carried out by an online lending application, not too many years back, brought to light the hard-hitting reality that over 38% of respondents felt that they did not have enough money to buy gifts for their friends and family on Diwali. Among this 38%, 21% are willing to take a bank loan for this very purpose. Surprisingly, of those respondents – 62% – who responded that they have enough money for festive shopping on Diwali, 49% would be willing to take a loan nevertheless.

With the heavy expenses associated with Diwali festive shopping putting a strain on an individual's pocket, many Indians turn to loans to finance their festive purchases. In

light of the heightened demand for financial assistance during Diwali, Indian banks play an increasingly crucial role in helping fulfill the ever-growing consumer aspirations by offering a responsive banking system and a variety of loans and other financial products tailored to the unique demands of the Diwali shopping season.

### Banks facilitating festive shopping

Indian banks are keenly aware of the multifaceted financial needs that arise during Diwali. To cater to this demand, they roll out special Diwali-specific loan offers on a wide array of loan products – personal loans, consumer durable loans, gold loans, home loans, home renovation loans, vehicle loans and business loans. The reduced interest rates, extended repayment tenures, quick approvals and often zero processing fees as well as flexible repayment options make these loans more attractive and accessible to borrowers and render it easily affordable to realise their shopping list.

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No support from varsity: Student 'assaulted' on campus; officials deny claim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

DAYS AFTER a 20-year-old student at a university in Delhi alleged she was threatened and tied up inside a toilet on campus, she has alleged she did not receive any support from varsity authorities.

The student told *The Indian Express*, "I feel I am being ostracised for complaining about the security lapses. I haven't lied..."

The student further alleged her name has been "leaked" and people have been contacting her. "My name is out there... and nobody has helped me," she said.

An FIR was lodged under sections of molestation, wrongful confinement, act endangering life, and Arms Act on Saturday.

In her FIR, she said she was studying in the library when she heard a noise from the toilet. On entering it, she saw two persons with a pistol. They allegedly threatened her after which she collapsed. When she got up, she found her limbs tied with a scarf.

A senior university spokesperson said, "We checked CCTV footage with the police. There was nobody around when she was studying... We did not receive a call or SOS message when she was tied up... The two friends she called for help are not our students. We are still looking into her complaint..."

Police said they have seized the DVR system and are verifying all allegations. No arrest has been made yet in the case.

FIRM DIDN'T PROVIDE SAFETY GEAR, SAY COPS; LODGE NEGLIGENCE CASE

# If he had safety gear, would be alive: Kin of Air India staff who fell to death

ARNABJITSUR  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

"IF HE had been provided safety gear, he would still be alive... he had no helmet on."

For the family of Air India senior engineer Ram Prakash Singh, his fall to death while servicing an aircraft at Delhi Airport's Terminal 3 has left them shattered.

The 56-year-old had been working for 20 years with Air India Engineer Services Limited (AISL).

According to police, Singh sustained severe head injuries after he slipped from the stairs and fell headfirst from a height of 9-10 feet while servicing the aircraft.

Police also found that the company did not provide him required safety equipment as per



Singh had been with AI for last 20 years. Archive

protocol and lodged a case of negligence.

A resident of Palam Colony, Singh is survived by his wife and two sons — Vinay, who works at a private firm, and Nitin, a software engineer.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Vinay said, "We don't know if my father was provided the required safety equipment or not... all we want is justice... our family is in

shock... we are not aware of any negligence."

Singh's brother-in-law, requesting anonymity, questioned if he had been provided any safety gear at all.

Meanwhile, an Air India spokesperson said they are in touch with the deceased's family. On the alleged negligence, the spokesperson was not available for comment.

A senior police officer told *The Indian Express*, "Generally, ground crew who carry out servicing and maintenance work of the aircraft are provided safety vests and helmets on duty. But we found that no such equipment was provided to the deceased at the time of the incident."

Police had received a PCR call from Mani Hospital in Dwarka that a patient, who turned out to be Singh, had sustained severe head injuries from a fall. He was later declared dead.

DCP (IGI) Devesh Kumar Mahla said that during inquiry, it was found that Singh was on the night shift on November 6-7. "When he was servicing a plane at Terminal 3, he slipped from the stairs and fell," the DCP said.

Air India staff sent him to Medanta Hospital and later took

him to Mani Hospital, where he was declared dead. Singh's postmortem was carried out at Safdarjung Hospital Wednesday.

Said an officer, "We have lodged a case under IPC section 304A (causing death by negligence) and 287 (negligent conduct with respect to machinery) against unknown persons. After the incident, we spoke to the deceased's colleagues and found that most of them were not provided with safety gear."

Officers said they will serve a notice to Air India, seeking information on the safety gear provided to their employees on ground and regarding the lapses found. "Based on the information provided by the airline, officials with sufficient role will be bound down," said the officer.

# No self-defence, GRP cop shot dead by son for property: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 8

WHAT WAS initially thought to be a case of killing in self-defence of a GRP cop in Gurgaon has turned out to be a case of premeditated murder by the son of the deceased who was upset with his father over property dispute, among other issues, said police.

On November 2, Rajbir Yadav, 50, an assistant sub-inspector with the Government Railway Police (GRP), was shot dead at his home in Sector 10-A. At the time, his wife Sarita had told police that she killed Rajbir in self-defence after he shot at her. However, following investigation, police found that Rajbir's son Yash, 25, had shot him dead and shot at his mother to mislead the police, officials said.

Yash was arrested Tuesday along with his accomplice Akshay alias Chirag (20) near Basai Enclave while another aide, Sahabram (48), was nabbed in Shikohpur village. Sarita was arrested on November 3.

On November 2, a complaint was received that Rajbir and his wife Sarita had been shot and injured, and were admitted to the hospital. By the time police reached the hospital, Rajbir had died.

ACP (Crime) Varun Dahiya said that according to Sarita's initial statement, she had shot Rajbir dead when they were having a scuffle in which she also sustained an injury. However, Rajbir's brother informed the police through a

written complaint that the deceased had an ongoing conflict with his wife and son, adding that the cop had been staying away from home for a while now. It was only on October 31 that Rajbir had gone to his house where he was killed on November 2. He was posted in Rewari district.

Police said investigation revealed that Yash killed Rajbir, and shot his mother in the arm as part of their plan. ACP Dahiya said Yash had been requesting his father to transfer the property in his name, but Rajbir was not willing to do so. Besides, Yash, who was married but was living separately from his wife, was having an extra-marital affair that Rajbir did not approve of, said police. Yash, along with his accomplice Akshay, bought a pistol for Rs 60,000 to use in the murder, said police. One pistol and three empty cartridges used in the incident were seized from the crime scene, they added.

In the complaint, Rajbir's brother Satbir accused Yash of conspiring with his mother to kill his father.

# Consultancy firm head held for duping MBBS aspirants

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A MAN who ran a legal consultancy firm out of Barakhamba Road has been arrested by the Delhi Police for allegedly cheating multiple MBBS aspirants over the last several years with the promise of providing them a seat at a college of their choice, said police.

Rajeev Kumar, 39, who was arrested Tuesday, had been ab-

sconding for four years during which he continued cheating several students, police added.

Police said Kumar would target students who either failed the entrance tests or didn't get a high score. He had allegedly hired people who worked with different coaching centres to provide him with data of the students he could target. Last year, a student, Atoki, who goes by one name, alleged that he was cheated of Rs 25 lakh by the accused who assured his

family that he would help their son secure admission to a prestigious medical school in Delhi or a foreign university, said police.

"The family was told their son would get admission abroad. The family met Kumar and his associate Siddiqui Akbar... The family was later compelled to give Rs 25 lakh to secure a seat. They later found they had been cheated when they couldn't contact the accused," said an officer.

While probing the case, police

found several other previous complaints of a similar nature.

In 2015, a student alleged that Kumar offered him a seat in a medical college in Maharashtra. "The accused... took Rs 2.5 lakh as 'facilitation fee'... We found there are other victims as well. All their complaints were clubbed and an FIR was lodged in 2019," said the officer. Another student was allegedly cheated by Kumar and Akbar of Rs 6.75 lakh last year.

Pranav Tayal, DCP, New Delhi,

said, "A court declared him a proclaimed offender on October 6 this year. He was wanted in several cases at Barakhamba Road police station but was on the run. A team was formed to catch him. We learnt that he was either in Bengaluru or Mumbai." Police later found Kumar was in Greater Noida and arrested him from his house in Gaur City-II.

Police said Kumar opened a legal firm in 2011 but soon got into the business of cheating aspirants.

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# Festival Bonanza

## Indian banks boost consumer financial empowerment for festive shopping

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customers can access funds quickly and without the hassles associated with traditional loan processes.

Personal loans are a popular choice for Diwali shopping. These loans are often unsecured and can be used for a variety of purposes — shopping, gifting, or even home renovation. Such loans provide consumers with the flexibility to use the funds as they deem fit. Banks often offer attractive interest rates, quick approval processes, and convenient repayment terms to make these loans accessible.

To help meet the increased demand for electronics and appliances during Diwali, banks offer consumer durable loans with special features. These loans are tailored to finance the purchase of high-value consumer goods, often with zero or low-interest EMI options.

Diwali is also a time when gold jewellery purchases are commonplace. Banks offer gold loans, a kind of secured loan at a lower interest rate than most other



loans. In addition to the low interest rate, gold loans' simple eligibility criteria, and instant disbursement at home and during the festive season attract many people to opt for this type of loan.

Many individuals decide to either buy properties during this auspicious time of the year or renovate their homes before Diwali. That is where home loans and home renovation loans come into play respectively, with banks providing excellent offers on these loans during the festive season to steer to fruition the desire for either purchasing a property or going about home improvement projects.

With buying a vehicle increasingly becoming a necessity rather than a luxury, vehicle loans, especially during the festive season of Diwali, wherein banks offer attractive EMIs and repayment tenures provide the most convenient way

to own vehicles.

Additionally, there is a surge in demand for business loans with many businesses, especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) often requiring extra working capital to meet increased demand during the festive season.

Moreover, banks launch Diwali-specific credit card offers for festive season purchases through credit cards by

collaborating with retailers to provide festive deals. Exclusive discounts, cashback, and reward points on purchases make these credit cards an attractive choice for consumers and encourage cardholders to shop and spend while enjoying greater savings and rewards.

Indian banks, with their Diwali-specific offers, schemes and services ensure that not only Diwali shopping is rendered accessible but also that the overall

economic prosperity of the nation is boosted through augmented consumer spending. As Indian banks continue to recognise Diwali shopping trends and underscore catering to the Diwali-specific purchase needs of an over 1.4-billion-strong population, they play the central role in empowering people financially to fulfill their festive shopping and have a truly happy and memorable Diwali.

## Retail Loans: The search for your perfect retail loan ends here!

**B**ANK of Maharashtra, the leading public sector bank in the country, has been providing best in class housing loans for decades. Recently, the bank has further reduced its ROI and is currently offering the lowest interest rate on home loans @ 8.5%. "Considering the festive season ahead, the bank has also waived processing on Home, Car and Gold loan and has also reduced home loan interest rate for customer benefit", said a senior officer of the bank. "This will motivate buyers as well as pump in new energy in the real estate sector and overall economy in this Amrit year of independence", he further added.



**Mukesh Kumar Sharma**  
Zonal Manager, Noida  
Bank of Maharashtra

BoM's Maha Super Housing Loan scheme (Home Loan) comes loaded with numerous benefits such as facility to apply online, quick loan processing, zero processing fee, customised repayment options and simple & hassle-free documentation. The Bank offers housing loan scheme for purchase of ready built house/flat (new/old/takeover). The scheme comes with three types of loan—firstly, Construction/acquiring of new or existing house/flat and extension of existing house/flat; secondly, Purchase of plot & construction thereon and thirdly, Repairs/renovation/alteration of existing house/

flat for new standalone borrowers.

Headquartered in Pune, Bank of Maharashtra operates through its wide range of over 2339 branches across the country, making it easier for customers to apply and avail themselves of housing loans from their nearest branch. However, the futuristic approach of the Bank enables its customers to apply online for home loan from the convenience of their place and time.

One can visit the website for more details. Home loan comes with an extended repayment period with a maximum tenure upto 30 years or upto 75 years of age. The scheme also offers an additional concession to women and defence personnel. There is absolutely No Pre-Payment/ Pre-closure/ Part payment charges. Moreover, existing Home loan borrowers get additional ROI concession in Car loan & Education loan. Takeover of housing loan from other banks is also possible at BoM. With daily reducing balance, this scheme enables borrowers to save more money, as in this methodology, interest is calculated only on the outstanding loan amount, which reduces every time customer pays off their EMIs or makes any prepayments. This in essence lowers the effective rate of interest significantly.

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Ethics panel draft report recommends Moitra expulsion

After she walked out of the panel meeting on November 2, Moitra released a letter she wrote to Speaker Om Birla, alleging that she was subjected to the "proverbial vastraharan" (disrobing) by Sonkar in the presence of all members of the committee. She said the chairman "insisted on following the most sordid line of questioning... in which he asked me detailed and extremely personal questions about my life."

"Instead of asking questions pertinent to the subject, the Chairman exhibited a preconceived bias by maliciously and clearly in a defamatory way questioning me, so much so that 5 of

the 11 members present walked out and boycotted the proceedings in protest at his shameful conduct," she said. Sonkar told *The Indian Express* the questions that he asked were related to allegations against her. "The objective of this committee is to investigate the charges of unethical behaviour levelled against the MP. But she persistently tried to avoid answering the questions. She did not cooperate. Then she got angry and walked out, accusing the chairman and the committee of using unparliamentary language," he said. Sonkar said "all questions were regarding the charges made against her by (businessman

Darshan) Hiranandani and the allegations made against her by the complainant". Meanwhile, Dubey claimed Wednesday that the Lokpal had forwarded his complaint against Moitra to the CBI for investigation. "They informed me that they have referred it to the CBI, which is the Lokpal's agency to investigate," Dubey told *The Indian Express*. In her response, Moitra, in a post on X, said, "For media calling me — my answer: 1. CBI needs to first file FIR on ₹13,000 crore Adani coal scam. 2. National security issue is how dodgy FPI owned (inc Chinese & UAE) Adani firms buying Indian ports & airports with

@HMOIndia clearance. Then CBI welcome to come, count my shoe." she said. In another post on X, she said, "Lokpal abhi Zinda hai (Lokpal is still alive)." The cash-for-query allegations involving Moitra surfaced last month after Dubey wrote two letters — one to Speaker Om Birla, claiming there were allegations that Moitra took bribes to protect the interest of the Hiranandani Group; and the other to IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, urging him to investigate the IP addresses of Moitra's log-in credentials for Lok Sabha to check if they had been accessed by someone else.

PM slams Nitish over 'indecent' remarks: 'He has no shame, his allies silent'

terrible insult of mothers and sisters." "Those who have such an attitude towards mothers and sisters, can they ever do good for you? How low will you stoop? You are humiliating the country in front of the world. My mothers and sisters, I will not back down and will do whatever possible for your respect," Modi said. Earlier, speaking in Damoh, Modi remarked on Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's comments in Gwalior a day earlier. Kharge had termed Modi, Chief

Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, ED, CBI and IT as the "Panch Pandavas". Modi said that before 2014, the Prime Minister of the country was remote controlled by the Congress, and these days Kharge is controlled by a remote. "The Congress president is... my good friend. But today his condition is such that he cannot do anything. Sometimes I see that our Congress president comes in his mood. Sometimes when this remote's battery is over or its connectivity is broken, some good things come

out of his mouth. I read somewhere yesterday that he remembered the Pandavas. When the remote runs, he abuses Sanatan. So, when the remote stopped, he remembered the Pandavas yesterday. And he said that there are five Pandavas in BJP. We are proud that we are walking on the path of the five Pandavas. What could cause more pride than this?" Kharge had also said in his speech: "But these are not the actual Pandavas, these are ones that need to be defeated." Modi claimed the Congress

had an objection to his announcement pertaining to the five-year extension of foodgrains to beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act, 2013. "They have been going to the EC for two days. They will complain against Modi. How can he talk about giving free food to the poor? Who does Modi think he is? Brother, do whatever you want to do. The poor are mine. I do whatever I do for them. Whatever punishment I get, I will take it. But I will not stop working for the poor... Let the Congress do whatever they want," he said.

Early school winter break in Delhi

asked schools to advance their winter vacations to November 9-18. Most schools usually schedule their winter vacations in the last week of December or the first week of January. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court had pointed out that "a large number of app-based taxis in Delhi... have registrations in different states". "If we look at the roads, each one is carrying only one passenger. We would like to know whether there is any way of monitoring, especially during this period of time, (so) that only taxis registered in Delhi are permitted to ply, as an additional measure to control the pollution," it had said. According to app-based aggregators, there are nearly 1.5 lakh taxis with different platforms in Delhi-NCR. Of these, only a third are registered in Delhi. "While we haven't received any order from the transport department, we want to reiterate that all the cars on the Uber platform in Delhi are CNG or electric, and shared mobility helps more people commute in fewer cars," Uber said in a statement. Industry sources expressed the apprehension that banning cabs from other states would increase the number of private petrol and diesel vehicles on the road, and put undue pressure on public transport. Addressing a press conference, Rai also said that the odd-even car rationing scheme will be implemented after the Supreme Court reviews its effectiveness and issues an order.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court had also called into question the odd-even scheme of the Delhi government, calling it "optics". "You have said that you have imposed this alternative cars, even-odd... Did it succeed earlier ever... These are all optics. This is the problem," the Bench had said, and asked the state government to "report back to us... on this aspect also". Responding to this, Rai said the reports on the effectiveness of the odd-even scheme would be submitted to the Supreme Court, and the government would proceed with the scheme on the basis of the court's directions. "We had decided to implement the odd-even scheme from November 13... on odd-even, we have had two studies — one by Harvard University and the University of Chicago, and the other by Delhi Technological University. These reports will be submitted to the Supreme Court," he said. Guidelines on the implementation of the odd-even scheme will be issued only on the court's directions, he said. The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), meanwhile, has been directed to restart the functioning of the smog tower in full capacity by Thursday. To deal with local instances of biomass burning, 611 teams of the Municipal Corporation Delhi, DPCC and revenue department officials have been formed, and a special drive will begin Thursday.

EWS vacancies in Central varsities

recruitment drives in the recent past to fill the teaching positions. The vacancy results from a contradiction between the higher education regulator University Grants Commission's (UGC) eligibility criteria for teacher recruitment and the conditions for EWS quota eligibility in Central government jobs laid down by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (DoPT). As per DoPT guidelines, an applicant for a post under Government of India in the EWS category must have a total annual family income of less than or equal to Rs 8 lakhs. According to the UGC, to be eligible for direct recruitment at the associate professor and professor levels, a candidate should have worked as an assistant professor for at least eight years. However, the pay of an assistant professor with eight years of experience exceeds Rs 8 lakh annually. This contradiction renders everyone ineligible for recruitment as associate professor or professor. However, this does not impact recruitment at the level of assistant professor, which is an entry-level post in academia. It is quite possible for EWS applicants at the entry-level to have annual family income of equal to or less than Rs 8 lakh. But even at the entry or the assistant professor level, in the four years since EWS has been introduced in 35 CUs, one out of every three sanctioned posts or 64.4% remain vacant. In comparison, across all 46 CUs, in the general category, 893 or 14% posts are vacant, SC 266 or 20%, ST 161 or 23% and OBC 681 or 29%, are vacant. *The Indian Express* reached out to all 28 Central universities that haven't managed to recruit a single EWS associate professor and professor. As many as 13 acknowledged that the contradiction made it impossible to fill such posts. Some have even flagged the issue to the Ministry of Education.

When contacted, Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh said, "Under the EWS quota, the total family income should be Rs 8 lakh per annum, but when one becomes an associate professor, the income would be more than Rs 8 lakh which makes most of them ineligible to apply. I think the Government of India is also thinking about this issue and hopefully an amendment might come in this in the future, but until the meantime, appointments are not possible under this quota." Delhi University has 26 professor positions sanctioned under this quota, and 64 EWS posts at the level of associate professor. All remain vacant. University of Allahabad's 27 teaching positions under EWS quota haven't been filled. Professor Dhananjay Yadav, head of the recruitment cell at the university, said the "the conflict between the UGC and the EWS norms was evident from the time of the latter's release". "We sent queries even when the notification related to the EWS (recruitment) was released. Total family income is counted in EWS. How is it possible to find a candidate with an income less than or equal to Rs 8 lakhs?" he said. The University last released a call for hiring to the teaching positions — of assistant professor, associate professor, and professor — in September 2021. The recruitment cycle drew to a close in June 2023, with the university unable to find any eligible candidate for the positions of associate professor and professor under the EWS category. "Every central university is suffering from the same problem," Yadav emphasised, highlighting the ubiquity of the problem. An officer in the Visva Bharati University establishment told this newspaper, on the condition of anonymity, that the administration had written to the Ministry of Education, flagging the contradiction at the time of the announcement of the EWS quota. However, the university was instructed to follow the government mandate. "No information has come from the Ministry so far," the officer said. Emails to the Ministry of Education on how it plans to address the contradiction did not elicit a response. Calls and messages left with UGC Chairman Jagadesh Kumar went unanswered. However, an officer in the Education Ministry, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told *The Indian Express* that the Ministry had sent a letter to DoPT seeking their comments on the matter. "The norms for recruitment are overseen by DoPT. We've written a letter to them seeking their comments. The response is awaited," the official said. Of the 35 central universities, four — Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya in Chhattisgarh, Central University of Sanskrit, Mahatma Gandhi Antarashtriy Hindi Vishwavidyalaya and Banaras Hindu University — have managed to fill some EWS faculty positions at the level of associate professor and professor. While GGV has recruited three associate professors under the quota, Central University of Sanskrit and Mahatma Gandhi Antarashtriy Hindi Vishwavidyalaya has found one each at the same level and BHU has employed two.

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shifting its headquarters to New Delhi, Air India decided to dispose of the building as part of its asset monetisation plan, and called for bids from interested parties. While Air India's asking price was Rs 2,000 crore, the Maharashtra government had then offered Rs 1,400 crore, the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority offered Rs 1,375 crore, and Life Insurance Corporation offered Rs 1,200 crore. The process, however, got stalled with the change of government in 2019. After the Eknath Shinde government took charge, discussions were restarted with Air India, and the state government decided to raise its offer to Rs 1,601 crore. On Wednesday, the Maharashtra Cabinet ratified the fresh proposal. The government also decided to waive off

about Rs 250 crore of unrealised income and interest that Air India owed the state government for the leased land. After the Mantralaya fire in 2012, many government offices and departments are scattered across different areas of the city, some of which are at a distance from the state secretariat. According to officials, the state government pays about Rs 200 crore annually as rent for these offices. With the acquisition of the Air India building, about 46,470 square metres of space will be available. "Steps are being taken for early possession of the Air India building at Nariman Point and the decision to waive all lost income and other penalties of Air India was taken at the Cabinet meeting," a senior government official confirmed.

Possible answer to farm fires

Bred by the New Delhi-based Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa-44 is a long-duration variety that takes 155-160 days to mature, from the time of nursery sowing of seeds to harvesting of grain. Thus, the crop that is transplanted in mid-June after nursery sowing a month earlier is ready for harvesting only towards late-October. And since that leaves very little time for field preparation to sow the next wheat crop, ideally before mid-November, farmers resort to burning the standing stubble. The longer duration notwithstanding, what makes Pusa-44 an attractive option to farmers is that it is a high-yielding variety — 35-36 quintals an acre, with some farmers even harvesting 40 quintals an acre. It is the standing stubble from this variety that is largely being burnt since start of November. But IARI has now bred what it claims to be an improved version of Pusa-44 that yields just as much — and matures in only

120-125 days. Called Pusa-2090, it is a cross between Pusa-44 and CB-501, which is an early-maturing Japonica rice line. IARI scientists led by Prolay Kumar Bhowmick identified CB-501 as a line that was not only early-maturing, but also contributed to stronger culm (rice stem) and produced more number of grains per panicle (grain-bearing ear-heads). The resultant cross, therefore, combined both the higher yields and grain attributes of Pusa-44 along with the lower duration of CB-501. If Pusa-2090 can yield 35-36 quintals or more, as claimed by IARI, it might well emerge as an alternative to the original Pusa-44. "Pusa-2090 was tested at the All-India Coordinated Rice Improvement Project trials in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 season, besides farmer fields in the Delhi-NCR region in the last two seasons. The variety has officially been identified for cultivation in Delhi and Odisha," said IARI's director A K Singh.



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| 4. Date on which symbols shall be allotted to the contesting candidates. | 06.12.2023 (11.00 A.M)   |
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**How long will it take to clean India's air ?**

It is that time of the year when the air in and around Delhi become unbreathable. Haze and smog engulf the city, visibility drops sharply and face masks make a return. But bad air quality is not unique to Delhi. Most of the other cities in the country face the same problem, not just in winter but throughout the year.

It's been almost a decade since air pollution in India became a major issue. Lots of measures have been announced, and taken, to improve the country's air quality. But nothing much seems to have changed, especially during winter.

Air pollution is not an unsolvable problem. In fact, over the last few years, ample amount of data and information has been generated about the sources and causes of pollution, and ways to mitigate the impacts.

Why is the situation still not improving? How long will it take for our cities to have clean air? To discuss these, and related issues, The Indian Express has invited Gufran Beig, an environmental and atmospheric scientist, best known for his work on air pollution. Beig was founder director of SAFAR, System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research, a government-backed initiative to monitor and forecast air quality in select metropolitan cities, and has monitored the air quality situation over India for several years.

**Dr. Gufran Beig**  
Chair Professor, NIAS (IIsc) and Founder Project Director, SAFAR

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Secured Assets/Dues/Reserve Price/Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below

**Last Date of submission of online bid : 10.12.2023, E-Auction to be held on 12.12.2023 from 2.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M**

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

| Name & Address of the Borrowers/Guarantors/ Mortgagors  | Give Short Description of the immovable property with known encumbrance, if any  | Total Dues(as per Demand Notice)  | Date & Time of E-auction.  | Reserve Price (EMD) Bid increase Amount                     | Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical) | Property Inspection Date & Time                                |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Bank of Baroda Mithanpura Branch, Muzaffarpur</b><br><b>Borrower : M/s Sanjay Kirana Stores (Prop. Mr. Dharmveer Kumar)</b><br><b>Co-Borrower : Mrs. Usha Devi &amp; Mr. Sanjay Kumar, At R. K. Puram, Lane No. 01, Bela Road, Kanhauli Vishnudutt, R. K. Ashram, Muzaffarpur-843116</b> | <b>Property 1:-</b> Registered Mortgage of land & building in name of Usha Sinha, W/O of Suresh Prasad Singh situated at Mohalla-Kanhauli Vishnudutt, PS-Mithanpura, Thana No. 411, Anchal- Mushahri, Ward No.- 48, Holding No. 947, Registry Office & Dist.- Muzaffarpur bearing Khata No. 11, Khesra No- 92m, Area- 3 Decimil. Boundaries :N: 12 Feet Road, S: Gaytri Sinha, E: Vinod Kumar Singh, W: Ramakant Ojha.<br><b>Property 2:-</b> Registered Mortgage of land & building in name of Sanjay Kumar & Dharamveer Kumar both S/O of Suresh Prasad Singh situated at Mohalla-Kanhauli Vishnudutt, R.K.Puram, PS-Mithanpura, Thana No. 411, Anchal- Mushahri, Ward No.- 48, Holding No. 947, Registry Office & Dist.- Muzaffarpur bearing Khata No. 11, Khesra No- 92, Area:- 0.8 Decimil. Boundaries :N: 12 Feet Road, S: Gaytri Sinha, E: Vinod Kumar Singh, W: Ramakant Ojha. | <b>Rs. 75,05,677.94/- (Interest applied up to 07/06/2023) plus unapplied Interest &amp; Other Charges</b> | <b>12/12/2023 &amp; 02:00 PM to 6:00 PM</b> (with unlimited extension of 10 mins till sale is concluded) | <b>Rs. 68,50,000/-<br/>Rs. 6,85,000.00<br/>Rs. 20,000/-</b> |   | <b>From 09.11.2023 to 11.12.2023 &amp; 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM</b> |

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Date : 08.11.2023

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**EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED ON 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023**  
(₹ in Lakhs except earning per share)

| S. No. | Particulars  | Standalone    |            |                 |            |            |               | Consolidated |                 |            |            |            |            |
|--------|--|---------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|        |  | Quarter Ended |            | Half Year Ended |            | Year Ended | Quarter Ended |              | Half Year Ended |            | Year Ended |            |            |
|        |  | 30.09.2023    | 30.06.2023 | 30.09.2022      | 30.09.2022 | 31.03.2023 | 30.09.2023    | 30.06.2023   | 30.09.2022      | 30.09.2023 | 30.09.2022 | 31.03.2023 |            |
| 1      | Total Revenue from Operations  |               |            |                 |            | 899.03     | 6,581.56      | 6,167.69     | 6,443.66        | 12,749.25  | 11,910.59  | 25,950.36  |            |
| 2      | Net Profit/(Loss) for the Period Before Tax and Exceptional Items  | (27.14)       | 8.22       | (46.38)         | (18.92)    | (46.47)    | (94.03)       | 324.59       | 219.43          | (190.85)   | 544.02     | (572.02)   | (1,105.23) |
| 3      | Net Profit/(Loss) for the Period After Tax and Exceptional Items   | (27.14)       | 8.22       | (46.39)         | (18.92)    | (46.48)    | (94.04)       | 342.97       | 215.53          | (174.30)   | 558.50     | (552.48)   | (1,126.85) |
| 4      | Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Period [Comprising Profit for the Period (After Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (After Tax)] | (27.14)       | 8.22       | (46.39)         | (18.92)    | (46.48)    | (94.04)       | 342.91       | 215.49          | (179.49)   | 558.40     | (564.89)   | (1,127.04) |
| 5      | Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 5 each)  | 3,143.55      | 1,571.78   | 1,346.78        | 3,143.55   | 1,346.78   | 1,346.78      | 3,143.55     | 1,571.78        | 1,346.78   | 3,143.55   | 1,346.78   | 1,346.78   |
| 6      | Earnings Per Share in Rupees: (Quarterly Not Annualised)   |               |            |                 |            |            |               |              |                 |            |            |            |            |
|        | Weighted Average Number of Equity Shares for calculating earning per share including impact of Bonus Shares                                | 62,280,836    | 61,684,187 | 34,691,921      | 62,280,836 | 34,691,921 | 46,499,023    | 62,280,836   | 61,684,187      | 34,691,921 | 62,280,836 | 34,691,921 | 46,499,023 |
|        | - Basic (in Rupees)  | (0.04)        | 0.01       | (0.13)          | (0.03)     | (0.13)     | (0.20)        | 0.55         | 0.35            | (0.50)     | 0.90       | (1.59)     | (2.43)     |
|        | - Diluted (in Rupees)  | (0.04)        | 0.01       | (0.13)          | (0.03)     | (0.13)     | (0.20)        | 0.55         | 0.35            | (0.50)     | 0.90       | (1.59)     | (2.43)     |

Notes:

- The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee & approved by the Board of Directors of Kamdhenu Ventures Limited at their respective meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. The unaudited standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 have been limitedly reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company, and they have issued an unmodified report on the above results.
- The standalone and consolidated results for the quarter ended on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, are balancing figures between audited condensed interim financial statements for the half year ended on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, and management certified financial statement for the quarter ended on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of unaudited half-yearly results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the unaudited financial results is available on the Stock Exchange websites, [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com), [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and on the Company's website at: [www.kamdhenupaints.com](http://www.kamdhenupaints.com)

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of  
**Kamdhenu Ventures Limited,**  
Saurabh Agarwal  
Managing Director  
DIN: 00005970

Place: Gurugram, Haryana  
Date: 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

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(₹ in Lakhs except earning per share)

| S. No. | Particulars  | Quarter Ended |           |            | Half Year Ended |           |            | Year Ended |
|--------|--|---------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|        |  | 30.09.2023    |           | 30.09.2022 | 30.09.2023      |           | 30.09.2022 | 31.03.2023 |
|        |  | Unaudited     | Unaudited | Unaudited  | Unaudited       | Unaudited | Audited    |            |
| 1      | Total Income from Operations   | 18,659.71     | 21,045.32 | 19,160.33  | 39,705.03       | 38,287.51 | 73,367.00  |            |
| 2      | Net Profit Before Tax for the Period   | 1,350.61      | 1,619.16  | 1,087.70   | 2,969.77        | 2,437.66  | 5,488.36   |            |
| 3      | Net Profit After Tax for the Period  | 1,018.47      | 1,206.07  | 821.67     | 2,224.54        | 1,824.96  | 4,102.38   |            |
| 4      | Total Comprehensive Income for the Period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the Period (After Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (After Tax)] | 1,030.26      | 1,206.07  | 804.25     | 2,236.33        | 1,777.59  | 4,073.18   |            |
| 5      | Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10 each)   | 2,693.55      | 2,693.55  | 2,693.55   | 2,693.55        | 2,693.55  | 2,693.55   |            |
| 6      | Earnings Per Share in Rupees: (Quarterly not Annualised)   |               |           |            |                 |           |            |            |
|        | - Basic (in Rupees)  | 3.78          | 4.48      | 3.05       | 8.26            | 6.78      | 15.23      |            |
|        | - Diluted (in Rupees)  | 3.78          | 4.48      | 3.05       | 8.26            | 6.78      | 15.23      |            |

Notes:

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of  
**Kamdhenu Limited,**  
Satish Kumar Agarwal  
Chairman & Managing Director  
DIN: 00005981

Place: Gurugram, Haryana  
Date: 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2023



## EXPERTS POINT TO DIWALI TRAFFIC

# NO2 levels shoot up in Delhi despite truck ban

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

DIWALI-RELATED traffic could be adding to Delhi's air pollution woes, going by a spike in nitrogen dioxide levels seen in some parts of the city on Wednesday — these were four times the 24-hour level prescribed by the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and over 13 times the 24-hour standard that the World Health Organisation guidelines prescribe.

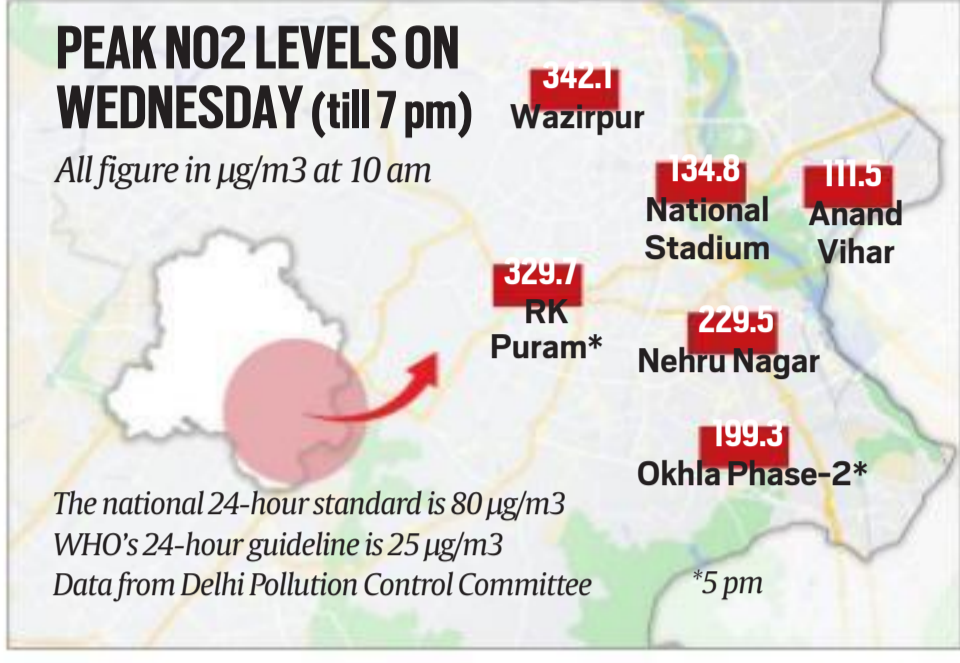
In South Delhi's RK Puram, for instance, data from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) showed that the NO2 level at 5 pm was 329.7 µg/m3. The national 24-hour standard is 80 µg/m3, and the WHO's 24-hour guideline is 25 µg/m3. This is on a day when the average AQI at 4 pm was 426, ('severe').

In contrast, on November 3 (when the AQI at 4 pm was worse at 468), RK Puram recorded a peak NO2 level of 142.9 µg/m3 at 11 am. On Wednesday, the highest level recorded in the first half of the day at RK Puram was 229.6 µg/m3 at noon.

With emissions from the transport sector contributing the largest chunk to NO2 levels among local sources in Delhi, Diwali-related traffic could be driving the surge, said Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director, Research and Advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

NO2 is generated by high-temperature combustion of fossil fuels, in transport or industry. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, high levels of NO2 can irritate airways and short-term exposure can result in wheezing, coughing, difficulty breathing, besides aggravating respiratory diseases like asthma.

For nitrogen oxides (NOx, which includes nitrogen dioxide, nitric oxide among others), an emissions inventory developed by TERI and Automotive Research Association of India in 2018, based on data from 2016-17, said that transport sector contributes 81% to NOx emissions among local sources in Delhi. In the NCR, sources of NOx can in-



## AQI slips into severe zone again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE AIR quality in Delhi returned to the 'severe' category on Wednesday, with a 24-hour average AQI of 426 at 4 pm.

This is the sixth day this month that the AQI was in the 'severe' (401 to 500) category. On Tuesday, it was 395, in the 'very poor' category.

A forecast issued by the Air Quality Early Warning System on Wednesday said that the AQI is set to remain in the 'severe' category on Thursday, and in the 'very poor' category on Friday and Saturday. On Friday, very light rainfall is expected at one or two places, with a western disturbance affecting northwest India, going by the IMD forecast.

While calm conditions persisted on Wednesday morning, the city saw winds from the northwest, with a speed of 8 to 12 kmph, for the rest of the day.

On Thursday, wind direction could still be from the northwest or northeast, with a speed of 4 to 12 kmph, going by the forecast. While a wind speed of less than 10 kmph is unfavourable for the dispersion of pollutants, winds from the northwest can carry smoke from crop residue burning into Delhi-NCR.

clude power plants, diesel generator sets, and industries.

NO2 levels are high despite all four stages of the Graded Response Action Plan being in place in Delhi. This includes transport-related restrictions under GRAP, like a ban on Delhi-registered diesel medium and heavy goods vehicles; ban on entry of truck traffic into Delhi except CNG/electric trucks and those carrying essentials; and a ban on LCVs registered outside Delhi, except for electric/CNG/BS-VI diesel vehicles. The entry of BS-III and BS-IV diesel buses into Delhi was banned from November 1.

"Around this time, spike in pollutants, including gases, can happen because of trapping of pollutants due to cool, calm conditions. This week is also challenging because it's the Diwali week and this is when traffic volume is most intense, which is what we have always found in Delhi," Roychowdhury said.

RK Puram was not the only spot with high NO2 levels. At North Delhi's Wazirpur, the hourly level peaked at 373.8 µg/m3 at 7 pm Tuesday, while the highest level recorded Wednesday was 342.1 µg/m3 at 10 am. In South Delhi's Nehru Nagar, peak NO2 level Wednesday was 229.5 µg/m3, lower than peak of 170.4 µg/m3, seen at 11 pm on November 3.

# In two weeks, Delhi govt plans to make it rain — artificially — to curb pollution levels

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

IF RAINDROPS fall in Delhi on November 20 and 21, they could be 'artificial'. The Delhi government said there is a possibility for a cloud seeding pilot in the city on these two dates to reduce pollution levels, if things go to plan.

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai met scientists from IIT-Kanpur Wednesday and said the plan prepared by them would be presented to the Supreme Court on Friday.

"We had earlier met them on September 12, where IIT-Kanpur gave its presentation on cloud seeding and artificial rain to reduce pollution levels. They have already conducted a few pilot projects but they were during the monsoon months of June and July. We then asked them for a detailed presentation on the possibility of artificial rain in Delhi during winter," he said.

"There is a minimum requirement of 40% cloud and moisture to conduct artificial rain through cloud seeding. IIT-Kanpur has informed the weather department that there



A smog gun in action in East Delhi's Anand Vihar, Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

is a possibility of favourable conditions on November 20 and 21... After a thorough study, we will present the proposal to the Supreme Court," he added.

According to sources, it has been proposed that a pilot project will be conducted over a 300-sq km area. The cost is likely to be around Rs 3 crore.

"This requires approvals from

around a dozen agencies — both state and central. Their proposal and the list of agencies will be presented to the Supreme Court on Friday," an official said.

While the Delhi government has looked into the possibility of cloud seeding several times, especially after it was reported that such attempts in China have been successful, discussions

have never fructified.

Manindra Agrawal at IIT-Kanpur, who is the project in-charge, meanwhile, told *The Indian Express* that silver iodide along with other components, would be used for cloud-seeding and this would be done through an aircraft. "We need clouds, and current projections show a likelihood of clouds to-

wards November 20, but this may change and we cannot predict precisely at this point," he said.

On how much relief it may provide from pollution levels, he said, "It depends on how much moisture there is, how much rain happens. We can't predict these factors right now, so it would be hard to say."

# What caused pollution last winter? Stubble burning, secondary inorganic aerosols & vehicles, shows study

ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

SECONDARY INORGANIC aerosols, biomass burning within and outside Delhi, and vehicles; these contributed the most to Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 levels in Delhi last winter, according to data from a study presented to the Delhi government this September.

The report on the real-time source apportionment study said results show the contribution of secondary inorganic aerosols, which are mostly expected to travel from far distances, to be the highest. The study, meant to understand sources of PM 2.5 in Delhi for the previous winter, was submitted to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) by



In January, CM Kejriwal had launched the real-time source apportionment study's Supersite and Mobile Van from Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Rouse Avenue. Archive

IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Delhi and TERI. For the winter (November 1, 2022 to March 2, 2023), the av-

erage contribution of secondary inorganic aerosols was 32%, while that of biomass burning

within and outside Delhi was 24%, followed by 17% from vehicles, and 7% from coal and fly ash. Domestic sources contributed around 3%, while soil and road dust contributed 2%.

Secondary inorganic aerosols are particles like nitrate and ammonium formed in the atmosphere by the interaction of gases, with sources including power plants, decomposition of waste, vehicles, and brick kilns.

The study, which was done with data from a supersite at Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya, Rouse Avenue, estimated the contribution from construction and industry at the site to be 0%.

In winter, the average contribution of secondary inorganic aerosols from sources within Delhi (that is a distance of up to 30 km from the supersite) is 16%, while 84% is from outside Delhi,

according to the report.

Last winter, January was found to be the most polluted in terms of average PM 2.5 levels (217 µg/m3), followed by 210 µg/m3 in November.

The contribution of biomass burning was found to be highest in November at 36%, while in December it was 21%. The study estimated the average contribution of crop residue burning to PM 2.5 levels from November 1 to 25 to be 22%.

Last month, Environment Minister Gopal Rai had said the real-time study has been stalled after the DPCC chairman had questioned the cost of the project and its findings.

Rai said Wednesday that the study, from which data was earlier being made public on an on-line dashboard, would resume on Thursday.

## Court extends Monu Manesar's judicial custody

Gurgaon: A Pataudi court Wednesday extended cow vigilante Monu Manesar's judicial custody by another 14 days in connection with an attempt to murder case.

The accused was presented before the court of sub-divisional judicial magistrate, Pataudi, Tarannum Khan, Wednesday through video conferencing after his counsel Kulbhushan Bhardwaj cited security concerns. "He will be produced again through VC as there are death threats against him," he said.

Monu had been sent to Bhandisi jail after he was produced in court on October 11. ENS

# FIR for 'violation' of foreign funding laws attempt to create 'chilling effect': NewsClick

MALAVIKA PRASAD  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

ONLINE NEWS portal NewsClick argued before the Delhi High Court Wednesday that the registration of an FIR for alleged violation of foreign funding laws was an attempt to "target it" and create a "chilling effect".

The HC was hearing the 2021 plea by the petitioner company, M/s PPK NewsClick Studio Private Limited, which owns the digital portal, seeking quashing of an FIR registered by the Delhi Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW), as part of a batch of pleas pertain-

ing to investigations by EOW and ED against the company.

The EOW's FIR was registered on August 26, 2020, under IPC sections 406 (punishment for criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), and 120B (punishment of criminal conspiracy). It alleged the petitioner company had received foreign direct investment of Rs 9.59 crore from M/s Worldwide Media Holdings LLC, USA, during the financial year 2018-19 which was made by "greatly overvaluing shares of the company to avoid the alleged cap of 26% FDI in a digital news website".

He said the registration of the FIR and investigation of the petitioner company was an attempt to "target the petitioner and silence its independent and impartial reporting of various issues of national importance".

He further said, "Such proceedings are intended to create

Among the various contentions raised, senior advocate Siddharth Agarwal, appearing for the petitioner, submitted before a single-judge bench of Justice Saurabh Banerjee that the court may have to consider if there had been an abuse of process of law by investigating and prosecuting agencies.

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He further said, "Such proceedings are intended to create

a chilling effect on various persons including journalists, discouraging them from exercising their constitutional right.

He added, "I'm today unfortunately not liked by somebody. Which is the reason why for a case which doesn't stand to reason, logic... I'm being prosecuted. There's something special about me."

Among various things, the FIR alleged the petitioner company had violated "FDI and other laws of the country and caused a loss to the exchequer". The FIR also alleged over 45% of investment was diverted/siphoned off for payment of salary/consultancy, rent and other expenses.

These payments are alleged to have been made for ulterior motives, as per the EOW.

On Tuesday, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the petitioner, had raised questions over the alleged loss to the government exchequer. He had argued that a case under Sections 420 and 406 (IPC) was not made out, adding that this was "nothing but pure malafide".

On October 13, the HC had dismissed pleas moved by editor-in-chief of NewsClick Prabir Purkayastha and HR head Amit Chakravarty challenging their arrest and remand in a separate UAPA case.



According to Gurgaon Police officers, the passenger bus caught fire around 9 pm in Sector 31, Wednesday. PTI

# Two charred to death after bus catches fire on Delhi-Jaipur highway

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GURGAON, NOVEMBER 8

TWO PEOPLE were killed after a sleeper bus caught fire on the Delhi-Jaipur highway Wednesday night, Gurgaon police said.

According to officers, the passenger bus caught fire around 9 pm on the flyover in Sector 31 and the injured were rushed to Safdarjung hospital. "A fire team and police personnel, including the Commissioner, reached the spot and rescued all the injured from inside the bus. We are probing the cause of the fire. Traffic police also reached the spot to ensure vehicular movement is not disrupted," said ACP (Crime) Varun Dahiya.

The ACP told *The Indian Express* that they were waiting to take down statements of the injured for further information regarding the journey: "The deceased haven't been identified as their bodies were completely charred. The bus started from Gurgaon Sector 12 and was headed to Hamirpur in Uttar Pradesh." District fire officer Ramesh

Saini said three tenders were pressed into service from the fire department to douse the blaze. "Operations lasted for 1.5 hours after which the fire was controlled. Traffic was also disrupted for a long time. We are yet to ascertain how it started," he said.

Fireman Praveen Dhull, who led a team during rescue operations, said they were informed at 8.25 pm and reached the spot in 5-7 minutes. "There were three fire tenders and a private tender. The bus caught fire while running and by the time we reached, no passenger was found to get information regarding the cause of the fire. Bystanders explained that the bus caught fire on the flyover. At least 20 fire officers along with the district DC, Police Commissioner, ACPs and DCPs were present."

In a statement, Gurgaon Police said there were 40 passengers in the bus, comprising mostly labourers. "The passengers had brought their clothes, household items, utensils, and a gas cylinder with them... The FSL/Scene Scene of Crime team has been called to the scene," it said.

# 2017 Mansarovar Park murders: How pattern of stab wounds proved to be killer's undoing, led to arrest of 8

ARNABJIT SUR  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

IN OCTOBER 2017, the murders of an 82-year-old woman, her three daughters, and their security guard in Shahdara's Mansarovar Park kept police on their toes as all their leads were hitting a dead end.

A look at the crime scene showed that the guard, Rakesh Kumar (42) was found dead on the ground-floor veranda and the bodies of the four women — Urmila Jindal and her daughters Nupur (48), Anjali (38) and Sangeeta (56) — were on the first floor. The autopsy revealed Urmila was stabbed thrice in the neck and her daughters' throats were slit.

What made the case even more curious was the fact that the victims lived with 40 members of their extended family inside a sprawling mansion called

the Jindal Oil Mills — none of them heard a peep.

Police first suspected it was a robbery gone wrong. But they ruled that out as while a room in the house was ransacked, the women's phones and jewellery were intact. They then looked at the property dispute angle.

A senior police officer privy to the probe told *The Indian Express*, "There were no CCTV cameras inside the sprawling premises and those outside were insufficient. We questioned the victims' family for days to ascertain if there was a dispute in the family over property but nothing concrete came to light."

The case lay in cold storage for the next two months and was transferred from the district police to the Crime Branch.

The breakthrough came when police decided to go back and analyse the pattern of injuries inflicted on the victims —



The victims: Urmila Jindal (82) and her daughters Nupur (48), Anjali (38) and Sangeeta (56). Archive

they found the stab injuries were too precise, right in the vital organs, which pointed to someone with medical know-how.

A team led by Inspector Vinay Tyagi, working under then DCP (Crime) Ram Gopal Naik, gathered intelligence on the guard's family

and found that his son-in-law, Vikas, had worked at a hospital. Naik told *The Indian Express*, "The precision with which the injury was inflicted on the victims made us realise that this was the handiwork of someone who had proficient medical knowledge. We found out that Vikas worked at the mortuary of GTB Hospital."

Police soon unravelled an elaborate plan, hatched by none other than the guard. How then did the main conspirator end up dead?

Police found their answer after they arrested eight people — Rakesh's son Anuj; son-in-law Vikas; their associates Sunny, Vikas, Neeraj, Nitin, Deepak and Rahul. According to officers, Anuj suspected his father might end up ruining the entire plan and

decided to eliminate him.

## Fear of job loss

In 2016, Rakesh visited his family in Baghpat and told them about the wealth — cash and jewellery — in possession of his employees and plotted to rob them. With Rakesh as the inside man, it would be fairly easy to sneak in and flee with the valuables.

Thereafter, Anuj roped in Neeraj and Deepak, while Vikas roped in his relatives Sunny, Vicky, and the latter's friend Nitin to carry out the crime.

An officer said, "The family was planning to sell the mansion in a few months and Rakesh, who was one of the most trusted employees of the Jindal family, was afraid he would lose his job. So, he hatched the plan."



FROM PAGE ONE

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US agency commits funds to Adani project

world's key transit hubs, given its location near trunk shipping routes, and is currently in the midst of a financial crisis.

"The new terminal reflects DFC's commitment to financing high-quality infrastructure that supports its partner's development needs, invests in local communities, and is respectful of local financial conditions," the DFC said in a statement. The investment further demonstrates the enduring commitment of the US to Sri Lanka's economic growth and its regional economic integration, including with India, it said.

China Merchants Holdings Co Ltd and Sri Lanka Ports Authority are jointly developing Colombo's South < Container Terminal, the first terminal under expansion in the Colombo port.

"DFC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Scott Nathan travelled to Sri Lanka to launch \$553 million in financing to Colombo West International Terminal to sup-

port the development of the deepwater West Container Terminal located within the Port of Colombo," the American lender said in its statement.

Sri Lanka Foreign Minister Ali Sabry and US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Julie Chung joined CEO Nathan for the ceremonial launch of the new terminal.

The Port of Colombo is the largest and busiest transshipment port in the Indian Ocean and has been operating at over 90 per cent utilisation since 2021, signalling its need for capacity expansion. The new terminal will cater to growing economies in the Bay of Bengal, taking advantage of Sri Lanka's prime position on major shipping routes and its proximity to key developing markets.

While Adani Ports and SEZ holds majority equity in the West Container Terminal project, John Keells Holdings owns 34 per cent and the rest is held by the state-run Sri Lanka Ports Authority. Dredging for the ter-

minial commenced in November 2022 and the entire project is slated to be ready by the end of 2025.

"DFC works to drive private-sector investments that advance development and economic growth while strengthening the strategic positions of our partners. That's what we're delivering with this infrastructure investment in the Port of Colombo," said DFC CEO Scott Nathan in the statement.

"Sri Lanka is one of the world's key transit hubs, with half of all container ships transiting through its waters. DFC's commitment of \$553 million in private-sector loans for the West Container Terminal will expand its shipping capacity, creating greater prosperity for Sri Lanka — without adding to sovereign debt — while at the same time strengthening the position of our allies across the region," Nathan said.

US Ambassador Julie Chung said, "The investment by DFC for

the long-term development of the Port of Colombo's West Container Terminal will facilitate private-sector-led growth in Sri Lanka and attract crucial foreign exchange inflows during its economic recovery. This financing is symbolic of the United States' long-standing commitment to the development and well-being of the people of Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka regaining its economic footing will further our shared vision for a free and prosperous Indo-Pacific."

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
CORRIGENDUM  
Ref: Tender Notice No. 58/2023-24 dated 06.10.2023 S.No. 02 Tender Number 77236027 Opening date 16.11.2023.  
Opening date of above referred tender has been extended from 16.11.2023 to 23.11.2023. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.  
The corrigendum has been published on website www.ireps.gov.in.  
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Notification for Ph.D. Admissions in various disciplines  
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Registrar

**Container Corporation of India Ltd.**  
भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड  
Regd. Office & Investors Relation Centre: CONCOR Bhawan, C-3, Mathura Road, Opp. Apollo Hospital, New Delhi - 110076.  
CIN : L63011DL1988GOI030915, e-mail : investorrelations@concorindia.com, Tel. Nos. : 41673093-96, 41222500/600/700 website : http://www.concorindia.co.in  
NOTICE OF RECORD DATE FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR FY 2023-24  
Notice is hereby given that 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 (Thursday) has been fixed as the Record Date for the purpose of determining the entitlement of members to 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Dividend @60% (Rs.3/- per share on equity share of Rs.5/- each), declared by the Board in its meeting held on 02.11.2023 for the financial year 2023-24.  
Further, Interim dividend will be paid: (i) to those Members whose names will appear in the Register of Members of the Company, after giving effect to all valid Share Transfers in physical form lodged with the Company and its Registrar on or before 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2023; or (ii) in respect of Shares held in electronic form, to those "deemed members" whose names appear on the Statements of beneficial ownership furnished by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), at the end of business hours on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.  
In order to avail the facility of payment of dividend through Electronic Clearing Service (ECS), members of the Company, holding their shares in Demat mode are requested to submit the duly filled in ECS mandate form to their Depository Participant and those holding physical shares to Company's Share Transfer Agent and Registrar: M/s Beetal Financial & Computer Services (P) Ltd., BEETAL HOUSE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 99, Madangir, Behind Local Shopping Centre, Near Dada Harsukhdas Mandir, New Delhi - 110062. ECS instructions once furnished by the member will supersede all his/her previous bank mandates/details. ECS mandate form is available on Company's website: www.concorindia.co.in.  
For Container Corporation of India Ltd. (Harish Chandra) sd/- ED (Finance) & Company Secretary

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**  
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MMGPA, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Arogya Bhavan, St. Georges Hospital Compound, MUMBAI-400 001.  
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Advt. No. 5 Date : 04.11.2023  
CHIEF Executive Officer, Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai invites tender in Two Envelope system from the eligible bidders for the following items for purchase of medicines.  

| Sr. No. | Tender No. | Name of Item(s)           | Pre-bid Meeting             | Period of sale, download & submission of bid                 | Bid Opening                 |
|---------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1       | E-18       | Medicines & Miscellaneous | Dt. 08.11.2023 at 1430 Hrs. | Dt. 04.11.2023 at 10.00 AM to Dt. 24.11.2023 up to 14.00 PM. | Dt. 28.11.2023 at 1401 Hrs. |

  
1. For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the web site <https://mahatenders.gov.in>  
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For e-tendering help/information, please contact.  
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Contact No. : 022-22621886 / 022-22621973  
E-mail : maha.mmgsa2023@gmail.com  
Signature/-  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai.  
DGIPR/2023-2024/4773

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CBC 21205/12/0012/2324 Secretary, UGC

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Science, Technology & Technical Education Dept., Govt. of Bihar  
Notice Inviting Tender  
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E-Tender Notice No- 02/2023-24/GAYA  
Name of work:- Quotation for Supply of Supervisor, Security guards & other staffs.  

| Sl. No. | Scope of work   | Estimated cost (In Rupees) | Cost of tender document (In Rupees) | Tender processing Fee(Non-Refundable) (inclusive GST) | Earnest Money (In Rupees) |
|---------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1       | Quotation for Supply of Supervisor, Security guard & other staffs | NA                         | Rs. 1000.00 (One thousand)          | Rs. 590.00 (Five hundred Ninety)                      | Rs. 100000.00             |

  
Tender Program:  

| Sl. No. | Event Description   | Timeline  |
|---------|---|---|
| 1       | Last date & time of downloading the RFP and Submission (upload) of online bidding document. | Till 05-12-2023 up to 11:59 PM, on <a href="http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> , Portal.                       |
| 2       | Pre-bid meeting   | 24-11-2023 at 11:00 AM  |
| 3       | Start Submission (upload) of online bidding document.                                       | 13-11-2023 till 11:00 AM, on <a href="http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> , Portal                              |
| 4       | Submission of EMD   | Offline by bidder till 11-12-2023 at 04:30 PM to Principal, Gaya College of Engineering, Gaya                                   |
| 5       | Opening of Technical Bid  | 12-12-2023 on the <a href="http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> , Portal   |
| 6       | Opening of Financial Bid  | 15-12-2023 on the <a href="http://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> , Portal   |
| 7       | Pre-bid meeting venue   | Gaya College of Engineering, Gaya Sri Krishna Nagar, PO- Nagarayan, PS-Khizarsara, Dist-Gaya, PIN-823003.                       |
| 8       | Contact person  | Principal, GCE, GAYA<br>Mobile no: 7488170459<br>Email ID: <a href="mailto:principal@gcegaya.ac.in">principal@gcegaya.ac.in</a> |

  
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**इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank**  
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**APPENDIX - IV [Rule-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)**  
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice u/s 13(2) on the date noted against the Accounts as mentioned hereinafter, calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.  
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on the date noted against the accounts as mentioned hereinafter.  
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for the amounts noted against the accounts as mentioned hereinafter and interest thereon.  
We draw attention to the provisions of section 13 (8) of the SARFAESI Act, and rules framed there under which deals with your rights of redemption over the securities.  

| Sl. No. | Name of the Account & Branch  | Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor (Owner of the Property)   | Description of the Immovable Property  | Date of Demand Notice    | Amount Outstanding as on Date of Demand Notice  |
|---------|---|---|--|--------------------------|---|
| 1       | (1) Sri Dr. Abhay Kumar, S/o Sri Ramam Bihari Prasad Sinha (2) Smt. Dr. Amrita Pravi, W/o Sri Dr. Abhay Kumar | (1) Sri Dr. Abhay Kumar, S/o Sri Ramam Bihari Prasad Sinha (2) Smt. Dr. Amrita Pravi, W/o Sri Dr. Abhay Kumar | All that part and parcel of the property situated at: (1) All the piece and parcel of the Flat No-501A in Block A 5th Floor Vrindavan Apartment Phase II Mauza-Pakri Shahbuddin now known as Malahi Pakri Kankarbagh Patna measuring 1750 SQFT with covered Car Parking with Shutter Space No-1 and an open car parking in Block A and verandah measuring 850 SQFT with all fitting and fixture along with undivided proportionate share in land under survey Thana No-25, Khata No-83, Survey Plot No-225 in the name of Dr Abhay Kumar and Dr Amrita Pravi. Bounded as follows: Boundaries- North: Ishan International School, South: Flat No-501B, East: Block B of Vrindavan Apartment Phase II, West: Boundary wall of the Apartment after than road. | 03.03.2023<br>08.11.2023 | Rs. 21,83,216.00 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen Only) as on 03.03.2023 and interest and other charges thereon. |

  
Place : Patna Date : 08.11.2023  
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Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank)

# 10 DECISION 2023

CHHATTISGARH • MADHYA PRADESH • MIZORAM • RAJASTHAN • TELANGANA

ELECTION IN NUMBERS

464

Smallest winning margin in Chhattisgarh in 2018, when BJP's Ranjana Sahu beat Gurumukh Hora of Congress in Dhamtari.

## Phase I turnout in Chhattisgarh up from 2018, but 9 of 20 seats see decline

JAYPRAKASH NAIDU  
NARAYANPUR, NOVEMBER 8

VOTER TURNOUT in the Chhattisgarh Assembly election's first phase is up by 1.53 percentage points to 78% compared to the 2018 polls, the Election Commission (EC) said on Wednesday.

Of the 20 seats that went to polls on Tuesday in the first phase, turnout increased in 11 and fell in nine seats compared to the 2018 polls.

Termining the increase in the voter turnout as a "victory of ballot over bullet," the EC said barring two seats of Kondagaon and Bijapur, the voter turnout in each of the remaining 10 seats in Naxal-affected Bastar region increased this time.

Incidentally, out of the nine seats where voter turnout decreased, seven are in the Durg division. Despite the Naxal violence, including the killing of a BJP leader days before the election in Narayanpur, and the killing of a Border Security Force jawan in an IED blast a day before voting in Kanker, the Bastar region saw a better voter turnout.

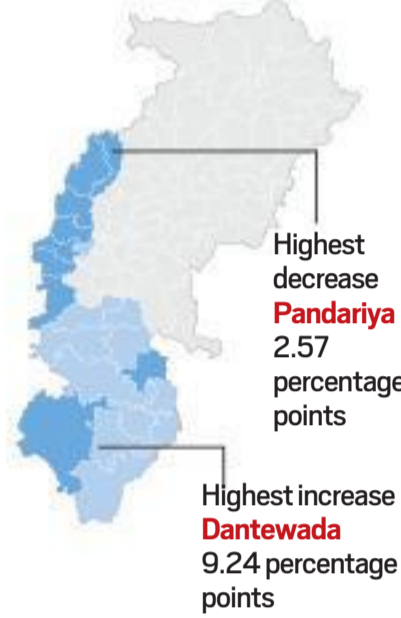
On the day of voting though, 10 violent incidents involving Naxals were reported, including six firing incidents.

Former state election commissioner Sushil Trivedi said, "The Naxal violence had a small influence on the voting. A major factor for the increase in the voting percentage are multiple public speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Amit Shah as well as Congress leaders. Another important factor... is the 126 new polling booths in interior areas of Bastar."

As per provisional EC figures, the 126 new booths added 68,441 votes. A polling booth in Kallepal, Chitrakot, which was shifted in the 2018 polls over Naxal influence, voter turnout rose to 65.3% this time from 3.68%.

### CHHATTISGARH PHASE I

- Seats where turnout increased: 11
- Seats where turnout decreased: 9



### OVERALL TURNOUT

2018: 76.94%  
2023: 78%

Source: Election Commission

Similarly, new polling booths in Keshkal's Kuea and Bhandarapal, both of which were shifted in 2019 Lok Sabha elections and saw a 0% turnout, saw 72.41% and 83.68% voter turnout, respectively, this time.

Even in one of the most Naxal-affected seats of Kanta, the new polling booths in Mankapal and Karigundam saw turnout rise from 76.1% to 70.02% and 1.98% to 68.22%, respectively.

All security personnel who travelled by road after escorting polling parties by helicopters have returned safely, said Sundarraj P, Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range. On polling day, one COBRA official in Sukma had suffered serious injuries in an IED blast and four COBRA jawans suffered minor injuries in an encounter in Sukma.

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including agricultural, commercial and residential properties (Rs 17.37 crore in 2018)

**LIABILITIES:** ₹1.3 CRORE (including of spouse) (Rs 2.98 crore in 2018)

**CRIMINAL CASES:** FIRs in 89 cases for IPC offences, largely related to "objectionable" speech. 17 cases pending in courts but no convictions yet.

**SOURCE OF INCOME:** MP salary, rent, agriculture, business

**EDUCATION:** BA from AV College, Osmania University, Hyderabad

**MOVABLE ASSETS:** ₹5.17 CRORE (including of spouse, HUF)

**IMMOVABLE ASSETS:** ₹24.88 CRORE



### STAR POWER

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at a public meeting in Sanwer in Madhya Pradesh's Indore district Wednesday. PTI

### RAJASTHAN POLL MATRIX

## OBC faces, upper caste focus: BJP's balancing act

Largest chunk of the party's candidates, 35%, is from backward classes, even as the party has fielded 31.5% upper caste nominees

DEEP MUKHERJEE  
JAIPUR, NOVEMBER 8

AIMING TO oust the Congress from power in Rajasthan in the November 25 Assembly elections, the BJP is trying to get its "social engineering" arithmetic right in the state known for caste-driven politics.

Rajasthan has seen the incumbent government being voted out after every five years for nearly three decades.

With the non-BJP parties again trying to combat the BJP's Hindutva plank or Kamandal with Mandal politics calling for social justice and adequate representation of backward castes in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress-led Rajasthan government led by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has also announced a caste survey.

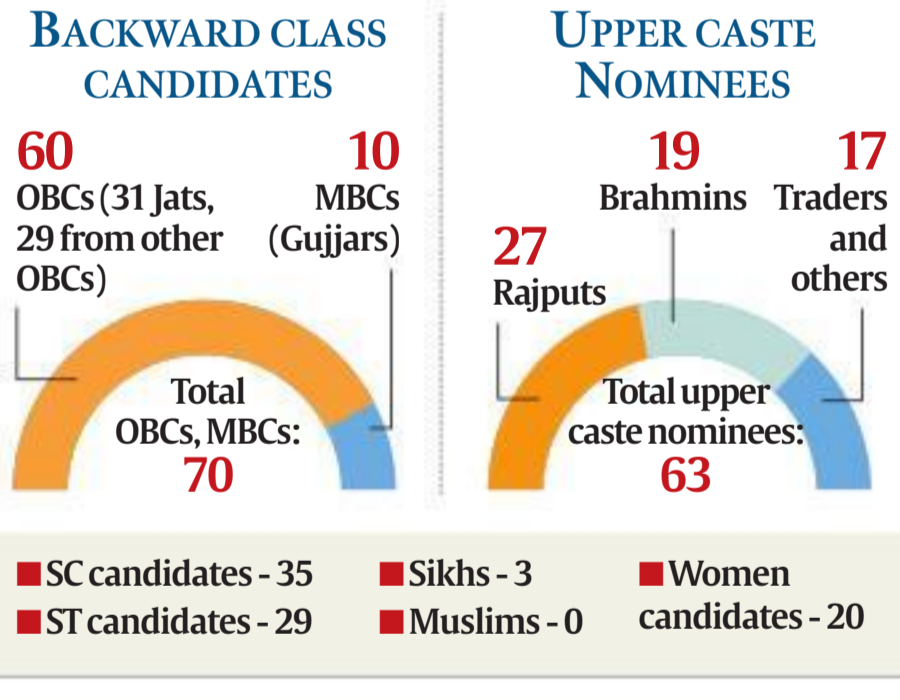
A caste analysis of the list of candidates fielded by the BJP for the state's 200 Assembly seats shows the party's efforts to woo the backward class communities while also maintaining its outreach to the party's traditional vote banks among upper castes such as Rajputs, Brahmins and Baniyas.

The BJP has fielded 60 OBC (Other Backward Classes) candidates that account for 30 per cent of the party's total nominees in this election. The BJP leaders from the Jat community, which is the most dominant OBC group in Rajasthan, have got 31 tickets, while other relatively smaller OBC groups such as Yadav, Kumawat, Bishnoi, Saini, Patel, Nagar, Ravana Rajput and Dhakad have got 29 tickets.



In a state driven by caste politics, the BJP has tried to get its 'social engineering' politics right. (Above) J P Nadda and Vasundhara Raje in Jaipur in July. File

### A BREAK-UP OF BJP'S LIST OF CANDIDATES



The Gujar community, which is the most dominant in the MBC (Most Backward Classes) category in the state, has been given 10 tickets by the BJP. When this is added to its OBC candidates, the overall tally of

reserved seats in the state Assembly for the SC category, the BJP has also nominated a Dalit candidate from an unreserved seat. The BJP candidates from the SC category thus make up 17.5 per cent of the BJP's candidate list.

Similarly, the BJP has fielded 29 tribal candidates, of whom four have been nominated from the unreserved seats and the remaining from the 25 seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the state. As a result, the ST candidates account for 14.5 per cent of the party's total nominees.

As regards the upper castes or general category, the BJP has nominated 27 Rajput candidates and 19 Brahmin faces in this election besides fielding 17 nominees from trader and other communities such as Jain, Sindhi, Rajpurohit and Punjabi. With 63 candidates out of 200, the upper caste faces in the BJP list account for 31.5 per cent of its candidates.

The BJP has also fielded three candidates from the Sikh community for the elections. The party has nominated 20 women candidates – 10 per cent of its total nominees – even as the state BJP leaders have been playing up the party-led Central government's achievement of passing the Women's Reservation Bill to provide 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies.

The BJP has, however, not fielded a single Muslim candidate this time. In the 2018 polls, it had nominated a lone Muslim face, Yunus Khan, who lost the election. Yunus has quit the BJP over denial of ticket this time.

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### ANALYSIS

WHY BJP HAS BROUGHT OUT RAM MANDIR CARD IN MADHYA PRADESH

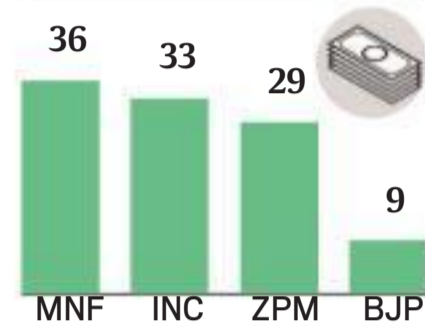
TELANGANA MINISTER DARES CRITICS FROM CONG TO TOUCH POWER LINES

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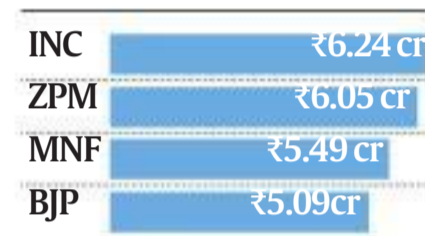
#### MIZORAM CANDIDATES: A DEEPER LOOK

114 (66%)

#### CROREPATI CANDIDATES



₹4.9 crore  
AVERAGE ASSETS OF CANDIDATES



Source: ADR, Election Commission

Total Candidates: 174

18 (10%)

#### WOMEN CANDIDATES



7 (4%)

#### CANDIDATES WITH CRIMINAL CASES



## With JSP in Telangana poll fray, five seats to witness three-way battles

REENIVAS JANYALA  
HYDERABAD, NOVEMBER 8

THE ENTRY of actor-politician K Pawan Kalyan's Jana Sena Party (JSP) in the Telangana electoral fray will lead to triangular contests in at least five of the eight seats the party, which is in alliance with the BJP, is contesting.

Four of these constituencies are Khammam, Kothagudem, and the ST-reserved seats of Wyra and Aswaraopet. All of them are in the undivided Khammam district. The most interesting contest, however, is developing in Kukatapally in Hyderabad that is dominated by people of Andhra Pradesh origin. The JSP has nominated



Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan

Mummureddy Prem Kumar, a builder by profession who hails from the Kapu community and recently joined the party. He is banking on the Kapu and Chaudhary communities – the two dominant social groups among people of Andhra origin in the constituency – to back him due to the pro-N Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan sentiment.

The Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) has retained MK Krishna Rao, a former Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader who won on a TDP ticket in 2014 despite a strong wave for the Telangana Rashtra

Samithi (as the BRS was then known) in the aftermath of the creation of the state. He shifted allegiance to the BRS ahead of the 2018 elections and comfortably defeated TDP's Nandamuri Suhasini, the granddaughter of TDP founder N Rama Rao as the pro-TDP vote split. However, anti-incumbency and sympathy for Naidu may swing votes towards the JSP this time. The Congress has fielded Bandi Ramesh, a real tor.

"We have fielded candidates in segments where there is a large population of Andhra people. We have given six of eight tickets to JSP leaders who have been with us for a long time," said Pawan Kalyan's political secretary P Hari Prasad.

JSP's Khammam in-charge Miryala Ramakrishna will take on Transport Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar from the constituency while Dr Tejawat Sampath Naik is in the fray from Wyra. Political novices L Surender Rao and M Uma Devi will contest from Kothagudem and Aswaraopet respectively. Among the other JSP nominees are M Satish Reddy who will be up against BRS MLA B Malliah Yadav and Congress' former MLA N Padmavathi Reddy – the wife of former state Congress chief N Uttam Kumar Reddy – in Kodad and Vanga Laxman Goud who has been fielded from Nagarkurnool.

### VOICES FROM THE GROUND

## Contest in states but for Centre voter choice clear: 'Modi, then Yogi'

If PM is hailed for 'bringing global prestige', UP CM has many admirers in MP, Chhattisgarh for his brand of 'justice'

VIKAS PATHAK  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

TWO ELDERLY men are engaged in a conversation on politics at a tea stall on the outskirts of Jabalpur. Both are praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Earlier, money used to come to the village and was unevenly distributed. We did not even have bank accounts. Now it directly comes into Jan-Dhan accounts and we can also check the bank balance on the mobile phone," says Rajkumar Patel. Shankar nods, "Desh mein Modi ka vikalp nahin hai (There is no alternative to Modi in India)." However, when it comes to

the state, the group is less vociferous: "Yahaan kaante ki takkar hai (The contest is close here)."

In neighbouring Chhattisgarh too, the opinion is as divided along Lok Sabha and Assembly lines: vote for Modi in the general elections, but for state polls somewhat undecided.

This marks the continuation of a trend seen for the past nine years, since the Modi-led BJP came to power at the Centre, where the party's vote share has surged in the Lok Sabha polls in north, central and western India even as its performance has been middling at the state level.

In Patan, the constituency of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel too, the refrain is: "Yahaan

Bhupesh, wahaan Modi (Here Bhupesh, there – meaning Delhi – Modi)." Ask why, and many say "the whole world looks up to Modi", and that "he has brought the country global prestige".

Sandeep, a young resident of Tanna tehsil in Madhya Pradesh's Junnardeo constituency, says the BJP may lose in the state, but Modi will surely win the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. His reasons are a decline in terror attacks, and the soon-to-be-consecrated Ram temple at Ayodhya.

At place after place in north Chhattisgarh and Mahakoshal region of MP, one hears this, though reasons may vary. The only exception is Amit Agrawal of Jabalpur, who says the results in Madhya



A clearly discernible trend both in MP and Chhattisgarh is how often the name of UP CM Adityanath crops up. File

Pradesh will determine the course of the Lok Sabha polls.

### The rise of Adityanath

Another clearly discernible

trend both in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh is how often the name of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath crops up in casual conversation,

mostly while discussing national politics or comparing him with their state's CM. Adityanath's supporters cite his image of being "tough" on law and order – both in the deployment of bulldozers and alleged criminals killed in "encounters".

If a Kawardha, Chhattisgarh, voter compares BJP candidate Vijay Sharma to Adityanath as a gesture of appreciation – Sharma was an accused in the communal clash here a year ago – another in Patan says that, unlike the local administration that was unresponsive despite it being the CM's seat, Adityanath would have "rolled out a bulldozer" to teach a lesson to errant officials if it was Uttar Pradesh.

In Jabalpur, the killing of Kanpur gangster Vikas Dubey in an encounter in 2020 – after his gang was involved in a shootout

that left several police personnel dead – is still a topic of conversation. Particularly that Dubey was being taken in police custody from Madhya Pradesh back to UP, when the incident happened.

"Yahaan se bach gaya par wahaan gaadi palat gayi (He slipped away from MP, but the vehicle carrying him toppled in UP)," says a Jabalpur resident. The police had claimed Dubey was killed in a bid to escape after the vehicle carrying him met with an accident. Adityanath comes after Modi, but still before everyone else in the BJP, nationally, in popular imagination.

The preference for Modi is also clear in the number of rallies the PM is holding, with BJP sources saying he will address around 14. In Chhattisgarh, he has already addressed seven, with the second phase still a week away.

Adityanath has addressed three-four rallies in Chhattisgarh till now, and the MP BJP is lining up his rallies in the state.

Apart from Modi and Adityanath, prominent BJP star campaigners are Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP chief J P Nadda and Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma.

At the state level, in both Chhattisgarh and MP, it is just Baghel and his BJP counterpart Shivraj Singh Chouhan who matter. No other name comes up across the two states. Balraj Patel of Goteagan Assembly constituency near Narsinghpur in MP sums it up: "Modiji, aur Modi ke baad Yogi (first Modi, then Yogi)... 100%. There are many leaders, but people everywhere like Yogi. They brought Lord Ram; we will bring them to power."

# GOVT & POLITICS

## DAY AFTER SC OBSERVATION

# Paddy phase-out doubts in Punjab: Major producer, crores in earnings

KANCHAN VASDEV  
CHANDIGARH, NOVEMBER 8

THE SUPREME COURT's observation on phasing out paddy from Punjab may be easier said than done as the state contributes a large chunk to the central pool and earns a significant amount of revenue from the crop every year, according to a noted economist and a top state government source.

On Tuesday, during a hearing on air pollution in Delhi-NCR and stubble burning, the top court had said that the growth of paddy, a crop not native to Punjab, is causing the water table to decline. "...paddy cultivation must be phased out to be substituted with other crops and the Central government should explore the aspect of giving a minimum support price for alternative crops," it said.

Punjab Advocate General Gurminder Singh Kharbada had suggested to the court that paddy cultivation must be replaced by millets and MSP should be given for other crops.

The state government source mentioned above, requesting anonymity, said it was unlikely that the Centre would provide so



Farmers burn paddy stubble at a village in Kapurthala in Punjab on Wednesday. PTI

much money to Punjab for any other crop, even for millets. "Also, we do not have any such crop. The Centre already wants to phase out paddy from Punjab... they have to pay so much MSP. Last year, we received Rs 43,000 crore for paddy procurement. This year, the state government has already received Rs 37,000 crore. This is a huge amount of money that helps the rural Punjab economy hugely," said this source.

Although the order didn't name the variety, the reference was basically to Pusa-44. In the current kharif season, Punjab farmers have planted 5.48 lakh hectares under Pusa-44, which is over 17 per cent of the state's total 31.99 lakh area under paddy.

Economist Kesar Singh Bhangoo said phasing out paddy was not the solution. "I agree paddy is not native to the state and it is a water guzzler. But imagine that

last year when the wheat yield reduced due to extraordinarily hot February, the Centre banned the exports of wheat. When white rice vanished from shelves in the US, Iran and Iraq due to the Ukraine war, India banned the export of rice. Punjab produces 18 to 20 per cent rice for the central pool. How can the Centre do without this crop?" he asked.

He added that the government had spent millions on machinery for paddy and stubble. "Now, if they phase out paddy, what will they do with so much investment that has gone into the machinery? Everything has to be thought through. There cannot be knee-jerk reactions," he said.

Bhangoo added that the only solution was that the government needs to look at the reduced window between paddy harvesting and wheat sowing. Pusa-44 takes 155-160 days to mature. The crop transplanted in mid-June after nursery sowing a month earlier is ready for harvesting only towards late-October. And since that leaves very little time for sowing the next wheat crop, ideally before mid-November, farmers burn the standing stubble and loose straw remaining after harvesting.

## JAIPUR SERIAL BLASTS CASE

# State plea to stay acquittal order unheard of: SC

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THE SUPREME COURT on Wednesday termed as "unheard of" the Rajasthan government's plea seeking stay of the high court verdict acquitting four men who were handed down death penalty by the trial court in the 2008 Jaipur serial blast case, and said it needs to see whether the judgement was "erroneous" and "perverse".

Jaipur was rocked by a series of blasts on May 13, 2008 when bombs went off at Manak Chawkhanda, Chandpole Gate, Badi Chaupad, Chhoti Chaupad, Tripolia Gate, Johri Bazar and Sangarneri Gate, leaving 71 dead and 185 injured.

A bench of justices BR Gavai, PS Narasimha and Aravind Kumar told Attorney General R Venkataramani, appearing for the Rajasthan government, "Your prayer for stay of the acquittal order is unheard of. To consider your extraordinary prayer, we have to see that the judgement is prima facie erroneous and perverse."

The bench told Venkataramani, who along with senior advocate Manish Singhvi appeared for the state government, which has filed four separate appeals challenging the acquittal of four accused, that when there is acquittal by any court the pre-

sumption of innocence of accused gets reinforced.

Senior advocate Rebecca John and other counsel, appearing for the acquitted, referred to the condition imposed upon them that they will register their appearance daily between 10 am and 12 noon before the Anti-Terror Squad police station in Jaipur.

The bench told the Attorney General that this condition puts "unreasonable restriction" on their movement but added that it will look at it on the next date of hearing. Venkataramani submitted though they were acquitted by the high court "these people cannot be allowed to move around freely and that's why we are seeking stay of the verdict till the appeal against the high court verdict is adjudicated".

Singhvi told the bench that despite it having summoned entire trial court records related to the case, all documents have not reached the top court yet.

The bench then once again directed the registry to summon the original records of the case from the trial court and said the application for stay of the high court verdict will be considered in the second week of January.

On May 17, the top court had refused to stay the high court order, saying it cannot pass an order for such "drastic action" mechanically without hearing those held not guilty.

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## NEW SC JUDGES

EVEN AS the Supreme Court and government spar over the delay in appointment of judges, the latter is learnt to have fast-tracked the latest recommendations by the Collegium. On November 6, the Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud recommended three HC Chief Justices for appointment as SC judges. Sources said President Droupadi Murmu is expected to sign the warrants of appointment on Thursday. The SC has planned a swearing-in ceremony after court hours at 4.30 pm.

## ON THE BALL

TRINAMOL CONGRESS MP Mahua Mitra has never shied away from reacting to any allegation raised against her in the cash-for-query controversy. Now with an expulsion threat looming over her, the Krishnanagar MP has posted a video of herself on social media playing football. "Kicking the ball fearlessly is what we do best," she tweeted from Nakashipara village in Nadia district.

## BORDER BONDING

IN ITS recently concluded Akhil Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal Baithak, the RSS decided to focus its energies on stopping migration from border areas. It was discussed during the meeting, which was attended by all senior Sangh leaders and representatives of its affiliates, that RSS workers should fan out to border areas and work on ensuring livelihood for the people staying there. The workers have also been asked to instill the feeling of patriotism among the border people. For this the organisation has also tied up with the armed forces and the border guarding forces. RSS general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale said on the final day of the meeting, "As long as border people are alert, the nation will remain secure."

# SC refuses to vacate status quo on priest hiring in TN temples

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THE SUPREME COURT Wednesday refused to vacate or modify the status quo ordered by it on the appointment of archakas (priests) in Tamil Nadu temples established as per agamic traditions.

Though the state contended that "the appointment of archakas falls under the secular part of the temple administration", a bench of justices A S Bopanna and M M Sundresh refused to agree.

The Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department (HR&CE) under the ruling DMK government had proposed to recruit archakas who had passed a one-year certificate course from training schools established under the department and who had taken further training.

The government decision was challenged before the SC by an association of archakas. The organisation pointed out "the major Saivite and Vaishnavite temples in Tamil Nadu were built according to the Agama traditions and worship therein were as per the Agamas. In respect of Saivite temples, only Sivachariyars / Gurukals / Adi Saivars / Battars alone can perform pooja. Similarly in respect of Vaishnavite temples, only Vaikanasa or Pancharatra Battachariyars alone can perform

pooja". It said "Agama is an extensive subject that requires years of intense training... under learned Gurus... to obtain proficiency" and is not something that can be garnered by a one-year certificate course.

"...they obtain Deekshai or Samskara (initiation) from their Guru/Acharya at a very early age — between 5 and 7 — and undergo rigorous Vedic education for a minimum of three years. Thereafter, they are groomed to perform poojas and homams for another three to five years before taking over as archakas," the petitioner association said, adding even if a small mistake happens in performing rituals or in installation of deities or in construction, "it is against the belief and interests of the larger Hindu population".

Meanwhile, reacting to the SC's refusal to vacate its order, DMK said the "struggle to ensure social justice will continue". Coordinator of Tamil Nadu Government Trained Archakas' Association, V Ranganathan said "denying" non-Brahmins right to perform poojas in 'Agama' temples in the name of Agamic tradition is an injustice and perpetuation of "Manusmriti". The only solution will be to enact a special law to pave the way for appointing persons from all castes, following training, as priests in temples. (WITH INPUTS FROM PTI)

# Maiden INDUS-X investors meeting held ahead of 2+2 India-US ministerial dialogue

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AHEAD OF the 2+2 India-US ministerial dialogue Friday, the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) under India's Ministry of Defence and the US Department of Defence, organised the first ever INDUS-X investors meet Wednesday, where the INDUS-X Educational Series (Gurukul) was also launched.

On Friday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Minister of External Affairs Dr S Jaishankar will meet their US counterparts Antony J Blinken and Lloyd J Austin III for the fifth India-US 2+2 ministerial dialogue.

A statement by MEA Wednesday stated that the meeting will enable a high-level review of progress being made in "cross-cutting aspects of defence and security cooperation, technology value chain collaborations and people-to-people ties."

At the event, the officials said that the two defence innovation challenges which were launched under INDUS-X on underwater communications and oil spill de-



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin during the fourth US-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in 2022 in Washington, US. PTI File

tection are in advanced stages at present the review of the applications from start-ups of both sides are currently underway. Officials said 297 start-ups have registered through iDEX. Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) has been granted in around 30 cases of which 10 contracts have been signed.

Doug Beck, Director Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) of the US government, and Vivek Virmani led the US and Indian delegations, respectively at the INDUS-X investors meet which brought together stakeholders of both sides including startups/MSMEs, investors, incubators, and industry

representatives to discuss collaborative agendas and opportunities in the defence sector. Both invited startups and innovators to apply in the joint IMPACT challenges, and to participate in the Gurukul Educational Series.

INDUS-X was launched in June 2023 during the state visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the US to expand strategic technology partnership and defence industrial cooperation between governments, businesses, and academic institutions of India and US.

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## TN minister says 'not a paisa seized' after 5 days of I-T raids

ARUN JANARDHANAN  
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 8

FOLLOWING FIVE days of Income Tax raids, Tamil Nadu State Highways Minister EV Velu Wednesday defended his and his family's financial integrity. The minister's associates, including his personal assistant and driver, were questioned, which Velu described as a politically motivated attempt to weaken the DMK ahead of the elections.

Throughout the I-T operations, which covered his and his children's residences and his educational institutions, Velu claimed no evidence of financial impropriety was uncovered. He said "not a paisa" was seized from properties linked to him or his relatives. The reach of the raids was extensive, covering Villupuram, Vandavasi, Karur, Coimbatore and Tiruvannamalai.

Velu said his personal assistant, Subramani, was questioned for five days, which left him in tears. Velu said he was not angry at the I-T officers as they were "mere arrows fired by those with political agendas sitting somewhere else". He said his family had cooperated with the inquiry.

# Odisha Dy Speaker quits to focus on party activities

SUJIT BISOI  
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 8

FINDING IT difficult to devote time to his political activities, Odisha Assembly Deputy Speaker Rajanikant Singh, who was elected to the post in 2019, resigned Wednesday, months before the Assembly and the Lok Sabha polls next year. Singh, a four-time MLA from Angul since 2004, submitted his resignation to Speaker Pramila Mallik, at her chamber in Bhubaneswar.

After submitting his resigna-

tion, Singh dispelled doubts that his decision was sudden and told media persons, "Since Deputy Speaker is a constitutional post, it did not allow me to engage in political activities. It was not a sudden decision as I had been considering resignation over the past few months. With elections approaching, I have resigned to devote more time to organisation and reach out to the people wholeheartedly."

Singh, known to be loyal to party leadership, was the minister of the crucial steel and mines department in the Navin

Patnaik cabinet between August 2012 and May 2014.

Singh's resignation to dive into day-to-day politics in Angul assumes significance amid reports that Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, a native of Angul district, may contest the Lok Sabha polls either from Dhenkanal or Sambalpur Parliamentary seats. Industrial and mining-rich, Angul district has five Assembly segments. While Angul, Talcher, Chhendipada and Pallahara are part of the Dhenkanal Lok Sabha seat, Athamallik comes under the Sambalpur

Parliamentary segment.

"Pradhan's frequent visits to Dhenkanal and Angul region in recent months has helped BJP consolidate its base in the pocket. BJP may also gain if Pradhan chooses to contest from Dhenkanal LS seat. The BJD needs a senior leader to prepare a counter strategy in the district," said a senior BJD leader. "It's up to the party chief to decide," said Singh responding to speculation over getting an organisational role. However, the BJD is likely to assign him a key organisational role in Angul district, said party sources.

# Kerala again in SC against Gov, now over HC order

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THE KERALA government has approached the Supreme Court for a second time against Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, this time over a High Court order that declined to fix a timeline for the governor to clear Bills.

Earlier this month, the state had filed a writ petition in the top court claiming inaction by the governor in relation to eight Bills passed in the Assembly.

The Kerala High Court, in an order dated November 30, 2022, had disposed of a petition which sought a declaration that the governor's action in withholding assent to Bills "indefinitely" is

"arbitrary". It said: "Even under a parliamentary democracy, when the Hon'ble Governor is left with discretion under Article 200 of the Constitution, it may not be appropriate for the courts to issue any direction to the Governor to exercise the discretion within a time frame to be fixed by the Court."

Challenging this order, Kerala government's plea sought appropriate orders from the SC "in relation to the inaction on the part of the... Governor in relation to as many as 8 Bills passed by the State Legislature and presented to the Governor for his assent under Article 200 of the Constitution".

It said that "of these, 3 Bills have remained pending with the

Governor for over 2 years, and 3 more in excess of a year". Five of these relate to university laws. The state contended that "the conduct of the Governor... threatens to defeat and subvert the very fundamentals and basic foundations of our Constitution, including the rule of law and democratic good governance, apart from defeating the rights of the people of the State to the welfare measures sought to be implemented through the Bills".

With a similarly-worded November 2 plea, Kerala had become the third state after Tamil Nadu and Punjab to move the Supreme Court against its governor.

Hearing a plea by Punjab

government, which said Governor Banwarilal Purohit had kept 7 Bills pending, the SC had on November 6 said governors "must act" before a matter reaches the court. "Why do parties have to come to the SC? The Governors must act before it comes to the SC... Only after they come to the SC, the Governors start acting. This has to stop," CJI D Y Chandrachud who presided over the bench, which included justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said.

In the appeal before the SC, Kerala said: "A Governor who acts in gross disregard and violation of the provisions of the Constitution cannot be said to be functioning in discharge of his duties as a Governor..."

# Unhappy with children? UP govt may give senior citizens right to legally evict them

ASADREHMAN  
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 8

THE UTTAR Pradesh government is planning to give legal rights to parents and senior citizens to evict their children or anyone living in their house if they are not happy with them. A proposal to amend the state rules under the Central government's Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 has been sent to the state Cabinet.

"We are bringing in changes that will effectively give senior citizens the right to evict their chil-

dren or relatives from their house if the children or relatives are not giving them money for their livelihood," Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Social Welfare Asim Arun told *The Indian Express*.

"A proposal for the same was received from the state Law Commission and after due consideration, it has been sent to the state Cabinet for approval... It is likely to be passed soon," the minister said.

"At a recent Cabinet meeting, the proposal was taken up but couldn't be passed as some issues were raised like what if the senior citizen is living on an ancestral property where the children and

the parents have a shared right. We are doing research and will make changes to the proposal and send it back soon. Hopefully, it will be passed soon," added Arun.

In the existing rules for the welfare of senior citizens, there are tribunals, headed by the local sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs), to address any complaints filed by a senior citizen, an official of the UP Social Welfare Department told *The Indian Express*. "So far, the rules under the regulations did give senior citizens the right to complain to the local tribunal. Under the existing rules, the tribunals, headed by local sub-divisional

magistrates, addressed any complaints submitted by a senior citizen..." the official said. "Now, the new rules, after the amendment, will give the right to senior citizens to forcibly evict children or relatives from their property. If a senior citizen complains against their children for failing to pay them for their livelihood, the local tribunal for senior citizens can forcibly evict anyone, be it their children, or relatives or anyone. No court intervention will be required. The tribunal will give 30 days to the children or relatives to vacate, failing which they will be evicted by the tribunal," said the official.



Congress leaders Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Tariq Anwar after meeting the EC in New Delhi Wednesday. PTI

family members in connection with a 2022 paper leak case.

Congress said that ED's action in a case in which Rajasthan Police had already filed chargesheet with over 60 arrests, and is being tried in a court of competitive jurisdiction is "politically driven and without any lawful basis". It added that on the same day, October 26, the ED summoned Vaibhav in a different case, which the party said was "sheer political vendetta".

Seeking the EC's intervention, Congress cited the poll panel's April 7, 2019 advisory to enforcement agencies asking them to remain neutral during the election period. Congress said the "blatant and audacious abuse" of ED by the government during the election period was a violation of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and IPC sections regarding "undue influence".



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### DOUSING FIRES

In SC's directive to end stubble burning lies a message, especially to Punjab, to urgently frame long-term solutions

ON TUESDAY, THE Supreme Court used strong words while asking Delhi's neighbouring states, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, to take immediate action against stubble burning. The two-judge-bench was particularly harsh on Punjab, which continues to be the major source of pollution from crop residue burning. "Residents of Delhi have been struggling with health issues because they don't seem to find a solution year after year to the aggravated problem of pollution. This has been an ongoing process for five years. It is time that something is done," the bench said. It directed the state governments to "ensure that crop burning is stopped immediately". That might be easier said than done. But the Court's reprimand could inject much-needed urgency to address an issue whose complexities often get lost in the blame games that have become a yearly ritual. The bench told the Punjab government that "the fight against stubble burning cannot be political" and reminded it that the problem should be seen from the perspectives of public health, ecology and sustainable agriculture. The bench's directive to frame long-term solutions should not be lost on policymakers.

The past two years' data show an appreciable decline in crop residue burning in Haryana and UP. Farm fires have come down in Punjab as well, but they remain one of the major contributors to the cocktail of toxins in north India's air. It's well known that the problem owes, in large measure, to heavily subsidised electricity that enables farmers to grow water-guzzling paddy. The SC reiterated the need to change farm practices and also called for the Centre's intervention. Paddy cultivation must be phased out to be substituted with other crops and the Central government should explore the aspect of giving minimum support price for alternative crops rather than going for paddy," it said. This requires reaching out to the agriculturists on multiple fronts, including running information drives and providing financial incentives. Farmers will not burn the crop residue if they are offered ways to derive profits from waste. Haryana's example is illustrative. Waste-to-energy plants in the state turn crop residue into biofuels and offer a sustainable alternative to stubble burning. Such units dot parts of Punjab as well, but the state clearly has to do much more.

The court has also Delhi Pollution Control Committee to release real-time data on pollution from different sources. This is an important intervention. Addressing the capital's pollution problems requires drawing a variety of real-time links — wind speeds, particulate matter spewed from tailpipes, industrial emissions, construction dust and toxins dispersed from other states, including from farm fires. This exercise must also be a part of the pollution control arsenal next week when the Delhi government implements the odd-even scheme. North India's tryst with poor air this year should pave the way for sustainable solutions.

### HANDBOOK FOR NITISH

Bihar CM empowered women but his remarks on reproductive rights stain that record. He needs to reflect, rewrite — and re-tell

BIHAR CHIEF MINISTER Nitish Kumar's remarks about population control on Tuesday, made while speaking about the caste survey report in the state Assembly, are a disheartening reminder that when it comes to gender rights, the Indian political space, even today, hasn't evolved the vocabulary for its discourse. No doubt the CM was making an important point when he drew a link between the education of women and their empowerment through reproductive autonomy as an important step towards population control. But the CM undermined his message by using crudely graphic language that, additionally, suggested an unscientific method of family planning and seemed to place the burden of responsibility on women. This from a leader, who through policies like the 2006 Mukhyamantri Balika Cycle Yojana — and even the controversial 2016 prohibition law that many women welcomed — is arguably one of the first Indian politicians to recognise that empowering women is the right thing to do — and it's also good politics.

Even as the national conversation on women's representation in the public space has made encouraging progress — evidenced, for example, in the near-unanimous support for the Women's Reservation Bill in the special session of Parliament in September — the continued use of sexist language in the political sphere is disheartening. Also disappointing is a tendency towards dismissiveness when objections are raised to such language — in the present instance, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav shrugged off the row as indicative of people's "hesitancy" over the topic of sex education. It reveals an insensitivity to issues of gender, adding to the hostility that women in politics already struggle against and undercuts efforts to level the playing field. Nothing blurs party lines like misogyny — as seen in the examples of women leaders, from Jayalalitha to Renuka Chowdhury, Mamata Banerjee to Mayawati and Smriti Irani, who have been subjected to demeaning language, both inside and outside the House.

While he has apologised and retracted his remarks following an uproar, the Bihar CM needs to do more. Perhaps, he can start by asking his office to get a copy of the 30-page handbook on combating gender stereotypes issued by the Supreme Court. It has a rich range of examples of how sexist and crude references to women are such a seamless part of daily discourse and why that needs to change. Because words matter and, as the handbook, issued by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, says, stereotypical language "may reinforce ideas contrary to our constitutional ethos" because words transmit the "ultimate intention of the lawmaker or the judge to the nation." That's why Nitish Kumar should reflect on his mistake and reframe his speech. That will be bold — and salutary.

### MAXWELL'S HEIST

Australian all-rounder's innings breathes fresh hope into the ODI format

GLENN MAXWELL'S 201 not-out from 128 balls will surely find a prominent place in the folklore of cricketing heists and miracles. Arguably one of the greatest innings played in a 50-over game, perhaps even across formats, it was a victory of courage over adversity. Maxwell was so severely cramped that he could not take a step and was grimacing in pain. Yet, he found a way to script something defining, an inning that's likely to be remembered as long as the game lasts. It was a night when Maxwell, a wondrously talented but inconsistent batsman fully realised his potential.

Maxwell tore apart the batting manual — anyhow, even when fully fit, he pays scant reverence to it. He pierced unseemly gaps, barely moved his feet — it was all wrists, hands, and brain — but produced remarkable power in clearing the cow corner and dexterity in hitting behind the stumps. He had slices of fortune. But his knock has a larger significance — it breathes fresh hope into a format in an existential crisis. T20, for all its rapid thrills, or Test cricket, for all its undulating drama, could not have been the stage for such a knock. Maxwell's innings might leave coaches perplexed over the age-old tenets of batting. They shouldn't bother: What he did is unrepeatable.

The knock could lift Australia's morale as well. The five-time world champions, though third on the table, have looked far from invulnerable. Their ride to the semi-finals was bumpy at times. This innings of sustained magic could make Maxwell's teammates aware of their full potential.

# Odd and Even of Delhi's Air

Pollution is a perennial problem. Action to counter it must not be seasonal



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IN 1996, THE Delhi-based Centre for Science and Environment published a report on air pollution in the city. It discussed in detail the main culprit (vehicles), outlined policy measures, and described a series of quite creative awareness-building actions that they had undertaken primarily through the print media. According to CSE, almost two-thirds of the city's pollution load was accounted for by vehicular pollution, and so, it made an argument to impose stringent emission standards, improve fuel quality, invest in public transport, and more generally, monitor air better.

Almost 30 years later, air quality continues to be poor for most of the year, and severe for several weeks. As a massive urban agglomeration and the node of political power and media attention, Delhi's air attracts special attention. Worsening air quality here is accompanied by a public frenzy, and growing frustration that nothing seems to change compels everyone from the state government to the courts to act. Or, at the very least, be seen to act. Hence, odd/even.

If a sense of inevitability and doom characterises much of the public response, a more considered review of the last three decades shows that we have travelled a long way from the CSE report. For one, the actions that the report argued for have been carried out. Progressive emission standards have been imposed (the latest being Bharat Stage VI) alongside the introduction of unleaded petrol and cleaner diesel. There has been a vital shift to CNG for public, commercial, and paratransit vehicles. The Delhi Metro stands out as the most extensive and widely used urban mass transit system in the country.

In the late 1990s, advocates had to engage in creative acts to bring air pollution to the public attention as a matter of concern. Today, it dominates popular discussions. The turning point in our interest in the issue was a 2014 WHO report, promptly rejected by the Indian government, which called Delhi the most polluted capital in the world (a distinction hitherto held by Beijing). Soon after, the high-profile visit of US President Barack Obama for the

2015 Republic Day during smog led the international press to speculate on how many hours he would lose from his life by spending three days in Delhi (the answer, they pronounced, was six hours). At the end of May 2015, Gardiner Harris, a *New York Times* correspondent, announced that he was relocating from Delhi, having seen his eight-year-old son lose half his lung function within a year of living here.

These events caught the public eye like never before, and action followed. From 2014 to 2022, the number of functional continuous monitors across Delhi increased from five to over 40. They tell us that vehicular pollution is only one of several critical sources contributing to Delhi's toxic air. Industries, roadside and construction dust, and waste burning contribute significantly as well. Then there are the seasonal sources like farm fires, the burning of biomass to keep warm in the winters, and the festive burning of firecrackers. In the last two decades, multiple studies have conclusively linked pollution to extremely dangerous health impacts. We know that while the weeks of heavy smog are particularly tough for those with diminished lung function or other vulnerabilities, persistent exposure to toxic air is equally bad in the long run for all the residents.

This is a crucial point. While attention is understandably intense during the smog episodes and emergency measures are important, anti-pollution action must be perennial just like the problem. This is especially true given our unfavourable geographical context, with the desert or arid regions to our south, and the Himalayas to the north. Delhi receives dust storms making their way through the thinning Aravals during the summer, while the mountains lock in pollutants in the winters, as is the case right now. Taking cognisance of the present situation, the Supreme Court has come down heavily on state governments on stubble burning, even hinting at police enforcement on the ground. Thankfully, the discussion in the Court continued to span questions around the shift to paddy, corporatised marketing of water-guz-

zling cultivars, and the shrinking margins for farmers. This is a welcome conversation because strategies that are socially attuned rather than follow formulaic or coercive prescriptions have a greater likelihood of long-term success.

Experts working on the science-to-policy pathway have made compelling arguments related to actions spanning the legislative, institutional, and technical arenas. They contend that an inordinate focus on Delhi is unhealthy since the problem encompasses a much wider region, making airshed level approaches critical. They argue that policy must be informed by ecological thinking since the replacement of functioning ecosystems with plantations of trees (as the compensatory afforestation or tree transplantation policies contend) is self-defeating. Experts also agree that privatised fixes like air purifiers or semi-private ones like smog towers are not going to make the situation better for most breathers. Public interventions cutting across sectors like transportation, agriculture, and power must be prioritised.

Most of all, at this critical juncture, the issue requires deft politics in the truest sense of the term. So many party-political, commercial, and livelihood interests impinge on the matter in the north Indian airshed. Meaningful and effective action will benefit immensely from a consensus on the matter that sutures these divides. That a group of MPs cutting across party lines has emerged in the recent past to deliberate and advocate on the issue is an encouraging development. They must be supported from the very top. Leadership accompanied by a willingness to listen to diverse voices, and act with a soft touch is urgently required. Indian polity has been served well by such leadership at critical moments in the past. We certainly need it for our healthy future.

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## CINEMA AS RESISTANCE

The personal and the political came together in a mindful curation at MAMI festival



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ONE OF THE films I was most eager to watch at the just-concluded Jio MAMI film festival was Anand Patwardhan's *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* (The world is family). And that's not just because it is Patwardhan's most personal film, focussing on the lives of his parents and close family, but because it is the kind of cinema which is now almost impossible to catch outside a mindfully curated film festival. In these 96 minutes, you do not just see the filmmaker who has consistently trained his trenchant lens on some of the most significant events which have shaped today's India. Here he is also a loving son, bowing to his upbringing: As his delightfully acerbic mother Nirmala, one of India's pioneering ceramists, says, she's happy to make time for her offspring, not the famous documentary filmmaker. It's the kind of thing only mothers can say, and it makes you smile, while you are also moved to tears, as you are made a witness to their last few years, and moments.

It is also the kind of film where the personal is the most political. His family — mother Nirmala, maternal grandfather Bhai Pratap Daldas, father Balu, paternal uncles Rau and Achyut — were involved, as were so many millions of Indians, in the freedom struggle. We see a very young Nirmala, who spent her formative years in Santiniketan, ranged alongside Mahatma Gandhi and his entourage. We see images of the uncles who took divergent paths — Achyut the rebel who spent many years underground, and Rau a follower of the non-violent movement who spent years in jail. Balu, whose earthy sense of humour enlivens the film, cackles, "I'm the only one who

never went to prison." And yet their youth was spent fighting for a freedom that we, the children born after that momentous midnight, received as legacy.

The importance of a film like this cannot be overemphasised. It is a candid, flavourful oral history of pre-independence years; it is also a public record of the values these individuals fought for, which are disappearing so fast that you wonder if there will be any memories left, other than the ones being assiduously assimilated and cemented, fashioning a present that is the result of the relentless erasure of the past.

Vikramaditya Motwane's *Indi(r)a's Emergency*, produced by Applause Entertainment, brings back memories of one of the darkest periods of recent Indian history, in which all rights of citizens were yanked off the table by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. But the cleverly-named documentary also reminds you that the Emergency was short-lived; that authoritarian regimes are not forever. Even as political adversaries and fearless journalists were thrown into jail, even as Indira's younger son Sanjay and his tuggish cohorts threw their weight around with impunity, the wheels to overthrow the Indira-led Congress faction had begun grinding.

The 113 minute film includes rare archival footage and striking animation: A flint-eyed Indira atop an elephant on the historic Belchi march is one such. George Fernandes raising his manacled fists, Jayaprakash Narayan's famous exhortation of "sampoorna kranti (total revolution)", and visuals of the "jan sailaab (sea of people)" protesting against the ex-

periences, have been nearly forgotten. For this generation used to learning via "WhatsApp University", a phrase used in the film knowingly, well-researched, sharply-voiced documentaries like *Indi(r)a's Emergency* are a vital, timely reminder that there can be light at the end of the tunnel.

I would add two more in my list of strongly political films which need to be watched widely. Vinay Shukla's *While We Watched*, is a grim, cautionary account of the whittling away of real journalism in TV news through the eyes of former NDTV anchor Ravish Kumar. Payal Kapadia's *The Night Of Knowing Nothing* is a hybrid creature, melding fact and fiction in a series of sights and sounds that are beguilingly abstract as well as horrifically real. This is pure, impactful cinema as resistance.

The 2023 edition of the Mumbai film festival, which returned after a four year pandemic-induced gap, turned out to be solidly programmed, with some of the most feted films from the Berlin, Cannes and Venice film festivals, a bouquet of Indian cinema, as well as special focus on South Asia. This last aspect is especially welcome, as it gives us a chance to watch choice offerings from our neighbours — Bangladesh (Mostofa Sarwar Farooki's *Something Like A Biography* and Leesa Gazi's *A House Named Shahana*) and Sri Lanka (Pasanna Vithanage's *Paradise*) among others — something we have been missing since the closure of the Asian's Cinefan film festival in Delhi.

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## NOVEMBER 9, 1983, FORTY YEARS AGO

### INDO-PAK RELATIONS

RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA and Pakistan have dipped fairly low, pushing back prospects of resumption of the stalled dialogue on a no-war pact or a treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation between the two countries. The Indian government summoned Pakistan's ambassador, Riaz Piracha, to South Block and made known to him how India felt about Islamabad's latest attitude towards it.

### PUNJAB'S 'HIT SQUADS'

THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT will set up "hit squads" and improve the movement and

communication systems of the proposed squads for chasing and catching extremists and other anti-social elements indulging in violence, and other criminal activities. G Jagatpathi, adviser who is in charge of law and order, met Cabinet Secretary Krishnaswami Rao Sahib, and Special Secretary, PPNayar and reviewed the Punjab situation with them.

### LEBANON CONFLICT

PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION chairman Yasser Arafat offered to lay down his arms if Syrian-backed guerilla mutineers stopped their six-day onslaught aimed at driving him out of his last West Asian re-

doubt. In Beirut, meanwhile, US marines abandoned a vulnerable outpost on Beirut's outskirts, trimming their peacekeeping zone after the worst outbreak of Lebanese hostilities around their positions in six weeks.

### CONGRESS (I) IN RS

CONGRESS (I), WHICH entertains fond hopes of gaining a two-thirds majority in the Rajya Sabha has little chance of achieving it in the next biennial elections to the Upper House in April 1984. Though the party will improve its strength from the present 130 seats to around 150, it will still fall short of the 163 mark, which it needs to for a two-thirds majority.



# THE IDEAS PAGE

## A matter of integrity

As India's democracy matures, the CAG's role becomes even more vital in promoting good governance and safeguarding people's interests



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SHEDDING THE SHACKLES of foreign domination, India awoke to "life and freedom" on August 15, 1947. On January 26, 1950, the Constitution of India came into effect. Thus ensued our democratic journey, emphasising the principles of individual rights, equality, accessibility, rule of law, separation of powers, universal suffrage and public participation. Today, India stands as the world's largest democracy, with a vibrant political landscape, a diverse society, and ongoing efforts to overcome various socio-economic challenges.

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) plays a crucial role in this democratic framework by ensuring transparency, accountability, and financial integrity in government's functioning. CAG helps maintain the separation of powers between legislature and executive by ensuring that the government's financial activities align with legislative intentions. Through its audit findings and recommendations, the CAG promotes good governance practices and helps governments streamline their operations, reduce inefficiencies and adhere to financial discipline. As India's democracy matures, the CAG's role becomes even more vital in promoting good governance and safeguarding the people's interests.

Democracy, was defined by Abraham Lincoln during the 1863 Gettysburg address, as "government of the people, by the people and for the people". These words have, in recent times, described the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a blueprint comprising 17 goals for mankind and the planet's wellbeing. Auditing the achievements of sustainable development goals is integrated in all our audit work. In fact, internationally, as a member of the UN Board of Auditors, CAG of India took up the audit of SDGs as a cross-cutting theme in the UN Audit in 2017.

By placing the Indian citizen at the centre for implementation of government programmes and as ultimate beneficiaries, there is an onerous expectation of the CAG to assess the preparedness and planning, as well as to monitor and recommend corrective actions for realisation of these economic, social and environmental aspirations. To effectively discharge this responsibility, it is important for audit to actively work in tandem with citizens, appreciating their concerns and feedback.

Citizen engagement guides audit in identifying high-risk areas of possible mismanagement and inefficiencies in governance, thereby improving focus and effectiveness. In India's federal, multiparty democracy with both Union and state governments responsible for implementation of numerous schemes, projects and programmes, enhancing engagement with stakeholders is imperative for audit. This need is further heightened with the paradigm shift in the government delivery system, using Direct Benefit Transfers for flow of funds, and ensuring accurate targeting of beneficiaries.

Leveraging technology and digital solutions make audit's citizen engagement more effective and scalable. With increasing mobile density, smartphone applications may be used to



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solicit society's suggestions. Digital reports with interactive data visualisation tools lead to better understanding and appreciation of our audit products. Deployment of 5G connectivity will transform governance. We need to harness the potential of these new technologies in our stakeholders and citizen engagement as well as overall audit strategies to make processes more efficient and effective.

Our framework for engagement with citizens at various stages of audit encompasses an Audit Advisory Board, including external domain experts, stakeholders' meetings workshops, beneficiary surveys during audits, using the results of social audit to aid CAG's audit, and of course, laying of audit reports in Parliament, state legislature and also uploading them on our website for information of citizens.

Social audit is an interesting tool for facilitating citizen oversight. The Parliament passed the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, whereby Gram Sabhas were required to conduct regular social audits of all projects taken up under the scheme within the Gram Panchayat. The Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with the C&AG office notified the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Audit of Scheme Rules in 2011. The rules envisaged social audit units in each state as well as the audit process for social audit and follow-up action. The ambit of social audit has been significantly enlarged since.

The 73rd and 74th Constitutional amendments marked a quantum leap in India's democratic set up, as they created tiers of self-governance below the level of states. The structured origins of local governance in India can be traced to the "Janpadi and Pancha" system. Fast forwarding to independent India, the 1958 Balwant Rai Mehta Committee recommendations laid the foundations for a three-tier structure for rural self-governance, culminating in the 73rd and 74th amendments.

Empowering PRIs and urban local bodies and municipalities, envisions people's participation in the process of planning, decision-making, implementation and delivery of a set of functions to be devolved to local governments by state legislatures. These local bodies are further empowered with the Finance Commission's direct flow of funds. Also, these local bodies not only implement the schemes of both Union government and state governments, but ensure transparency and visibility as grassroot participation is envisaged.

The primary audit of the accounts of local governments and issue of audit certificates is done by local fund auditors designated by state governments. Hand holding by the CAG to im-

prove local governance, and, hence, strengthen democracy, includes capacity building of state local fund auditors in Audit Planning and Audit Methodologies, through Technical Guidance and Support (TGS) as recommended by the 11th Finance Commission. Over the years, CAG has issued numerous manuals/ guidance, forming the bedrock of auditing and accounting by local governments. Annual Technical Inspection Reports (ATIR) are issued by CAG's state audit offices entrusted with TGS. The primary focus of CAG's local government audit is an assessment of how well the delivery of the services pertaining to devolved functions have reached the last mile or the grassroots, through the efforts of the local governments.

Responding to the dearth of competent accountants willing to work in local governments, especially in the lower tiers located in remote places, CAG in collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has envisaged a set of online courses to create a pool of accountants intended to be available at local level, competent to prepare urban and rural local government accounts. Registration for these courses will commence on November 16, 2023, on Audit Divas. Educational qualifications for eligibility have been prescribed at such level that these certified/ qualified accountants should be available for service on periodic contracts at reasonable cost to local bodies.

Carrying forward this recognition of local self-governance as the true manifestation of democracy and the CAG's responsibility for ensuring accountability, an international centre for local governance has been envisaged. This will serve as a centre of excellence for capacity building of local government auditors, both nationally and internationally; and will serve as a knowledge centre and think-tank, addressing capacity building for stakeholders at grassroots level across the nation.

To conclude, democracy's vitality lies in its unique synergy of accountability and citizen engagement. As we navigate the complex landscape of modern governance, it becomes evident that for democracy to thrive, accountability mechanisms must be robust, and citizen engagement must be active and informed. While the CAG catalyses good governance, transparency and accountability, the responsibility to nurture and protect democratic principles falls not only on our institutions but on every citizen. It is then that the interplay of these elements fosters a mature democracy of the people, by the people, for the people.

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## Questions over employment

Recent surge in female labour force participation comes with caveats



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IN RECENT years, there has been a steady increase in the labour force participation rate, the share of the population that is either working or willing to work.

At the aggregate level, the participation rate (for all ages) rose from 36.9 per cent in 2017-18 to 42.4 per cent in 2022-23 as per the periodic labour force surveys. This increase has been largely driven by women entering the labour force in great numbers, more so in rural areas.

In rural India, the female participation rate surged from 18.2 per cent in 2017-18 to 30.5 per cent in 2022-23 — an increase of more than 12 percentage points over a five year period. That's a stunning statistic. Roughly speaking, this translates to around 56 million women entering the rural labour force during this period (this is an estimate based on population projections).

The state-wise data shows that female participation increased in both high-income states such as Karnataka and Gujarat as well as in low income states like Odisha and Rajasthan. And, it occurred across all levels of education. Among the uneducated, the worker population ratio (ages 15 years and above) rose from 29.1 per cent in 2017-18 to 48.1 per cent in 2022-23 — an increase of 19 percentage points in five years. Among graduates, it increased by almost 10 percentage points, rising from 18.6 per cent to 28.3 per cent during this period.

In a country where female labour force participation has been low, such an increase should ideally be encouraging. However, it is not that straightforward. Some have argued that female participation rates have in the past tended to rise during times of financial stress as women stepped out to augment their household incomes. Such a trend was observed during the period 1999-00 to 2004-05, a time of rural distress.

This is not the only worrying sign. Most of these new entrants in the work force were engaged not in regular salaried wage employment or casual wage labour. Rather, they were rather self-employed, either in "own account enterprises" or as a "helper in household enterprises". This indicates the absence of wage/salaried employment opportunities.

The share of the self-employed women in rural areas rose from 58 per cent in 2017-18 to 71 per cent in 2022-23. Within this category, a greater number were employed as "helper in household enterprises". These workers do not receive any regular salary or wages for the work they undertake. For the remaining self-employed, the average earnings (in the last 30 days) rose from Rs 3,921 during April-June 2018 to Rs 5,056 during April-June 2023. This increase in incomes was barely in line with the inflation

during this period, implying that real incomes stayed flat or were lower.

Another data point on female employment is equally revealing.

Under NREGA, women person-days out of the total increased from 53.5 per cent in 2017-18 to 57.5 per cent in 2022-23. As wages under NREGA are less than those paid for female casual wage labour in private markets, this only underlines the absence of alternative, more productive forms of employment.

As the Periodic Labour Force Survey is carried out every year, it allows us to see whether these changes in the labour market follow a steady trend or are there particular years when the jump in the participation rate is more pronounced. As per the data, the sharpest increases in the female participation rate took place during 2019-20, followed by 2022-23 and then 2020-21.

Now, the agricultural sector had grown at a fairly healthy rate during this period. Value added by the sector rose by 6.2 per cent in 2019-20 and 4.1 per cent in 2020-21. In 2022-23 as well, the sector grew at 4 per cent. However, overall GDP growth slowed down from 6.5 per cent in 2018-19 to 3.9 per cent in 2019-20, contracting thereafter by 5.8 per cent in 2020-21, as the non-farm sector decelerated sharply. This slowdown in the non-agricultural sector, which began in 2019-20, was in part due to the collapse in the flow of funds to the economy, especially the MSMEs — a consequence of the NBFC crisis, triggered by the fall of IL&FS and DHFL. This MSME-driven employment/income distress only worsened during the pandemic years. Alongside, reverse migration during those years further pressured per capita farm incomes, while also depressing remittance flows to rural areas. Wage growth also remained subdued during this period.

As non-farm income accounts for a sizeable share of household incomes in rural areas, this financial distress would have pushed up female labour force participation rates. However, there are now some indications of the situation perhaps changing. The flow of funds through the NBFC channel has picked up. The quarterly results of several NBFCs point towards healthy credit growth in the personal retail and business finance segments in rural areas. This would grease the wheels on both the consumption and production sides.

There are also signs of the smaller firms faring better. In its quarterly results, FMCG major HUL has spoken about the strong performance of smaller players. In the tea segment, for instance, the smaller players are growing at 1.4 times the larger players, while in the detergent bars segment, they are growing six times as fast. This would have implications for employment/income prospects. Alongside, there are also some signs of wage growth picking up.

The question now is whether these incipient trends will sustain. And, if so, what will happen to the female labour force participation rate.

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## The missing bogey

BJP state governments, Centre have not done enough to address pollution



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WHILE THE Delhi NCR region going through yet another season of air pollution emergency is unfortunate, the fog hovering over the understanding in these pages of what is causing pollution and what needs to be done about it is even more unfortunate. The editorial, (Join the dots', IE, November 4) seeks to pin the blame for the ongoing pollution emergency in Delhi squarely on the AAP governments in Delhi and Punjab. It discredits the statement of Delhi's Environment Minister Gopal Rai — "sources outside Delhi cause twice the amount of pollution" — by calling it a "bogey" without explaining why.

For far too long, the discussion on North India's air pollution, often mistimed as Delhi's air pollution, has been high on empty rhetoric and low on scientific data. Multiple research studies conducted over the past decade, however, shed light on what's causing this and what can be done. Let us first ground this discussion in a few irrefutable facts.

First, only 30 per cent of Delhi's pollution is contributed by local sources with the remainder coming from outside Delhi. Yes, you read that right. This was first reported by an independent source apportionment study of Delhi's air pollution conducted by TERI and ARAI in 2018, and has since been a constant feature in the real-time data on source contribution generated by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), a Government of India body. The Delhi Minister's statement was based on IITM's data for November 2, which shows that only 25 per cent of Delhi's air pollution was contributed by local sources, another 25 per cent by biomass or stubble burn-

ing and the rest by multiple sources in the surrounding region. This makes eminent sense. We know that the entire Delhi NCR — an area covering 55,000 sq km — is seeing air pollution levels similar to or worse than the national capital, which occupies only 1,480 sq km or 2.7 per cent of its land mass. In fact, out of the 52 most polluted districts in India on November 2, Haryana had the most — 20 districts. Greater Noida figured sixth and Delhi at seventh on the list. Clearly, polluted air sees no boundaries and yet questions being asked of the Delhi CM never get asked of the CMs of Haryana or UP or the Union environment minister.

Second, Delhi is the only part of NCR that has seen a substantial reduction of 30 per cent in air pollution levels since 2016. This year itself, Delhi recorded the lowest average AQI between January and October as compared to the corresponding period in the last six years, barring Covid-affected 2020. The average AQI in Delhi in this period was 172 in 2023 as against 201 in 2018. This was possible due to the persistent long-term measures taken by the AAP government, which no other state in NCR has taken. In the last nine years, the it has shut all thermal power plants in Delhi, ensured 24x7 power supply thereby reducing reliance on polluting DG sets, transitioned all its 1,727 industrial units to piped natural gas (PNG), and increased green cover by 44 sq km. The ambi-

ties EV policy has seen Delhi emerge as the EV capital of India with 12 per cent registration rate among new vehicles. Delhi has also strengthened its public transport by adding 2,000 more buses, including 800 electric buses — the highest in India. The Centre's initiative in building peripheral roads around Delhi has also helped decongest the city.

Third, while stubble burning does play a substantial role in peak pollution episodes in the NCR region, its contribution has been under 25 per cent on all days of this season so far (barring November 3, when it was 35 per cent), not least due to a huge reduction in instances of farm fires in Punjab. Satellite data reveals a total of 17,403 fires in Punjab until November 5, as against 29,400 for the same period last year. While there is scope for more reduction, this is no mean achievement.

This leaves us with the most important factor contributing to nearly 40-50 per cent of pollution in Delhi and NCR region — pollution emanating from Haryana and UP from sources such as unregulated industries, rampant construction, diesel vehicles, brick kilns, farm fires, etc. While both these states haven't taken any of the above long-term measures taken by Delhi, what is concerning is that there is no such plan for the future either. What is even more shocking is the flagrant violation of even the short-term measures mandated under

GRAP (Graded Response Action Plan) by Haryana and UP. During the past week, only Delhi has implemented GRAP-mandated emergency measures such as banning non-BSG diesel vehicles, DG sets, firecrackers, and shutting down construction activity.

Back in 2016, it was Delhi that showed the political will to implement the odd-even scheme to deal with a peak pollution episode, which reduced pollution levels by 14-16 per cent as per a study conducted by researchers from Harvard University and the University of Chicago. Since then, only Delhi has implemented this measure twice and has done so again this week.

What is most striking through all this is the abject silence of the Centre from taking any responsibility to resolve what is clearly a regional airshed problem affecting around 70 crore citizens. A problem of such magnitude needs ownership at the prime minister's level, a regional action plan that is binding on all NCR states and harsh penalties on state governments that skimp on their actions — all of which are missing.

This is not to say that Delhi and Punjab cannot do any better. But any call for political accountability must recognise the equal responsibility of Haryana, UP and central governments too — all under the BJP — account for steps already taken so far and demand time-bound actions keeping scientific data at the forefront. This is the real elephant in the room, or shall we say "bogey" that needs to be addressed.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### POLLUTION MEASURE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Odd-even, again' (IE, November 8). The pollution level in Delhi is rising by the day, and the implementation of stringent regulations is very crucial. The odd-even car rule may bring some relief to the capital city. However, the authorities should also work on providing better solutions. The government should assist these families in terms of healthcare access and financial assistance. Additionally, the government should focus on investing in renewable energy sources to reduce air pollution. The government should also take steps to reduce traffic congestion and promote public transportation. Finally, the government should impose stricter regulations on industries that release large amounts of pollutants into the atmosphere.

Mariyam Alam, Jammu

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Odd-even, again' (IE, November 8). The Delhi government's announcement of the scheme to curb air pollution on Tuesday came under scrutiny by the SC, which questioned its effectiveness and termed it "all optics". The AAP in Delhi has enforced this policy thrice before in the capital, even as experts and environmentalists have underlined a gamut of concerns with the programme. Several have called it short-sighted and unscientific. The government should, instead, focus on phasing out polluting fuel-based vehicles and further incentivise the use of CNG and electric vehicles.

SS Paul, Nadia

### THREAT OF AI

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Deepfake challenge' (IE, November 8). The recent circulation of deepfake images and videos of some celebrities is a matter of great concern. Recent research conducted by University College London has detected that participants were only able to recognise artificially generated speech 73 per cent of the time. Such technology can pose real socio-political threats in countries like India where digital literacy is low. Besides, in criminal cases where digital evidence can be a deciding factor, such deepfake media can derail the spirit of the judiciary too.

Arka Goswami, Durgapur

### THE BEATLES' MARVEL

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Now, like then' (IE, November 8). Similar to the Beatles' 1967 album *Magical Mystery Tour*, the release of Lennon's song written over 40 years ago encapsulates the entire gamut of their musical journey, especially in the video. Aided by AI to extract Lennon's voice and layering over Harrison's guitar, McCartney and Ringo have been able to create a technological marvel. As for being able to find a fit, even experiments like 'Wild Honey Pie' found space in the Beatles' *White Album* (1968) but a technological marvel like 'Now and then' is sure to find its calling as a tribute to the late and present band members, as fans might say — Here, there, everywhere.

Raja Bandopadhyaya, Vadodara

UGC notifies regulations for foreign universities to set up campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

CLOSE ON the heels of Australia's Western Sydney University announcing plans to establish an independent campus in Bangalore, the University Grant Commission (UGC) on Tuesday notified regulations permitting foreign universities ranked among the world's top 500 to set up branch campuses in India, decide their admission process, fee structure, and also repatriate funds to their parent campuses.

Two or more than two universities can collaborate to set up campuses in India, provided each institution meets the eligibility criteria individually. Each foreign university can set up more than one campus in India. However, they shall make a separate application for each proposed campus to the commission.

The guidelines were notified almost 10 months after the draft was made public for feedback. Based on the inputs, the final regulations have been tweaked. For instance, the final rules mandate that foreign universities should ensure that international faculty appointed to teach at the Indian campuses stay in the country for at least a semester.

Also, the time period for the standing committee to process applications has increased from 45 days to 60 days. The recommendations of the panel should be placed before the UGC in 60 days, as opposed to 45 days in the draft regulations. Further, "foreign universities cannot open learning, study centres, or franchises that may act as representative offices of the parent entity to undertake promotional activities for their programmes in their home jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction outside India. They are required to seek approval from the commission before starting any new programme on their campus in India", the regulations said.

"No programmes can be offered online or in Open and Distance Learning modes under these regulations. However, lectures in online mode not exceeding 10% of the programme requirements are allowed," it added. Foreign institutions need not pay any annual fees to the UGC other than the one-time application fees, as per the regulations.

Train derails in Odisha, all passengers safe

SUJIT BISOIYI  
BHUBANESWAR, NOVEMBER 8

A PASSENGER train derailed in Odisha's Sambalpur after hitting a cattle on Wednesday evening, the East Coast Railway (ECoR) said. The ECoR said all passengers were safe and there were no reports of injuries or casualty. The cattle was killed in the accident.

"Due to cattle run over, four wheels of a coach of Jharsuguda-Sambalpur MEMU Passenger Special got off the track at about 6:25 pm while travelling on Sarla-Sambalpur section. Trolley of 4th coach from front loco got off track," said a ECoR spokesperson. The track was declared fit at 8:35 pm for train movement, an official said.

Observatories spot red aurora over Ladakh

ANONNA DUTT  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE HANLE and Merak observatories in Ladakh, which capture photographs of the night sky, last week spotted a phenomenon uncommon in India — an intense red aurora. Auroras are patterns of bright lights in the sky that are seen when particles ejected by the Sun interact with the magnetic field around the Earth. The phenomenon is usually visible closer to the poles.

While the Hanle observatory was able to capture the lights towards the northern horizon, the view of the camera at Merak on the banks of Pangong Tso was

With 148 varsities in QS Asia Rankings, India has 'most representation', surpasses China

PALLAVI SMART  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

THE INDIAN Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, continues to retain its top ranking in India, with China retaining its top-most position in QS World University Rankings: Asia 2024. However, India has surpassed China in the number of ranked universities.

With 148 featured universities, "India is now the most represented higher education system" in QS World University Rankings: Asia. This shows 37 new entries from India compared to last year's report, which is significantly more than only seven new entries from China (mainland). The UK-based ranking agency, QS Quacquarelli Symonds declared its Asia ranking for the year 2024 on Wednesday.

Peking University from China (mainland) retains its top-most position, this year too. A total of seven Indian institutions feature in the top 100 ranks of QS World University Rankings: Asia; of

Kerala man facing UAPA case attempts suicide, blames govt in note

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
NOVEMBER 8

A YOUTH facing a UAPA case for his alleged links with Maoists movement was hospitalised Wednesday after he allegedly tried to commit suicide. Allan Shuaib, 23, was found in a critical condition at his Kochi apartment after allegedly consuming sleeping pills. Police said they have found a suicide note, purportedly written by Allan, a law student, where he has said that the "government system tried to make him a terrorist", which made him take the extreme step.

Police are yet to record Allan's statement, who is under intensive care at a hospital. Allan is one of the accused in a Maoist case, known as Pantheerankavu case of 2019. NIA had named him in its chargesheet and the trial began in a special court on November 1. His father Shuaib said he was

Man held 17 years after he killed beggar to fake death for insurance

RIJIT BANERJEE  
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 8

A 39-YEAR-OLD man was arrested on Tuesday night in Ahmedabad, where he had been residing by assuming a new identity for the last 17 years after allegedly killing a beggar to fake his own death and claim Rs 80 lakh in insurance money, the police said on Wednesday.

The accused, Anilsingh Chaudhary, was found using the name of 'Rajkumar Vijayakumar Chaudhary', who, according to the Rakab Ganj police station in Agra, had died in an accident in the city on July 31, 2006. However, it later came to light that Anilsingh and his father had planned the accident, in which a beggar had died.

After delays, Goa begins allotment of temporary beach shacks

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA  
PANAJI, NOVEMBER 8

WITH TOURIST season underway in Goa, a delayed process for setting up of temporary beach shacks has finally started with the state government allotting 353 shacks — 255 in North Goa and 98 in South Goa — after a draw of lots for the next three tourist seasons.

As per the 'Goa State Shack Policy 2023-2026', 259 shacks had been permitted on nominated beach stretches in North Goa and 105 shacks allowed in South Goa. These beach shacks, typically built from eco-friendly material such as bamboo, wooden poles and thatched palm leaves, have long been popular among visi-

tors to the coastal state. Officials said 353 shacks have been allotted while 11 could not be allocated in the draw on Tuesday owing to a lack of applications for shacks on four beaches. The majority of shacks have been allotted at Calangute beach stretch (108) and Candolim beach stretch (84) in North Goa.

"For shacks not allotted in the draw, there is a waiting list and the allotment for them would be done as per provisions of the policy," an official said.

Shack owners said it will take another week or more to set up the shacks, after the Tourism Department completes the demarcation exercise and clearances are received from other departments.

Cruz Cardozo, president of

| HOW INDIA'S TOP INSTITUTIONS FARE |                   |                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Institute                         | Asia ranking 2023 | Asia ranking 2024 | World ranking 2024 |
| IIT Bombay                        | 40                | 40                | 149                |
| IIT Delhi                         | 46                | 46                | 197                |
| IIT Madras                        | 53                | 53                | 285                |
| IISc Bangalore                    | 52                | 58                | 225                |
| IIT Kharagpur                     | 61                | 59                | 271                |
| IIT Kanpur                        | 66                | 63                | 278                |
| DU                                | 85                | 94                | 407                |

\*Source QS World University Rankings: Asia 2024

which five are IITs, whereas other two include Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Delhi University.

According to the statement, this edition is the largest to date, featuring 856 institutions from 25 countries and Indian universities have demonstrated remarkable resilience in the QS Asian University Rankings with just over half of the ranked universities declining in position, 21 improving, 15 unchanged and 37

new entries. "In fact, India takes the lion's share of the new entries, while Mainland China sees only seven new additions to its list of ranked institutions," states the report. Ben Sowter, Senior Vice President at QS, noted, "The increasing visibility of Indian universities in the QS rankings reflects the dynamic expansion of India's higher education landscape. While the significant growth in the number of Indian institutions and their research

contributions marks a noteworthy development in the region's educational profile, it also illuminates the path ahead for India to further elevate its standing in the global academic community."

The QS, a UK-based company specialises in the analysis of higher education institutions around the world, ranked institutions on the basis of 10 indicators — academic reputation, employer reputation, faculty-student ratio, international reputation network, citations per paper, paper per faculty, staff with PhD, international faculty, international students, and outbound exchange students.

While India falls below the regional average in academic reputation (11.8 vs 19) and employer reputation (9.6 vs 18), it achieves the second-best regional results in the papers per faculty metric (36.0 vs 14.8) among the higher education systems with more than 10 universities ranked. Seven Indian universities feature among the top 10 in the region for the papers per faculty indicator. India has achieved its best average score

for the 'staff with PhD' indicator (42.3 vs 22), signalling a strong research output and a highly qualified faculty body. This is only lower than Hong Kong SAR (57.6) and Taiwan (47.3).

QS papers per faculty indicator is measured based on paper count over a five-year period, excluding the current one. Stating that India's research output has increased exponentially from 2018 to 2022, the UK-based ranking agency shared that it has increased by some 60 per cent over this period, "more than double the global average," shared the agency, adding, "While China's growth rate for the same period is 9 per cent higher, at 69 per cent."

According to QS World University rankings, "Reducing the time frame of reference suggests that India is closing this growth gap. For example, from 2020 to 2022, China's research output grew by 31 per cent while India's grew by 29 per cent — a 7 per cent reduction in growth difference, suggesting that India is catching up with its regional competitor."

Addressing the media, Assam Special DGP Harmeet Singh said the wheels of this operation were set in motion when police in Assam's Karimganj district — which shares a border with Bangladesh — identified a group of people from the Rohingya community travelling in a train coming from Tripura. He said that upon enquiry, it was found that they were "infiltrating" into the country through the India-Bangladesh border.

"After that, our vigil and operations increased and 450 illegal migrants, both Bangladeshis and Rohingyas, were stopped and turned back with the assistance of border guarding forces. Enquiries and questioning increased afterwards, and it was found that the illegal migration was being facilitated and run by

touts and middlemen. It was found that they are not only here, but also in Bangladesh and different parts of mainland India," he said.

He said the matter was found to be a "national security concern with inter-state ramifications", because of which the Government of Assam requested the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to transfer one of the cases to the NIA.

In a statement, the NIA stated its investigations into this case revealed different modules of an illegal human trafficking network "responsible for infiltration and settlement of illegal migrants across the border into India" were spread across several states, following which it registered three new cases in Chennai, Bengaluru and Jaipur.

On Wednesday, the NIA said, "The simultaneous raids were carried out across 55 locations which led to arrests and recovery of various items of significance including digital devices, identity-related documents including Aadhaar and PAN cards (suspected to be forged), more than Rs 20 lakh in cash and foreign currency amounting to USD 4,550."

"The arrested accused individuals will be presented before the respective jurisdictional courts. Further investigations into the activities and modus operandi of these illegal human trafficking networks would continue to dismantle the entire ecosystem of these networks," said the NIA.

OUT OF 2 NAMES, ONLY 1 WAS CLEARED

APURVA VISHWANATH  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE GAUHATI High Court has deferred the swearing-in ceremony of senior advocate Kaushik Goswami as a judge of the High Court.

"This is for information of all concerned that the swearing-in ceremony of Shri Kaushik Goswami, Senior Advocate, as an Additional Judge of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court scheduled to take place today at 04:00 P.M. in the Court No. 1, New Building, Gauhati High Court, has been deferred," the HC said in a notification on November 7.

The government appointed Goswami a judge of the HC on November 2. His name was recommended by the SC Collegium on October 17. The same day, the Collegium had also recommended advocate N Unni Krishnan Nair's name for judge of the HC. While the resolution placed Nair's name first, the government only cleared Goswami's name.

This means that Nair, even if appointed later, would be lower in order of seniority to Goswami.

"All the four consultee judges have unanimously given a positive opinion on suitability of the



## DEEPOTSAV IN AYODHYA

Ram Ki Pauri illuminated as part of the Deepotsav in Ayodhya on Wednesday. PTI

■ A museum to display temple traditions across the country is coming up in Ayodhya. An architect has been picked and a search for land launched.

■ The museum will come up across 50 acres on the bank of the Sarayu and will be built under the supervision of architect Brinda Somaya.

■ Calling it a 'dream project' of CM Yogi Adityanath, officials said the museum will highlight 'scientific aspects' of temple architecture in India.

about Anilsingh coming to Delhi and Surat to visit his family and tracked him down.

The police said that following Inspector Mitesh Trivedi receiving information that Anilsingh was living at Divya Residency in Nikol, a search was conducted at his residence and he was arrested. During interrogation, Anilsingh confessed to his real identity. A resident of Gautam Buddh Nagar district in Uttar Pradesh, Anilsingh had arrived in Gujarat in 2006 and secured a driving license, Aadhaar card and PAN card on the name of Rajkumar Vijayakumar Chaudhary.

According to the statement, Anilsingh never contacted his family members over the phone after 2006 and would only meet them in Delhi or Surat.

Regulator to streamline counselling process to ensure no seats are vacant

ANONNA DUTT  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE NATIONAL Medical Commission (NMC), the regulatory body for medical education and medical professionals, is looking for ways to streamline the medical counselling process to make it more stakeholder-friendly and ensure no seats go vacant.

Over the last few years, the counselling process has been affected by repeated delays owing to the pandemic and litigations pertaining to the EWS quota.

There has also been criticism of the government's recent move of doing away with a qualifying percentile for post-graduate (PG) seats. This has resulted

in seats being allocated to people scoring as low as five out of 800. As per the government, the move was to ensure that no seats for further specialised training of doctors remain vacant.

An official said the NMC Exercise on the counselling process "will help (it) understand the reasons behind seats remaining vacant and what can be done to address it". The Medical Counselling Commission, which conducts counselling for under-graduate, PG, and super-specialty seats, is learnt to have made a presentation on this process recently.

Ways to optimise it will be discussed in another meeting before being presented in the next NMC meet on November 30, it is learnt.

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of shacks to be allotted for those having experience of five years or more of running a shack; 10 per cent of shacks to applicants with at least one year of experience and 10 per cent to those with no experience.

In October, five shack operators filed a writ petition in the Bombay High Court at Goa, challenging the shack allotment criteria based on years of experience in the policy. The petitioners contended that there should be one class of applicants, irrespective of whether they had any experience of running a shack.

The High Court declined to grant an interim stay to the implementation of the shack policy and admitted the petition, stating that the allotment of shacks would be subject to the final orders of the court.

While the policy had no bar

on age for the allotment of shacks, the government sought to insert a clause, stipulating that the age of applicants should be between 18 and 60.

After protests by the owners, who claimed that the move to insert an age cap was to encourage entry of "outsiders", the government scrapped the age clause.



# EAST BOUND FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2023

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during Deepawali and Chhath Puja Festivals, Northern Railway has planned to run the following East Bound Festival Special Trains from 09.11.2023 to 16.11.2023 in addition to normal regular trains as per schedule given below:-

| EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 09.11.2023 (THURSDAY)  |  |            |                 |           |   |   |
|---|--|------------|-----------------|-----------|---|---|
| Spl. Train No.  | Station From                                   | Dept. Time | Station to      | Arr. Time | Accomodation                                    | Stoppages   |
| 04066   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 23:00      | Patna Jn.       | 16:00     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC                   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya & Danapur Stations  |
| 01676   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 23:15      | Muzaffarpur Jn. | 21:15     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Moradabad, Chandausi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Chhapra & Hajipur Stations  |
| 04080   | New Delhi                                      | 19:20      | Varanasi Jn     | 09:45     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Lucknow & Pratapgarh Stations   |
| 05116   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 14:45      | Chhapra         | 09:30     | 1*AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General   | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Burhwal, Gonda, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria & Siwan Stations   |
| 04006   | Delhi Jn.                                      | 23:05      | Jaynagar        | 23:45     | Sleeper & General                               | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations   |
| 02248   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 00:30      | Patna Jn.       | 16:30     | 1*AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General   | Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 04016   | New Delhi                                      | 14:55      | Banmankhi       | 16:45     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria, Simri Bhakhtiyarpur, Saharsa & Dauram Madhepura Stations  |
| 05066   | New Delhi                                      | 14:00      | Gorakhpur       | 04:15     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Burhwal, Gonda, Basti & Khalilabad Stations  |
| 04058   | Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)      | 08:30      | Jaynagar        | 07:00     | General   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations   |
| EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 10.11.2023 (FRIDAY)    |  |            |                 |           |   |   |
| 04060   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 10:30      | Jaynagar        | 15:15     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Raebareilly, Amethi, Pratapgarh, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations  |
| 04012   | New Delhi                                      | 19:20      | Darbhanga Jn    | 16:45     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj, Raxaul & Sitamarhi Stations  |
| 01678   | New Delhi                                      | 08:10      | Gaya Jn.        | 00:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Bhabua Road, Sasaram & Dehri-on-Son Stations  |
| 02250   | New Delhi (Rajdhani Exp. Special)              | 19:10      | Patna Jn.       | 07:30     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC                   | Kanpur Central Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations  |
| 04002   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 00:05      | Patna Jn.       | 15:45     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations  |
| 04022   | New Delhi                                      | 15:30      | Saharsa Jn.     | 16:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria & Simri Bhakhtiyarpur Stations   |
| 04494   | Anand Vihar Terminal (Gat Shikha Exp. Special) | 16:40      | Lucknow         | 02:15     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur Jn. & Hardoi Stations   |
| 04498   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 08:30      | Varanasi Jn.    | 23:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Ghaziabad, Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Lucknow, Sultanpur & Jaunpur City Stations   |
| 02246   | New Delhi                                      | 23:45      | Patna Jn.       | 15:50     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 04146   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 10:15      | Prayagraj Jn.   | 20:00     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Aligarh, Tundia, Etawah, Govindpuri & Fatehpur Stations   |
| 05072   | New Delhi                                      | 10:00      | Chhapra         | 04:15     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Aishbag, Gomatiganj, Barabanki, Gonda, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria & Siwan Stations   |
| EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 11.11.2023 (SATURDAY)  |  |            |                 |           |   |   |
| 04080   | New Delhi                                      | 19:20      | Varanasi Jn     | 09:45     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Lucknow & Pratapgarh Stations   |
| 04488   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 23:15      | Gorakhpur       | 14:00     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC & Sleeper                  | Ghaziabad Moradabad, Chandausi, Bareilly Cantt., Sitapur, Gonda & Basti Stations  |
| 04002   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 00:05      | Patna Jn.       | 15:45     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations  |
| 04022   | New Delhi                                      | 15:30      | Saharsa Jn.     | 16:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria & Simri Bhakhtiyarpur Stations   |
| 02252   | New Delhi (Vande Bharat Express)               | 07:25      | Patna Jn.       | 19:00     | AC Chair Car                                    | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 03576   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 11:55      | Asansol Jn.     | 10:20     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Sasaram, Dehri-On-Sone, Gaya, Koderma & Dhanbad Stations   |
| 02246   | New Delhi                                      | 23:45      | Patna Jn.       | 15:50     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 04490   | New Delhi                                      | 19:35      | Darbhanga       | 16:45     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj, Raxaul & Sitamarhi Stations  |
| 02248   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 00:30      | Patna Jn.       | 16:30     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 04052   | Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)      | 22:45      | Saharsa Jn.     | 03:30     | General   | Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria & Simri Bhakhtiyarpur Stations   |
| 04048   | Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)      | 15:30      | Purnea Jn.      | 16:05     | General   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria, Mansi & Katihar Stations  |
| 04004   | New Delhi (Unreserved Special)                 | 00:10      | Sitamarhi Jn.   | 23:30     | General   | Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Sitapur, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj & Raxaul Stations   |
| EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 12.11.2023 (SUNDAY)    |  |            |                 |           |   |   |
| 04062   | Delhi Jn.                                      | 08:05      | Barauni Jn.     | 06:30     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Aligarh, Tundia, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra & Hajipur Stations  |
| 05284   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 13:25      | Muzaffarpur Jn. | 07:00     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC                   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur & Hajipur Stations   |
| 04006   | Delhi Jn.                                      | 23:05      | Jaynagar        | 23:45     | Sleeper & General                               | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations   |
| 04016   | New Delhi                                      | 14:55      | Banmankhi       | 16:45     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria, Simri Bhakhtiyarpur, Saharsa & Dauram Madhepura Stations  |
| 04058   | Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)      | 08:30      | Jaynagar        | 07:00     | General   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations   |
| EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 13.11.2023 (MONDAY)    |  |            |                 |           |   |   |
| 04080   | New Delhi                                      | 19:20      | Varanasi Jn     | 09:45     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Lucknow & Pratapgarh Stations   |
| 01678   | New Delhi                                      | 08:10      | Gaya Jn.        | 00:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Ghaziabad, Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Bhabua Road, Sasaram & Dehri-on-Son Stations  |
| 04066   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 23:00      | Patna Jn.       | 16:00     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC                   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya & Danapur Stations  |
| 01676   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 23:15      | Muzaffarpur Jn. | 21:15     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Moradabad, Chandausi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Chhapra & Hajipur Stations  |
| 01664   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 11:10      | Saharsa Jn      | 11:20     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Dalsingh Sarai, Barauni, Begu Sarai, Khagaria & Simri Bhakhtiyarpur Stations  |
| 02250   | New Delhi (Rajdhani Exp. Special)              | 19:10      | Patna Jn.       | 07:30     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC                   | Kanpur Central Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations  |
| 04002   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 00:05      | Patna Jn.       | 15:45     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations  |
| 04022   | New Delhi                                      | 15:30      | Saharsa Jn.     | 16:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria & Simri Bhakhtiyarpur Stations   |
| 05024   | Delhi Jn.                                      | 14:30      | Gorakhpur Jn.   | 07:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Burhwal, Gonda, Basti & Khalilabad Stations  |
| 05160   | New Delhi                                      | 00:30      | Chhapra         | 19:25     | General   | Ghaziabad, Etawah, Kanpur Central, Aishbag, Barabanki, Gonda, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj, Thawe & Siwan Stations  |
| EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 14.11.2023 (TUESDAY)   |  |            |                 |           |   |   |
| 04060   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 10:30      | Jaynagar        | 15:15     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Raebareilly, Amethi, Pratapgarh, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations  |
| 04012   | New Delhi                                      | 19:20      | Darbhanga Jn    | 16:45     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur Jn., Narkatiaganj, Raxaul & Sitamarhi Stations  |
| 04010   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 23:45      | Jogbani         | 05:20     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Chandausi, Bareilly Cantt., Sitapur, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur, Shahpur Patoree, Barauni, Begu Sarai, Khagaria, Naugachia, Katihar, Purnea, Arariya Court, Arariya and Forbesganj Stations |
| 04002   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 00:05      | Patna Jn.       | 15:45     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations  |
| 04022   | New Delhi                                      | 15:30      | Saharsa Jn.     | 16:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria & Simri Bhakhtiyarpur Stations   |
| 02252   | New Delhi (Vande Bharat Express)               | 07:25      | Patna Jn.       | 19:00     | AC Chair Car                                    | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 02246   | New Delhi                                      | 23:45      | Patna Jn.       | 15:50     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 02260   | New Delhi                                      | 18:15      | Bhagalpur       | 15:15     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patna, Kiul, Abhaypur, Jamalpur & Sultanganj Stations  |
| 03436   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 18:30      | Malda Town      | 23:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patna, Simri Bhakhtiyarpur, Mokameh, Kiul, Abhaipur, Jamalpur, Sultanganj, Hajipur, Kahalgaon, Pirpainti, Sahibganj, Barharwa & New Farakka Stations   |
| 03228   | Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)      | 09:30      | Ara             | 04:00     | Sleeper & General                               | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Dildarnagar, Gahmar, Buxar, Dumraon & Bihya Stations   |
| 04048   | Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)      | 15:30      | Purnea Jn.      | 16:05     | General   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria, Mansi & Katihar Stations  |
| 04052   | Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)      | 22:45      | Saharsa Jn.     | 03:30     | General   | Hapur, Moradabad, Bareilly, Hardoi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Deoria Sadar, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria & Simri Bhakhtiyarpur Stations   |
| 04004   | New Delhi (Unreserved Special)                 | 00:10      | Sitamarhi Jn.   | 23:30     | General   | Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Sitapur, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Narkatiaganj & Raxaul Stations   |
| EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 15.11.2023 (WEDNESDAY) |  |            |                 |           |   |   |
| 02250   | New Delhi (Rajdhani Exp. Special)              | 19:10      | Patna Jn.       | 07:30     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC                   | Kanpur Central Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations  |
| 02246   | New Delhi                                      | 23:45      | Patna Jn.       | 15:50     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 04490   | New Delhi                                      | 19:35      | Darbhanga       | 16:45     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Paniaha, Narkatiaganj, Raxaul & Sitamarhi Stations   |
| 04146   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 10:15      | Prayagraj Jn.   | 20:00     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Aligarh, Tundia, Etawah, Govindpuri & Fatehpur Stations   |
| 04006   | Delhi Jn.                                      | 23:05      | Jaynagar        | 23:45     | Sleeper & General                               | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations   |
| 04016   | New Delhi                                      | 14:55      | Banmankhi       | 16:45     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria, Simri Bhakhtiyarpur, Saharsa & Dauram Madhepura Stations  |
| 05070   | New Delhi                                      | 00:30      | Gorakhpur       | 14:45     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Burhwal, Gonda, Basti & Khalilabad Stations  |
| 04058   | Anand Vihar Terminal (Unreserved Special)      | 08:30      | Jaynagar        | 07:00     | General   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Patliputra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Darbhanga & Madhubani Stations   |
| EAST BOUND TRAINS FROM DELHI AREA TERMINALS ON 16.11.2023 (THURSDAY)  |  |            |                 |           |   |   |
| 04080   | New Delhi                                      | 19:20      | Varanasi Jn     | 09:45     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Lucknow & Pratapgarh Stations   |
| 04066   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 23:00      | Patna Jn.       | 16:00     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC                   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya & Danapur Stations  |
| 01676   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 23:15      | Muzaffarpur Jn. | 21:15     | 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General                    | Moradabad, Chandausi, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Chhapra & Hajipur Stations  |
| 05284   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 13:25      | Muzaffarpur Jn. | 07:00     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC & 3 Tier AC                   | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar, Ara, Danapur, Patliputra, Sonpur & Hajipur Stations   |
| 04002   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 00:05      | Patna Jn.       | 15:45     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 04022   | New Delhi                                      | 15:30      | Saharsa Jn.     | 16:30     | 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General         | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Siwan, Chhapra, Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria & Simri Bhakhtiyarpur Stations   |
| 02252   | New Delhi (Vande Bharat Express)               | 07:25      | Patna Jn.       | 19:00     | AC Chair Car                                    | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 05116   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 14:45      | Chhapra         | 09:30     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Burhwal, Gonda, Basti, Khalilabad, Gorakhpur, Deoria & Siwan Stations   |
| 02248   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 00:30      | Patna Jn.       | 16:30     | 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper & General | Govindpuri, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 02246   | New Delhi                                      | 23:45      | Patna Jn.       | 15:50     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj Jn., Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Buxar & Ara Stations   |
| 05066   | New Delhi                                      | 14:00      | Gorakhpur       | 04:15     | 3 Tier AC Economy Class                         | Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Sitapur, Burhwal, Gonda, Basti & Khalilabad Stations  |
| 03228   | Anand Vihar Terminal                           | 09:30      | Ara             | 04:00     | Sleeper & General                               | Kanpur Central, Prayagraj, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, Dildarnagar, Gahmar, Buxar, Dumraon & Bihya Stations   |

**Superintending Engineer**  
**Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D, Bulandshahr**  
**E - Procurement Inviting Short Term Tender Notice**  
**No. 8061/96M(3)/E-TENDER/BSR CIRCLE/2023-24** Dated- 01-11-2023

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate bid online through <http://etender.up.nic.in> from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D. class as per column no-7 below Road work Category as applied from Date 16.11.2023 to 22.11.2023 upto 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-2 of Govt. of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 22.11.2023 at 12:30 P.M. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time any validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

| Sl. No. | Name of Work  | Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac) | Bid Security (Rs.in Lacs) | Work Completion | Tender document fee including GST                    | Contractors Category |
|---------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--|----------------------|
| 1       | SR of Shikapur Shiwali road to Samanpur Link road                                       | 37.50                       | 3.75                      | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B,C (Road Work)    |
| 2       | SR of Shikapur road Janipur Kalan Link road   | 50.00                       | 4.50                      | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B,C (Road Work)    |
| 3       | SR of Jinamai Link road Via Gangagar to Banjaran Basti Link road                        | 63.25                       | 5.17                      | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B,C (Road Work)    |
| 4       | SR of Shikapur Shiwali road in Km. 1(440), 2(850), 3(840), 4(630), 9, 10, 11(450) (ODR) | 76.00                       | 5.80                      | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B (Road Work)      |
| 5       | SR of M.B. road to Basoi Link road  | 39.35                       | 3.935                     | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B,C (Road Work)    |
| 6       | SR of Barkatpur Link road   | 69.30                       | 5.47                      | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B (Road Work)      |
| 7       | SR of Jahangirabad Shikapur Link road Via Fatehpur to Asviri Link road                  | 39.55                       | 3.955                     | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B,C (Road Work)    |
| 8       | SR of Pokharpur to Aligarh Border Link road   | 51.70                       | 4.59                      | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B,C (Road Work)    |
| 9       | SR of Danpur Dharampur road to Akbarpur Via Akarvas Link road                           | 52.34                       | 4.62                      | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B,C (Road Work)    |
| 10      | SR of B.A. road to Hirapur Khurd Via Ghursana Harisingh road                            | 48.60                       | 4.43                      | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B,C (Road Work)    |
| 11      | SR of Sahdeva Rahimkot Link road  | 53.00                       | 4.65                      | 2 Month         | Tender Cost- Rs. 2300.00+ G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00 | A,B,C (Road Work)    |

1. Time allowed for completion of Whole work is mention in col. No. 5 with including rainy season.  
 2. The Tender Document fee & Bid Security must be deposited through Internet Banking only.  
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# Electoral Bonds and Electoral Trusts: how they are different

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 NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

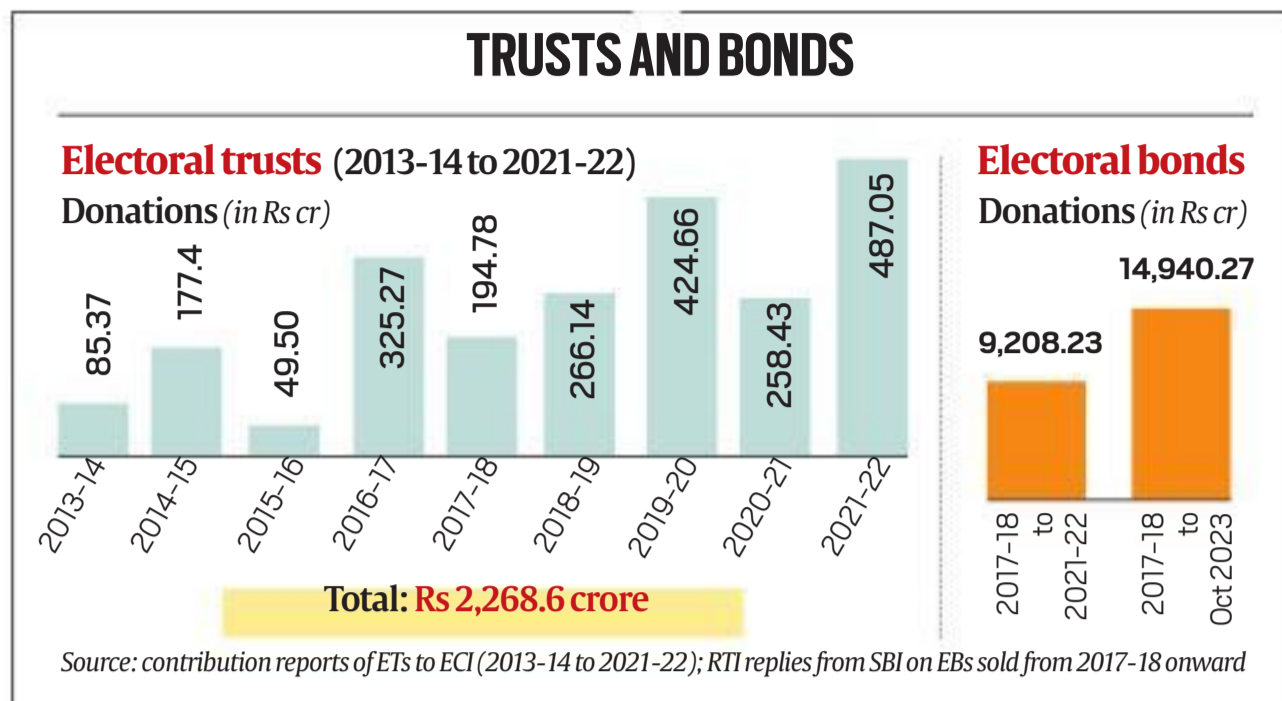
AFTER a three-day hearing, the Supreme Court on November 3 reserved its judgment on the challenge to the Electoral Bonds (EB) Scheme. Before the controversial scheme was introduced in 2018, there was something called an Electoral Trusts (ET) Scheme, introduced by the UPA government in 2013. Both schemes were meant to facilitate donations to political parties by corporates and individuals. But while the EB scheme seeks to ensure anonymity for the donor, the electoral trusts under the ET Scheme were required to submit to the Election Commission of India a report on contributions from individuals and companies, and their donations to parties every year.

istered in India, or a firm or Hindu Undivided Family or association of persons living in India, can donate to an electoral trust. The trusts have to apply for renewal every three financial years. They must donate 95% of contributions received in a financial year to political parties registered under the Representation of the People Act, 1951. The contributors' PAN (in case of a resident) or passport number (in case of an NRI) is required at the time of making contributions. The number of registered trusts has ranged from three in 2013 to 17 in 2021-22, but only a few of them actually make donations every financial year.

**TELLING NUMBERS**

**How does the working of this scheme differ from that of the EB Scheme?**

The electoral trusts route is transparent on contributors and beneficiaries. Where there is only one contributor and one beneficiary of a particular trust, the public can know for sure who is funding whom. For instance, in 2018-19, the Janhit Electoral Trust had just one contribution of Rs 2.5 crore from Vedanta, and the entire amount was donated to the BJP, as per the trust's annual contribution report. However, if there are



multiple contributors and recipients of donations, it cannot be specified which company is funding which party. So, Prudent Electoral Trust, which was known as Satya Electoral Trust before 2017, received contributions from a host of companies such as DLF, GMR, and Bharti Airtel, as well as several individuals, and donated to a many national and regional parties. But it is difficult to pinpoint which donor gave to which party.

In fact, Prudent is the only trust that has given every year since the scheme started, with total donations adding up to more than Rs 1,891 crore from 2013-2014 to 2021-2022, which is the latest financial year for which reports are available. About 75% of total donations (Rs 1,430 crore) went to the BJP, and about 8.4% (Rs 160 crore) went to the Congress. Electoral bonds, on the other hand, are exempt from disclosure requirements.

Parties inform the ECI of the aggregate donations received through EBs, but give no details of the donors, which they are required to do in case of donations in cash or by cheque or bank transactions over Rs 20,000 in each case. The government argues that this lack of transparency in donations through EBs is to maintain the privacy of donors.

**How do donations through trusts stack up against those made through EBs?**

Data from nine financial years (2013-14 to 2021-22) show that political funding through the two government schemes shot up after the introduction of EBs, with the bulk of donations coming through the newer scheme. Over this nine-year period, a total Rs 2,269 crore was routed to parties through the ETs, from Rs 85.37 crore in 2013-14 to Rs 464.81 crore in 2021-22. During the period 2017-18 — the financial year in which EBs were first made available — to 2021-22, however, the money donated through EBs was more than five times the amount that came through the electoral trusts. Thus, between 2017-18 and 2021-22, political parties got a total Rs 1,631 crore through ETs, and Rs 9,208 crore through EBs. In the six and a half years from the open-

ing of the first sale window in March 2018 to the 10-day window that closed on October 13 this year, electoral bonds worth more than Rs 14,000 crore were sold by the State Bank of India, the only bank authorised to sell them, replies by the bank to questions asked under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, show. A new window for the sale of EBs opened on November 6.

**Which parties have received how much from electoral trusts?**

The BJP got 72% of the total Rs 2,269 crore donated through electoral trusts from 2013-14 to 2021-22. This was higher than the share of the funding the BJP has got through electoral bonds (57%). However, the total EB corpus being much bigger than total ET donations, the actual amount the BJP got is much more than what it got through ETs. The Congress got 10% of the total EB funding from March 2018 to October 2023, and 9.7% of the ET donations from 2013-14 to 2021-22. The Trinamool Congress was the third biggest recipient of EBs (8.3%), though it got only 0.11% of ET funds. The BJD was the third biggest beneficiary of donations through ETs after the BJP and Congress, and got about 1% of the total funds given by the trusts.

**EXPLAINED GLOBAL**

## WHO RUNS GAZA'S HEALTH MINISTRY, OFFICIAL SOURCE OF CASUALTY DATA

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
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AS ISRAEL incessantly bombards the Gaza Strip, death toll in the tiny Palestinian enclave has crossed 10,000. With Gazan borders sealed by Israel, the only official source for casualties has been Gaza's Ministry of Health. Essentially an agency in the Hamas government, the ministry supervises health services in the enclave. Its estimates of casualties are cited by news organisations, human rights groups, and international governments and bodies, including the United Nations.



Wounded Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are brought to a hospital. AP

everybody arriving at a morgue. This data is entered into a computerised system shared with the health ministry's spokesperson Ashraf al-Qidra, who then gives the information to the media and other organisations.

Al-Qidra said he and his colleagues face disruptions due to spotty connectivity but they do double-check the numbers. The ministry also gets data from other sources such as the Palestinian Red Crescent.

It releases casualty updates every few hours, providing the number of dead and wounded with a breakdown for men, women and minors. The ministry usually doesn't give out the names, ages or locations of the victims. A notable exception was on October 27, when it released a 212-page report listing every Palestinian killed in the war so far, including their names, ID numbers, ages and gender. This happened after the US raised doubts over the ministry's figures.

The government agency does not distinguish between civilians and combatants. This distinction becomes clear only after the UN and rights groups investigate and militant groups give a tally of members killed.

**Is the ministry's data reliable?**

According to Human Rights Watch, a New York-based NGO, the ministry's figures are fairly accurate and it has not found major errors when it investigated Gazan casualties in the past. (WITH INPUTS FROM AP)

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**EXPLAINED WILDLIFE**

## One year of Project Cheetah

It has been a year since the launch of the project to make the extinct cheetah run wild in India again. The imported cats, however, were allowed in the wild only 20 per cent of the time they were supposed to roam free in the first year, data released by the government shows

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A YEAR after it was launched, Project Cheetah, India's ambitious attempt to introduce African cats in the wild in the country, has claimed to have achieved short-term success on four counts: "50% survival of introduced cheetahs, establishment of home ranges, birth of cubs in Kuno", and revenue generation for local communities.

**The claims assessed**

**SURVIVAL:** The test of survival is in the wild, not in captivity where animals are under protective care. According to India's official Cheetah Action Plan, the male and female cats from both Namibia and South Africa were to spend two and three months respectively inside bomas (enclosures) before being released in the wild.

Therefore, in the 12 months since they arrived in India in September 2022, each of the three Namibian males should have spent 10 months in the wild, and each of the five Namibian females should have spent nine months in the wild. In all then, the eight cheetah imports from Namibia should have spent a cumulative 75 'cheetah months' in the wild.

However, in reality, they spent just about 16 'cheetah months' outside the bomas (Chart).

The seven males and five females imported from South Africa arrived in mid-February 2024. By October, each male should have ideally spent six months, and each female five months, in the wild. Together, the 12 South African imports should have spent a cumulative 67 'cheetah months' in the wild.

In reality, as the chart shows, they spent not even 11 'cheetah months' in the wild.

Yet, the project lost 40% of its functional adult population. Of the 20 cats that arrived in India, six died (Dhatri and Sasha from Namibia; Suraj, Uday, Daksha, and Tejas from South Africa), and two were unfit for the wild. Four cubs were born in India, three of which died, and the fourth is being raised in captivity.

**HOME RANGE:** Only three cheetahs — Namibian imports Asha, Gaurav, and Shaurya — have spent more than three months at a stretch in the wild. Even they have been stuck inside bomas since July. It is unlikely any of the cats would have established "home ranges" in Kuno.

**REPRODUCTION:** The goal, as per the Action Plan, was: "Cheetah successfully reproduce in the wild". However, Siyaya aka Jwala, the Namibian female that gave birth to four cubs in Kuno, was captive raised her-

### Ideal situation vs what happened in Kuno

| MONTHS THE CATS SHOULD HAVE SPENT IN WILD IN INDIA | Namibian |        | South African |        |
|--|----------|--------|---------------|--------|
|  | Male     | Female | Male          | Female |
| Numbers  | 3        | 5      | 7             | 5      |
| Months ideally in the wild                         | 10       | 9      | 6             | 5      |
| 'Cheetah months' ideally in wild                   | 30       | 45     | 42            | 25     |

Source: Project Cheetah Annual Report

Total 'cheetah months' that should ideally have been spent in wild **142**



| MONTHS ACTUALLY SPENT IN WILD IN INDIA               | Namibian |                    | South African                                      |                    |
|--|----------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
|  | Cheetah  | Months in the Wild | Cheetah  | Months in the Wild |
| Pawan  |          | 1.75               | Gamini   | 2                  |
| Asha   |          | 4.37               | Agni   | 1.25               |
| Gaurav   |          | 4                  | Vayu   | 1.3                |
| Shaurya  |          | 4                  | Nirva  | 2.5                |
| Dhatri*  |          | 2                  | Veera  | 1.1                |
| Jwala#, Nabha# and Sasha* # not released in the wild |          |                    | Dheera   | 0.75               |
|  |          |                    | Pravash  | 0.5                |
|  |          |                    | Pavak  | 0.5                |
|  |          |                    | Suraj*   | 0.75               |
| TOTAL  |          | 16.12              | Uday*, Daksha* and Tejas* not released in the wild |                    |
|  |          |                    | TOTAL  | 10.65              |
|  |          |                    | Total months spent by all cheetahs in the wild     | 26.77              |

\*Dead adult, #Unfit for the wild

self. She was unfit for the wild and her cubs were born inside a hunting boma.

**LIVELIHOOD:** The project has indeed generated a number of jobs and contracts for the local communities, and the price of land has appreciated significantly around Kuno. No human-cheetah conflict has been reported in the area.

**Compromises, mistakes**

Three of the eight Namibian cheetahs — Sasha, which was the project's first casualty, and Jwala and Savannah alias Nabha, who were never released outside the bomas in Kuno — were captive-raised, reportedly as "research subjects". They were offered to India to meet the "hard deadline" for the import.

To get the cheetahs, India promised to support Namibia for "sustainable utilisation and management of biodiversity...at international forums". Weeks after the cheetahs arrived, India abandoned its decades-old stand by abstaining at the CITES vote against trade in elephant ivory.

In Kuno, captive breeding was attempted by putting the sexes together in hunting bomas. However, due to extremely low genetic variation within the species, a cheetah female is very selective in seeking out most distantly related males. That is why giving males access to a female not in heat can lead to violence.

The project got lucky with Jwala in March. But the gamble failed when two South African males killed the female Phinda alias Daksha in May.

The monitoring teams failed to intervene in time when three cubs succumbed to acute dehydration in May. Maggot infestation in multiple animals — which would have affected their gait — also went unnoticed until the festering wounds under their radio collars killed two in July.

The project experts had failed to factor in seasonal variation while sourcing animals from the southern hemisphere. The animals grew winter coats during the Indian monsoon, leading to prolonged wetness and infection.

**Kuno's carrying capacity**

The project's original goal, "to establish a free-ranging breeding population of cheetahs in and around Kuno", has been diluted to "managing" a meta population through assisted dispersal.

The Cheetah Action Plan estimated "high probability of long-term cheetah persistence" within populations that exceed 50 individuals. Cheetah is the cheetah's prime prey in Kuno where project scientists reported per-sq-km cheetah density of 5 (2006), 36 (2011), 52 (2012) and 69 (2013).

The feasibility report in 2010 estimated

that 347 sq km of Kuno sanctuary could sustain 27 cheetahs, and the 3,000 sq km larger Kuno landscape could hold 70-100 animals.

After the project was revived in 2020, the Cheetah Action Plan assessed Kuno's cheetah density at 38 per sq km which could sustain 21 cheetahs, while a larger landscape of 3,200 sq km could support 36. A single population of 50 cheetahs was no longer deemed feasible. The Action Plan also offered another estimate based on distance-sampling — 23 cheetahs per sq km — which would make it difficult to support even 36 cheetahs in the larger Kuno landscape.

**Paradigm shift ahead**

Since Kuno cannot support a genetically self-sustaining population, the project's only option is a meta-population scattered over central and western India. But unlike leopards, which dominate this landscape, cheetahs cannot travel the distances between these pocket populations on their own.

A solution would be to borrow from the South African model that periodically translocates animals from one fenced reserve to another to maintain genetic viability. But if this "assisted dispersal" becomes the new normal, the case for maintaining forest connectivity that allows natural dispersal of wildlife will be severely weakened.

# Why Bhutan's first military op in 140 yrs came against Indian insurgents

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BHUTAN KING Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, after a historic three-day visit to Assam. Despite the 265.8-km border shared by Assam and Bhutan, this was the first time that a Bhutanese monarch had ever visited the state. The visit was significant also because it came after a tense period in the 1990s, when the peaceful relationship between the neighbours was complicated by Assam insurgent groups setting up camps in Bhutan. This pushed the hill kingdom to undertake its first military operation in 140 years.

"Operation All Clear" was launched by the Royal Bhutan Army on December 15, 2003, and dealt a crippling blow to the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), and the Kamtapur Liberation Organisation (KLO), active largely in West Bengal.

**Why were Indian insurgents present in Bhutan?**

In the 1990s, the Indian military and the Assam police launched successive crackdowns against militant groups in Assam, putting them under pressure. At the same time, Bangladesh ceased to be a refuge, with the pro-India Awami League government coming to power in 1996 and taking action against them. As a consequence, these

groups set up camps in South East Bhutan, particularly in the Samdrup Jongkhar district that borders Assam. According to the Bhutan government, at the time of its crackdown, there were 13 ULFA camps, 12 NDFB camps and 5 KLO camps in its territory.

**What was Bhutan's initial approach?**

Initially, Bhutan ignored the Indian insurgents and did not engage with them. However, pressure began to mount as their presence strained ties with India — Bhutan's neighbour, biggest funder and trade partner.

The Bhutan government entered into dialogue with these groups in 1998, but was still reluctant to take coercive action to drive

them out. A major factor behind this was its small and inexperienced military. However, the talks did not yield any outcome despite five rounds with the ULFA and three rounds with the NDFB. The smallest of the three groups, the KLO, snubbed efforts at dialogue.

**What finally led to the crackdown?**

On the day of its crackdown, the Royal Bhutan Government laid out all the factors which had pushed it to military action. It underlined that the presence of the insurgents had become a "direct threat to Bhutan's sovereignty and national security."

"Of particular concern are the misperceptions surrounding their presence and

the implications on the excellent bilateral relations with India, which is of the highest importance for the Royal Government and the Bhutanese people," a government statement said.

It stated that apart from this, their presence had taken a toll on development and economic activities in Bhutan, including the stalling of the Dungsang Cement Project as well as the closure of education institutes in vulnerable areas.

Political Science professor and researcher Arijit Mazumdar wrote in his paper, *Bhutan's Military Action Against Indian Insurgents*, that another major factor had been fears that the insurgent groups would supply arms to the ethnic Nepalese Lhotshampas — subjected to repressive

policies by the Bhutan government.

**What was the result of the operation?**

On December 15, the 6,000-member Royal Bhutan Army launched simultaneous attacks on camps of all three outfits. Logistical and medical assistance was provided by the Indian Army, which also sealed the Indo-Bhutan border so militants could not escape into India.

In January 2004, India's Chief of Army Staff, General NC Vij, claimed that at least 650 insurgents had been either killed or captured. Among the top leaders captured were ULFA ideologue and founding member Bhimkanta Buragohain, ULFA publicity secretary Mithinga Daimary, and KLO crack squad chief Tom Adhikary.

**EXPLAINED HISTORY**

# 17 ECONOMY



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USD RATE

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OIL

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SILVER

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## SECTOR WATCH ENERGY

### 'Notable exception': What is India's Energy Conservation Building Code, 2017?

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INDIA WAS cited as a "notable exception" for being among the few emerging market and developing economies to have energy efficiency building codes. The Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) in its World Energy Outlook 2023 report has highlighted that India's Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC), 2017 for commercial buildings sets it apart from other developing economies where "energy efficiency in buildings stands out as a laggard". The ECBC was first released by the Ministry of Power's Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in 2007, followed by an update in 2017. Currently, 23 states have notified rules to enforce ECBC compliance while large states like Maharashtra and Gujarat are still in the process of drafting rules.

Implementation of energy efficiency building codes like ECBC is important as buildings in India account for 30 per cent of total electricity consumption, a figure that is expected to touch 50 per cent by 2042. Furthermore, BEE notes that 40 per cent of buildings that will exist in the next twenty years are yet to be built, which gives policymakers and builders a unique opportunity to ensure that they are built in a sustainable manner.

**What is ECBC?**  
ECBC sets minimum energy standards for commercial buildings with the objective to save between 25 per cent to 50 per cent of energy use in compliant buildings. The code is applicable to commercial buildings like hospitals, hotels, schools, shopping complexes, and multiplexes which have a connected load of 100 kW or more, or contract demand of 120 kVA or more. It primarily looks at six components of building design including en-

velope (walls, roofs, windows), lighting systems, HVAC systems, and electrical power system, and the requirements under each of these components are split between mandatory and prescriptive. ECBC is for both new buildings and retrofitting existing buildings. Compliant buildings are assigned one of three tags in ascending order of efficiency, namely ECBC, ECBC Plus, and Super ECBC.

Compared to ECBC, 2007, the updated code which was launched in 2017 has additional priorities of renewable energy integration, ease of compliance, inclusion of passive building design strategies, and flexibility for the designers.

While ECBC acts as a national standard, states across India have the flexibility to modify the code depending on unique regional needs. To enforce the code, states have to draft rules and notify them as state laws.

#### Where do states stand in ECBC implementation?

Although 23 out of 28 states have notified ECBC rules, only 15 states have notified rules based on the latest ECBC, 2017. The latter includes states like Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Kerala. A total of five states, namely Gujarat, Maharashtra, J&K, Ladakh, and Manipur, have yet to notify ECBC rules. By delaying the notification of ECBC rules, these states stand to lose out from the benefits of ensuring energy efficiency in commercial buildings. For instance, National Research Development Corporation notes that "Gujarat can save nearly 83 terawatt-hours (TWh) of energy by 2030 with effective ECBC compliance, where around 90% of newly constructed commercial buildings would be compliant with some level of the ECBC." **FULL REPORT ON** [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

## BANKS MAY NOT APPROACH THE WADIAS

# Go First lenders pinning hopes on JSPL for revival of carrier

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AFTER EXTENDING the insolvency resolution timeline of the beleaguered Go First by another three months, lenders to grounded are hinging their hopes on Naveen Jindal-led Jindal Steel & Power Ltd (JSP) for revival of the company.

Last month, Jindal Steel & Power submitted the sole expression of interest (EOI) for the airline, which voluntarily filed for insolvency resolution proceedings in May this year, according to the person familiar with the matter. The EOI was floated by the airline's resolution professional Shailendra Ajmera in July this year. Lenders to the airlines include Bank of Baroda, Central Bank of India and IDBI Bank, with a total outstanding of over Rs 4,500 crore.

"Banks are betting on JSP and are optimistic that it will be a successful bidder for Go First," said an official of a bank.

There are no indications that the lenders will approach the airline's promoters the Wadias to seek their interest in reviving the grounded airline.



Lenders had earlier approved a funding plan of Rs 450 crore to help resume operations of the grounded airline. File

On Monday, Go First's committee of creditors (CoC) met and extended the timeline for the corporate insolvency resolution plan (CIRP) by another 90 days.

The extension was given as lenders are awaiting the Delhi High Court's decision on lessors' plea to take back their planes which are on lease with Go First, and also to give enough time to JSP to submit its resolution plan. Sources said, JSP has time till the end of this month to submit its resolution plan. Go First has 56 leased aircraft.

The Delhi High Court will

soon hear the matter. However, if the judgement comes in favour of lessors, the airline will go into liquidation, which means banks will have to take a huge haircut, said another source.

Lenders had earlier approved a funding plan of Rs 450 crore to help resume operations of the grounded airline. Of that they have already given Rs 100 crore for the payment of salaries to employees, maintenance of aircraft and insurance, said the person close to the development.

Bank of Baroda, which has an exposure of around Rs 1,300

crore to the airline, has classified the loans as non-performing assets (NPA). Last month, the Central Bank of India, with loan dues of around Rs 1,900 crore to Go First, declared the account as NPA last month.

Another challenge lenders are facing is the recent notification by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) amendment in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), which has excluded transactions related to aircraft, plane engines, airframes and helicopters from the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (IBC) code, the government has notified.

"...the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, shall not apply to transactions, arrangements or agreements, under the Convention and the Protocol, relating to aircraft, aircraft engines, airframes and helicopters," the notification, issued on October 3, said. Section 14 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 refers to the power of the Adjudicating Authority, which is the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to issue a moratorium when admitting a company to insolvency resolution process.

## Indian engineering goods exporters flag inverted duty issue, high input costs

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AT A time when India is negotiating free trade agreements (FTA) with highly competitive markets such as the United Kingdom and European Union, Indian engineering goods manufacturers have explicitly flagged the issue of inverted duty structure in GST rates and the high raw material costs draining their competitiveness.

An industry group representing over 12,000 engineering goods exporters said this is a submission to the parliamentary standing committee on commerce last month.

An inverted duty structure refers to a situation where taxes on input items are higher compared to the final product resulting in a drag in export competitiveness. India has already signed a limited trade deal (an early harvest deal) with Australia and a comprehensive trade deal with the UAE, where duties are among the lowest in the world. Exporters, thereby, are faced with stiff rivalry from established players, especially the Chinese, for market access, despite the duty elimination following the trade deal.

A free trade agreement between two countries typically results in mutual elimination of duty, but may not automatically result in export growth if the products shipped are not price competitive. Free trade agreements signed in the past, especially the trade deals with the

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries, South Korea and Japan led to higher imports and minuscule gains on the export front.

"GST rates for all engineering products from chapter 72 to chapter 79 consisting of all ferrous and non-ferrous metals and its products is 18 per cent barring some household articles and art wares. These chapters mainly constitute the raw materials used in further processing in the engineering industry. In some cases the products that use these raw materials attract a GST lower than 18 per cent," the submission to the parliamentary panel said.

For instance, for HS 8201 (agricultural implements/manually operated hand tools) the GST rate is 0 per cent whereas the main raw materials are from the iron and steel sector, which attract 18 per cent GST. Similarly for manually operated hand pumps (HS code 841391), the GST rate is 5 per cent while the raw material cast iron and alloy steel attract 18 per cent GST, exporters said in the note.

This assumes significance as India's goods exports have been on the decline for the most part of the year primarily due to demand slowdown in the west and in China. India's engineering goods exports that comprise 27 per cent of India's total exports slipped over 4 per cent during January to September this year compared to comparable duration last year.

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## Oil prices sputters near 3-month lows

London: Oil prices slid more than \$1 on Wednesday to their lowest in more than three months on concern over waning demand in the United States and China.

Brent crude futures fell \$1.11 to \$80.50 a barrel by 1311 GMT and US crude lost \$1.20 to \$76.17, with both benchmarks registering their lowest levels since late July. Crude oil production in the US this year will rise by less than previously expected but demand will fall, the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) said on Tuesday. **REUTERS**



## FM's MEETING WITH ADB V-C

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in a meeting with Bhargav Dasgupta, Vice-President (Market Solutions) - Asian Development Bank. @nsitharamanoffc

## India's economy has track record of strong growth: S&P

New Delhi: S&P Global Ratings on Wednesday said India's economy has a track record of strong growth and retained its 6 per cent growth forecast for current fiscal year.

In Asia-Pacific Credit Outlook 2024 titled 'Slowing Dragons,

Roaring Tigers', S&P said gradual capital deepening, favourable demographics, and improving productivity are essential growth factors.

"India's economy has a track record of strong growth. We expect this momentum to continue

and forecast growth of 6 per cent for FY 2024, then 6.9 per cent for FY 2025 and FY 2026," S&P said.

It said India's economic growth shines brightly. However, its yields remain higher, as they have been historically, which puts additional pressure on the cost of

funding India's large debt stock.

While growth supports market confidence and revenue generation, rates dynamics will be an additional determinant of India's debt trajectory over the next few years, the US-based rating agency said. **PTI**

## BRIEFLY

### Tata Power net profit rises to ₹1,017 cr in Q2

New Delhi: Tata Power on Wednesday posted a 9 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit to Rs 1,017.41 crore in the September quarter, mainly on the back of higher revenues from core business. Its consolidated net profit was Rs 935.18 crore in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing. Total income rose to Rs 16,029.54 crore in the July-September quarter from Rs 14,181.07 crore in the same period a year ago. **PTI**

### CAMSQ2 profit rises 17% to ₹84.5 cr

New Delhi: CAMS, which acts as a registrar and transfer agent for mutual funds, on Wednesday reported a 17.1 per cent surge in net profit to Rs 84.51 crore for three months ended September 2023. In comparison, the company had a Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs 72.14 crore in the corresponding period last year. Its revenues during July-September 2023 rose 13.5 per cent to Rs 275.08 crore, from Rs 242.37 crore in the year-ago period. **PTI**

## GST revenue rose due to economic activity, not notices: CBIC chief

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 8

THE RISE in Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections in October has been on account of economic activity and not due to notices being issued by tax authorities, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) Sanjay Kumar Agarwal said Wednesday. He also said the department will soon start sending advisories to businesses who are non-compliant in issuing e-invoices to their B2B customers.

"The growth in October GST collections was riding on economic activity and not because of notices that were sent (to online gaming companies)... notices were sent because of the time limitation which was coming to an end for the year 2017-18. So it's not because of that. Also, the notices issued to online gaming companies are in dispute but the growth has come purely on the economic activity which has taken place in the country," Agarwal said at the sidelines of the DPIIT-CII National Conference on Ease of Doing Business.

There was healthy growth in GST revenue from Integrated GST (IGST) on imports also as imports rose compared to earlier months, he said, citing that companies were maybe replenishing their stocks, inventories or due to the upcoming festive season.

**UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)  
Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP2001SGC025867, V.C.V. Gabar Singh Uja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun-248001  
Telephone: 0135-2762444, Fax: 0135-2763839, E-mail: cgmupcl@yahoo.com, website : www.upcl.org

Websites : (www.mstcecommerce.com)

**CORRIGENDUM FOR PURCHASE OF POWER UNDER MEDIUM TERM PROCUREMENT AGAINST TENDER SPECIFICATION No. 10/CE(COMM)/UPCL-10/MTPP/2023**

The tender process and activities timeline modifications against tender specification No. 10/CE (COMM)/UPCL-10/MTPP/2023 are as under :-

| S.No. | Event  | Date & Time                        |
|-------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1.    | Last date and time of submission of Application and Bids & EMD | 15.12.2023 at 17:00 Hrs            |
| 2.    | Opening of Application   | 16.12.2023 at 13:00 Hrs            |
| 3.    | Intimation of Qualified Bidders for opening of their Bids      | 29.12.2023                         |
| 4.    | Opening of Bids of those Qualified Bidders                     | 02.01.2024                         |
| 5.    | Start of e-Reverse Auction                                     | 02.01.2024                         |
| 6.    | Close of e-Reverse Auction                                     | 02.01.2024                         |
| 7.    | L-I Matching   | 02.01.2024                         |
| 8.    | Letter of Award (LOA)  | After the approval of Hon'ble UERC |
| 9.    | Validity of Bids   | 120 days from Bid Due Date         |
| 10.   | Signing of APP   | Within 10 days of issue of LOA     |

**Hard Copy of B.G/proof of EMD should reach UPCL by 15.12.2023 at 17:00 Hrs.**

| Existing Clause   | Revised Clause   |
|---|--|
| UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED ("UPCL") (hereinafter referred to as "UPCL") acting through UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED (UPCL), created and owned by Govt. of UTTARAKHAND to undertake various activities including signing of agreements on behalf of UPCL, having its office at Victoria Cross, Vijeta Gabar Singh Uja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun (hereinafter referred to as the "Utility" which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its administrators, successors and assigns) of One Part: The utility has decided to procure electricity from a power generating station that would dedicate a contracted capacity or production of electricity and supply thereof for a period from Dec-2023 to Mar-2027 and quantum 300 MW RTC power (Delivery Point shall be Interconnection Point of Central Transmission Utility (CTU) with Uttarakhand STU network) (the "Project") through Public Private Partnership (the "PPP") on Finance, Own and Operate (the "FOO") basis, and has, therefore, decided to carry out the bidding process through PFC Consulting Ltd as its Authorized Representative for selection of a corporate entity(ies)/ trading licensee as the Bidder to whom the contract may be awarded for production of electricity and supply thereof as per the terms and conditions specified in the Bidding Documents. | UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED ("UPCL") (hereinafter referred to as "UPCL") acting through UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED (UPCL), created and owned by Govt. of UTTARAKHAND to undertake various activities including signing of agreements on behalf of UPCL, having its office at Victoria Cross, Vijeta Gabar Singh Uja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun (hereinafter referred to as the "Utility" which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its administrators, successors and assigns) of One Part: The utility has decided to procure electricity from a power generating station that would dedicate a contracted capacity for production of electricity and supply thereof for a period from March-2024 to March-2027 and quantum 300 MW RTC power (Delivery Point shall be Interconnection Point of Central Transmission Utility (CTU) with Uttarakhand STU network) (the "Project") through Public Private Partnership (the "PPP") on Finance, Own and Operate (the "FOO") basis, and has, therefore, decided to carry out the bidding process through PFC Consulting Ltd as its Authorized Representative for selection of a corporate entity(ies)/ trading licensee as the Bidder to whom the contract may be awarded for production of electricity and supply thereof as per the terms and conditions specified in the Bidding Documents. |

All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per tender specification No. 10/CE (COMM)/UPCL-10/MTPP/2023 and its corrigendum.

No.: 543/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Date : 07.11.2023 SE (COMMERCIAL)

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|---|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Registered Office: Admin Building, MTF Area, Village Sikka, Taluka & District Jamnagar - 361140, Gujarat, India.<br>Phone: 022-35557100 • Email: debenture.investors@sptl.co.in • Website: www.sptl.co.in<br>CIN: U45102GJ1997PLC031906 |   |               |            |            |            |
| <b>EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023</b>  |   |               |            |            |            |
| (Rs. in crore, except per share data and ratios)  |   |               |            |            |            |
| Sr. No.   | Particulars   | Quarter Ended |            |            | Year Ended |
|   |   | 30 Sep '23    | 30 Sep '22 | 31 Mar '23 |            |
|   |   | Unaudited     | Unaudited  | Audited    |            |
| 1   | Total Income from Operations  | 1,257.52      | 1,096.28   | 4,582.19   |            |
| 2   | Net Profit before Tax   | 743.41        | 863.07     | 2,423.31   |            |
| 3   | Net Profit after Tax  | 449.99        | 572.21     | 1,296.05   |            |
| 4   | Total Comprehensive Income (Comprising Profit (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income(Loss) (OCI) (after tax)) | 596.65        | 479.25     | 5,626.68   |            |
| 5   | Paid up Equity Share Capital  | 2,475.00      | 2,475.00   | 2,475.00   |            |
| 6   | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)  |               |            | 19,047.88  |            |
| 7   | Securities Premium Account  | 17,967.47     | 17,967.47  | 17,967.47  |            |
| 8   | Net worth   | 21,024.97     | 18,321.25  | 19,686.77  |            |
| 9   | Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt  | 24,564.84     | 22,516.50  | 26,197.99  |            |
| 10  | Outstanding 9% Cumulative Redeemable Preference Shares  | 47.00         | 47.00      | 47.00      |            |
| 11  | Outstanding 9% Non-Cumulative Optionally Convertible Preference Shares  | 3,500.00      | -          | -          |            |
| 12  | Debt Equity Ratio   | 1.07          | 1.12       | 1.22       |            |
| 13  | Earnings per Equity Share for the period/ year of face value of Re. 1/- each -                                    |               |            |            |            |
|   | - Basic and Diluted (in Rupees)   | 0.18          | 0.23       | 0.52       |            |
| 14  | Capital Redemption Reserve  | -             | -          | -          |            |
| 15  | Debiture Redemption Reserve   | 1,916.80      | 1,750.00   | 1,916.80   |            |
| 16  | Debt Service Coverage Ratio   | 2.57          | 2.90       | 0.79       |            |
| 17  | Interest Service Coverage Ratio   | 2.72          | 2.98       | 2.34       |            |

**Notes:**

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 52 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th September 2023 are available on the website of BSE Limited ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and can be accessed on the Company's website ([www.sptl.co.in](http://www.sptl.co.in)).
- For the other line items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to BSE Limited ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and can be accessed on the Company's website ([www.sptl.co.in](http://www.sptl.co.in)).
- The Audit Committee has reviewed, and the Board of Directors has approved the above results and its release at their respective meetings held on 8th November 2023. The statutory auditors of the Company have carried out a limited review of the aforesaid results.

Sanjeev Dandekar  
Director  
DIN : 00022797

| <b>JAMNAGAR UTILITIES &amp; POWER PRIVATE LIMITED</b>   |   |               |            |            |            |
|---|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Registered Office: C/PF Control Room, Village Padana, Taluka Lalpur, District Jamnagar - 361280, Gujarat<br>Phone: 022-35557100 • Email: debenture.investors@jupl.co.in<br>Website: www.jupl.co.in • CIN: U40100GJ1997PTC051130 |   |               |            |            |            |
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| (Rs. in crore, except per share data and ratios)  |   |               |            |            |            |
| Sr. No.   | Particulars   | Quarter Ended |            |            | Year Ended |
|   |   | 30 Sep '23    | 30 Sep '22 | 31 Mar '23 |            |
|   |   | Unaudited     | Unaudited  | Audited    |            |
| 1   | Total Income from Operations  | 1,205.49      | 1,210.20   | 4,737.95   |            |
| 2   | Net Profit before Tax   | 462.16        | 818.11     | 1,915.46   |            |
| 3   | Net Profit after Tax  | 251.49        | 635.51     | 1,192.84   |            |
| 4   | Total Comprehensive Income (Comprising Profit (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) (after tax)) | 511.71        | 693.18     | 6,191.93   |            |
| 5   | Paid up Equity Share Capital  | 2,720.69      | 2,720.69   | 2,720.69   |            |
| 6   | Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)  |               |            | 18,477.95  |            |
| 7   | Securities Premium Account  | -             | -          | -          |            |
| 8   | Net worth   | 23,051.18     | 19,783.17  | 21,303.89  |            |
| 9   | Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt  | 16,857.10     | 16,584.88  | 16,058.51  |            |
| 10  | Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares  | 5,000.00      | 5,000.00   | 5,000.00   |            |
| 11  | Debt Equity Ratio   | 0.73          | 0.84       | 0.76       |            |
| 12  | Earnings per Share (EPS) for the period/ year - Class 'B' Equity Shares of face value of Re. 1/- each -     |               |            |            |            |
|   | - Basic and Diluted (in Rupees)   | 0.09          | 0.23       | 0.44       |            |
| 13  | Capital Redemption Reserve  | -             | -          | -          |            |
| 14  | Debiture Redemption Reserve   | 827.50        | 1,261.25   | 827.50     |            |
| 15  | Debt Service Coverage Ratio   | 2.17          | 2.02       | 1.48       |            |
| 16  | Interest Service Coverage Ratio   | 2.33          | 3.30       | 2.39       |            |

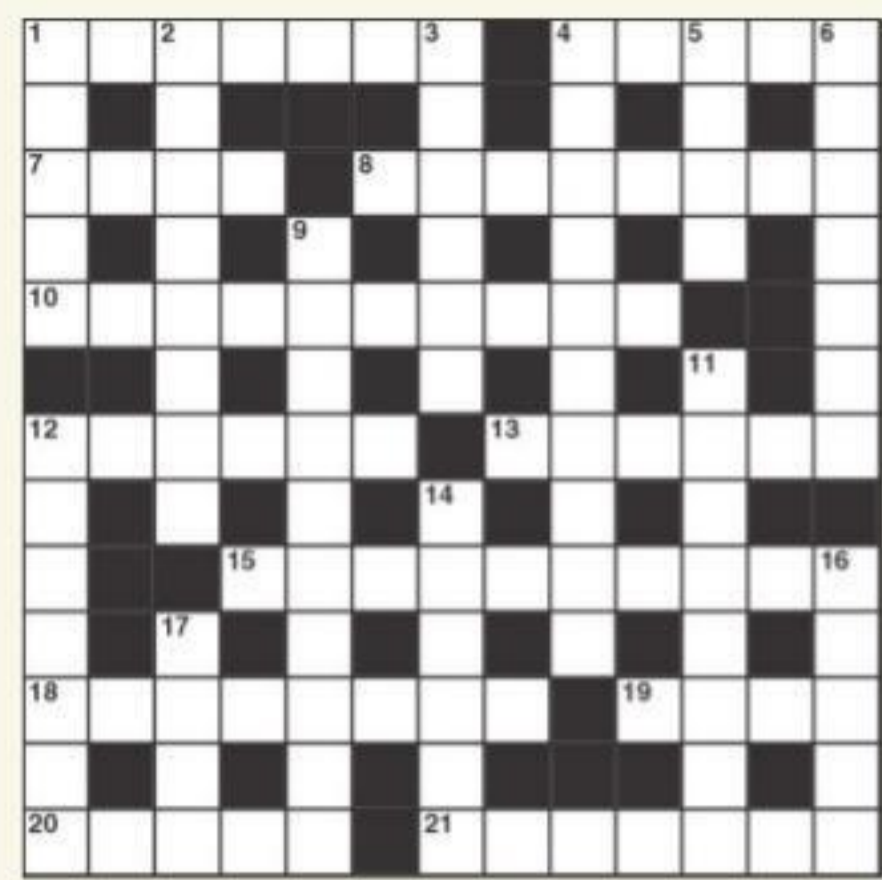
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For Jamnagar Utilities & Power Private Limited  
Sd/-  
Satish Parikh  
Director  
DIN : 00094560

Date : 8th November 2023  
Place : Mumbai

## CROSSWORD 5204



- ACROSS**
- Sort of clothing for resting actors? (4-3)
  - Start making pastries? (5)
  - Extremely nervous? (4)
  - One absorbed in poetry and in painting? (8)
  - They hold together press cuttings? (5,5)
  - The boulder took in a woman and got money? (6)
  - Fishermen use many spinners? (6)
  - Extensive property? (10)
  - A brief way to encourage a high-priced swimmer? (8)
  - Nothing can be seen on English river? (4)
  - Rent a seaside place on the Adriatic? (5)
  - Booked as promised? (7)
- DOWN**
- He takes out capital cover that's not expensive? (5)
  - It shows a way to authenticate mail? (8)
  - Weakly one insect holds another up? (6)
  - Does one have to fight to get seats on it? (5,5)
  - A knot seamen consider dangerous? (4)
  - Joint stakes? (7)
  - It's something to go on? (5,5)
  - Shy but going to seek the rest? (8)
  - Cruise's disguised tracks? (7)
  - Mineral deposit seen first on land? (6)
  - Admit defeat and return? (5)
  - Dog left to play with stones on the ice? (4)

**Solutions Crossword 5203** Across: 1 Pole-vaulter, 9 Defence, 10 Nerve, 11 Lily, 12 Nuisance, 14 Sophia, 16 Census, 18 Eyesight, 19 Ring, 22 Trita, 23 Ragalia, 24 Present arms, 25 Offal, 3 Ernie, 4 Avenue, 5 Linesmen, 6 Ernards, 7 Adolescents, 8 Reverse gear, 13 Dividers, 15 Premier, 17 Charon, 20 Islam, 21 Agra

## 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 quip.

**LVAEI**      **GUNDIS**

**SCOTS**      **THYMIC**

Answer: You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm

## SUDOKU 5376

**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.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | 6 | 3 |   | 4 |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |   | 2 | 9 |   | 8 |   |
| 6 | 5 | 1 |   |   | 8 |   |   |   |
|   |   | 2 |   |   | 3 |   |   |   |
|   | 8 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 9 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 7 |   |   |   |   |   | 9 |
|   | 6 |   | 3 | 9 |   |   |   |   |
| 9 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**Difficulty Level**  
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

## SOLUTION SUDOKU 5375

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 |
| 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| 9 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| 4 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 8 |
| 7 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| 8 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 4 |
| 2 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| 3 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 6 |

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**Notice Inviting Open E-Tender- CO/NIT/H/2023/02**

IRCTC invites open E-tender For Setting Up, Operation And Management Of IRCTC Hospitality Hub at Ayodhya (AY) Railway Station. Last Date for submission of Tender is 22.11.2023 upto 12:00 hrs. and same shall be opened on 22.11.2023 at 12:15 hrs.

**TATA POWER**  
THE TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED  
Registered Office: Bombay House, 24, Horni Mody Street, Mumbai 400 001.  
Tel: 91 22 6665 8282 Fax: 91 22 6665 8801 CIN: L28920MH1919PLC000567  
Email: tatapower@tatapower.com Website: www.tatapower.com

**NOTICE OF RECORD DATE**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 that Thursday, December 7, 2023 has been fixed as the Record Date for the purpose of payment of annual interest to the holders of 7.75% (Series I and Series II) Unsecured, Redeemable, Rated, Listed, Taxable, Non-Convertible Securities in the form of Non-Convertible Debentures bearing ISIN INE245A08257 and INE245A08265 respectively due on December 29, 2023.

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "E"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
**WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
E-mail: ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

**Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (O) - 34 / 2023-24/**

- The Chief Engineer (World Bank Project), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below:
- Nature of work :- Bridge / Road works
- No. of work :- 02 nos.
- Tender cost :- Rs.10,000.00 (on-line)
- Class of Contractor :- A/Special/ Class Contractor
- Available of bid :- From 10.00 AM of 09.11.2023 to 5.00 PM of 23.11.2023
- Date of opening of Bid :- Dt. 24.11.2023 at 11.30 AM
- The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

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**Age 20 years, Height 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Build: Medium, Face: Round, Wearing: yellow color T-shirt and blue color Lower.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing male then please inform P.S Narela Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, providing clue about the person.

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

**Sd/- S.H.O. Narela Delhi Tel No. 011 - 9315759395**

**U.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**

**E-Tender Notice**

E-Tender No. SD-971 online E-Bids are invited for "02 Years Operation and Maintenance Work at different 03 Nos. 220kV Substations of UPPTCL". E-tender has been uploaded on 07.11.2023 on [www.etender.up.nic.in](http://www.etender.up.nic.in) Estimated Cost of work: **Rs. 2.76 Cror** (GST included) only. Completion Period: **24 months**, E.M.D. Cost: **Rs. 2,76,000.00** only. Last date of E-tender submission: **23.11.2023 at 15:30 Hrs.** Total Quantum of Work, Tender Specification and Other Terms & Conditions are as per Tender Document available on the E-tender Portal. Undersigned reserves the right to cancel the E-Bids without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

**Superintending Engineer, ESDC-I, UPPTCL**  
No. 386 - ESDC-I (G.S.)/Tender Notice Dated: 08.11.2023

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "E"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
TENDER CALL NOTICE  
E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com

**Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-26/2023-24 Memo No-2264**  
Dt. 26/10/2023

The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Buildings works as detailed in the table below:

- Nature of Work :- Buildings and Temple Works
- No of Work :- 4Nos
- Tender Cost :- Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
- Class of Contractor :- B& A Class
- Available of Bid document :- From 10.00 AM of Dt.09.11.2023 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.23.11.2023 up to 5.00 PM
- Date of opening of Bid :- Dt.24.11.2023 at 11.30 AM
- The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

**Sd/- CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)**

**N.I.T. No.:** CPM-GSU-DLI-NIT-09C-23-24

**Name of work with its location:** Balance work of Linking of B.G. P.Way track and other allied works such as Assembling, laying, linking & dismantling of BG Railway track, points & crossing, traps, leading, loading & unloading of P.Way material & PRC sleepers and other misc. works at Shakur Basti, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Kishan Ganj and Subzi Mandi in c/w Additional Train handling Facilities.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Approx. Cost of work</b>   | Rs.2,12,20,086.81/-  |
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# Hands-on approach

No feet, no lower body power, all hands - how Glenn Maxwell stiched together 'the greatest ODI knock of all time'

SRIRAM VEERA  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

GLENN MAXWELL couldn't move his feet. Such was the pain that he couldn't put weight on his front foot. The back leg was also fragile. Every time there was an instinctive pressure on the legs, cramps would rush in. And yet, despite all these handicaps, Australia's hobbling hero scored an unbeaten 201 while chasing Afghanistan's 292 to pull off the greatest heist by a batsman on a cricket field. How?

In many ways, Maxwell has a boy's view of what it is to be a batsman. While there is predetermination in most of his shots, he has the child-like confidence to pull off reverse-laps and has the urge to whisk the ball to unconventional areas. Maxwell bats like someone raised on gaming platforms, and is perhaps the true representative of this generation. On this Tuesday night in Mumbai, he used every trick from the gaming world to strip batting to its bare essence - balance, eyesight, fast hands. Against Afghanistan, despite struggling to hold balance, his eyes and arms did the job.

His balance component has a few ingredients: the knee-flex that allows him to spring off from the ball of his feet, the subsequent postural-sway that allows a smooth transfer of weight that makes feet movement almost unnecessary and the associated hip-turn that powers the bat speed to and through the contact zone. All this is done with boyish enthusiasm but on this evening the hobbler sustained an adrenaline rush and fed on admirable will to produce an aftermath of wonder.

Just minutes after the most audacious ODI knock, three Pakistan former players were entrusted with the unenviable task of decoding how Maxwell could conjure those monstrous sixes when he was battling severe cramps and couldn't use his lower body and legs. With feet movement severely restricted, how did he just let his hands do the job?

Shoaib Malik, Misbah-ul-Haq and Wasim Akram managed to weave in insights even as they made it seem they were just shooting the breeze at A Sports studio. The three also spoke about the influence of playing multi-sports in enhancing the hand-eye coordination. They cited the examples of AB de Villiers (hockey, tennis), Maxwell (scratch golfer, tennis), and their own examples (hockey for both Malik and Misbah) in their developmental years.

Malik came up with a demonstration that's worth a watch. "Power hitting is not about feet movement," Malik would declare. "It's about arm extension. It's about your base. It's about flexing the knees." He then squatted into the crease to mimic Maxwell's stance. "Since he couldn't move his feet much, he took the base before the delivery itself." Usually, just around the time the bowler delivers the ball, the batsmen move back or forward or crouch and set-up their 'base'. Maxwell preponed the movement; settling into a slightly crouched base position even before the release.

"It's important that the weight is evenly placed on both feet," Malik continued. "Because, then the arms can go through the line of the ball, unimpeded. The smooth flow of arms is the key. Patle log bhi bahut chakke maarte hain (even the slim unmuscular ones hit long sixes)," said the slim Malik. "When he got cramps, he only used his arms. When



Glenn Maxwell is a scratch golfer, which aids his hand-eye coordination. Some of the shots he hit on Tuesday seemed as if he was teeing off on the golf course. Sri Lanka cricket/Deepak Joshi

you swing the bat, the arms shouldn't cramp up, towards the body - it should be free and smooth. Maxwell did that."

Often, on his day, Hardik Pandya does it. The Indian big-hitter turns his back leg from his hip and not from his knee, when he is driving through the line, allowing unimpeded movement for the bat swing and greater speed to scythe through the line. Maxwell's was somewhat similar on this day. It would have been understandable if it was a golf ball that he was hitting like this. It's one thing to make the bat look like an extension of arms if he were hitting a stationary ball but to meet wood on moving leather so adventurously like this without any feet movement is another thing altogether.

Romantics of earlier era used to tell a lovely story about Pakistan's Majid Khan. It's a lesson that helps us understand Maxwell's incredulous knock. It's a story told by Majid's Glamorgan colleague Peter Walker in his book 'Cricket Conversations'. The incident occurred during a nets session after a game against Sussex where Jim Parks Jr had put the Glamorgan bowlers - including Don Shepherd - to sword. Majid Khan's teammates reckoned it was the speed and precision of Park Jr's that helped him.

Majid, a silent spectator to the discussion, spoke at the end, "You don't need any footwork in batting, just hands and eye". That astonishing statement was contested hotly and his team-mates demanded him to

prove it on field.

Over to Walker: "Within fifteen minutes, three of our front-line bowlers, including Sheperd, lined up in a net outside with Majid padded up at the other end about to have his theory demolished. For twenty minutes, on a rough, unprepared, and quite-impossible-to-bat-on wicket where the ball flew, shot, seamed and turned, Majid Khan stood absolutely motionless, parrying the ball as it lifted, cutting or hooking unerringly if it were wide, driving with frightening power if over pitched and swaying out of harm's way when it lifted unexpectedly.

"Unless he allowed it, not a single ball passed his bat, not a chance was given, not a false stroke made. The bowlers were at full throttle, yet by our own reckoning afterwards that twenty-minute session must have yielded the young Pakistani around 75 runs! He had just defied every known textbook instruction, improvised strokes that just did not exist and, without uttering a word, had emphatically made his point. In the presence of genius, no rules apply."

Malik came up with another fascinating facet, this time on Afghanistan spinners. "They are all low-trajectory bowlers. They don't flight. The ball never goes above the eye level and dips. It's not like Keshav Maharaj or Mitch Santner - they wouldn't have ever got hit like this. These low-trajectory bowlers made it a tad easier for Maxwell to use his hands and crash through

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Akram also pointed out how the seamers could have gone well outside the off stump from round the stumps like Dwayne Bravo does to force Maxwell to stretch and use his legs. Even that isn't easy, Misbah warned. "Maxwell would then use the pace and hit his reverse laps and switch hits. They would have to use a lot more slower ones in that line - that would have probably made his task a bit more difficult."

But all the three veterans were unanimous that all this was mere theories. "Never seen this kind of a knock in my lifetime" was their call. No one would argue with that.

Simon Helmot, a coach in the Big Bash and IPL, remembers a moment in a dugout in 2011 after Maxwell had almost single handedly won a game for Victoria Bushrangers against Tasmania Tigers in the One-day Cup. Coming in at 157/6 with less than 10 overs left, Maxwell smashed Australia's fastest domestic half-century (27-ball 61, the fifty came off 19) to help chase down 269. His previous highest for the team was 33.

"When I congratulated him all excited, he goes, 'You look surprised, coach. That's what I do!' and everyone laughed. It was the breakout match for us, and for him," Helmot tells this newspaper. Even Helmot was surprised at the knock against Afghanistan though. Even Maxwell has said how 'he is still numb'. In time, he will realise he played the kind of a knock that only a generation raised on gaming platforms can truly understand.

As for the rest of us, Misbah-ul-Haq offered the only sane summary: "Jab dil kar raha tha... chakka, (Misbah would mimic a lap shot), chakka (reverse lap shot). Unbelievable."

## Physio's caution about staircase made Maxwell continue batting

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DOUBLE CENTURION Glenn Maxwell played the knock of the tournament against Afghanistan on Tuesday at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. However, under the hot and humid conditions, it was not all easy for the batter as he suffered from cramps for the majority of the innings.

Speaking after the game, he revealed why he did not walk off despite being in pain. "We talked about coming off and trying to get some work into my back and trying to loosen up my legs a little bit," Maxwell said. "The physio said it would be really hard for you to come back out down the stairs after that. It probably made the job a little more simple," he told reporters after the game.

Batting on one leg after suffering from cramps, Maxwell just used his power and practised range-hitting against the Afghan bowlers. The bowlers kept feeding him with length balls in the slot which allowed him to just get on the front-foot and use his brute strength to hit them all over the park.

Australia physio Nick Jones would tell cricket.com.au, "I was going out pretty regularly and I was just trying to keep him calm, trying to down-regulate everything, manage his heart rate and be as reassuring as possible. 'We've seen this before, we know what this looks like - I think you're going to be able to do this. If we can keep you as upright as possible, you're going to be able to keep going from now'. Then he went down like he was shot, lying down like a dead man on the floor."

On Maxwell's heroics with the bat, former Australia captain Ricky Ponting would say, "I've watched and played a lot of cricket, and I've seen nothing like that...unbelievable scenes, he was done. He was down and out, he couldn't move."

Chasing a target of 292, Australia slumped to 91 for 7 in 18.3 overs and were staring at annihilation. However, the Australian all-rounder had different ideas as he took them to a memorable victory.

"It's so fresh at the moment I'm a bit numb to it," Maxwell told reporters. "It was great fun. It just felt like it was me and Patty [Cummins] having fun out there. I'll probably reflect a bit more over the next few days and hopefully recover and get some movement back in my hamstring and calves. It's pretty raw at the moment."

"Then we came up with 'let's stay at the same end for as long as you can, until you can at least walk at the other end if there is an easy single'. But for a while there it was 'if I can get one or two boundaries from the other end, it didn't really matter what happened the other end'. Because we got it to a run a ball by that stage. There was certain planning, it wasn't all just chaotic swinging."

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GLENN MAXWELL  
AFTER HIS KNOCK VS AFGHANISTAN

## OFF-FIELD ATTACK

### Shami to Raza: Have some shame

INDIA FAST bowler Mohammed Shami took to Instagram on Wednesday to lambast former Pakistan batsman Hassan Raza, who had alluded to the ICC giving Rohit Sharma's team 'different balls'. The Indian pace trio of Shami, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj have accounted for a total of 41 wickets at the World Cup.

### 'Extra coating on ball'

Former batsmen Hasan Raza, at one time the youngest Test debutant before there were age-certificate issues, was replying to a question from the host on ABN Live. He started off by saying that there were seven to eight DRS decisions which were close but went in favor of Indian or the other teams Pakistan were playing. "Bowlers like Shami and Siraj... at one point we used to play against Allan Donald and Makhaya Ntini and there was shine on one side and no shine on the other. There was a reverse... But here I feel the ball gets changed... maybe ICC is giving or the third umpire is. There has to be an inspection of the ball... Here it is two new balls from both sides... there are three slips, there is an extra coating on the ball."

### 'Not some local tournament'

SHAMI LET it fly on his Instagram post. Shami wrote: "Have some shame. Focus on the game and not this nonsense. Sometimes, you should enjoy the success of others. This is the World Cup and not your local tournament. You were once a player, right? Wasim bhai had explained it, and yet. You don't trust your own player? You are only praising yourself." Shami got a game only after Hardik Pandya was injured but has scalped 16 from just four games.

### 'Hamari beizzati na karwao'

IMMEDIATELY AFTER Raza's comments Pakistan's former captain and arguably the greatest left-arm fast bowler Wasim Akram used dry wit to rubbish Raza's allegations. "I have been reading about it for the last couple of days. I want to have the same things these guys are having... sounds like fun. Beizaati apni to karani hi karani saddi bhi na karwao puri dunya vich (Don't make fun of us in front of the world, please keep those insults to yourself)," Akram said on A Sports. Akram also explained how there could be no hanky-panky as the umpires ask both teams to choose two balls each before the start of the game, a process which has been followed over the years.

Akram then went on to praise the Indian fast bowlers. "The argument in our country is that the ball is not swinging when others bowl. But also please do think that India's bowlers have learnt something more..."

## CAPTAIN'S KNOCK

# Courageous Cummins played his role to perfection in impossible chase

SRIRAM VEERA  
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 8

PAT CUMMINS'S face when he is about to hurl a bouncer can be quite a sight: fiery eyes, flaring nostrils, lips stretched out in angry grimace, and at times the tongue too sticks out, like the harbinger of wrath. At all other times, he is in utter control out there, gelled hair in place, a smile ever-ready to erupt; somehow he even manages to celebrate hard-fought vital breakthroughs as private moments in public view - he will put his head down, away from the glare, and roar as he pumps his fist, but makes it difficult for cameras to zoom in quickly enough for a visceral shot. It's only when bowling the bouncer that his real battle-face is revealed.

Even when another Glenn Maxwell six sunk into the stands to bring up an incredible Australian win against Afghanistan, Cummins quietly raised his bat from the non-striker's end, not to celebrate his part in the partnership, but to tap his hand on the bat to congratulate Maxwell, Australia's last-act hero. He quietly walked across to envelop Maxwell in a hug, and later stood with his teammates with a laugh that

suggested the incredulity of what he had shared out there, with his mouth often repeating, 'wow, wow'.

For Maxwell to belt that insane once-in-a-lifetime knock is one thing but Cummins' was a lesson in restraint. Not even Maxwell's physical breakdown tempted him into anything irrational - a lesser man would have succumbed to the saviour complex and tried to slog a few boundaries to relieve the pressure to show he was taking on the onus.

Not Cummins. If anything, he began to defend more dourly. Without Maxwell, Australia wouldn't have won. Without Cummins' unbeaten 68-ball 12, Maxwell couldn't have won it.

He was also calm-headed enough to devise a plan in all that chaos as Maxwell would share.

"We came out with a plan to stay at the same end for a little bit until I could sort of get some movement back. I suppose, for me, it was still trying to be positive."

For Cummins, it was still trying to be positively-negative. Perhaps the decision to stick to one end came after Maxwell stumbled across, despite visual protests from Cummins to not attempt the single, and fell to the ground, fully stretched in



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sheer pain. The Afghanistan players all rushed past the prostrated Maxwell, attended by the physio, and huddled together. The last to join was Naveen-ul-Haq,

walking briskly but not running and when he joined the huddle, he gestured towards the fallen Maxwell and waved his hands as if to suggest - don't worry guys, he is gone.

### Good company

He might well have been gone, but Maxwell had the company of Captain Wise. As soon as the physio left, Cummins was in an earnest chat with Maxwell.

Now, in an evening most bizarre, most outrageous, some semblance of sense began to fall in place. Maxwell stayed at his end. Cummins was never stepping out of his end. And as he began to catch his breath back, regain some sort of composure, Maxwell began to dismissively wave his hands about and the white ball began to fly into the Mumbai night sky. It needed Tony Greig or Bill Lawry screaming their heads off as the perfect background score, and the wise voice of Richie Benaud injecting in pause and reflection about Cummins' priceless restraint. One can only imagine what he would have said with his inflection: "Marvellousssh from Pat, sometimesh, to do nothing is the greatesth thing to do."

It would have been one thing if this was Cummins' normal game. But it isn't. Deadbatting is in Jason Gillespie's soul. Unlike most lower-order batsmen, Cummins can alter it according to the situation. In the IPL, once against Mumbai Indians at the same ground, he walloped Jasprit Bumrah and Co for a 15-ball 56 with

6 sixes and 4 fours to win a game. "I am more surprised [with that innings]! It just came off. I was not trying to overthink. That's really satisfying," he had said then.

And that's probably his strength. Not to overthink. He seems to be able to assess the situation and stick to a plan without getting lured into something unnecessary. Like he did in the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston in June, scripting a 73-ball 44 to take Australia to an improbable win. The batting plan that day sparkled with common sense.

On Tuesday, Afghans let their spinners have a go at Cummins, twisting their wrists and fingers in ways that would alarm physiotherapists, but the Aussie skipper was unmoved. The bat would carefully come in front of the pad to negate the LBW, and would deadbeat them away.

Only once did he show he was human, after all. On the last ball of the 38th over, off Naveen, and two balls after he saw Maxwell stretch into a Yoga dog's pose at the other end, something snapped inside him - and he went for an expansive drive and the ball whistled past the edge. He never raised the bat that high again, until the very end when he lifted it to acknowledge the greatest ODI knock in history.

STANDINGS

|         | M | W | L | T | PTS | NRR    |
|---------|---|---|---|---|-----|--------|
| Ind (Q) | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 16  | +2.456 |
| SA (Q)  | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 12  | +1.376 |
| Aus (Q) | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 12  | +0.861 |
| NZ      | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8   | +0.398 |
| Pak     | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8   | +0.036 |
| Afg     | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 8   | -0.338 |
| Eng     | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4   | -0.885 |
| Ban     | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4   | -1.142 |
| SL      | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4   | -1.160 |
| Ned     | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4   | -1.635 |

SHORT TAKES

Don't want to see that sort of thing: Donald on 'timed-out'

New Delhi: Former Protea pacer and current Bangladesh fast-bowling coach Allan Donald expressed his unhappiness with skipper Shakib-Al-Hasan's act of appealing for Angelo Mathews' wicket. The Sri Lankan was 'timed-out', a dismissal controversial for a number of reasons. Some argued that the rule was unfair, as it did not take into account the extenuating circumstances of Mathews' delay. Others argued that the rule was necessary to keep the game moving at a brisk pace.

"It was disappointing to see. I can understand Shakib taking his chance. His words were 'I was doing everything to win'. You can sense in my voice that I don't like it," Donald said in an interview with CricBlog.Net.

"I don't like that sort of thing. It was really difficult to watch that unfold - one of Sri Lanka's all-time greats walking off the field without a ball bowled to him being given out for time. That's where I stand on that. "You talk about the respect and the dignity for each other and for the game, the spirit of the game. I just don't want to see things like that. That's just me. I just don't want to see that sort of thing in our game where, okay, someone was sharp out there and said 'well, you can appeal'. I was like, 'really - this is not going to happen, this cannot be happening, this can't be happening,'" he added.

A Bangladesh official told Cricbuzz that they will be seeking an explanation from Donald over his comments.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

Court stays sacking of Sri Lanka board

Colombo: Sri Lanka's Court of Appeal restored the country's cricket board on Tuesday, staying sports minister Roshan Ranasinghe's decision to sack them.

Ranasinghe had replaced the board with an interim committee on Monday after a disappointing World Cup campaign, amid protests calling for the resignation of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) officials.

Ousted SLC President Shammi Silva petitioned the court against the dismissal and was granted a two-week stay order, with a full hearing to follow. The matter was also discussed in Sri Lanka's parliament on Tuesday. Sri Lanka's team wind up their World Cup campaign against New Zealand on Thursday. The top seven sides qualify for the Champions Trophy along with hosts Pakistan. Sri Lanka are currently ninth with four points - the same as England, Bangladesh and the Netherlands. All teams have one more game left. REUTERS

Three teams, one slot

Beginning Thursday, three matches will shape the make-up of the World Cup moving forward. Throw in the Champions Trophy qualifications and the tournament is getting heated up. Here is a look at what is at stake in these three matches...

NEW ZEALAND VS SRI LANKA @ BANGALORE ON THURSDAY

With a healthy run-rate, a win against Lanka will put NZ in pole position to qualify. Even if Afghanistan and Pakistan win their matches, they need to win big to leapfrog the Kiwis. If the game is washed out or Kiwis end up losing, then both teams have to lose for NZ to progress. For Sri Lanka, a win here will put them in touching distance of making the Champions Trophy as they have a better NRR than England.

SOUTH AFRICA VS AFGHANISTAN @ AHMEDABAD ON FRIDAY

This is a must-win game for Afghanistan. With the lowest NRR among the three teams in fray for the lone semi-final spot, they need a huge win to pip both New Zealand and Pakistan. A loss for Afghanistan will surely send them out. For South Africa, who have already made it to the knockouts, it is inconsequential as irrespective of whether they win or not, they will face Australia in the semi-final.

PAKISTAN VS ENGLAND @ KOLKATA ON SATURDAY

The advantage for Pakistan is they are scheduled to play last. By the time they take to Eden Gardens they will know what is needed to make it to the semis. Even if both NZ and Afghanistan win, all Pakistan need to do, apart from beating England, is to keep an eye on NRR. If NZ and AFG lose, a win will set up a semis clash with India. But, if NZ win, they need a big win over England, who are targeting a Champions Trophy berth.

An eye on the sky, another on semis

New Zealand are better placed than Pakistan and Afghanistan to qualify for the last four, but are at the mercy of rain gods

VENKATA KRISHNA B  
BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 8

AMONG THE three teams in contention for the lone remaining semi-final spot, it is New Zealand who are best placed to make it on the back of a healthy net run rate (NRR). But among the three (Pakistan and Afghanistan being the other), it is New Zealand that will go into their last, must-win fixture against Sri Lanka on the back of four successive defeats. And among the three crucial games slotted for the next three days, it is New Zealand's match at Bangalore that stands a strong chance of being affected by the weather.

As the World Cup heads into the business end, with three important fixtures that would determine how the next week would pan out, the stake for the New Zealand game is the highest. Should the weather help their cause, a win against Sri Lanka on Thursday would make it all the more challenging for Afghanistan and Pakistan, who are lined up to face South Africa and England at Ahmedabad and Kolkata. Add the Champions Trophy qualifications for which England and Sri Lanka are fighting for a spot, each of these games comes with its own significance.

It is a game that even hosts India, who are currently stationed in Bengaluru, will watch with plenty of interest as this could potentially decide who they would face in the semi-final and where. With India guaranteed a top spot in the table, should New Zealand win here, these two teams will face-off at the Wankhede Stadium in a repeat of the 2019 World Cup semi-final. Of course, there is still a possibility of India facing Pakistan at the Eden Gardens, but for that a lot depends on what unfolds in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Mother of must-win games

This in essence has become the mother of all must-wins games that is ahead of us over the next 72 hours. For a tournament that appeared to have spotted the four semi-finalists at the mid-way stage, the resurgence of



A win for New Zealand would improve their chances of a repeat of the 2019 ICC World Cup semi-final against India. Reuters

Australia, the fluctuating form of Pakistan, the giant-killing spree of Afghanistan have added more drama, apart from New Zealand's own trouble when it comes to closing down matches. Since their last win over Afghanistan in Chennai, they have gone winless in next four matches, which includes a close defeat at the hands of Australia. In the last match here, they appeared to get back on track, posting a mammoth 401 on board, before a rain-curtailed contest ended up working in favour of Pakistan. As New Zealand prepare for another must-

win, they are once again under the mercy of rain gods. There is a 70 percent chance of rain predicted between 2-7 pm in Bangalore, and on the eve of the match, it remained gloomy throughout New Zealand's training session. They even had to pause briefly because of a slight drizzle, which could be a common occurrence on Thursday. "There are lots of things that we can't control and the weather is one of those. There might be some rain, there may be a thought in the back of your mind, but at the end of the day,

our focus will be on the cricket that we want to play and trying to put all our focus and energy into that. That gives us the best chance of putting out a good performance. And so that'll be what we try and do," New Zealand captain Kane Williamson said. Despite their losses, there is a reason why Williamson and New Zealand believe they still have the situation under control. Unlike England or Sri Lanka, their opponents on Thursday, or even for that matter Pakistan, New Zealand haven't had to deal with issues

As New Zealand prepare for another must-win, they are once again under the mercy of rain gods. There is a 70 percent chance of rain predicted between 2-7 pm in Bengaluru.

with form. It is only the loss of key personnel that has cost them a cutting edge. But for the first time since their match Bangladesh, New Zealand have all 15 players available for Thursday, including Lockie Ferguson, whose pace could be handy at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, where huge totals have been the norm. Thanks to the terrific start they had, where they defeated England, the Netherlands, Bangladesh and Afghanistan by huge margins, even the four successive losses haven't hampered their NRR much. "We did start off well in terms of those results, but there were also some really close games and ones that we lost. I think if we look at cricket as a whole, there has been a lot of good cricket and we've seen a lot of teams here playing really good cricket and coming into it we knew that anybody can beat anybody and we've certainly seen that," Williamson said.

While overcoming Sri Lanka at the venue won't be an issue, New Zealand's biggest challenge will be how they adapt to the conditions if rain makes it a shortened contest. Against Pakistan, they appeared a bit taken aback by their approach, who came out treating the game as a 20-over fixture. Worse, the Kiwis complicated it by playing an extra spinner in Ish Sodhi, who was taken apart by Fakhar Zaman and Babar Azam. Should this fixture too be curtailed by rain, Sri Lanka - who too need a win to make it to the Champions Trophy - will also be in with a genuine chance as they have stroke-makers who can make the most out of the small boundaries.

Stokes scores century, keeps England's Champions Trophy hopes alive

SHIVANI NAIK  
PUNE, NOVEMBER 8

THE COMPULSIVE need to accelerate, England's all-or-nothing batting ideology and their restlessness to get going had consumed the top order once again this World Cup as they were reduced to 192/6 from 133/1 against the Netherlands in their penultimate game.

Given how swiftly things can go downhill for them, Ben Stokes had no choice but to bite back his own impulse, stabilise, scratch around before the onset of the final Powerplay to play the saviour. And after five straight losses, it was a must-win game for England's 2025 Champions Trophy aspirations.

England eventually defeated the Netherlands by 160 runs after posting 339/9 but Stokes had landed psychological blows on the Oranje team, with his six sixes in the last eight overs showing there was reward for those who bided their time. Stokes' first-ever World Cup century (108 off 84) was a sign of

grit in the aftermath of the defending champions being knocked out of contention.

So precious is Stokes' presence in the England team across formats that there were calls from back in England to ration his utility - whisk him back home away from this doomed Cup for an unavoidable knee surgery to get him ready for the Tests against India. But Stokes, English cricket's spiritual leader, was not going to leave his men in the lurch.

He walked in at what was an unintentional moment of mirth for all watching - Joe Root getting bowled through his legs, trying to play his favourite reverse-scoop, with an ungainly chicken dance of his splayed feet. Harry Brook got carried away going after a short ball, impetuously skying it to deep square-leg. And Dawid Malan, who looked the most fluent driving Logan van Beek repeatedly through the covers during his 87 off 74 balls, had perished to a mix-up, sent back by Stokes taking an ill-judged single.

Then Moeen Ali who kept finding fielders to his rising frustration, shirked his bottom



Ben Stokes scored his first ton of this World Cup, hitting 108 off 84 balls. PTI

hand off a powerless lofted drive and was caught at long-off. However, Chris Woakes was in no hurry and with Stokes, stitched together the largest partnership in the match.

Stokes drove Bas de Leede on the up and swivelled to pull him wide of square-leg, before driving Paul van Meekeren through the

covers. But after watching Jos Buttler finding mid-off with a limp chip, he cut down on the risks. Still, there was an offering on 41, when he hooked to fine-leg and Aryan Dutt grassed it on the dive. But Stokes largely eschewed the urge to go bonkers, till the time was right.

Between overs 27 and 39, England crawled at 3.5 an over, and there was a period of 62 deliveries in this time without a boundary, as Woakes and Stokes rebuilt the innings, taking it beyond the reach of the Dutch. The Netherlands' bowling, that had famously punctured the South African middle order, was being countered by the rhyming duo.

"I wanted to take the game as deep as possible. We knew the wicket was good. We spent that time to gauge, assess and find the best circumstances to take risks," Stokes said later. His last 50 runs came off 20 balls.

Stokes, who had shown some fight against Australia in the last game with a 64, would reach his second 50 clearing his front leg to slam De Leede over midwicket for his first six in the 43rd over.

Three more came in the 45th, as Aryan Dutt completely lost it. When he first bowled short, Stokes rocked back to slash it over extra cover, as it eluded two diving fielders. Stokes would go further back in the crease to pull the next short one to deep square leg for a maximum, and then would hook a high full toss well over fine leg. The resultant free hit was in the slot, and he swung it to the deep mid-wicket fence. The over yielded 24 runs.

Stokes' finest six was smacked straight over the bowler's head to disrupt De Leede. By the time Logan van Beek's missed yorker was ravaged as a full toss over long-on in the 50th over, Stokes had taken England to a cushy total. In quilting together a riposte at the backend after staving off a middle-overs debacle, Stokes, for the umpteenth time, dragged England out of trouble.

**BRIEF SCORE: England:** 339 for 9 in 50 overs (Ben Stokes 108, Dawid Malan 87; Bas de Leede 3/74) beat Netherlands 179 all out in 37.2 overs (Teja Nidamanuru 41 not out; Adil Rashid 3/54, Moeen Ali 3/42)

City, Haaland continue European domination

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THE CHAMPIONS League is European club soccer's most testing stage.

Try telling that to Erling Haaland. The Norway striker extended his record in the competition to 39 goals in 34 games as Manchester City advanced to the knockout round with a 3-0 win against Young Boys on Tuesday.

Haaland scored twice, including a brilliant long-range effort in the second half, to move him to within two of City great Sergio Aguero's total of 41. It seems inevitable he will one day challenge Cristiano Ronaldo's record of 140 Champions League goals. And after losing out to Lionel Messi in the battle for the Ballon d'Or last week, he will likely be back in contention for soccer's biggest individual prize next year if he continues his scoring streak. "If he, with his mates, win a lot of trophies, there will be chance to win it," City manager Pep Guardiola said. "If not, we won't do anything." City's defense of the Champions League is going smoothly. Guardiola's team extended its perfect record after four games in Group G and also extended its unbeaten home run in the competition to 28.

Haaland opened the scoring at Etihad Stadium with a 23rd minute penalty and Phil Foden made it 2-0 in first-half stoppage time. Haaland then fired into the top corner from



Erling Haaland celebrates after scoring in the Champions League. Reuters

the edge of the area six minutes after the break - but was denied a hat trick when he was substituted in the 61st. By then there was little doubt that City was on course for a 23rd straight home win in all competitions in a game that saw Young Boys reduced to 10 men when Sandro Lauper was sent off for high foot on City substitute Nathan Ake in the 53rd.

After Mathews Nunes was brought down in the area by Lauper in the first half, Haaland stepped up and sent goalkeeper Anthony Racioppi the wrong way by firing into the bot-

tom left hand corner. On Foden's goal, the forward received a pass from Jack Grealish on the right and then showed quick feet to beat Ulisses Garcia inside the area. He still had a tight angle to shoot from, but swept the ball past Racioppi and into the far corner. "Of course we are incredibly happy to have qualified with two games left. Finish first. We have time to think about it," Guardiola said. "The word that defines this group of players for many years is the consistency. We have high standards and that is why we are still in the

UCL RESULTS

|          |     |            |
|----------|-----|------------|
| Dortmund | 2-0 | Newcastle  |
| Shakhtar | 1-0 | Barcelona  |
| Lazio    | 1-0 | Feyenoord  |
| Porto    | 2-0 | Antwerp    |
| Man City | 3-0 | Young Boys |
| Milan    | 2-1 | PSG        |
| Atletico | 6-0 | Celtic     |
| Crvena   | 1-2 | RB Leipzig |

Premier League up there and qualified from the Champions League."

Missed chance

Barcelona missed its chance to reach the knockout round of the Champions League with games to spare after a 1-0 loss to Shakhtar Donetsk on Tuesday. It was Shakhtar's first win as a host in the group stage since it started playing away from Ukraine because of the war with Russia. A crowd of nearly 50,000 was in hand at Volksparkstadion in Hamburg.

A draw would have been enough to secure Barcelona a round of 16 spot for the first time after two straight eliminations in the group stage of Europe's top club competition. The result ended Barcelona's perfect Champions League record this season.

AIFF sack general secretary citing 'breach of trust'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
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THE ALL-INDIA Football Federation sacked its general secretary Shaji Prabhakaran on Wednesday citing 'breach of trust'. Prabhakaran had held the post for 14 months and was part of the Kalyan Chaubey-led AIFF team that had taken over Indian football after the country was banned by FIFA for third-party interference in its governance.

"The All-India Football Federation hereby announces that the services of Dr. Shaji Prabhakaran have been terminated due to breach of trust with immediate effect as of November 7, 2023," the AIFF statement read.

"AIFF Deputy Secretary, Mr M Satyanarayan, will take charge as Acting Secretary General of AIFF with immediate effect." Prabhakaran was fired a day prior to the AIFF executive committee meeting. In a letter, Prabhakaran told the executive committee members that only they had the power to sack him and not the AIFF president.

According to PTI, Prabhakaran wrote in his letter, "As per AIFF Constitution, it is the

Executive Committee that can only dismiss or terminate the General Secretary. Thus, this termination has no constitutional validity and approval of the Executive Committee."

He added, "I have worked with 100 percent honesty, and I have not made any decision that was bad for football in India, and it is a fact that I didn't interfere in the decision of the Judicial Bodies for which I was pressurised."

Former India football captain Bhaichung Bhutia, a member of the AIFF executive committee, said that Prabhakaran was made a 'scapegoat' and that all of AIFF's leadership should take accountability for the alleged 'breach of trust' that occurred.

"The breach of trust should not be on Shaji alone but all the members heading the AIFF, including the president, vice-president and treasurer," said Bhutia. "I'm not surprised by the sacking of Shaji. From the time the new management has taken over, there has been huge mismanagement."

# 21 THE WORLD

## SAYS SHE DOESN'T RECALL DEAL DETAILS IVANKA TESTIFIES AT TRUMP'S FRAUD TRIAL

Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump testified Wednesday that she did not recall details of real-estate deals she worked on at her father's company, in a New York civil fraud trial that threatens the US former president's business empire. Her brothers Donald Trump Jr and Eric Trump testified last week. **REUTERS**

### TOP OF THE WORLD



Caretaker PM Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

### PAKISTAN 500% spike in suicide bombing since Taliban took charge: PM

**Islamabad:** Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said that terror attacks in Pakistan rose 60 per cent and suicide bombings by 500 per cent after the Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, lamenting at Kabul's failure to stop the use of its soil for terrorism. He said 2,267 Pakistani citizens were killed in the past two years in attacks by the TTP. "15 Afghan citizens were also among involved in suicide attacks. Kakar asserted that the details of the attacks were in the knowledge of Afghan interim authorities, but no action was taken against them. **PTI**

### MEXICO Congress holds 2nd UFO session about mummies

**Mexico City:** Mexico's Congress heard from researchers on Tuesday who declared authentic a set of three-fingered Peruvian mummies recently presented as potential evidence of non-human life forms, while declining to certify that the remains were extraterrestrial. At Tuesday's session, Maussan was more focused on proving the bodies, which were not on display this time, were not fake, ushering in a string of doctors who all said the bodies were those of real, once-living organisms. **REUTERS**

### BANGLADESH Protest over pay rise by workers turns violent

**Dhaka:** One woman was killed as police in Bangladesh used tear gas and rubber bullets and protesters threw stones, as a demonstration by garment workers for more pay turned violent on Wednesday. The latest death was the third since protests erupted in past week. On Tuesday, the government said that minimum wage would rise by 56.25% to 12,500 taka (\$114) a month from December 1, the first increase in five years, but the workers are demanding almost twice the offered. Police said they used tear-gas and rubber bullets on the protesters. **REUTERS**

### AUSTRALIA Last month driest on record since 2002

**Canberra:** Australia recorded the driest October in over 20 years due to an El Nino weather pattern which has seen hot, dry conditions hit crop yields in one of the world's largest wheat exporters, national weather bureau said Wednesday. In its regular drought report, the Bureau of Meteorology said last month was Australia's driest October since 2002, with rainfall 65% below 1961-1990 average. After three years of plentiful rain, El Nino has brought such weather to Australia, with September the driest since records began in 1900. **REUTERS**

### ISRAEL: DESTROYED 130 TUNNEL SHAFTS, don't want to reoccupy Gaza or control for long

# Israel advances into Gaza City, blows up Hamas tunnel networks

Killed leading Hamas armorer, several fighters in two separate strikes, says Israel

**NIDAL AL-MUGHRABI & MAYTAAL ANGEL**  
GAZA, JERUSALEM, NOVEMBER 8

**AIR STRIKES** on the Gaza Strip killed a Hamas weapons maker and several fighters, the Israeli military said on Wednesday, as its air and ground offensive targeted the militants' tunnel network beneath the besieged Palestinian enclave.

Gaza City, the Hamas militant group's main stronghold in the territory, is encircled by Israeli forces. The military said troops have advanced to the heart of the densely-populated city while Hamas says its fighters have inflicted heavy losses.

The Israeli military said on Wednesday two separate strikes eliminated a leading Hamas armorer, Mahsein Abu Zina, and fighters engaged in anti-tank or ground-to-ground rocket fire.

Chief military spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said combat engineers were using explosive devices to destroy a tunnel network built by Hamas that stretches for hundreds of kilometres (miles) beneath Gaza.

The military said it had destroyed 130 tunnel shafts so far. "Combat engineers in Gaza are destroying enemy's weapons and are locating, exposing and detonating tunnel shafts," it said.

Israel does not intend to "reoccupy" Gaza or control it for a long time, a senior Israeli official said in Washington, as Israeli forces pressed their offensive against Hamas militants in the Palestinian coastal enclave.

Palestinian health officials said an air strike that hit houses in Nusseirat refugee camp killed 18 people Wednesday. In Khan Younis, six people, including a young girl, were killed in an attack.

In one of the Israeli bombardments, Mohammed Hamdan's Gaza home soon was hit after



Mohammed Hamdan, who lost 35 family members of three generations in an Israeli air strike, near the rubble of his family home destroyed in the attack, in Khan Younis, Southern Gaza. **Reuters**

| DEATH, DESTRUCTION |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| ISRAEL             | PALESTINE |
| TOTAL DEAD         |           |
| 1,400+             | 10,569    |
| TOTAL INJURED      |           |
| 5,400+             | 20,000+   |

evening prayers, he said, killing 35 members of his extended family across three generations from Kamal, aged 70, to Rasmi, aged seven. Hamdan, 50, was buried by his collapsing house and it took an hour and a half to pull him out, he said. He emerged to discover he had lost his daughter, brother, his nephew, nieces & many cousins.

40 Filipinos fled from the Gaza Strip into Egypt via Rafah crossing after diplomats negotiated for safe passage and Qatar mediated for opening of borders, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr said. **REUTERS**

## G7 urges humanitarian pause, falls short of calling for ceasefire

**MOTOKO RICH & MATTHEW MPOKE BIGG**  
TOKYO, NOVEMBER 8

**FOREIGN MINISTERS** from the world's major industrialized democracies called on Wednesday for "humanitarian pauses" in the fighting in Gaza to allow more aid to enter and to help protect Palestinian civilians, adding to pressure on the Israeli government to relent in its assault on the enclave.

The statement by the Group of 7 nations, released after a two-day meeting of foreign ministers in Tokyo, stopped short of calling for a cease-fire, which Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken told reporters would risk leaving Hamas in place with the "capacity to repeat October 7



Japan's Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa speaks at the end of the summit in Tokyo, on Wednesday. **AP**

again and again and again." "We support humanitarian pauses and corridors to facilitate urgently needed assistance, civilian movement and the release of hostages," the statement by the

G7 foreign ministers said. They also said there was an urgent need for more humanitarian aid for civilians in Gaza, where the invasion and thousands of Israeli airstrikes have killed more than 10,000 people and injured more than 26,000 others, according to the Gazan health ministry.

In the G7 statement, the ministers expressed concern about "the rise in extremist settler violence committed against Palestinians" in the West Bank. The ministers said they would work together "to deny Hamas the ability to raise and use funds to carry out atrocities," including by imposing new sanctions.

The statement also called for "a two-state solution" as "the only path to a just, lasting and secure peace." **NYT**

### BRIEFLY

#### Congress censures representative over Israel war rebuke

THE US House voted to censure Democratic Rep. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan — the only Palestinian American in Congress — an extraordinary rebuke of her rhetoric about the Israel-Hamas war. The 234-188 tally came after enough Democrats joined with Republicans to censure Tlaib, a punishment one step below expulsion from the House. The three-term congresswoman has long been a target of criticism for her views on the decades-long conflict in the Middle East. **AP**

#### Ukraine evacuates 43 nationals and 36 Moldovans

UKRAINE HAS evacuated 43 of its nationals from the Gaza Strip and helped 36 Moldovan citizens reach safety in Egypt, said President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Ukrainian diplomats helped the two groups get out of the war zone, Zelenskyy said Wednesday in a post on social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter. He also said Ukraine was coordinating with embassies in Israel and Egypt to get more of its citizens out of Gaza. **AP**

#### MORE PALESTINIANS FLEEING COMBAT ZONE IN NORTHERN GAZA: UN

As Israel's air and ground campaign intensifies

**15,000**

North Gaza residents fled on Tuesday, compared to 5,000 on Monday and 2,000 on Sunday, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said on Wednesday.

Over 70% of Gaza's population of 2.3 million have already left their homes. **AP**

## Israel to convene judicial selection committee

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JERUSALEM, NOVEMBER 8

AFTER MONTHS of refusal, Israeli Justice Minister Yariv Levin said he will convene the judicial selection committee on Nov. 16 to fill empty slots in the Supreme Court and lower benches.

The committee has been a central battleground in Levin's plan to weaken the country's judiciary because he wanted to change its makeup to give the government control over appointments. The proposed judicial overhaul touched off months of mass protests across the country by demonstrators who ac-

cused Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government of seeking to weaken the only serious check on politicians.

Levin said earlier this week that he would convene the panel soon. In a letter Sunday to the Supreme Court, he said, "wartime is not the time to deal with controversial subjects," and that he would bring before the panel candidates who have broad support.

The government maintains the courts have overstepped their powers and need to be reined in. The demonstrations against the proposed overhaul were put on hold after the October 7 assault.

## GLOBALLY, AVERAGE SURFACE AIR TEMPERATURE IN OCTOBER WAS 1.7°C WARMER THAN SAME MONTH IN 1850-1900

# This year likely to be warmest in 125,000 years: EU scientists

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BRUSSELS, NOVEMBER 8

THIS YEAR IS "virtually certain" to be the warmest in 125,000 years, European Union scientists said on Wednesday, after data showed last month was the world's hottest October in that period.

Last month smashed through the previous October temperature record, from 2019, by a massive margin, the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) said. "The record was broken by 0.4 degrees Celsius, which is a huge margin," said C3S Deputy Director Samantha Burgess, who described the October tempera-

### What made the difference

**0.4°C**

Last month smashed record of previous October temperature, from 2019, EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) said. It was broken by 0.4°C, which is a huge margin, said its Deputy Director.

ture anomaly as "very extreme". The heat is a result of continued greenhouse gas emissions from human activity, combined with the emergence this year of

the El Nino weather pattern, which warms the surface waters in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Globally, the average surface air temperature in October was 1.7 degrees Celsius warmer than the same month in 1850-1900, which Copernicus defines as the pre-industrial period.

The record-breaking October means 2023 is now "virtually certain" to be the warmest year recorded, C3S said in a statement. The previous record was 2016 — another El Nino year.

Copernicus' dataset goes back to 1940. "When we combine our data with the IPCC, then we can say that this is the warmest year for the last 125,000 years," Burgess said.



A sign in Death Valley, California, from July 2023. **Reuters file**



Corn sellers in a smog-enveloped Lahore on Wednesday. **AP**

## Pollution and smog force closure of schools, businesses in Pakistan Punjab

**MUBASHER BUKHARI**  
LAHORE, NOVEMBER 8

HEAVY POLLUTION-FUELLED smog forced authorities to close schools and markets this week in Pakistan's most populous province, including the eastern city of Lahore which has risen to one of the world's worst cities for hazardous air quality.

"The government has decided to close down markets for four days from 9 to 12 November in the major cities of Punjab because of smog on the advisory of the health department," said Amir Mir, the information minister for Punjab, home to more than 110 million people.

Schools, offices, restaurants and businesses, aside from priority services like pharmacies, hospitals and courts, would all close to limit residents' movement outside, according to a directive from the provincial government.

In the provincial capital of Lahore, air quality was the worst

in the world on Wednesday according to Swiss group IQAir, with the air quality index at a "hazardous" 432, followed by India's capital Delhi at 302 and the southern Pakistani port city of Karachi at 204.

Growing industrialisation in South Asia in recent decades has fuelled growing pollutants emanating from factories, construction activity and vehicles in densely populated areas.

The problem becomes more severe in cooler autumn and winter months, as temperature inversion prevents a layer of warm air from rising and traps pollutants closer to the ground.

Heavy smog blanketed Lahore this week, reducing visibility and leading residents to complain of a threat to their health.

Rising air pollution can cut life expectancy by over five years per person in South Asia, one of the world's most polluted regions, according to a report published in August which flagged the growing burden of hazardous air on health. **REUTERS**

## EU invites Ukraine to begin membership, Zelenskyy hails move

**GABRIELA BACZYNSKA & MARINE STRAUSS**  
KYIV, NOVEMBER 8

UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT Volodymyr Zelenskyy praised as a "historic step" a recommendation by the European Union executive Wednesday to invite Kyiv to begin membership talks as soon as it meets final conditions, even as it fights Russia's war.

The recommendation by the European Commission is an important milestone on Kyiv's road to Western integration and a geo-political gambit for the EU as Ukraine has been fighting against a large-scale Russian invasion since February 2022.

The Commission said the talks should formally be launched once Kyiv satisfies remaining conditions related to reining in corruption, adopting a law on lobbying in line with EU standards and strengthening national minority safeguards.

"This is a strong and historic step that paves way to a stronger EU with Ukraine as its member," Zelenskyy said, vowing to press on with the necessary reforms.

**EXPLAINED**  
Accession talks likely next year

IF ACCEPTED, EU officials expect formal accession talks with Kyiv to start next year. Such negotiations take years before candidates meet extensive legal and economic criteria to join. The bloc is also wary of taking in a country at war.

The 27 national EU leaders are due to decide mid-December on whether to accept the Commission's recommendation. Such decision requires unanimity of the bloc's 27 members, with Hungary seen as the main obstacle.

The European Commission's report Wednesday showed that Kyiv met four out of seven conditions to start accession talks, though more were near completion. Von der Leyen said the Commission would reassess progress next March. **REUTERS**

The longer-term data from UN climate panel IPCC includes readings from sources like ice cores, tree rings and coral deposits.

The only other time before October a month breached temperature record by such a large margin was in September 2023.

"September really, really surprised us. So after last month, it's hard to determine if we're in a new climate state. But now records keep tumbling and they're surprising me less than they did a month ago," Burgess said.

Michael Mann, a climate scientist at Pennsylvania University, said: "Most El Nino years are now record-breakers, because extra global warmth of El Nino adds to human-caused warming."

Climate change is fuelling increasingly destructive extremes. This year, that included floods that killed thousands of people in Libya, severe heatwaves in South America, and Canada's worst wildfire season on record. "We must not let the devastating floods, wildfires, storms, and heatwaves seen this year become new normal," said Piers Forster, climate scientist at University of Leeds. "By reducing greenhouse gas emissions over the next decade, we can halve the rate of warming".

Despite countries setting ambitious targets to gradually cut emissions, so far that has not happened. Global CO2 emissions hit a record in 2022. **REUTERS**

**FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, LUCKNOW**  
600/1, University Road (Near Hanuman Setu Mandir) Lucknow.  
(Area of jurisdiction-Uttaranchal and Part of Uttar Pradesh)  
**Summon for filing reply & appearance by publication**  
Original Application No. 620 of 2023  
Date: 17-10-2023

(Summon to the defendant under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 read with rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal Procedure Rules, 1993)

**STATE BANK OF INDIA,** .....Applicant  
And  
M/s Noner Cane Crusher and others .....Defendants

To,  
**Mr. Shashank Chaudhary (Partner), C/o Vijay Chaudhary, R/o- H. No-N-165, 2nd Floor, Mayfield Gardens, Baani Square, Sector-51, Gurgaon-122001.**

.....Defendants

In the above noted application you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in Four sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal after serving copy of same on the applicant or his counsel / duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 29.04.2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Lucknow

**SALUTE THE SOLDIER**

**CAPT GURJINDER SINGH SURI, MVC (POSTHUMOUS)**  
(04 JUL 1974 - 09 NOV 1999)

Capt Gurjinder Singh Suri, Maha Vir Chakra laid down his life while fighting against enemy soldiers during "OPERATION BIRSA MUNDA" in J&K while on attachment with 12 BIHAR. In the truest tradition of the Indian Army, Capt Gurjinder Singh Suri displayed conspicuous bravery, excellent presence of mind and extraordinary junior leadership by killing three dreaded enemy soldiers personally. He will always be remembered and missed by all of us in the Army Ordnance Corps for his supreme sacrifice and gallant act.

**DG OS & Senior Colonel Commandant and All Ranks of the AOC**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM**

Ref- i) Tender Notice No. 64/2023-2024 Dated 27/10/2023. S.N.-04  
ii) Tender No. 07231972E due on 24/01/2024.  
In reference to above tender, the due date of opening of tender No. 07231972E has been preponed from 04/01/2024 to 04/12/2023. All other terms and condition remain unchanged.  
The corrigendum has been published on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 3498/2023

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**R.O. No. 1104 DATE EXTENSION E-Notice-2 Dated 08.11.2023**

Due to unavoidable reasons date of submission and opening of bids against E-Tender No.: CH(Maint.)-24/2023-24.  
Last Date for receipt of bid in portal : 17.11.2023, 18:00 hrs.  
Last Date of submission of document on website : 18.11.2023, 13:00 hrs.  
Date of Opening of bid on the website : 20.11.2023, 12:00 hrs.  
For further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://tenders.gov.in" (Executive Engineer, Maint., Chibro)  
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**Govt. of Jharkhand Energy Department**  
**Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)**  
3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002.  
Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165,  
E-mail: [info@jreda.com](mailto:info@jreda.com); Website: [www.jreda.com](http://www.jreda.com)

**Short Tender Notice (Very Urgent)**  
**Tender Reference No.: 33/JREDA/ITF/23-24**  
**Dated: 07.11.2023**

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|----|---|--|
| 1  | Name of the work  | Hiring of Agency for Conceptualization, Design, Development, Fabrication & Internal Decoration of JREDA Stall on the occasion of India International Trade Fair-2023 from 14th-27th November, 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi including Publication & Distribution of awareness/advertisement materials and all other related works of Renewable Energy. |
| 2  | Estimated Cost (in Rs.)                                     | 6,00,000/- (Six Lakhs) including all taxes.  |
| 3  | Last date & time for receipt of offline bids.               | 10.11.2023(Friday) upto 03:00PM  |
| 4  | Bid Opening, Bid evaluation & Price bid Opening Date & Time | 10.11.2023(Friday) upto 03:30PM  |
| 5  | Bid Fee (in Rs.)  | Rs. 1,475/- (One Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-five) only (Non-refundable)   |
| 6  | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)                        | Rs.12,000/- (Twelve Thousand) only (Refundable)  |
| 7  | Availability of tender document.                            | Tender document can be purchased from JREDA Office in all working days up to 10.11.2023 till 12.00 PM.   |
| 8  | Method to apply   | Interested bidders will have to apply tender document in sealed envelope which will contain two separate sealed envelope -<br>1. First Envelope: Techno-Commercial Part.<br>2. Second Envelope: Price Part.  |
| 9  | Name and address of office inviting tender.                 | Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)<br>3rd Floor, SLDC Building, Kusai, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002 (Jharkhand)  |
| 10 | Helpline no. of e-procurement.                              | 0651-2491163/67/61/7004806449  |

Sd/-  
Project Director, JREDA, Ranchi

**MAHARASHTRA METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD.**  
(A joint venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Maharashtra)  
**PUNE METRO RAIL PROJECT**  
Civil Court Metro Station, Nyaymurti Ranade Path, Pune 411005.  
Telephone: 020-7410004067 / 68  
e-mail: [tenders.pmp@mahmetro.org](mailto:tenders.pmp@mahmetro.org) | Website: [www.punemetrorail.org](http://www.punemetrorail.org)

**Tender Notice No.: P1-O&M-07/2023 Date: 09/11/2023**

**Name of Work:** Facility Management Services (FMS) for 16 Stations, Hill View Park Car Depot and 18 Trainsets of Line-2 (Vanaz-Ramwadi) of Pune Metro Rail Project for providing the following: (a) Mechanized Housekeeping, Cleaning Services (b) Ticketing (TOM/EFO) Services (c) Security Services - for the period of 03 (Three) years.

Interested bidders may visit Pune Metro Rail website [www.punemetrorail.org](http://www.punemetrorail.org) or download the bidding documents and obtain further details regarding the tender from our e-tender portal <https://mahametrorail.tenders.in> from 15:00 Hrs. on 09/11/2023 to 15:00 Hrs. on 06/12/2023.

Executive Director (Procurement & Contracts), Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Limited

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**HARYANA SEEDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (A STATE GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING) PANCHKULA**  
CIN: U01122HR1974SGC007442  
REGD & ADMN OFFICE: BAYS NO. 3-6, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA

**NOTICE TO THE GROWER SHAREHOLDERS**

Notice is hereby given that the Corporation has received following two nominations, complete in all respects for appointment as Director (representative of Grower Shareholder) on the Board of Directors of the Company in the 49th Annual General meeting to be held on 20.11.2023 at 12.00 Noon at the Registered and Administrative Office of the Corporation, Bays No. 3-6, Sector-2, Beej Bhawan, Panchkula within in prescribed date:

| Sr. No. | Name & Address of the Candidate   |
|---------|---|
| 1.      | Sh. Dara Singh, S/o Sh. Ram Chander, VPO- Bhuttankalan, Distt. Fatehabad.           |
| 2.      | Sh. Manoj Kumar, S/o Sh. Dilbag Singh, VPO- Dangra, Badhai Khera, Distt. Fatehabad. |

Election of Directors will not be held (Physically as well as through e-voting) as two nominations are received against two posts of Directors.

By Order of the Board  
Sd/-  
(RAMESH CHANDER BIDHAN, IAS)  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE**

| SR. NO. | NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH | NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER  | OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) | AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES | WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH                        | NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL |
|---------|---------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1.      | HVPNL                     | AUGMENTATION OF EXISTING 12.5/16MVA, 66/11KV T/F T-3 BY 25/31.5MVA, 66/11KV T/F AT 66KV S/STN., HVPNL, HATHIN | 06.11.2023<br>29.11.2023         | 7.27<br>LACS                   | <a href="http://www.hvpng.org.in">www.hvpng.org.in</a> | 01722583789<br>PRO@HVPNL.ORG.<br>IN |

22517/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)

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|---------|---|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1.      | THE ROHTAK CO OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED | ANNUAL RATE CONTRACT FOR LABORATORY SAMPLE TEST BOILER STACK AND TESTING OF PACKING MATERIAL. | 10.11.2023<br>01.12.2023         | AS PER DNIT                    | <a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a> | 01276-276302<br>vitarohktak@gmail.com |

22531/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: [www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in)

**BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004**  
Bid No E-78/2023-24 E-TENDER NOTICE Dated: 06.11.2023

GLOBAL-E tenders are invited for & on behalf of the president of India, E-tender for supply of following items. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No. Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. S. No. 1. 08221055C, Global Tender, (30/11/2023) SNL Repair (PL No.19340011) 2880 Nos. S. No. 2. 09221338A, 05/12/2023, TM Speed Sensor, to PL No. 18080145, 301 Nos. S. No. 3. 09221340A, 08/12/2023, TM Speed Sensor, to PL No. 18080170, 87 Nos. S. No. 4. 09221376A, 18/12/2023, Contactor AC-2 Pole to PL No. 18140040, 116 Nos. S. No. 5. 10231330, 20/11/2023, Water Pump Repair Kit Part No. 16070124, 540 Nos. The details of above tenders are available on <https://www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in> and <https://www.ireps.gov.in>

PR/BLW-81 PCMM  
f @ /blwvaranasi "Website: [www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in)"

**JHARKHAND BIJLE VITRAN NIGAM LTD (CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001702)**  
Regd. Office- Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurva, Ranchi-834004.  
fax # 0651-2400483 e-mail : [cesp.jseb@rediffmail.com](mailto:cesp.jseb@rediffmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Time Extension Notice**

Last date of uploading of bid documents, last date of physical submission of tender fee and bid opening date of following e-procurement notice no. is hereby extended as below :-

| Sl. No. | NITs No.             | Extended online bid uploading/ 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 | 23.11.2023 upto 18:00 Hrs                          | 24.11.2023 upto 16:30 Hrs.                             | 24.11.2023 upto 18:00 Hrs.          |

Further details against the above NIT can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and may be contacted on Mobile No. 09431135523 / 9430348596/ NIC helpline No. 0651-2400178. Submission of tender fee/EMD will not be accepted by courier/Regd. Post.

रचवित्त एवं राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचाव। कृपया अपनी शिकारतों को टोल फ्री नं 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज करावे।  
PR No. 309285  
Sd/-  
DGM (Purchases)

**Directorate of Employment and Training, Jharkhand, Ranchi TENDER DOCUMENT**

e- NIT no.- 5/Trg.(Regional Purchase)-02/2023  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)**  
e- Tender Reference No.: DET (Regional Purchase)/02/2023-24  
Letter No.-1714, Dated:-07.11.2023

e-Tenders (online open tenders) are invited by the Directorate of Employment and Training, Department of Labour, Employment & Training, 3rd Floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Govt. of Jharkhand-834002 from eligible suppliers (manufacturers / authorized dealers) for supply, installation & commissioning of Machines Tools & Equipment to different ITIs, as per the schedule of requirements and technical specifications mentioned at Annexure-IX, within a period of 30 days from the date of issue of Supply order/Work order/Award of contract with the terms and conditions in this tender.

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|----|--|---|
| 1  | Tender No.   |   |
| 2  | Name of the Work                                       | Selection of Agency for Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Machine & Equipment in different ITIs of Jharkhand.   |
| 3  | Name of the issuer of this tender                      | Directorate of Employment and Training, Department of Labour, Employment & Training, (Govt. of Jharkhand), 3rd Floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002.   |
| 4  | Estimated Cost in Rupees (INR)                         | 15 Crore  |
| 5  | Completion Period for Work                             | Within 60-90 days from the date of issuing of supply order  |
| 6  | Date of issue of tender document                       | 06/11/2023, 3:00 PM   |
| 7  | Last date of receiving of pre-bid queries through mail | 09/11/2023, 6:00 PM   |
| 8  | Pre-Bid Meeting  | 10/11/2023, 12:30 PM  |
| 9  | Last Date for Submission of Bids                       | 28/11/2023, 6:00 PM   |
| 10 | Pre-Qualification Bids opening Date/Time               | 29/11/2023, 11:30 AM  |
| 11 | Address of Communication                               | Directorate of Employment and Training, Department of Labour, Employment & Training, (Govt. of Jharkhand), 3rd Floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834002, Email: <a href="mailto:dir.et.jharkhand@gmail.com">dir.et.jharkhand@gmail.com</a> |
| 12 | Tender Fee   | Cost of Tender Document- Rs.25,000/- (Rs. Twenty five thousand only) (Non-Refundable)   |
| 13 | Earnest Money Deposit(EMD)                             | Rs.75,00,000/- (Seventy five lakhs only) (Refundable)   |
| 14 | Validity of Proposal                                   | Proposals must remain valid 180 days after the submission date.   |
| 15 | Method of Selection                                    | The method of selection is L1 (lowest bid).   |
| 16 | Currency   | The currency in which the Bidders may quote the price and will receive payment is INR only.   |
| 17 | Bid Submission   | Online through e-procurement portal <a href="https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/micgp/app">https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in/micgp/app</a>   |

Note: 1. All bid documents, including Tender fee and EMD, must be submitted through the e Procurement portal only. 2. The date of the opening of the commercial bids will be intimated to the qualified bidders before the due date through Email or Telephone. 3. Department reserves the right to change any schedule of the bidding process. Please visit the e Procurement, Jharkhand website mentioned in the document regularly for the same. 4. Proposals must be received no later than the time, and date mentioned in the Fact Sheet. Proposals that are received after the deadline WILL NOT be considered in this procurement process.

Sd/-  
Dy. Director Training(HQ)  
Directorate of Employment and Training, Jharkhand, Ranchi

PR 310959 Labour Employment and Training(23-24)D

**कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, केन्द्रीय भण्डार, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, जल भवन, 'बी' ब्लॉक, नेहरु कालोनी, देहरादून।**

पत्रांक : 617 / इ-निविदा / 2023-24 दिनांक : 08/11/23  
इ-निविदा सूचना

उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान की ओर से केन्द्रीय भण्डार, देहरादून द्वारा निम्न कार्य हेतु इ-निविदा, टू-बिड सिस्टम (तकनीकी बिड एवं कॉमिश्नरियल बिड) आधार पर निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है।

| निविदा सं. क्र. | कार्य विवरण | धरोहर धनराशि रु. | इ-निविदा प्रपत्र उपलब्ध होने की तिथि एवं समय | इ-निविदा अपलॉड करने की प्रारंभ एवं अंतिम तिथि व समय | इ-निविदा सूचना क्र.सं. 7 अनुसार मूल प्रपत्र विभाग में जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय | तकनीकी बिड खोलने वाले की तिथि एवं समय | निविदा की वैधता | ट्रि-बिड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं समय |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1               | कार्य विवरण |                  |  |   |  |                                       |                 |                                 |
| 4/ 23 -24       | कार्य विवरण |                  | 10.11.2023 से 11:00 अ.म.                     | 18.11.2023 से 11:00 अ.म. तक                         | 28.11.2023 से 5:00 प.म. तक   | 29.11.2023 से 11:00 अ.म. तक           | 120 days        | 17.11.2023 से 11:00 अ.म.        |

अर्हता :- 1. EIC/MID or IS:779/1994/182373-1981 / ISO: 4064 / OIML R 49 certificate holder manufacturers or dealers / firm / contractor authorized by the manufacturer are allowed to participate in this tender. Authorization letter should not be older than 01 month. 2. The preference will be given to the water meter manufacturers. Manufacturer must have supplied minimum 5000 water meter to government /semi govt / PSU in last seven years i.e 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22and 2022-23.

इ-निविदा से सम्बन्धित सवाल-जावाबों के लिए उत्तराखण्ड की वेबसाइट [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) एवं विभाग की वेबसाइट <http://ujks.gov.in> पर ऑन लाइन देखी जा सकती है।

**MORADABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.)**

**E-Procurement Tender Notice**  
Ref. No : 116/Env.Eng./NNM/2023-24 Date: 07-11-2023

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

**Key Dates:-**  
S.N. Description Date and Time  
1. Start date for Purchase of Tender (Online) 09/11/2023 at 10.00 AM  
2. Last Date for submission of Tender (Online) 30/11/2023 at 04.00 PM  
3. Technical bid opening (Online) 30/11/2023 at 05.00 PM

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

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Uttar Pradesh e-Procurement Portal <https://etender.up.nic.in> from 09/11/2023 at 10:00 Hours (IST) onwards. Online bids are invited for the following works up to 30/11/2023 at 16:00 hours. Technical Bid will be opened on same day at 17:00 hours at Office of the Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Pili Kothi, Moradabad.  
For more details on the tender and bidding process you may please visit the above mentioned portal.

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

Additional City Commissioner  
Nagar Nigam Moradabad

**GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (CETI, Estd. by MOE, Govt of India)**  
Narayampur, Malda-732141, West Bengal, India

**Tender Notice for hiring of bus and ambulance services.**  
Tender reference id: 2023\_GKCIET\_1 Date: 07/11/23

Sealed tenders are invited for hiring of 2 buses and 1 ambulance services on monthly basis from reputed vendors with relevant work experience. Last date of submission of tender is 30/11/2023, 11 am. Details terms and conditions are available at <https://www.gkciet.ac.in/notice/tender>.

Chairman CTPC, GKCIET, Malda

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that one male namely Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age about 60/65 years, Height 5'4", Complexion Wheatish, Long Face, Normal Built was found dead at PS Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the following.  
SHO  
PS: Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi  
Ph.: 9871330137

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**

(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Ashish, S/o Sanjay George, R/o 265, DDA Flats, Nimri Colony, Ashok Vihar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case FIR No. 303/2013 U/S 379/356/511/482 IPC PS Model Town, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Ashish can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Ashish has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).  
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Ashish of FIR No. 303/2013 U/S 379/356/511/482 IPC PS Model Town, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.02.2024.

By Order  
Shri Himanshu Sehloth  
Metropolitan Magistrate-03, (North District)  
Room No. 213, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/12860/NW/2023



Classifieds

PERSONAL

Raj Kumar alias Raj Kumar Pawar S/o Sh. Ganga Ram R/o 882, Sector-46, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 have changed my name to Raj Kumar Pawar for all purposes.

0040697828-2

Meenakshi W/o Ravi Kumar Saini R/o B-5/1, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Meenakshi Saini.

0070873059-1

Mallika Raghendra Singh W/o Raghvendra Pratap Singh, r/o D-2, 227, Kidwai Nagar West, South West Delhi, Delhi 110023, have changed my name to Mallika Singh from Mallika Raghvendra Singh for all future purposes

0040697825-3

Gautam Raghvendra Singh s/o Raghvendra Pratap Singh r/o D-2, 227, Kidwai Nagar West, South West Delhi, Delhi-110023, have changed my name to Gautam Singh from Gautam Raghvendra Singh for all future purposes.

0040697825-1

Dayawati W/o Late Kiranpal Singh R/o 5/13, Sector-1, Pushp Vihar, New Delhi-110017, declare that mentioned My Husband's Army Service Documents record Book wrongly Written (Mismatch) Name Dayabati & DOB 17/09/1950. The actual name in other's documents mentioned in Dayawati & DOB 22/07/1952. Vide Affidavit No.03rd November 2023.

0040697928-1

Ankur Chaudhry S/o Arun Kumar Sirohi R/o D-94, Sector-52, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name to Ankur Chaudhry

0070873056-1

Anjal Sharma alias Angel Sharma D/o Sh. Deepak Sharma R/o H.No.285, Street No.16, Balbir Nagar Ext., Babarpur, East Delhi, Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Angel Sharma for all purposes.

0040697828-1

Yatin Kumar Agrawal S/o Narendra Kumar Agrawal R/o Flat No-107, Tower-72, Sector 88, R P S Savana, R P S City, Kheri Kalan(113), Kheri Kalan, faridabad Haryana-121002, have changed my name to Yatin Agrawal

0070873044-1

SHIRIN JOSEPH, D/O. SATISH JOSEPH SINGH, ADD- FLAT NO.5, DDA-SHIVAM ENCLAVE SHAHDARA-NORTH EAST-DELHI 110032, changed my minor child name AYAANSH SINGH to AYAANSH ERIC JOSEPH, for all future purposes.

0040698004-8

SARABJEET KAUR W/O GURDEV SINGH, R/O F-71, SUDERSHAN PARK DELHI-110015, HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR SON, S NAME GURSIMR SINGH TO GURSIRAM SINGH

0040697969-2

It is for general information that I, Shahrukh Saifi S/o SIRAJUDDIN SAIFI, R/o Village R/O III/J-44, NEHRU NAGAR, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201001, declare that name of my father has been wrongly written as SIRAJUDDIN in my passport No. L9544931. The actual name of my father is SIRAJUDDIN SAIFI which may be amended accordingly.

0070873007-1

Zainab Khan W/o Harun Riaz R/O D-205, Amrapali Princely Estate, Sector-76, Noida-201301 changed my name to Zainab Riaz for all purposes.

0040697937-1

Zaffar Ahmad, S/o Habib Ahmed, R/O-Meerut Kanshi Meerut Uttar Pardesh, have changed my name to Zafar Ahmad, for all purpose.

0040698004-3

VIKAS GOEL, S/o SAT NARAYAN GOYAL R/O H.NO-A-909 SHASTRI, NAGAR, DELHI-110052, changed my name to VIKAS GOYAL.

0040697963-10

VANDANA KUMARI, daughter of, Bijay Kumar Singh, Presently, residing at, B-110, Samaya Sonata Apartment, Best County-3, Sambhram College, Vidyanaryadura, Bengaluru North, Karnataka-560097, have changed my name, from VANDANA KUMARI to VANDANA SINGH, vide Affidavit dated-07.11.2023.

0040698008-4

Shaukat Ali Qureshi s/o, Haji Sadoor, R/O. 1230, Rakab Ganj, Behind delico cinema, zere fasil Road, Delhi-110002, have changed my name to SHAUKAT ALI, permanently

0040698008-1

Shaista W/O Nusrat Ullah Khan, R/o C-12/30, Block-C-12, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to SHAISTA KHANAM. Permanently.

0040697963-3

SIMMI BALI MAHAJAN W/O ROHIT MAHAJAN, R/O C-134, Ground Floor-2, Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad (UP)-202011, have changed my name to SIMMI BALI all future purposes.

0040698004-4

Radhha Charan Das, S/O-Naval Kishor Das, R/o Chaityana Niketan, Durga Puram, Pani Ghat Vrindaban, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh-281121, have changed my name, from Racha Raman Thakur to Radha Charan Das, for all future purposes.

0040697963-8

Satendra S/o Sh. Jagdish Prasad residing at Z-18, Z Block, Shyam Vihar, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043. I have changed my name from Satendra to Satendra Prasad for all future purposes.

0070873039-1

IRAJ RAJAN s/o-Chellappa Mohan Presently, R/O 5/342, Permaul Nagar, Kaompadi, Sulur, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu-641401, have changed my name, from RAJ RAJAN to M. RAJ RAJAN, vide Affidavit dated.8-11-2023.

0040698008-2

PRERNA NANDAL D/O DR DHARAM PAL NANDAL, R/O-HOUSE NO.6007/3, SANTUSHTI APARTMENT, D-6, VASANT KUNJ, NEW DELHI-110070, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PRERNA.

0040697999-4

Om Prakash S/O Prakash Chand R/O, WZ-3629, fourth-floor, Raja-Park, Rani-Bagh, New Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Om Prakash Sharma.

0040698004-1

Nusrat Ullah, S/O Sadhatyean Khan, R/O C-12/30, Block-C-12, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to NUSRAT ULLAH KHAN, Permanently.

0040697963-5

Noshit D/O Nusrat Ullah Khan R/o C-12/30, Block-C-12, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to NOSHIT KHAN. Permanently.

0040697963-4

NAVNEET WADHAWAN S/O RAVINDER NATH WADHAWAN, R/O HNO.68, BHARAT NAGAR, DELHI-110052, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NAVNEET WADHAWAN.

0040697963-7

Manoj Kumar, S/o/Hari Kishan, R/O D-2/237, Madan gir, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062, have changed the name of my minor son's from Shubham Chavariya to Shubham Kumar for all future purposes.

0040697999-2

MOHD IMRAN, S/O FARMAN, R/O A-272, SHAHEED NAGAR, SAHIBABAD, GHAZIABAD, U.P.201005, inform that IMRAN & MOHD IMRAN, both names are same person. My correct name is MOHD IMRAN.

0040697969-7

Kum. Sadhna Jain, W/O Pradeep Kumar Jain, R/O-8/84, UGF, Nehru Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi, have changed my name to Sadhana Jain, for all purposes.

0040697969-4

KAPIL (Old Name) S/O-BALJEET, R/O-Vpo Kapro (7)-Hajer, Haryana-125039, Change My First Name is KAPIL and My Surname Is GOYAT Permanently.

0040697999-5

Jagdeep Soi, S/o Sham Singh Soi, R/O F-54 A Kirti- Nagar, New Delhi-110015, Have changed my name to Jagdeep Singh Soi, for all purposes

0040698004-5

Habibunnisa Sayeeda Begum, W/O Tahseen Husain Syed, R/O E-88/1, second-floor, Thokar, no-6, Shaheen Bagh Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Habibunnisa Syeda, permanently

0040697969-6

HARI PRAKASH, S/O SATYA NARAYAN, ADD-56B, GROUND-FLOOR, R-BLOCK, PHASE-2, VIKAS NAGAR, UTTAM-NAGAR WEST-DELHI-110059, changed my name to HARI PRAKASH, for all future purposes.

0040698004-6

Gangesh Mendiratta, S/O Sh. Ashok Kumar, R/O D-245, Ground Floor, Flamingo Floors, D-Block, Flower Valley, Central Park, Sector-32-33, Sohna, Gurugram, inform that my father name is Ashok Mendiratta & Ashok Kumar, both are same-person.

0040697969-8

GURSARAN LAL S/O TIRATH RAM R/O HNO.2463, SECTOR-2, BAHADURGARH, HAJAJAR, HAR YANA-124507, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GURSARAN LAL CHOPRA.

0040697963-6

DIPTI WADHAWAN W/O NAVNEET WADHAWAN R/O HNO.68, BHARAT NAGAR, DELHI-110052, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DIPTI WADHAWAN.

0040697963-1

Bandna Nayyar, D/o Ramesh Kumar Nayyar, W/O Naveen Kapila, R/O A-4/C-77, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Vandana Kapila.

0040697963-2

BHUPENDER SINGH, S/O SAHIB SINGH, ADD-S-21, S/F, GALLI NO-27, SOUTH ANARKALI KRISHNA-NAGAR, EAST-DELHI 110051, changed my name to BHUPINDER SINGH, for all future purposes.

0040698004-7

BHAGWAT SINGH, S/O HAYAT SINGH, R/O KHASRA NO.49/16, H.NO-469, 37B-BLOCK, BADRINATH-DHAM MANDIR, KAUSHIK ENCLAVE, BURARI, DELHI-110084, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, BHAGWAT SINGH RAWAT TO BHAGWAT SINGH, FOR ALL PURPOSE.

0040698008-5

Arun Anand Austin, S/O Arther Austin, R/O-3F, Nivedita Enclave, A-6, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110033, declare that Arun Anand Austin and Arun Austin are names of one and the same person.

0040698004-2

Aditya, S/O-Shri Laxmi Narain, R/O-BR-54 A, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Aditya Kathpalia for all purposes.

0040697999-1

COL AK SETHI S/O KESHAV DEV SETHI R/O 389, SECTOR-29, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201303. Have changed my name to ASHOK KUMAR SETHI for all future purposes.

0070873039-1

ASHISH JINAGAL, S/o-Rajesh Jinagal, R/o-65-G.Vasant Vihar, CPWD Colony, Kusumpur, Vasant Vihar-I, South West Delhi, Delhi-110057, have changed my name to ASHISH SINGH for all purposes.

0040697999-3

ANJANA KUMARI, W/O RAKESH KUMAR R/O 488/3, VASUNDHARA, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH-201012, have changed my name to ANJANA SHRIVASTAVA, for all future purposes.

0040697969-5

ADESH KUMAR, son of, Bijay Kumar Singh, Presently, residing at B-110, Samaya Sonata Apartment, Best-County-3, Sambhram-College, Vidyanaryadura, Bengaluru-North, Karnataka-560097, have changed my name, from ADESH KUMAR to AADESH KUMAR, vide-Affidavit dated-07.11.2023.

0040698008-3

ABDUL MUKHTADIR S/O NAUSHE ALI R/O B-898, AVANTIKA, SECTOR-1, ROHINI, DELHI-110085. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ABDUL MUQTADIR.

0040697969-3

Virendra Kumar Vats, S/o Shri Ramanand Sharma, R/o 1824, Shivpuri Railway Road, Hapur, declare that both of the names Virendra Kumar Vats and Virendra Kumar belong to the same person.

0040697893-1

Ravi Saini S/o Balbir Singh R/o B-5/1, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Ravi Kumar Saini.

0070873063-1

Tervinder Singh S/o Surat Singh R/O C-103 WZ-345, Second Floor, Hari Nagar, Clock Tower, Delhi-110064 assumed my surname SINGH and name TERVINDER

0040697857-1

Sunita Kumari, D/o Suresh Chander, R/O WZ508, Saini Mohalla, Palam Village, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Vvanita Kumaari.

0040697963-9

Snehasish Sahoo S/O Nirmal Kumar Sahoo, R/O Flat No. J/401, Skytech Matrot, Sector-76, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301. I have changed the name of my minor daughter Swadha aged about 7 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Swadha Sahoo

0070873078-1

Simarpreet Kaur Bedi D/o Surinder Singh H/O-484, Block-No. 6, Dakshinpur Extension, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi-110062 have changed my name to Simarpreet Kaur

0070873061-1

Shradha Agarwal W/O Himanshu Arya Resident of A-4, 2nd Floor, Geetanjali Enclave, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017, have changed my name from Shradha Agarwal to Shradha Arya for all future purposes.

0040697826-1

SEEMA MISHRA alias SEEMA SHUKLA D/O JAGDISH PRASAD MISHRA W/O ANUJ KUMAR R/O NEAR BAS STAND H. No. 303, GALI No. 3, SUREN DAR COLONY, JHARODA MAJRA, DELHI-110084 HAVE CHANGED MY MAME TO KM. SEEMA FOR ALL PURPOSE.

0070873095-1

SALOCHINI DEVI W/O NO 243548 RANK EX SPOY PURAN CHAND R/O F-97, F-BLOCK, JAI VIHAR, BAPROLA NAJAFGARH DELHI-110043 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SULOCHNA DEVI VIDE AFFIDAVIT dt 8/11/2023 BEFORE DELHI

0070873085-1

Ramanand Bhagat, S/o Sh. Badri Narayan Bhagat R/O B-89, New Rajendar Nagar, New Delhi-110060, do hereby declare that I have changed the name of my minor son Vedant to Vedant Bhagat, and shall hereafter be known as Vedant Bhagat

0040697945-1

Raghvendra Pratap Singh, S/O Late Sh. Vivekanand Singh, R/O D-2, 227, Kidwai Nagar West, South West Delhi, Delhi-110023, changed my daughter name Kanishka Singh from Kanishka Raghvendra Singh for all future purposes.

0040697825-2

ROMEL SINGH RAMA S/O DUNI CHAND RANA R/O F-701, 7th Floor, Tower-F, Apex Athena, SECTOR-75 Noida Gautam buddha Nagar have changed my name to ROMEL SINGH RANA for all future purpose

0070873051-1

PRADEEP KUMAR GUPTA S/O MADHU RAM GUPTA R/O HOUSE NO-360, BLOCK-B GF, GREEN FIELDS COLONY, AMARNAGAR, FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121003, have changed my name to PRADEEP GUPTA for all future purposes.

0070873043-1

PEEMA w/o Late Ashok Arora, R/O-137, Karam Pura, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Poonam Arora, for all purposes.

0040697942-1

Nirmal Kaur w/o Tervinder Singh R/O C-103 WZ-345, Second Floor, Hari Nagar, Clock Tower Delhi-110064 assumed my surname KAUR and name NIRMAL

0040697857-2

Neha Lumang W/o Sunil Kumar Lumang R/O-Thoubal Athokpoum, City Thoubal, East West, Thoubal Khunou, Thoubal, Manipur-795138 have changed my name to Mukaddas Khan

0070873058-1

Sidharth Singh R/o Vill-Khour, Post-Khour, VPO & Tehsil-Khour, Distt-Jammu (J&K), declare that in my Son Harshdev Singh school records, his date of birth 23.07.2010 to 23.07.2009, which may be amended accordingly.

0040697854-1

Jaya Vig S/o Neeraj Kataria R/O C-223A, Upper First Floor, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to HIMANSHI KATARIA

0040697857-4

Neeraj Kumar s/o Satinder kumar R/O C-223A, Upper First Floor, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to NEERAJ KATARIA

0040697857-3

MARY JOSE W/O JOSE K M R/O HNo 36, Sector 82, Tigmaon Road, Bathola, Faridabad, Haryana, have changed my name to MARYMATHAI MACHUKUZHAYIL

0070872974-1

Komal Jain Dabral W/o Sandeep Dabral R/O A-169, Sector-XU 01 Greater Noida Gautam Budh Nagar UP-201310, have changed my name to Komal Rani Jain for all future Purposes.

0070873075-1

JAI BHAGWAN S/O SHANKAR LAL R/O H.N-1232 JAHANGIR PURI DELHI-110033, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BOBBY.

0040697969-1

HIMANSHU BANSAL S/O R P BANSAL R/O FLAT NO. 65, PROMISE APARTMENT, F-BLOCK, NEAR OXFORD SCHOOL, VIKAS PURI, WEST DELHI, DELHI-110018 have changed the name of my minor daughter AARADHYA BANSAL ALIAS PRISHA BANSAL aged 06 years and she shall hereafter be known as AARADHYA BANSAL.

0070873096-1

Deepak Sherawat S/O Santram R/O House No 231, Chauhan Mohalla Rangpuri, Malikpur Kothi 110037, Delhi have changed my name to Deepak Sehrawat.

0070872973-1

Darsan Kumar Arya S/O Hargopal Resident of A-4, 2nd Floor, Geetanjali Enclave, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017, have changed my name from Darsan Kumar Arya to Darshan Kumar for all future purposes.

0040697827-1

DHYAN SINGH DABAS S/O PRATAP SINGH R/O 101, SULTAN PUR DABAS, NORTH WEST DELHI, DELHI-110039 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as DHYAN SINGH in my Service Records. The actual name of mine is DHYAN SINGH DABAS

0070873090-1

Anil Kumar Pandey S/O Sh. Raghavansh Prasad Pandey R/O B-1006, GRC Greenwoods, GH-01, Sector-3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201012 declare that Anil Kumar Pandey And Anil Pandey are the one and same person. Hereinafter I will be known as Anil Kumar Pandey for all Purposes.

0040697885-1

AMIT KATOCH S/O NANAK CHAND KATOCH R/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 KATOCH

0070873088-1

Shreya D/o-Ram Chet R/O-House No.84, Pocket-H-32, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Shreya Singal for all future purposes.

0040697869-1

LOST & FOUND

Public notified that Allotment letter no. CA 708941 dated 3/12/2014 of Flat A2-902, Saviour park, mohanj nagar, ghaziabad, offer for possession dated 1/4/2015, no dues by builder and payment receipts have been lost. FIR 362199/2023 online. Finder to contact Shakti Ahmad Tel. 8730096297

0040697873-1

Suneel Wadhvani S/O of Late Shri Harish Wadhvani also known by name Shri H.C. Wadhvani have lost the original share certificate S.No.75, Membership No.196 of our Property No.128, B-4 Paryatan Vihar CGHS Ltd, Vasundhara Enclave, New Delhi-110096. Founders Pls call- +91-9811192128.

0040697621-1

have lost the Original-Allotment Letter of the Flat.No.523, Anand Kunj, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018. Request finder to contact me on. 9818639395-Gauri Gulhar.

0040697963-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed on behalf of our clients (i) namely Ashish Sharma, Eka Sharma, Nikita Sharma all having the legal heirs of Lt. Raj Sharma & Smt Krishna Devi D/o Lt. Sh. Ram Saran Sharma that Property No. 2808-Old Bus Stand Tir Nagar Delhi-110035 is under litigation between Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in RFA No. 144/2023 wherein a Stay is granted vide order dated 11.10.23 thereby restraining Nikunj Sharma from creating any third-party right in the aforesaid property. Any person dealing with aforesaid-property will be dealing at their own risk, cost, consequences and will be liable for contempt of court and police action accordingly.

Sd/- Adv. Sumit Swami Ch.No. F-704 Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110032

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that my client JAY LAL SH. RAM SARAN SHARMA & D/O LATE SH. T.Y. KUNJAPRY PERMANENT RESIDENT OF 27B, BRICKWORKS FOREST DR. SUNNIVALE, TEXAS-75182, allowed trustee of DDA LG FLAT NO. 95A, GROUND FLOOR, BLOCK P, DAKSHINPUR, EXTENSION, DELHI-110034 has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold. Original document is in possession of my client. Any person dealing with the aforesaid property shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and consequences. Any person claiming any right, interest or objection with respect to the flat can personally inform or write to Dr. Director (LAB Housing LIG) D Block, Vikas Sada, New Delhi-110054.

MAVEN KHURANA (Advocate) Ch.No. D/3280/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client Sh. Phool Singh S/o Sh. Ram Retan, R/o MS 503, Gali No. 2, Mohan Garden, Uppal Nagar, New Delhi-110055 has debarred and disowned their son Sandeep and his wife Khusbu from her all movable and immovable properties due to their misbehavior and misconduct my client Sh. Phool Singh, has also severed all her relations and lies with them. If anybody deals with them in any manner he/she shall do

**Office of the Superintending Engineer,**  
**Kanpur Circle, P.W.D., 16/22 Civil Lines, Kanpur-208001**  
 Email ID- sekanpurcircle@gmail.com

**INVITATION FOR E-BID**  
**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

No. 6901C/131C-KV/2023-24 Date: 27.10.2023

1. The Superintending Engineer, Kanpur Circle, P.W.D., Kanpur invites the E-Tender for 'A' Class contractors registered with UP PWD for Road Work on behalf of The Hon'ble Governor Uttar Pradesh as below :-

**TABLE**

| Sl. No. | District Name | Name of Work   | Approximate Cost (in Lakh) | Bid Security (in Lakh) | Tender Fee (Rs.)       | Time of completion (including rainy season) |
|---------|---------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| 1       | Kanpur Nagar  | Widening and Strengthening of Mandhana-Ganga Barrage-Shuklaganj-Purwa-Mahanalaganj Road (SH-173) Km-1 to 17 from 02 lanes to 04 lanes (Length 17.00 Km) in Distt. Kanpur Nagar | Rs. 12400.00               | Rs. 124.00             | Rs. 6260.00 (with GST) | 18 Months                                   |

Bid document/Tender details is available on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>, from 27.11.2023 to 07.12.2023 (upto 12:00 Noon) which can be downloaded from website. Filled Bid documents submitted/ uploaded online on the above website on dated 07.12.2023 (upto 12:00 Noon). Technical bid will be opened on 07.12.2023 at 12.30 p.m.

Tender inviter has the right to issue amendment, corrigendum, which will be available online and will not published in newspapers. All the interested bidders are advised to visit the e-tender portal regularly.

All terms & Conditions are available on website <http://etender.up.nic.in>.

(Akhandeshwar Prasad) Executive Engineer Construction Division-2, PWD Kanpur Nagar

(Ajai Kumar) Superintending Engineer Kanpur Circle, PWD Kanpur

UPID-197234 DATE 06.11.2023 WWW.UP.GOV.NIC.IN

**SOUTH BIHAR POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED**  
 (Registered Office: VidytBhawan, Bailey Road, Patna -800021)  
 A Govt. Of Bihar Undertaking (Department of Rural Electrification)  
 CIN-U40109BR2012SGC018890  
 [Tender Inviting Notice]

(Through e-procurement mode only - [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in))

Online tender is being invited by Chief Engineer, Project-I (Rural) for Turnkey Contract for Construction of One number 2X10MVA, 33/ 11 KV E-house PSS with all associated works under PESU(W) Circle of Patna . The details are as below:-

| Sl. No. | NIT No.           | Electric Supply Circle | Estimated Cost (inclusive of GST) Rs in Lakhs. | EMD (Rs in Lakhs.) | Cost of BOQ/Tender Document (In INR) | Bid Processing Fee (In INR) |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1       | 69/PR/SBPDCL/2023 | PESU(W)                | 800  | 16.00              | 25000 + GST @18%                     | As per actual               |

The Timeline for the above tenders are as follows:

Bid Submission Start Date:- 22.11.2023, 11:30 Hrs onwards  
 Last date of online sale of Bid Document 12.12.2023 upto 15:00 hrs.  
 Bid Submission Due Date:- 12.12.2023, up to 17:00 Hrs  
 Physical document as required in the Tender Document submission End Date 13.12.2023, up to 17:00 Hrs  
 Techno-Commercial Bid Open Date:- 14.12.2023, 12:30 Hrs Onwards  
 Date of Opening of Price Part:- To be notified after techno-commercial bid evaluation

Pre-Bid Discussion Through email Till 01.12.2023 [ceresbpdcl@gmail.com](mailto:ceresbpdcl@gmail.com)  
 Pre-bid Discussion Date:- 30.11.2023, 2:30 Hrs  
 Venue Details:- Conference hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, UrjaBhawan, VidytBhawan-III, Bailey Road, Patna - 800021

The RFP documents can be downloaded from website [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) . Subsequent information / notification/corrigendum/Extension / Cancellation will be available only on website of eproc i.e. [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) .

For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)  
 PR- 011490 (Ni.Ni.) 2023-24 Chief Engineer, Project-I (Rural)

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

(For Advertisement in Website/newspaper)  
**Office of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,**  
**CAMPA, Jharkhand**  
 Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi

Dated: November 07, 2023

**Engagement of Principal Project Associate for State Climate Centre under National Mission of Strategic Knowledge of Climate Change**

Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand in pursuance to the National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC), developed the State Action Plan on Climate Change(SAPCC) encompassing key Adaptation and Mitigation measures across eight climate sensitive sectors such as agriculture, forest, water, health, industry, power, mining, Urban & transport and strategic knowledge mission (SAPCC endorsed by MoEFCC in 2015). It is in this backdrop Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand proposed to establish and operationalize the Climate Change Centre under National Mission of Strategic Knowledge of Climate Change (NMSKCC). Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India has approved this project. It will be established under Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, CAMPA, Jharkhand. This centre will also act as a multi-stakeholder platform with responsibilities of coordination with key central Government department and line department of State Government, Jharkhand. One of the actions contemplated under this mission is to set up State Climate Change Centre with the objective of undertaking the task of building human and institutional capacity in the state and undertake detailed study on vulnerability and risk assessment due to climate change, creation of database, organising training programme for stakeholders and public awareness for the community.

In line with the aforesaid commitment, one Principal Project Associate is to be engaged to facilitate the function of the State Climate Change Centre in the office of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, CAMPA, Ranchi.

Details of Educational qualifications, Experience, Terms of Reference (ToR), Remuneration etc. are available on the website of Jharkhand State Forest Department <http://forest.jharkhand.gov.in/> Interested candidates are requested to apply in the prescribed format available on the website to the undersigned both in hard and in soft copy clearly super scribing on envelope Engagement of "Principal Project Associate for NMSKCC" in Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change with post number and reference number to Sanjeev Kumar, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Block-A, 1st Floor, Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi-834002. Email: [apccfcampa.jhk@gmail.com](mailto:apccfcampa.jhk@gmail.com) either by post or by hand by 28.11.2023 (05:30 PM). Applications received after the deadline shall not be considered. Only those candidates whose candidature have been provisionally accepted will be called for interview. No TA/DA will be provided for appearing for interview.

| Place of Interview                           | Date and Time of Interview |
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| Conference Hall, Van Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi | 08.12.2023<br>11:30 hrs.   |

(Sanjeev Kumar)  
 Additional PCCF, CAMPA  
 Jharkhand, Block-A, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
 Van Bhawan, Doranda,  
 Ranchi-834002  
 Email : [apccfcampa@gov.in](mailto:apccfcampa@gov.in)

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**बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम लिमिटेड**  
 (A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)  
 Shiksha Bhawan, Bihar Rashtabhasa, Parishad Campus,  
 Acharya Shivpujan Sahay Path, Saidpur, Patna-800004  
 Tel. No : 0612 - 2660850 \* Fax No : 0612 - 2660256  
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**निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या - 32 वर्ष 2023-24**  
 SBD अधारित प्रतिशत दर निविदा  
 (केवल ई-टेंडरिंग पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर)

बिहार राज्य के विभिन्न जिला/प्रखंड स्थित 1027 विद्यालयों में अतिरिक्त वर्ग कक्ष के निर्माण हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। कोई भी संवेदक जो केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार/सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रों में निबंधित हो, निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं परंतु इस निगम का रजिस्ट्रेशन कार्य के आदंन के बाद कराना अनिवार्य होगा।

| Sl No. | Group No. | Name of Work  | Total School | BOQ Amount (In Lacs) | EMD (In Lacs) | Cost of BOQ (In Rs.) | Beltron Bid Processing Fee         | Period of Completion |
|--------|-----------|---|--------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1      | ACR-1001  | Construction of 129 Nos Additional Class Room in Araria District  | 13           | 1380.66              | 27.61         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 2      | ACR-1002  | Construction of 95 Nos Additional Class Room in Araria District   | 11           | 1033.57              | 20.67         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 3      | ACR-1003  | Construction of 39 Nos Additional Class Room in Arwal District  | 5            | 415.63               | 8.31          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 6 Months             |
| 4      | ACR-1004  | Construction of 80 Nos Additional Class Room in Aurangabad District   | 12           | 853.68               | 17.07         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 5      | ACR-1005  | Construction of 91 Nos Additional Class Room in Aurangabad District   | 12           | 981.72               | 19.63         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 6      | ACR-1006  | Construction of 67 Nos Additional Class Room in Banka District  | 13           | 769.93               | 15.40         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 7      | ACR-1007  | Construction of 65 Nos Additional Class Room in Banka District  | 13           | 719.23               | 14.38         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 8      | ACR-1008  | Construction of 46 Nos Additional Class Room in Begusarai District  | 7            | 474.24               | 9.48          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 9 Months             |
| 9      | ACR-1009  | Construction of 84 Nos Additional Class Room in Bhagalpur District  | 10           | 841.93               | 16.84         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 12 Months            |
| 10     | ACR-1010  | Construction of 109 Nos Additional Class Room in Bhojpur District   | 14           | 1136.51              | 22.73         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 11     | ACR-1011  | Construction of 117 Nos Additional Class Room in Bhojpur District   | 17           | 1269.16              | 25.38         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 12     | ACR-1012  | Construction of 28 Nos Additional Class Room in Buxar District  | 4            | 284.49               | 5.69          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 6 Months             |
| 13     | ACR-1013  | Construction of 98 Nos Additional Class Room in Darbhanga District  | 13           | 1055.00              | 21.10         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 14     | ACR-1014  | Construction of 98 Nos Additional Class Room in Darbhanga District  | 15           | 1084.45              | 21.69         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 15     | ACR-1015  | Construction of 97 Nos Additional Class Room in Darbhanga District  | 13           | 1032.35              | 20.65         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 16     | ACR-1016  | Construction of 130 Nos Additional Class Room in Darbhanga District   | 16           | 1428.21              | 28.56         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 17     | ACR-1017  | Construction of 129 Nos Additional Class Room in East Champaran District  | 15           | 1390.07              | 27.80         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 18     | ACR-1018  | Construction of 125 Nos Additional Class Room in East Champaran District  | 15           | 1353.65              | 27.07         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 19     | ACR-1019  | Construction of 91 Nos Additional Class Room in East Champaran District   | 14           | 1032.71              | 20.65         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 20     | ACR-1020  | Construction of 102 Nos Additional Class Room in East Champaran District  | 13           | 1109.49              | 22.19         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 21     | ACR-1021  | Construction of 123 Nos Additional Class Room in East Champaran District  | 16           | 1332.15              | 26.64         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 22     | ACR-1022  | Construction of 120 Nos Additional Class Room in East Champaran District  | 12           | 1259.82              | 25.20         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 23     | ACR-1023  | Construction of 58 Nos Additional Class Room in East Champaran District   | 11           | 653.88               | 13.08         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 24     | ACR-1024  | Construction of 81 Nos Additional Class Room in Gaya District   | 11           | 842.14               | 16.84         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 25     | ACR-1025  | Construction of 111 Nos Additional Class Room in Gaya District  | 12           | 1126.14              | 22.52         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 26     | ACR-1026  | Construction of 104 Nos Additional Class Room in Gaya District  | 13           | 1061.71              | 21.23         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 27     | ACR-1027  | Construction of 91 Nos Additional Class Room in Gopalganj District  | 16           | 1049.97              | 21.00         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 28     | ACR-1028  | Construction of 108 Nos Additional Class Room in Gopalganj District   | 19           | 1247.78              | 24.96         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 29     | ACR-1029  | Construction of 48 Nos Additional Class Room in Jamui District  | 8            | 521.64               | 10.43         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 12 Months            |
| 30     | ACR-1030  | Construction of 35 Nos Additional Class Room in Jehanabad District  | 6            | 384.84               | 7.70          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 9 Months             |
| 31     | ACR-1031  | Construction of 63 Nos Additional Class Room in Kaimur District   | 7            | 693.37               | 13.87         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 9 Months             |
| 32     | ACR-1032  | Construction of 62 Nos Additional Class Room in Katihar District  | 12           | 688.03               | 13.76         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 33     | ACR-1033  | Construction of 63 Nos Additional Class Room in Katihar District  | 12           | 724.96               | 14.50         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 34     | ACR-1034  | Construction of 28 Nos Additional Class Room in Khagaria District   | 4            | 299.31               | 5.99          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 6 Months             |
| 35     | ACR-1035  | Construction of 65 Nos Additional Class Room in Kishanganj District   | 12           | 764.10               | 15.28         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 36     | ACR-1036  | Construction of 44 Nos Additional Class Room in Lakhisarai District   | 7            | 453.97               | 9.08          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 9 Months             |
| 37     | ACR-1037  | Construction of 98 Nos Additional Class Room in Madhepura District  | 13           | 1075.41              | 21.51         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 38     | ACR-1038  | Construction of 110 Nos Additional Class Room in Madhubani District   | 11           | 1173.76              | 23.48         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 39     | ACR-1039  | Construction of 124 Nos Additional Class Room in Madhubani District   | 14           | 1363.23              | 27.26         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 40     | ACR-1040  | Construction of 103 Nos Additional Class Room in Madhubani District   | 11           | 1115.80              | 22.32         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 41     | ACR-1041  | Construction of 33 Nos Additional Class Room in Munger District   | 5            | 363.70               | 7.27          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 6 Months             |
| 42     | ACR-1042  | Construction of 96 Nos Additional Class Room in Muzaffarpur District  | 12           | 1020.30              | 20.41         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 43     | ACR-1043  | Construction of 101 Nos Additional Class Room in Muzaffarpur District   | 11           | 1046.78              | 20.94         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 44     | ACR-1044  | Construction of 119 Nos Additional Class Room in Muzaffarpur District   | 12           | 1235.28              | 24.71         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 45     | ACR-1045  | Construction of 61 Nos Additional Class Room in Muzaffarpur District  | 8            | 662.92               | 13.26         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 46     | ACR-1046  | Construction of 112 Nos Additional Class Room in Nalanda District   | 13           | 1187.42              | 23.75         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 47     | ACR-1047  | Construction of 107 Nos Additional Class Room in Nalanda District   | 12           | 1139.55              | 22.79         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 48     | ACR-1048  | Construction of 133 Nos Additional Class Room in Nalanda District   | 15           | 1388.85              | 27.78         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 49     | ACR-1049  | Construction of 90 Nos Additional Class Room in Nawada District   | 16           | 980.87               | 19.62         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 50     | ACR-1050  | Construction of 86 Nos Additional Class Room in Nawada District   | 15           | 946.21               | 18.92         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 51     | ACR-1051  | Construction of 96 Nos Additional Class Room in Patna District  | 17           | 1082.44              | 21.65         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 52     | ACR-1052  | Construction of 99 Nos Additional Class Room in Patna District  | 12           | 1038.09              | 20.76         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 53     | ACR-1053  | Construction of 98 Nos Additional Class Room in Patna District  | 15           | 1033.15              | 20.66         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 54     | ACR-1054  | Construction of 54 Nos Additional Class Room in Purnea District   | 16           | 668.84               | 13.38         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 55     | ACR-1055  | Construction of 101 Nos Additional Class Room in Rohtas District  | 13           | 1089.59              | 21.79         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 56     | ACR-1056  | Construction of 111 Nos Additional Class Room in Rohtas District  | 13           | 1196.49              | 23.93         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 57     | ACR-1057  | Construction of 82 Nos Additional Class Room in Saharsa District  | 12           | 906.70               | 18.13         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 58     | ACR-1058  | Construction of 88 Nos Additional Class Room in Samastipur District   | 12           | 956.74               | 19.13         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 59     | ACR-1059  | Construction of 92 Nos Additional Class Room in Samastipur District   | 13           | 970.95               | 19.42         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 60     | ACR-1060  | Construction of 97 Nos Additional Class Room in Samastipur District   | 14           | 1053.67              | 21.07         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 61     | ACR-1061  | Construction of 113 Nos Additional Class Room in Samastipur District  | 15           | 128.65               | 2.57          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 62     | ACR-1062  | Construction of 122 Nos Additional Class Room in Samastipur District  | 15           | 1278.26              | 25.57         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 63     | ACR-1063  | Construction of 122 Nos Additional Class Room in Saran District   | 15           | 1217.81              | 24.36         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 64     | ACR-1064  | Construction of 127 Nos Additional Class Room in Saran District   | 17           | 1300.56              | 26.01         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 65     | ACR-1065  | Construction of 91 Nos Additional Class Room in Saran District  | 16           | 996.90               | 19.94         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 66     | ACR-1066  | Construction of 55 Nos Additional Class Room in Sheikhpura District   | 6            | 552.20               | 11.04         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 6 Months             |
| 67     | ACR-1067  | Construction of 24 Nos Additional Class Room in Sheohar District  | 3            | 261.44               | 5.23          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 6 Months             |
| 68     | ACR-1068  | Construction of 74 Nos Additional Class Room in Sitamarhi District  | 14           | 864.74               | 17.29         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 69     | ACR-1069  | Construction of 72 Nos Additional Class Room in Siwan District  | 9            | 772.03               | 15.44         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 70     | ACR-1070  | Construction of 79 Nos Additional Class Room in Siwan District  | 11           | 861.02               | 17.22         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 71     | ACR-1071  | Construction of 99 Nos Additional Class Room in Supaul District   | 13           | 1133.92              | 22.68         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 72     | ACR-1072  | Construction of 107 Nos Additional Class Room in Vaishali District  | 13           | 1123.36              | 22.47         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 73     | ACR-1073  | Construction of 91 Nos Additional Class Room in Vaishali District   | 13           | 992.41               | 19.85         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 74     | ACR-1074  | Construction of 100 Nos Additional Class Room in Vaishali District  | 11           | 1034.59              | 20.69         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 75     | ACR-1075  | Construction of 60 Nos Additional Class Room in Vaishali District   | 8            | 643.73               | 12.87         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 76     | ACR-1076  | Construction of 100 Nos Additional Class Room in West Champaran District  | 12           | 1122.91              | 22.46         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 77     | ACR-1077  | Construction of 95 Nos Additional Class Room in West Champaran District   | 12           | 1075.04              | 21.50         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 78     | ACR-1078  | Construction of 93 Nos Additional Class Room in West Champaran District   | 13           | 1047.51              | 20.95         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 79     | ACR-1079  | Construction of 100 Nos Additional Class Room in West Champaran District  | 16           | 1107.91              | 22.16         | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 18 Months            |
| 80     | -         | Construction of 500 Seating Capacity Auditorium at State Council of Education & Research Training (SCERT) Mahendru Patna    | -            | 438.74               | 8.77          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 12 Months            |
| 81     | -         | Furnishing Work of 500 Seating Capacity Auditorium at State Council of Education & Research Training (SCERT) Mahendru Patna | -            | 241.45               | 4.83          | 10,000/-             | As appeared on e-tendering website | 12 Months            |

नोट:- (i) प्राकृतिक राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है एवं तदनुसार अग्रगण्य की राशि घट या बढ़ सकती है। (ii) वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर अंकित प्राकृतिक राशि, अग्रगण्य की राशि एवं परिमाण विपत्र की राशि अंतिम रूप से मान्य होगा।

(1) विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता :- मुख्य अभियंता, बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम, पटना।

(2) परिमाण विपत्र प्राप्त करने (डाउनलोड/अपलोड) की अवधि एवं समय :- दिनांक-24.11.2023 से 30.11.2023, 15:00 बजे तक।

(3) प्री बिड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि :- दिनांक-27.11.2023 15:00 घंटा तक, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, बिहार राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास निगम, पटना।

(4) सभी शपथ-पत्र एवं अग्रगण्य की मूल प्रति जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि, समय एवं स्थान :- दिनांक-01.12.2023 (अवकाश घोषित होने पर अगला कार्य दिवस), समय- 15:00 बजे राज्य शैक्षणिक आधारभूत संरचना विकास तक, बिहार निगम, पटना।

(5) टेकनिकल बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-02.12.2023, समय- 15:30 बजे तक

(6) वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- तकनीकी मूल्या