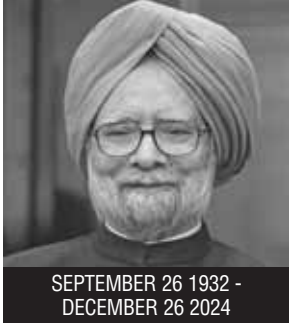


ARCHITECT OF INDIAN ECONOMY PASSES AWAY

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, the architect of India's economic reforms, died on Thursday night. He was 92. Singh's death was announced by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, where he was admitted in the Emergency ward around 8.30 PM in a critical condition. An AIIMS bulletin said "he was treated for age related medical conditions and had sudden loss of consciousness at home" on December 26. "Resuscitative measures started immediately at home. He was brought to the medical emergency at AIIMS Delhi at 8.06 pm. Despite all efforts, he could not be revived and was declared dead at 9.51 pm," said the bulletin.

Singh, who was PM for two terms in the Congress-led



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United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Government from 2004 to 2014, had been in poor health for the last few months. He is survived by wife Gurcharan Singh and three daughters. Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and her mother Sonia Gandhi reached the hospital as soon as the news of his hospitalisation became known.

Singh, who was Finance Minister under the then PM PV Narasimha Rao, was the



architect and the brainchild of economic reforms in 1991 that pulled India from the brink of bankruptcy and ushered in an era of economic liberalisation that is widely believed to have changed the course of India's economic trajectory. Singh died as the Congress party concluded its Congress Working Committee meeting at Belagavi in Karnataka, where all top party leaders were present. Party chief Mallikarjun Kharge and

Rahul Gandhi rushed to Delhi from Belagavi followed by several top party leaders and workers from across the country. A galaxy of leaders across the political party lines condoled the death of Singh with Prime Minister Narendra Modi remarking "We had extensive deliberations on various subjects relating to governance; his wisdom, humility were always visible". "With the passing of former PM Manmohan Singh, India

has lost a visionary statesman, a leader of unimpeachable integrity," said Mallikarjun Kharge. "Manmohan Singh's policy of economic liberalisation and rights-based welfare paradigm profoundly transformed lives of crores," Kharge added before leaving the CWC meet at Belagavi. "Few people in politics inspire the kind of respect that Sardar Manmohan Singh did. Manmohan Singh's honesty will always be an

inspiration for us. He remained steadfast in commitment to serve the nation despite being subjected to unfair, deeply personal attacks," Priyanka Gandhi said as her husband Robert Vadra was the first to announce on social media the demise of Dr Singh. Rahul Gandhi in his remarks said he lost a mentor and guide as millions like him admired Dr Singh who will be remembered with the utmost pride. "Manmohan Singh Ji

led India with immense wisdom and integrity. His humility and deep understanding of economics inspired the nation. My heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Kaur and the family," Rahul Gandhi said. Here is the timeline of his five-decade old career in bureaucracy and politics. 1954: Completed Master's in Economics from Panjab University 1957: Economic Tripos (3-year degree prog) from Cambridge University

1962: D.Phil in Economics from Oxford University 1971: Joins Government of India as Economic Advisor in Commerce Ministry 1972: Appointed Chief Economic Advisor in Finance Ministry 1980-82: Member, Planning Commission 1982-1985: Governor of the Reserve Bank of India 1985-87: Served as Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission 1987-90: Secretary General of South Commission in Geneva 1990: Appointed Advisor to Prime Minister on Economic Affairs March 1991: Appointed chairman of University Grants Commission 1991: Elected to Rajya Sabha from Assam, and re-elected in 1995, 2001, 2007 and 2013 1991-96: Finance Minister under P V Narasimha Rao government 1998-2004: Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha 2004-2014: Prime Minister of India.

Congress and AAP cloud over INDIA Bloc

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

In a development that could be a major setback to the India Bloc as the growing rift between the Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has escalated into open hostility thereby putting the alliance on shaky grounds. The AAP on Thursday threatened that it would talk to other parties of the INDIA Bloc to remove the Congress from the alliance, if it didn't take action against Delhi Congress leader Ajay Maken for making derogatory remarks against party's supremo Arvind Kejriwal, calling him an 'anti national'. The AAP leaders now demanded that the Congress take disciplinary action against Maken and other party leaders within 24 hours.

Slamming Congress for having crossed all boundaries, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh accompanied by Chief Minister Atishi warned that the AAP has given an ultimatum to its leadership to take immediate action against Maken within 24 hours, failing which AAP will be forced to demand Congress's expulsion from the INDIA Bloc. "We will ask the other parties in the alliance to remove the Congress," Singh said. He further alleged that the Congress's Delhi unit is working with the BJP to ensure AAP's defeat in the Delhi polls due early next year. Atishi accused the Congress's candidates' list is being prepared by the BJP, and their funding is also being provided by them.

This comes amidst rising tensions and accusations from both sides, further weakening the opposition bloc. The reason for the AAP's grouse is the Congress' FIR against Kejriwal on charges of fraud and forgery, accusing him of "misleading and deceiving" the



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Kejriwal may lose NDMC membership

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Wednesday passed a resolution condemning former Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal for failing to implement the Narendra Modi-led Government's flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat. The Council is seeking legal opinion from the law department to cancel his membership as he has not been able to attend the meetings.

The AAP convener is an ex-officio member of the council, which falls under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), since he is the MLA from the New Delhi Assembly constituency. Kejriwal has consecutively missed the meetings of the

new council for the fourth time since the first took place on November 9 and also missed the oath taking ceremony. Launching an all-out attack on the AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal from all corners ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections 2025, NDMC Vice-Chairman Kuljeet Chahal flagged the issue of him remaining absent from the council meetings, stating that the law department has been consulted in the matter and will reply by the next weekly meeting about the legality of the matter.

"The matter will be raised in the next council meeting after receiving the department's response," he said while addressing the media. A condemnation resolution was also passed in the meeting against the AAP chief. The members of the Council

also passed a censure motion against Kejriwal on the fraud of 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman' and 'Sanjeevani Yojna'. Chahal said, "Kejriwal is not allowing the Ayushman Bharat Yojna implemented by the Prime Minister to reach the citizens of Delhi due to his personal and political reasons." New Delhi BJP Member of Parliament P Bansuri Swaraj, who is also a member of the NDMC, attended the meeting. "Today I attended the weekly meeting of NDMC with the council officials. In the meeting, a resolution condemning the neglect of public interest by former Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal by not implementing the Ayushman Bharat scheme in Delhi was unanimously passed," she shared in a tweet.

public with promises of non-existent welfare schemes and derogatory remarks by senior Congress leaders Ajay Maken and Sandeep Dikshit on party's national convener. The tension escalated during the Winter session of Parliament when murmurs arose about changing the leadership of the INDIA Bloc, with some including Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad suggesting Mamata Banerjee to take over. The INDIA Bloc, comprising parties like the Samajwadi Party, Trinamool Congress (TMC), RJD, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), Shiv Sena (UBT), and AAP, face a crucial test of unity. The AAP's decision to hold talks with its allies could deepen the ongoing crisis.

Singh accused Maken, and Dikshit of targeting AAP instead of focusing on the BJP. Singh slammed Maken for allegedly calling Kejriwal "anti-national" and urged Congress to take action against him within 24 hours. "At this point, all limits have been crossed. Filing an FIR, calling someone anti-national-such audacity from Ajay Maken and his party is unacceptable. I demand that the Congress take action against Ajay Maken within 24 hours. Otherwise, we will appeal to the other constituent parties of the INDIA Bloc to expel Congress from the alliance," asserted the AAP Rajya Sabha MP. Ajay Maken reads the BJP script, makes statements at the BJP's behest, and targets AAP leaders on BJP's instructions. And yesterday, he crossed all limits and called our leader Arvind Kejriwal anti-national," Singh said. The Congress or Ajay Maken have never called any BJP leader in Delhi "anti-national", Singh said.



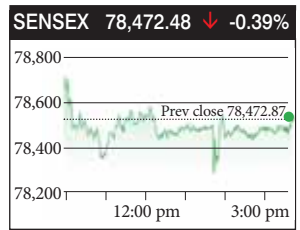
EC makes world's largest electoral dataset public

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Thursday released the world's largest electoral dataset for 2024 Lok Sabha and four State Assembly polls held this year. The move was aimed at enhancing "public trust" in the country's electoral system at a time when the opposition has been raising doubts over its credibility after it changed its rules to restrict public access to CCTV footage of polling booths and other poll documents. Sources in the election watchdog said since the One Nation One Election (ONOE) has been tabled in the Parliament and a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) is monitoring it, this data will help the stakeholders to tread the path of ambitious simultaneous polls in the country. The EC officials asserted that such granular data is not shared by any of the election management bodies in democracies across the world. "This suo motu initiative is to enhance the public trust that constitutes the underpinning of India's electoral system," the EC said. In its 40 statistical reports related to Lok Sabha 2024 polls, released by the poll body on Thursday showed that the six national parties bagged over 63 per cent share of the total valid votes polled

in the Lok Sabha elections held this year. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Congress, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)], Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and National People's Party (NPP) are the six national parties. Six recognised National parties, 47 State parties and 690 registered, unrecognised political parties contested the Parliamentary polls. Besides, 3,905 independent candidates forfeited the deposits. Out of the 3,921 independent candidates, 279 were women, the EC noted. The datasets cover a range of variables, such as details of PC/AC /State wise electors, number of polling stations, State/ PC wise voter turnout, Party wise vote share, gender-based voting behaviour. It also included State wise participation of women electors and much more. "This suo moto initiative, is to enhance the public trust that constitutes the underpinning of India's electoral system," the poll body said in the Statement. "The release of extensive data sets is also in furtherance of the Commission's policy of maximum disclosure, greater transparency and accessibility of election-related data for all stakeholders including academia, research and the general public," it added.

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FIR registered in forged voter ID case: Delhi Police

SAUMYA SHUKLA ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has registered a case against four individuals in connection with forgery in Voter ID card applications for the purpose of new voter registration and address shifting after the Election office flagged such suspicious cases to them in southeast Delhi's Shaheen Bagh. On Wednesday, the Election Commission flagged four such suspicious cases to the Delhi Police, following which the police registered cases under section 336 (Forgery for the purpose of cheating) and Section 340 BNS (Using forged documents as genuine). "It is to inform you that certain applicants have submitted online applications for voter registration through Form-6 and Form-8 by fraudulent means. These applicants have uploaded false documents, which have been tampered with, in support of their applications," the Election Registration Officer stated.

From deep sea, to outer space, Indian explorers will make history

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ HYDERABAD

As India is gearing up for its first space mission in 2026, plans are afoot to send a human into the deep sea the same year thereby showcasing the country's prowess in frontier scientific endeavours. Disclosing this, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science, Jitendra Singh said on Thursday "... One Indian up there, and one Indian in the deep sea. That will be once again, a record of sorts." He also emphasised the increasing importance of oceanic exploration in the country's journey toward becoming a 'Viksit Bharat'.

The Centre is planning to send a human into the deep sea with the mission likely to coincide with the human space mission in early 2026, Singh said while speaking at the 'Commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami' at the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS). The minister recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had mentioned the Deep Sea Mission in the past Independence Day address.

"We are also planning to send a human into the deep sea. I was telling Ravichandran (Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences) that it would be a strange coincidence-one human in space and another in the deep sea. This will



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happen almost simultaneously," Singh said. The human space mission, initially planned for 2025, may not take place next year, but is now expected in early 2026, he added. Advocating for the sustainable exploration and conservation of India's 7,500-kilometre coastline and its abundant marine resources, the minister said the government is working to create an ecosystem to support these efforts. He told a news agency that the services and information provided by INCOIS are not only relevant to coastal communities along India's shoreline but also to people worldwide.

Beware the gangs Gurugram, 200 gangsters arrested so far

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

In a major crackdown against active gangs involved in various crimes, the Gurugram police have arrested 200 members of 80 gangs, between January 1 to December 13 this year. While revealing the data, police said a number of 406 cases were also registered against them, and Rs 3.67 Crore were also recovered from their possession. "The arrested accused were mainly involved in robbery, house-breaking, theft, vehicle theft, snatching, ATM fraud, murder and others. The Gurugram police's crime branch teams and police station teams work hard to nab these criminals and recover huge amounts from them" Vikas Arora, Commissioner of Gurugram Police, said. Meanwhile, police said a special drive was initiated against these criminals at the direction of the Gurugram Police Commissioner. Many among the apprehended

offenders, were evading arrest for a long time. "We identified such offenders by collecting data from courts, sources and other inputs to keep an eye on the movements and activities of the criminals and anti-social elements. We believe such elements can be a threat to the city and disrupt law and order situation or execute any crime," Varun Dahiya, ACP (Crime), said.

He said that such operations against the Proclaimed Offenders (POs), bail jumpers and as well as other dreaded culprits will be continued in future to further ensure a sense of security and safety among the people. Dahiya said that specific information and public cooperation are very important when it comes to tackling and preventing crime. Apart from that, he emphasised that cooperation between police and the public plays a significant role in investigating and prosecuting criminals engaged in different offences. "They were arrested after receiving information



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from specific resources to keep an eye on the movements and activities of the criminals and anti-social elements. We believe such elements can be a threat to the city and disrupt law and order situation or execute any crime," he said. Apart from this, the Gurugram police had also recovered Rs 83.41 crores from 1,658 Cyber Fraudsters, including 22 bank officials of different banks in just 11 months from January 2024 to 30 November 2024, the Gurugram police said. Senior police officers of the Gurugram claimed that the police are closely working with other agencies and organisations to counter these

frauds. "The cyber fraudsters commit fraud by luring people with good profits, investing in the stock market, reducing electricity bills, in the name of buying/selling cheap goods online, sextortion through video calls on WhatsApp, morphing, sending links through various means, posing as a customs officer/police officer in the name of implicating false case, in the name of issuing a No-Objection Certificate, digitally arresting people by showing the fear of implicating them in a criminal case, etc," Priyanshu Divan, ACP (cybercrime), said. Cyber fraudsters call people

and pretend to be police officers and commit fraud by telling them that any of their acquaintances or relatives have broken any law or that any of their relatives or acquaintances are ill, police said. They also dupe people; when people search for customer care numbers on Google for online hotel booking, wine delivery or for taking loans, cyber fraudsters keep their numbers there so that people call cyber fraudsters, and cyber fraudsters cheat them by taking them into confidence," Divan said. "As per the instructions of the Gurugram police chief, and to create awareness about cyber crimes, officials of RWA of residential societies, schools, companies and various institutions in Gurugram are being made aware by giving information about cyber crimes. We appealed to the public to steer clear of such dubious callers and advised caution in sharing personal details to strangers stalking them online," he added.

16 projects of Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal River Link Project approved

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

MADHYA PRADESH CABINET

The State Cabinet here on Thursday gave administrative approval to a group of 16 projects left out from administrative approval under the revised Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal River Link Project. Their cost will be 28 thousand 798 crores and the catchment area will be 04 lakh 72 thousand 970 hectares. Water Resources Minister Shri Tulsiram Silawat said that the approved projects will create new irrigation capacity in 4 lakh 73 thousand hectares in 1865 villages of 10 districts Guna, Shivpuri, Morena, Ujjain, Sehore, Indore, Dewas Agar Malwa, Shajapur and Rajgarh of Malwa and Chambal region in Madhya Pradesh. Also, the modernization of Chambal right main

canal system will ensure irrigation facility in 3 lakh 62 thousand hectares of area in 1205 villages of Bhind, Morena and Sheopur districts. Minister Shri Silawat informed that the MoU was signed on 28 January 2024 between the Secretary, Government of India and the Additional Chief Secretaries of both the states in the presence of the Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan to prepare a detailed project report of the revised Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal River Link Project cum Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project. This project is funded by the Centre, the cost of which will be borne 90% by the Centre and 10% by the states.

Additional Chief Secretary Rajesh Rajora informed that the total estimated cost for the implementation of schemes of Madhya Pradesh under the project has been estimated at Rs 35 thousand crore. Under the project, a total of 21 schemes were proposed in Madhya Pradesh, which includes the work of 19 schemes including Padon Major Micro Irrigation Project by integrating the command area of Padon-one and Padon-two irrigation projects and Katila Pawa Major Micro Irrigation Project by integrating the command area of Pawa Irrigation Project and Katila Irrigation Project. Out of these, administrative approval of Rs 2066.93 crore has been given

for 2 projects Chitavd Major Irrigation Project of Ujjain district on 5 October 2023 and Rs 614.53 crore for Sevarkhedi, Silarkhedi Irrigation Project. Administrative approval of Malhargarh (Shivna) Micro Irrigation Project of Mandsaur district is under process. Administrative approval was given to the remaining 16 projects by the Cabinet. Administrative approval given to these projects The total estimated cost for the implementation of the projects of Madhya Pradesh state has been estimated at Rs 35000 crore. The projects approved by the Cabinet include Dhanwadi Major Micro Irrigation Project, Nainagarh Barrage Major Micro Irrigation Project, Sonpuri Major Micro Irrigation Project, Katila-Pawa Major

Micro Irrigation Project, Shyampur Barrage Major Micro Irrigation Project, Parvati Complex Major Micro Irrigation Project, Jethala (Valancing Reservoir) Major Micro Lift Irrigation Project, Kumbhraj Major Micro Irrigation Project, Padon Major Micro Irrigation Project (Padon-1 and Padon-2 Barrage), Ranjit Sagar Complex Major Micro Irrigation Project, Kalisindh Complex Major Micro Irrigation Project, Lakhunder Complex Major Micro Irrigation Project, Bachhaura Depalpur Major Micro Irrigation Project, Sikri Sultanpur Medium Micro Irrigation Project, Sonchiri Medium Micro Irrigation Project and renovation and modernization of Chambal Canal System.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav with Sikh children at a religious programme on Veer Bal Divas, at Gurdwara Nanaksar in Bhopal on Thursday. Veer Bal Divas is observed to honour the bravery of Sahibzadas of the tenth Sikh Guru Gobind Singh, Zorawar Singh and his younger brother, five-year-old Baba Fateh Singh. Pioneer photo

Lifer to three accused in sensational Berasia rape case

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Additional Sessions Judge, Berasia, district Bhopal Pawan Kumar Bandil sentenced Sanket alias Shaitan Singh Lodhi, Deepak Lodhi and Leelakashan Lodhi to life imprisonment and fine of Rs 5000 each under section 376 IPC, 5 years rigorous imprisonment and fine of Rs. 3000 each under section 458 IPC, 1 year rigorous imprisonment and fine of Rs. 1000 each under section 506 IPC. They were sentenced to life imprisonment and a fine of Rs.3000 each under Section 5 /6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and 5 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs.3000 each under Section 9 /10 of the Protection of Children from

Sexual Offences Act. The case was presented on behalf of the government by Special Public Prosecutor, Berasia, Ashish Tiwari, in which special assistance was provided by Sanghmitra Singh, Special Public Prosecutor, Berasia. The victim, a resident of District Raisen, had come to her elder sister's house in village Gunga as a guest. During the same period, on September 8, 2021, due to ill health of her elder sister, her brother-in-law admitted the victim's elder sister to Hamidia Hospital, Bhopal, where she was undergoing treatment. The victim's brother-in-law was also in the hospital with the elder sister. The victim and her brother-in-law's elder brother's 9-year-old daughter were alone at home in village

Gunga. On September 12, 2021, at around 9 pm, the accused Sanket alias Shaitan Singh Lodhi, Deepak Lodhi and Lila Kishan Lodhi, residents of village Gunga, Tehsil Bairasia, District Bhopal, knocked on the door of the victim's house, when the 9-year-old girl opened the door, the three accused entered the house and after entering the house, the three accused intimidated the 15-year-old 11 months and 24 days-old victim and raped her. During the incident, accused Lila Kishan also made a video of the victim on his mobile. At the time of the incident, accused Shaitan Singh also molested the 9-year-old girl with bad intentions. After this, the accused told the victim that if she told

anyone about this, they would kill her and left the spot. The next day of the incident, the victim went to her home in Raisen district with her father and after going home, informed her parents about the incident. On September 14, the victim reported the incident at the Women's Police Station Raisen. In the report, since the incident took place in village Gunga, Tehsil Berasia, District Bhopal, the case was sent from the Women's Police Station Raisen to Police Station Gunga, after investigation, a charge sheet was presented before the court against the accused Sanket alias Shaitan Singh Lodhi, Deepak Lodhi and Lila Kishan Lodhi.

24 porn videos recovered from Mediscan employee

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A total of 24 pornographic videos of women have been found from the mobile of an employee of Mediscan MRI center in Malviya Nagar who was arrested after a victim found video recording in the changing room on December 19. Police said the accused had recorded these videos. The accused got bail from the court on Wednesday, December 25. The police had arrested him on 19 December. Investigation so far has revealed that the accused came to Bhopal from Ayodhya 3 years ago. He was employed in Medi Scan, an MRI center in Malviya Nagar of the city, without police verification.

The police are now also investigating the role of the operator of the MRI center. His statement could not be recorded. Accused Vishal Thakur used to record videos by hiding his mobile phone between the false ceiling of the ladies changing room. The police have written a letter to the CMHO and sought information about when the MediScan Center was running. How many times was the center inspected during this period. The statements of the victim side have been recorded. The statements of the centre's staff have also been recorded one by one. The police investigation so far has made it clear that no other employee has a role in this matter. The technical investigation of the accused's mobile has also made it clear

that he never shared the video with anyone else. During interrogation, he has also admitted to making the video for his own viewing. Vishal Thakur is originally from Ayodhya. He has been living with his sister near the old assembly of Bhopal for three years. His parents have passed away. He used to work as a housekeeper in an MRI centre. Earlier, he used to work as a guard in some other institution. Vishal is unmarried. According to Arera Hills police station in-charge Manoj Patwa, the role of the owner of the MediScan Centre is being investigated. In the initial investigation, it has become clear that the accused was hired without police verification. The owner's statement has not been recorded yet.

Incliment weather to impact MP

Bhopal: With the activation of a Western Disturbance and cyclonic circulation, the weather in Madhya Pradesh has changed once again. There has been an increase of 4 to 5 degrees in night temperatures, while daytime temperatures have dipped, bringing colder conditions. This trend is expected to persist until December 28. The Meteorological Department (Met) has issued warnings for various weather conditions affecting the state. In Bhopal, shallow to moderate fog has been observed, particularly in the mornings, which has reduced visibility and intensified the chill in the air. Additionally, night temperatures have risen by 4 to 5 degrees compared to normal winter conditions, while daytime temperatures have dropped, contributing to the colder weather.



Additional Director General of National Cadet Corps, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Major General Vikrant M Dhumne addresses NCC contingents before their departure to New Delhi for the Republic Day Camp, in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

Manthan 2024: Ministers offer crucial suggestions for progress

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav described the day-long 'Manthan-2024' event as highly productive. He stated that the priorities outlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the welfare of four key groups - youth, the poor, women, and farmers - will serve as the foundation for future work. To achieve this, four dedicated missions will soon be implemented. Highlighting the significance of good governance as emphasized by Prime Minister Modi, Dr. Yadav noted that detailed discussions on this topic took place during the Manthan Camp meeting. It was decided that similar discussion forums will now be organized at the departmental level to enhance efficiency. On Thursday, in-depth discussions were conducted on transforming Madhya Pradesh into a hub across various sectors. The Chief Minister also instructed Cabinet members to regularly review

departmental performance, emphasizing that the ultimate goal of the state government is to maximize public welfare and ensure progress for all. Yadav stated that the Madhya Pradesh government is committed to meeting the expectations of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. To enhance healthcare services, separate queues and seating arrangements will be introduced for senior patients in state hospitals, ensuring they receive respect and adequate facilities. He highlighted that the number of medical facilities and medical education institutions in Madhya Pradesh is steadily increasing. Additionally, efforts will be directed towards developing the state as a hub for medical tourism, leveraging its growing healthcare infrastructure. Yadav said that the Regional Industry Conclave which was started to make the state an industrial hub has yielded successful results. He said that the Prime Minister will take part in the Global Investors Summit to

be held in Bhopal in February 2025. Yadav said that efforts for infrastructure development will be increased by following a liberal policy to provide land to industries. Industries themselves will implement various development works according to the allotted land, this will make it possible to develop the state's assets and increase facilities. The Chief Minister shared that during the Bhoomi Pujan of the Ken-Betwa River Linking Project on December 25 in Khajuraho, commemorating the 100th birth anniversary of Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted Madhya Pradesh's remarkable achievements over the past year. The Prime Minister praised the state's tourism sector and noted its inclusion among the top 10 tourism potential areas in the world. Dr. Yadav expressed gratitude for the Prime Minister's recognition, affirming that the Madhya Pradesh government will honor this acknowledgment by accelerating progress in various sectors, particularly tourism.

He also emphasized the state's focus on advancing medical tourism, noting that 30 medical colleges are currently operational, with plans to expand to over 50 within the next year. Additionally, efforts are underway to establish five new Ayurvedic medical colleges, increasing the total to 60. With 55 districts in the state, Madhya Pradesh is on track to have more medical colleges than districts, positioning itself as a hub for medical education and healthcare excellence. Yadav said that the talented youth of Madhya Pradesh go to other states for work and employment. A large number of youth will get jobs due to the development of information technology-based industries, employment opportunities arising from the opening of new medical colleges, work possibilities in the field of education, and various works in the agriculture and renewable energy sectors gaining momentum.

6 km road from 11 Mile to Bangrasia to be upgraded to four-lane

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The six-kilometer stretch of road from 11 Mile to Bangrasia (Bhojpur Road) in Bhopal is set to undergo a major transformation, with its expansion from a two-lane to a four-lane road at an estimated cost of ₹50 crore. The project will utilize Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) technology, which reuses materials from the existing road, making it a model road in Madhya Pradesh. The construction work is expected to begin in January 2024, with completion slated for the next 18 months. The project includes the felling of around 200 trees, primarily eucalyptus, to clear the way for the expansion. The Public Works Department (PWD) has already begun cutting the trees and has paid ₹80 lakh to the forest department as compensation. Currently, the road is in a dilapidated state, causing inconvenience to thousands of daily commuters. It serves as a crucial link to Bhojpur, a religious hub known for housing the world's largest Shivaling. The annual Bhojpur Mahotsav attracts poets, writers, and

The construction work is expected to begin in January 2024, with completion slated for the next 18 months

artists from across the globe, but the poor condition of the road has been a consistent issue for visitors and devotees. PWD Chief Engineer Sanjay Maske emphasized that the project will create a durable road with fewer resources using FDR technology, which involves recycling materials from the existing roadbed. The use of this sustainable approach will reduce construction costs while ensuring durability. Once completed, the upgraded road will significantly benefit residents of Bhopal and neighboring districts, including Raisen, Vidisha, and Betul, improving connectivity and easing travel to Bhojpur. The long-awaited project is expected to not only enhance transportation but also boost tourism and cultural activities in the region.

3 killed as transmission tower collapses

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Three workers lost their lives, and six others sustained injuries when a 400 KV transmission line tower collapsed in Sidhi district of Madhya Pradesh on Thursday. The tragic incident occurred in Aamadad village under Rampur Naikin tehsil around noon, according to police officials. The labourers were engaged in replacing old transmission towers with new ones as part of an ongoing project when the tower came crashing down. Two workers were killed on the spot, while a third succumbed to injuries while being rushed to the hospital. The injured individuals were immediately taken to Sanjay Gandhi Medical College in Rewa for treatment. Sidhi Superintendent of Police Ravindra Verma confirmed the fatalities and stated that efforts are underway to identify the deceased. All victims reportedly hail from West Bengal. The incident has raised concerns about safety protocols at construction sites, particularly for high-risk infrastructure projects. Authorities are expected to investigate the cause of the collapse to determine whether negligence or structural flaws contributed to the disaster.

Drunk miscreants attack Ola driver, vandalize car in Bhopal

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A group of heavily intoxicated individuals attacked an Ola taxi driver and vandalized his car in front of the Halalpara bus stand in a shocking incident that has gained widespread attention after a video of the attack went viral on social media. The police have registered an FIR based on the vehicle's registration number but are yet to arrest anyone involved. The incident occurred late Wednesday night when unidentified miscreants stopped the Ola car, dragged the driver out, and brutally assaulted him. The victim, Saurabh Raikwar, a resident of Danish Nagar, reported that his car was also damaged during the attack. According to TI Brijendra Merscole, the altercation disrupted traffic on the government route, prompting immediate police action. An FIR has been filed against the unknown attackers, and investigations are ongoing to identify them. Initial findings indicate that the assailants were heavily

intoxicated and were driving a black Scorpio adorned with a BJP flag. However, their political affiliations remain unconfirmed until arrests are made. The exact motive for the attack is unclear. Raikwar told police he was returning from Khajuri Road after dinner when the attackers stopped him near the Halalpara bus stand. They assaulted him and vandalized his vehicle without provocation. He expressed ignorance about the identity of the attackers, claiming no prior enmity or dispute with them. Police are currently tracing the vehicle's registration number to identify the accused and understand the reason behind the assault. Authorities have assured that they are working diligently to apprehend those involved. Meanwhile, the incident has sparked concerns over public safety and law enforcement in the area. Further investigations are underway, and the police are urging witnesses to come forward with any information that may assist in solving the case.

Over 13,000 patients attend medical camp in Gwalior



PNS ■ GWALIOR

Under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal and initiative of Member of Parliament Bharat Singh Kushwah, AIIMS Bhopal is currently organizing a three-day mega medical camp in Gwalior from December 25 to 27, in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The camp has also drawn the

attention of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, who visited the venue to encourage the healthcare workers and acknowledge their efforts. The camp, which began on December 25, is witnessing an overwhelming response from the local community. A dedicated team of 160 doctors and paramedics from AIIMS Bhopal, led by Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh, is providing exceptional healthcare services to patients.

The ongoing camp features advanced medical equipment such as USG machines, OCT devices for eye examinations, and FibroScan machines, ensuring comprehensive diagnostic and treatment facilities. On the first day of the camp, 13,185 patients were attended to, including 3,500 senior citizens (aged 60+), 800 pediatric cases, and 6,210 women. The event has been met with great enthusiasm, and with two more days remaining, a larger turnout of patients is anticipated.

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Employment-oriented activities should be encouraged: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said that the government is committed to providing employment for every poor individual while improving their standard of living through enhanced access to health, education, and nutrition.

He stressed the need to work in mission mode, following the guidelines of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to achieve these goals within a set time-frame. Activities focusing on youth empowerment, welfare of the poor, women empowerment, and farmer welfare should be implemented in coordination with various departments, tailored to local conditions and requirements to create employment and entrepreneurship opportunities at

both urban and village levels. The Chief Minister highlighted the importance of establishing industries that generate significant employment, such as the readymade garment sector. He also underlined the need to arrange skill upgradation and training programs for youth based on industry requirements. In rural areas, he suggested promoting the cultivation of medicinal plants and cow rearing to enhance family incomes while naturally providing nutritious food. Yadav further emphasized encouraging government and private sector collaboration in all sectors, including health and education, to drive comprehensive development. The Chief Minister shared these insights during the inaugural session of the Manthan Camp.

A Manthan Camp was orga-

nized on Thursday in Kushabhau Thackeray Auditorium under the chairmanship of Yadav to present the discussions held at the government level for the implementation of missions focused on youth empowerment, welfare of the poor, women empowerment and farmer welfare in the state and to get guidance and suggestions from ministers and officials on them. Presentations were given in the Manthan Camp on the conclusions of the fourth National Chief Secretaries Conference held in New Delhi. Simultaneously, presentations and discussions on renewable energy, opportunities in green economy, Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, frontier technology for Vikas Bharat, creating favorable environment for the service sector

in tier 2 and tier 3 cities, employment in MSME and informal sector, development of cities as economic growth centers, manufacturing focused on tier 2 and tier 3 cities, expansion of non-agricultural activities and services in rural areas and economic reforms for investment are also part of the Manthan Camp.

In the first session of the Manthan Camp, which was started under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Dr. Yadav, presentations were made on the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Shakti Mission. The mission aims to increase the income and education level of every person and to make every youth a part of social initiatives in the interest of society. The target group of the mission includes youth of 15 to 29 years of age from

rural and urban areas. Along with this, special attention will be given to women, differently abled youth, farmers and economically weaker sections. The mission will be run with the motto of Samvaad-Samarthya-Samridhhi. Quality education, capacity building for entrepreneurship/employment, and social initiatives will be the main pillars of the mission.

In the presentation of Garib Kalyan Mission, it was told that through the multidimensional poverty index-based poverty alleviation programme, the target has been set to improve 12 specific indices for better health, education, and living standards. The focus will be on the welfare of all the weaker sections of the society, especially the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.



Devotees of Malayalee Community perform Mandala Pooja during the celestial celebration of Mandalam-Makara Vilakku-2024-25 from Nov 16 to Jan 14, 2025 at Sree Ayyappa Temple, Shivaji Nagar in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo



Congress party workers pay tributes to former President Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma on his death anniversary in Bhopal on Thursday. Pioneer photo

Two-day Mahakaushal Short Film Festival to commence on December 28

PNS ■ JABALPUR

To promoting Indian culture, patriotism, and local talent in cinema, as well as fostering national consciousness and positive discourse, the Mahakaushal Film Development Society is organizing the Mahakaushal Film Festival.

According to Dr. Pawan Shapak, the convener of the festival, the prestigious third edition of the Mahakaushal Short Film Festival will take place on December 28 and 29, 2024, at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Convention Center in Ghantaghar, Jabalpur.

The event will witness the presence of film personalities, literary and artistic figures, and notable individuals from social life. This initiative is



expected to significantly contribute to film production, cultural promotion, and the growth of historical tourism in Madhya Pradesh.

This year, a record number of 173 entries have been submitted, including short films and documentaries based on specified themes. Prizes will be awarded to the top films, including first, second, third,

and consolation awards. Workshops and masterclasses will also be organized during the festival, where film artists and producers will train youth in various aspects of filmmaking such as direction, cinematography, scriptwriting, camera work, music composition, editing, set designing, dubbing, and costume designing.

Aspiring filmmakers will also gain insights into production and talent scouting. Selected films will be screened during the festival, and entry to all events will be free. Screenings will begin at 9 a.m. on both days, allowing attendees to benefit from this unique opportunity.

The opening ceremony on December 28 will feature Dharmendra Lodhi, Minister of Culture, Tourism, and Religious Trusts of Madhya Pradesh, as the chief guest, with Akashditya Lamba, a filmmaker, director, and actor from Mumbai, as the special guest. The event will be presided over by Dr. Pradeep Dubey, a pediatrician from Jabalpur. The closing and award ceremony on December 29 will be graced by Rajendra Shukla, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Health of Madhya Pradesh, as the chief guest. Renowned actor and Member of Parliament from Delhi, Manoj Tiwari, will be the guest of honor, along with filmmaker Akashditya Lamba and screenplay writer-director Aparna Singh from Mumbai as special guests. Hemant Muktibodh, a prominent thinker and social worker from Bhopal, will preside over the ceremony. Prashant Karmveer, President of the Mahakaushal Film Development Society, expressed gratitude and urged the public, especially the youth, to take full advantage of the festival. The event was attended by Vinod Dineshwar, Publicity Head of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Madhya Pradesh, and Srinivas Rao, Secretary of Vishva Samvad Kendra.

National Automobile Olympiad to begin at Scope Global Skills University from today

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The final round of the National Automobile Olympiad (NAO), jointly organized by the Automotive Skill Development Council (ASDC) and CBSE, will be held from December 27th at Scope Global Skills University. The event will be graced by several dignitaries, including ASDC CEO Arindam Lahiri, ASDC President and Joint Managing Director of Sycera Engg Ltd, F.R. Singvi, Social Defense Fellow Rama Shankar Pandey, Deputy Executive Director of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) Atanu Ganguly, Chancellor of Scope Global Skills University Dr. Siddharth Chaturvedi, Vice Chancellor Dr. Ajay Bhushan, Registrar Dr. Suresh Kumar Sinha, and Convenor Dr. Anurag Kulshresth.

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the competition. The participants will showcase their skills in robotics, simulation, and presentations. These 74 students were selected after competing in school-level, district, and state-level rounds, making it to the national-level final. Additionally, a special seminar on "Career in the Automotive Industry: Opportunities and Pathways" will be held, where experts will discuss career prospects and provide guidance to students. The event will also include the inauguration of an EV charging station at Scope Global Skills University, established with the support of Bolt.

Beneficiaries of 46 districts will get land ownership records under Swamitva Yojana -Chief Minister

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal and Ken-Betwa river linking projects. He said that Prime Minister Modi has gifted two big projects to the state in eight days. We are fortunate that Madhya Pradesh is becoming the first state in the country to implement river-linking projects. It is also necessary to work on the possibility of interlinking rivers in the state. This will benefit the drought-affected areas of the state. Public representatives should be active in making the residents of the implementation area aware of the benefits of the projects, maintaining mutual dialogue with them, and ensuring that the implementation of the projects is not delayed due to personal interest or anti-development mentality. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav was addressing the members of the Cabinet before the meeting. The meeting of the Cabinet under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Dr. Yadav began with the rendition of Vande Mataram in Mantralaya. Members of the Cabinet felicitated Chief Minister Dr. Yadav by presenting him with a bouquet for



the launch of the Ken Betwa Link Project by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the implementation of the country's first river-linking projects in Madhya Pradesh.

Thanked Prime Minister Modi for Bhoomi-Pujan of Atal Gram Seva Sadans

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav informed that land ownership record distribution conferences are being held in 46 districts for beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Swamitva Yojana. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will join these programmes through video conference. All the Cabinet members and public representatives should also participate in these conferences. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav, while discussing the Krishi Unnati Yojana, also appealed to motivate the farmers of the state to produce coarse grains. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav also expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for the Bhoomi

Pujan of the Atal Gram Seva Sadans.

Chief Minister Yadav said that out of the 30 thousand 697 camps proposed in the Mukhya Mantri Jan-Kalyan Abhiyan being run in the state, 8 thousand 549 camps have been organized so far. 6 lakh 81 thousand applications were received in these camps. Out of this, 70 percent i.e. 4 lakh 80 thousand applications have been approved. A maximum of 1 lakh 98 thousand 297 applications were received in the Ayushman Bharat Yojana. Applications related to obtaining copies of Khassra-Khatauni, registration of construction workers, old age pension, and PM Kisan have also been received in large numbers. A maximum of 94 thousand 672 applications were received in Ujjain. Similarly, 44 thousand 516 applications were received in Seoni, 26 thousand 609 in Gwalior, 21 thousand 55 in Khandwa, and 20 thousand 189 in Balaghat. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav, while instructing all Cabinet members to participate in Jankalyan camps in the districts under their charge and to continuously review the Mukhya Mantri Jankalyan Abhiyan at the district level, told them to ensure that the benefits of the camps and campaign are made available to every eligible beneficiary.

Sahibzadon Ki Shahadat Gatha presented

Bhopal: Chief Minister Yadav said that Guru Govind Singh sacrificed his Sahibzadas to protect the Sanatan tradition of India, but he did not bow down. The sacrifice of Sahibzadas for the country and religion makes us aware of their avatari form. The way Mughals martyred young children through acts of extreme cruelty continues to shake us even after centuries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the tradition of celebrating the sacred memories of immortal martyrs as Veer Bal Diwas from the year 2022. To keep the memory of the brave martyrs intact, the state government has also organised programmes at the district level.

Chief Minister Yadav was addressing the Sahibzaadon Ki Shahadat Gatha programme organised on Veer Bal Diwas at Bharat Bhavan. On this occasion, the Sahibzaadon Ki Shahadat Gatha was presented by the Kirtan group. CM Dr. Yadav appreciated the sensitive and impressive presentation of the feelings of valour, bravery, sacrifice and compassion expressed through Kirtan. On this occasion, Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge) Dharmendra Singh Lodhi, MPs VD Sharma, Hitanand Sharma, Rahul Kothari, Neha Bagga and public representatives were present.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
No.: JHS/Commercial/e-Auction/24/77 Date: 20.12.2024

E-AUCTION NOTICE

On Behalf of The President of India, The Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Jhansi invites e-auction as per categories given as under:-

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Asset Details: Manning of Pay & Use Toilets on O & M basis at Railway Station i.e. ORAL, ORC, MBA, HPP, PHN, DBA & DAA of Jhansi Division.

Auction Start: 07.01.2025, at 10:00 hrs Auction End: 07.01.2025 at 11:30 hrs.

Note:- Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction Leasing module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The Lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned Catalogue Number. 2168/24 (D)

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NIT No. AIIMSBHOPAL-TENDER/NIT/24-25/011 Date: 26/12/2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

AIIMS Bhopal invites e-Tender from registered manufactures/dealers/distributors/Contractors for below mentioned items:

E-Tender ID No.	Required Items/Services at AIIMS Bhopal	Est. Cost
11/NIT/SE/Project Cell/ABEU/AIIMS/BPL/2024-25	SITC of 3 no. of 150 TR water cooled screw chiller along with accessories for MOT complex 2 nd and 3 rd floor at AIIMS Bhopal	Not Disclosed
AIIMS/BPL/HFSS/24-25/GTE/46	SITC of High Fidelity Simulator System All Specialities	44,00,000/-
AIIMS/BPL/HPC/CSSD/Consumables NX ALL CLEAR/2024-25/009	Procurement of Consumable of NX ALL CLEAR	86,96,540/-
AIIMS/BPL/HPC/Rule -166(iii)/Pediatrics/24-25/008	Procurement of consumables and accessories of RO plant for Haemodialysis Machine, NAV HD 125	9,00,000/-
AIIMS/BPL/TPCM/24-25/GTE/44	SITC of Trinocular Compound Phase Contrast Microscope	25,00,000/-

For further details of the above e-Tenders, the prospective bidders may please visit email: www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in and Email: seooffice@aiimsbhopal.edu.in and spso@aiimsbhopal.edu.in Tenders may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in and CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in. Any corrigendum/ amendments related to this NIT shall be published in the same websites only.

I/c Senior Procurement Cum Store Officer For & On behalf of Director, AIIMS Bhopal.

Cabinet approves implementing MP Birth and Death Registration Rules, 2024

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The State Cabinet on Thursday approved the implementation of Madhya Pradesh Birth and Death Registration Rules, 2024. Madhya Pradesh Birth and Death Registration Rules, 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the draft rules received from the Registrar General Office, Government of India. Under this, various sections of Madhya Pradesh Birth and Death Registration Rules, 1999 have been amended. The main points of Madhya Pradesh Birth and Death Registration Rules, 2024 include provision of digital registration and electronic delivery of birth and death certificates, creation of national and state level database of registered births and deaths, facilitating the registration process of adopted, orphaned, abandoned, surrogate children and children from single parents or unmarried mothers, etc. A birth certificate is useful to certify the date and place of birth of a person born on or after the date of commence-

ment of the Birth and Death Registration (Amendment) Act, 2023. Provision has been made for the appointment of a special "sub-registrar" for quick registration of death and issuance of certificates in a disaster or epidemic. In case of delayed information after 30 days but within one year of a birth or death, a sub-clause has been made to submit a self-attested document in place of an affidavit before a notary or any other officer authorized by the State Government. In case of delayed information to the Registrar after one year of a birth or death, the authority to pass the order has been made District Magistrate or Sub-Divisional Magistrate or Executive Magistrate authorized by District Magistrate instead of First Class Magistrate. There is a provision for appeal in case of aggrieved by the action taken by Registrar/District Registrar for public grievance redressal in public interest and the penalties provided have been increased.

Approval to Solar Energization 11 KV feeders

installed in the state with solar energy. The Cabinet approved the energization of 11 KV feeders installed in the state with solar energy to meet the energy needs of the farmers of the state. With its implementation, farmers will get electricity during the day for irrigation, which will help in making their lifestyle organised. The problem of overloading and consequently low voltage and power cuts on power transformers installed at 33/11 kilowatt electricity distribution sub-centres from the solar plant will be reduced. Also, the financial burden on upgradation of power sub-centres can be saved. It is noteworthy that the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) scheme has been implemented by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) to fulfill the irrigation needs of farmers, to produce solar energy and to provide income opportunities near them. Under the scheme, central assistance of Rs 1.05 crore

per megawatt is provided for setting up solar plants. Under Kusum-C in the state, solarization will be done to supply electricity to agricultural pumps installed on separate agricultural feeders. The Cabinet granted administrative approval of Rs 778 crore 91 lakh for the construction of ghats of 29.215 km length from Shani Mandir to Nagda bypass on the banks of Kshipra river for the convenience of devotees in the upcoming Simhastha. Under the revised Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal river link project by the Cabinet, administrative approval was given for the project group cost of Rs 28,798 crore 02 lakh and catchment area of 774 lakh 72 thousand 970 hectares. The approved projects will provide a total of 4.73 lakh hectares of new irrigated area in 10 districts of Madwa and Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh, namely Guna, Shivpuri, Morena, Ujjain, Sehore, Indore, Dewas, Agar-Malwa, Shajapur and Rajgarh, and the modernization of the right main canal system of Chambal will provide irrigation facility in 3.62 lakh

hectares of area in 1205 villages of Bhind, Morena and Sheopur.

In-principle approval to start Dharti Aaba-Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in tribal areas

The Cabinet has given in-principle approval to start a new scheme Dharti Aaba-Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA) for cent percent saturation under the identified schemes of Panchayat and Rural Development, Public Health Engineering, Energy, New and Renewable Energy, Public Health and Medical Education, Food Civil Supply and Consumer Protection, Women and Child Development, School Education, AYUSH, Science and Technology, Technical Education, Skill Development and Employment, Farmer Welfare and Agricultural Development, Fisheries Development, Animal Husbandry and Dairy, Tourism and Tribal Affairs Departments in the tribal areas of the state.

Other decisions

The Cabinet has given its in-principle approval to link the

increase in the consolidated salary of resident doctors and internships of graduate trainees and postgraduate fellows in 9 government and autonomous Ayurveda/Unani/Homeopathy colleges run under the AYUSH department to the consumer price index.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
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Asset Details

Allotment of GMU Catering Stalls at D (NSG-5), D (NSG-6), E (NSG-6) & Allotment of SMU Catering Stalls at A1 (NSG-2), A (NSG-4), B (NSG-4), D (NSG-5), D (NSG-6), E (NSG-6) category stations

Station	Platform No.	Location	Stall No./Reserved For
GENERAL MINOR UNIT (GMU)			
Chirgaon	01	Behind OHE Pillar No. 1159/19	01 (Women)
Chhatrapur	02	Between Centre Pillars of PF Shed	02
SPECIAL MINOR UNIT (SMU)			
Mauranipur	01	Between Pole No. 1191/39 And Pole No. 1191/41	03 (SC)
Joraalpur	01	Between SM room & relay room.	01 (OBC Women)
Chitrakoot Dham Karw	01	Beside Officer Rest House	04 (Divyang)
Virangana Lakshmbhai Jhansi	01/07	Between cop pole no. 05 & 07	04 (SC)
Orai	01	Infront Of RPF Gate Towards VGLJ End	01 (ST)
Kailaras	01	Infront Of SM Room	01 (OBC Women)
Duriya Ganj	01	Beside Existing Building Chhatrapur end	01 (OBC Women)
Sank	01	Near SM Office Towards Gwalior End	01 (OBC)
Niwari	01	Beside new station building mahoba end	01 (SC)

Auction Start: 07.01.2025 at 10.00 hrs. Auction End: 07.01.2025 at 12.20 hrs.

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CORRIGENDUM

All concerned persons and the general public are informed through this corrigendum to please refer to the property auction notice published in the newspapers on 17.12.2024. In the said online auction notice the property detail, Reserve Price and EMD of the Borrower - G S Agro Proprietor, Mrs. Anjana Singh was mistakenly published wrong the correct details of Property are - survey no. 1232/2, area-0.040 hectare situated at Mouza Lualachh, PHN-24/22, RNM-Bihra, Vikas Khand-Rampur Baghelan, Tehsil-Kotar, Distt-Satna (M.P.), 2. Survey no. 1235/2, area-1.619 hectare and survey no. 1234, area-0.490 hectare both situated at Mouza Lualachh, PHN-24/22, RNM-Bihra, Vikas Khand-Rampur Baghelan, Tehsil-Kotar, Distt-Satna (M.P.) and the Reserve price. Rs.17794000/-, EMD: Rs.1779400/- All Rules and Conditions will be remain same as per Bank Rules.

Date - 27/12/2024 Authorized Officer Bank of Maharashtra

President confers Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 17 children for excellence in various fields

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 17 children, recognizing their exceptional courage and outstanding achievements across diverse fields, including art, culture, sports and innovation.



President Murmu highlighted the importance of honouring such talents, saying, "The tradition of recognising and nurturing children's potential has always been part of our culture. Their contributions will lead India to the pinnacle of progress."

old Sufi singer from Kashmir, honoured for his soulful contributions to Kashmiri music, while 17-year-old Vyas Om Jignesh, who has cerebral palsy, was lauded for his dedication to Sanskrit literature, having memorised over 5,000 shlokas and performed in over 500 shows.

stabilizing devices for Parkinson's patients, and cybersecurity entrepreneur Rishkek Kumar (17) was honoured for launching Kashmir's first cybersecurity firm.

PM Modi pitches for equipping youngsters with skills in emerging technologies

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday stressed the need for a futuristic approach to equip youngsters with skills in emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and machine learning, as he highlighted the crucial role they play in the country's progress.



these challenges," he said. He urged the youth to work towards making their respective sectors, be it railways, semiconductors, travel or astronomy, the best.

and sacrificed their lives. They rejected every temptation and endured unimaginable torture, showing that for them, the nation's cause was supreme," he said, urging youngsters to draw inspiration from their legacy.

bravery, innovation, science and technology, social service, sports, and environment. Congratulating the awardees, Modi said, "These children have demonstrated what India's youth are capable of achieving. I extend my best wishes to all the winners on behalf of the nation."

Defence Secretary launches Rashtraparv website, mobile app

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A website that will facilitate access to information related to the organisation of events such as Republic Day and Independence Day, host their live streaming and provide details related to tickets and seating arrangements was launched on Wednesday.



a system for managing the tableaux proposals and historic data regarding events". It will host a tableau management portal to facilitate states and Union Territories, ministries and departments in designing and finalising their tableaux for the Republic Day event, the statement said.

suggested having information regarding events, parades, tableaux. The Rashtraparv website has been developed by incorporating all these inputs, it added.

Delhi tutor held for protests by civil service aspirants in Patna

PTI ■ PATNA

A Delhi-based tutor was held on Thursday on the charge of instigating aspirants who tried to "storm into" the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) office in Patna, demanding cancellation of its December 13 examination, an official said.



incident. What is the source of funding for those who came from outside the state to instigate BPSC aspirants is also the focus of our probe. Rohit seems to be the mastermind of yesterday's protest. Patna Police will send a preliminary report to the Economic Offences Unit (EOU) to investigate their source of funding," he told PTI.

Alleging irregularities in the 70th Integrated Combined Competitive Examination (CCE), aspirants demonstrated outside the BPSC office and sought re-examination. The police baton-charged the aspirants to bring the situation under control.

Home Minister Shah to embark on two-day visit to Odisha from Dec 28

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will embark on a two-day visit to Odisha from December 28, during which he will hold an interactive meeting with BJP leaders and workers and attend several other events, a senior party leader said on Thursday.



try, he said. Replying to a query, Tomar said there was no plan for Shah to visit Sambalpur though it was scheduled earlier.

Thousands offer prayers at Sabarimala during mandala puja

PTI ■ PATHANAMTHITTA (KERALA)

Thousands of devotees offered prayers at the Sabarimala Lord Ayyappa temple on Thursday as the auspicious mandala puja was performed at the hill shrine. This marked the culmination of the 41-day-long first leg of the annual pilgrimage season.



sion on Wednesday evening. The temple will close for the night with the recitation of 'Harivarasanam,' temple

authorities said. They added that the Sabarimala temple will reopen at 5 pm on December 30 for the makar-

avilaku festival, which will conclude on January 14. The rituals were led by the temple's head priest, Kandararu Rajeevaru, who adorned the idol with the sacred attire.

year. In 2023, 28.42 lakh devotees visited the shrine during this period. Spot bookings were limited to 5,000 on December 25 and 26 as part of the arrangements for mandala puja. However, darshan was ensured for all devotees who arrived at Sabarimala, TDB officials said.

Rajnath Singh to chair sixth edition of Armed Forces Flag Day CSR conclave today

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday here will chair the sixth edition of the Armed Forces Flag Day (AFFD) Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) conclave, defence ministry said on Thursday.



ing the CSR support towards these efforts. The defence minister will also felicitate the prominent CSR contributors to the AFFD Fund. Minister of state for defence Sanjey Seth, Chief of Defence

Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan, Secretary ESW, Niten Chandra, members from the CSR fraternity, veterans, the defence service personnel and other senior officials of the ministry will also attend the conclave.

Yogi Adityanath's 2024: A year of fiery rhetoric and political messaging

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

In a year marked by political contests and cultural debates, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's speeches in 2024 transcended electoral rallies, becoming rallying cries that resonated deeply across India. His carefully crafted remarks, blending critique of opposition parties with appeals for unity among followers of Sanatan Dharma, cemented his position as a mass leader with a vision for a unified and culturally proud India.

Batenge, Ek Rahenge Toh Nek Rahenge," delivered in Agra in August. This phrase, urging unity among communities, gained traction nationwide as a symbol of his call for solidarity and shared purpose. It underscored a year where Adityanath repeatedly sought to redefine narratives on governance, culture, and justice.

of slain leaders like BJP MLA Krishnanand Rai and Umesh Pal. He said: SP should give account of Mangalsutra of Alka Rai, Pooja-Jaya Pal" (April 25, Etawah). By questioning the opposition's silence on these matters, Adityanath positioned himself as a crusader for justice and law and order.



declaring their unity as a force capable of dismantling the divisive strategies of pseudo-secular politics. He said:

"Bajrang Bali's power in OBC society will burn Ravana's Lanka" (July 29, Lucknow) The Chief Minister's rhetoric

often combined vivid imagery with sharp criticism. Phrases like "No Sadbhavna for Mafia and Goons, only the Bullet Train of Justice" captured his administration's stance on women's safety and law enforcement, while "SP ki Topi Laal, Kaarname Kaale" evoked allegations of corruption and criminality against his political opponents.

ideological position among its core supporters. Adityanath's speeches also highlighted his focus on cultural pride and historical legacy. At the unveiling of Rashtreeya Durgadas Rathore's statue in Agra, he called for national unity by reflecting on the lessons of divided nations like Bangladesh. His one-liner: "Batenge to katenge, ek rahenge to nek rahenge" (August 26, Agra) became the theme of election campaign in Haryana and Maharashtra

figures like Ram, Krishna, and Buddha while advocating mutual respect among religious communities. He said: "India will uphold the legacy of Ram, Krishna, and Buddha" (December 16, Lucknow). Through his speeches, Adityanath painted a narrative of a strong, unified, and culturally rooted Uttar Pradesh, countering what he described as the opposition's failures and divisive politics. As the year closes, his rhetoric has not only solidified his political standing but also ensured his voice continues to echo in the state's political and cultural discourse.

UP Government mandates property disclosure for employee promotions

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The Uttar Pradesh government has made it mandatory for all state employees to disclose details of their movable and immovable properties to be eligible for promotion. Employees failing to comply with this directive will not only forfeit their promotion prospects but may also face disciplinary action, officials confirmed on Thursday.

In a directive issued by the state government, employees have been instructed to submit property details via the Manav Sampada portal by January 31, 2025. The information will include disclo-

sure for the year 2024, which must be updated starting January 1, 2025. "Failure to provide property details within the stipulated time will disqualify employees from consideration for promotion. Additionally, disciplinary action will be initiated under the Uttar Pradesh Government

(Discipline and Appeal) Rules," the government stated in its letter. Departments have been tasked with ensuring strict compliance with this directive. Officers have been instructed to monitor the updates on the Manav Sampada portal and ensure that all employees adhere to the rules. The government emphasized that transparency in property declarations is crucial for maintaining accountability and integrity among public servants. Employees who do not update their property details may face disciplinary actions, including penalties under the Uttar Pradesh Government

Servant (Discipline and Appeal) Rules. These measures aim to enforce adherence to the government's commitment to transparency and integrity in governance. This initiative underscores the state government's focus on fostering accountability among its workforce. By linking property disclosures to promotions, the administration aims to ensure that all employees adhere to ethical standards and operate transparently in their official capacities. State employees have been urged to complete the process promptly to avoid repercussions and ensure their eligibility for career advancement.

New police recruits will undergo specialised training to handle law and order situations, says Manipur CM

PTI ■ IMPHAL



Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh on Thursday said the newly recruited personnel of the 10th and 11th India Reserve Battalion (IRB), who recently concluded training in Assam, would undergo specialised exercise so that they can be deployed for highway protection and handling the law and order situation. During a visit to Manipur Police Training Centre at Pangei in Imphal East district, the CM said the recruits would undergo specialised training at this centre before being deployed across the state. "They will undergo specialised training at Pangei where they will be taught

how to handle law and order situation. If the personnel are deployed in various police stations now, their morale may be down. So, we decided to keep them at one place and use their services wherever and whenever needed," the CM said. "Some of them will be used for highway protection, while others will be used to tackle law and order situation," Singh added.

Singh also said many of the police personnel will undergo refresher courses, and arrangements for procuring new gear for mob control have been made. The CM said construction and maintenance work at the battalion headquarters of 10th and 11th IRB at Nungba and Saivom are also going on currently, he said. "Police are the backbone of society and cannot be demoralised. Many of them will undergo refresher courses to improve their physical fitness and mob control with full gear. Their identity needs to be protected also," Singh added. Singh also requested recruits' parents not to approach ministers and MLAs for transfers and allow them to serve the

state and nation. "Today, I visited the Manipur Police Training Centre at Pangei to inspect the newly constructed barracks, which will soon be utilised for training purposes. Given the current law and order situation in the state, the newly recruited constables will undergo specialised training. This step is essential to enhance the strength and readiness of our police force to ensure safety and security across Manipur," he posted on X. "We are committed to equipping our police personnel with the best facilities and training to meet any challenges," Singh said. He also said houses are being made for internally displaced persons (IDPs) who are staying in schools and colleges.

Yogi Govt accelerates land allocation for Mahakumbh

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW



As Mahakumbh 2025 draws nearer, preparations in Prayagraj are in full swing, with the Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh government expediting the land allocation process. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, during a recent review meeting, instructed officials to complete all allocations by December 31. Responding promptly, authorities have so far allocated land to over 4,000 organizations, with an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 participants expected to partake in the grand event. One of the event's key highlights is the establishment of Akharas, which is progressing steadily. While several Akharas have already set up their camps, the Mela Authority has successfully allocated land to most Akharas and associated organizations. Pending allocations, including for new applicants, are expected to be finalized within the stipulated deadline. According to the Mela Authority, the land allocation

process is nearly complete for Akharas and their followers, Mahamandaleshwars, Khalsa, Dandiawada, Acharyawada, and Khakachowk. Allocations for Prayagwal groups and new organizations are underway and will be concluded by December 31. Thus far, a total of 4,268 organizations have received land, including 19 allocations for Akharas and their sub-groups, 460 for

Mahamandaleshwars, 750 for Khalsa, 203 for Dandiawada, 300 for Acharyawada, 300 for Khakachowk and 1,766 for other organizations. Additionally, 450 allotments have been made to Prayagwal groups, with their allocation process, which began on December 12, scheduled to continue until month-end. Allocations for new organizations, which commenced on December 16, are pro-

gressing simultaneously. The allocated areas have turned into hubs of activity, with tents being erected and traditional decorations underway. The Jhuni area, in particular, is abuzz with representatives from Akharas, Mahamandaleshwars, Khalsa, Dandiawada, Acharyawada, Khakachowk, and other groups working tirelessly to prepare their camps in alignment with their cultural prac-

tices. To facilitate smooth navigation, the administration has installed checkered plates across the sprawling site and is rapidly putting up signages to help visitors locate their destinations. Other arrangements, including lighting and essential amenities, are also being completed at a brisk pace. The Juna Akhara, Avahan Akhara, and Agni Akhara have already established their cantonments, signaling the rapid progress on the ground. With activities picking up speed, the entire Mahakumbh Nagar is expected to be fully operational and adorned by January 1 setting the stage for one of the largest religious gatherings in the world. Mahakumbh, held every 12 years in Prayagraj, is a grand spiritual confluence attracting millions of pilgrims, saints, and tourists from across the globe. The Yogi government is leaving no stone unturned to ensure that Mahakumbh 2025 is an unparalleled success, emphasizing enhanced infrastructure, meticulous planning, and cultural vibrancy.

Over 70 hours on, girl still stuck in borewell in Rajasthan

PTI ■ JAIPUR



Three-year-old Chetna has been stuck inside a narrow 150 feet deep borewell for over 70 hours as the rescue operations were still underway on Thursday to save the girl. Worried about her daughter's condition, Dholi Devi has not eaten anything since the tragic accident on Monday. Chetna fell into the borewell while playing in the agriculture farm of her father in Badiyali Dhani under Sarund police station of Kotputli-Behror district. With each passing moment, the hope for the girl being well is diminishing as the rescue team was not able to supply any food or water to Chetna. Dholi Devi and others are constantly praying for the well being of Chetna amid the non-stop rescue operation by NDRF and SDRF teams, assisted by the local police and administration. Initially, efforts were made to

pull the girl out of the borewell with the help of a ring but all attempts failed. After two days of repeated attempts that fetched no results, a piling was brought to the spot on Wednesday morning and a pit parallel to the borewell was dug. "... Now a horizontal tunnel will be made through which the experts will reach the girl," Sarund SHO Mohammad Imran said. He said all possible efforts were made to pull out the girl but all hard work went in vain as the borewell is narrow and

the technique could not deliver results. A team of doctors with an ambulance are at the spot. "The rescue operation is likely to conclude today," the SHO said. Kotputli-Behror District Collector Kalpana Agarwal reached the village late Wednesday night to take stock of the situation. She said that the rescue operation had been constantly going on. A lot of preparations had to be done to bring the piling machine to the farm.

Kerala Govt declares two-day mourning as mark to respect MT Vasudevan

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI



Kerala bade a tearful farewell to M T Vasudevan Nair, the numero uno of Malayalam literature who breathed his last on late Wednesday night at a corporate hospital in Kozhikode, a city which was immortalized by his presence. He has been honored with Jnanpith Award in 1995 for his comprehensive contributions to Malayalam literature. The President of India had decorated him with Padma Bhushan in 2005. Ninety-one year old MT (as he is known) was ailing for some time due to age related issues and a team of doctors were attending to him on a round-the-clock basis. M T is rated as the last of the titans of Malayalam literature. In addition to short stories, novels, and travelogues, he left the characteristic "MT Touch" in six feature films which he directed, by walking away with the best director award (three times) in the National Film Festival). One has lost count of the number of times he bagged the Kerala State Film Awards as a director and

script writer. He has authored scripts for more than 60 films and all were run away hits. Nirmalyam (Malayalam for Yesterday's Offerings"), his first venture as a director bagged many national and international awards. P J Antony, who played the role of a village oracle was honored with Bharath award for performing the role in the movie which turned out to a trendsetter in Malayalam movies. The novels authored by M T remain as fresh and interesting decades after they were published. Having born and brought up in a village on the banks of Nila, all his literary works feature people whom

one meet in the day-to-day life in the countryside. The theses in his novels and short stories were based on the rising, disintegration and fall of the Nair ancestral families in Malabar. His novel Randamoozham (The Second Turn) published in 1984 tells the story of Mahabharath as seen through the eyes of Bheem. There are no literary works attributed to MT which have gone unrecognized and it is said that he was the one who elevated Malayalam literature to the global arena. The multi-faceted author leaves behind his wife Saraswathi and daughter Aswathi. MT had married

Prameela Nair in 1962 but they were separated in 1978. The couple has a daughter Sitara born out of this marriage. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his sorrow over the passing away of the celebrated writer and movie maker. "Saddened by the passing away of Shri MT Vasudevan Nair Ji, one of the most respected figures in Malayalam cinema and literature. His works, with their profound exploration of human emotions, have shaped generations and will continue to inspire many more. He also gave voice to the silent and marginalised. My thoughts are with his family and admirers. Om Shanti," the PM wrote in X. The Kerala Government has declared a two-day mourning as a mark of respect to MT. The last rites were performed at Smriti Path, the Kozhikode corporation owned crematorium on Thursday evening in the presence of thousands of fans and well wishers of the last of the Titans in Malayalam literature.

Chhattisgarh Govt cancels constable recruitment in Rajnandgaon, sets up SIT to probe irregularities

PTI ■ RAJNANDGAON

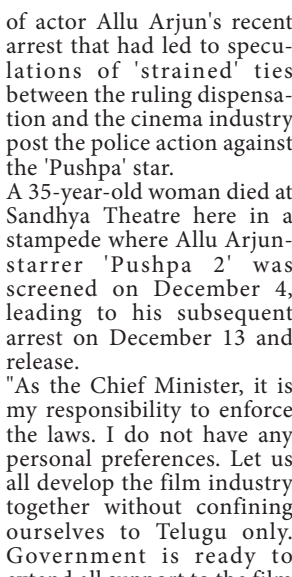
The Chhattisgarh government has cancelled the process of recruitment of police constables in Rajnandgaon district amid allegations of irregularities and set up an SIT for a probe into it, an official said. State Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma, who holds the home portfolio, gave an order to this effect on Wednesday afternoon, he said. "Irregularities came to light in the ongoing recruitment process in the 8th battalion of Rajnandgaon and a case was registered in this connection at Lal Bagh police station on December 17," the official said. Since November 16, candidates from Rajnandgaon, Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, Kabirdham (Kawardha) and Mohla-Manpur-Ambagadh Chowki districts have been participating in the recruitment process here, he said. The police have so far arrested seven persons -- four police constables, two employees of

the event management company and one female candidate -- in connection with the alleged irregularities in the recruitment process, the official said. During the investigation in the case, constable Anil Ratnakar allegedly committed suicide. A note written with a pen was found on his left palm, which stated employees were being targeted in alleged irregularities in recruitment and officers were being protected, he said. Rajnandgaon (Range) Inspector General of Police Deepak Jha has set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) for a probe into Ratnakar's suicide and sought a report in 10 days, he said. Meanwhile, Superintendent of Police Mohit Garg has handed over the investigation of the alleged irregularities in the recruitment process to the Rajnandgaon City Superintendent of Police Puspendra Nayak, the official said. Garg on Wednesday said the

order to cancel the recruitment process for District Police Force Constable Cadre Selection Examination 2023-24 has not been received from the state government so far. Former chief minister and assembly speaker Raman Singh welcomed the state government's decision to cancel the recruitment process. "Today, on the occasion of Good Governance Day, under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri @vishnuhsai, Home Minister Shri @vijaysharmacg took a commendable decision to cancel the entire recruitment by taking immediate cognizance of the Rajnandgaon Police Recruitment case," Singh said on X. The CM has directed formation of an SIT for an impartial investigation into the entire matter, he said. "No kind of negligence or corruption will be tolerated in this government of good governance," Singh added. During the recruitment process, the marks obtained by

Full support to Telugu film industry but no compromise on law and order: Telangana CM

PTI ■ HYDERABAD



Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Thursday made it clear to a visiting Telugu cinema industry delegation that there would be no compromise on law and order in the state and that it applies to everyone including the film fraternity. The CM also conveyed to the delegation of Telugu film personalities led by ace producer and Telangana Film Development Corporation (FDC) Chairman Venkata Ramana Reddy, that a Cabinet Sub-Committee will be constituted to resolve the problems of the film industry and suggested to them to set up an in-house panel as well. The meeting between the CM and the film personalities was held at the Police Integrated Command Control Centre here, and in the wake

of actor Allu Arjun's recent arrest that had led to speculations of 'strained' ties between the ruling dispensation and the cinema industry post the police action against the 'Pushpa' star. A 35-year-old woman died at Sandhya Theatre here in a stampede where Allu Arjun-starrer 'Pushpa 2' was screened on December 4, leading to his subsequent arrest on December 13 and release. "As the Chief Minister, it is my responsibility to enforce the laws. I do not have any personal preferences. Let us all develop the film industry together without confining ourselves to Telugu only. Government is ready to extend all support to the film industry, official sources quoted the CM as saying. Asserting that the cinema industry is as important to the



government as the IT and pharma sectors, Reddy said a Cabinet Sub-Committee will be constituted to resolve the

problems of the film industry. The government is considering organising a major convention to encourage other

film industries to come to the city, he said. "Our intention is to take the (Telugu movie) industry to

the next level," the sources quoted the CM as saying. He also pointed out that the film industry should remember its social responsibility and join the efforts to check drugs and other societal problems. Venkata Ramana Reddy, popularly known as Dil Raju, said besides Telugu movies, shooting of movies of other languages, including Hindi, Tamil and Kannada, are also happening in the city. "So, the view of the CM is that the film industry should give suggestions to government to see that, not just Indian films but Hollywood films are also shot in Hyderabad," he told reporters after the meeting. Asked for the government's stance on allowing benefit shows and hiking ticket prices on special occasions, Dil Raju said they are only a "small part" of the issue and that the

bigger vision is how to take Telugu cinema to the international level and to make Hyderabad city an "international hub". "Time would throw light on all that," he said. When contacted, producer Daggubati Suresh who was part of the delegation which called on Revanth Reddy, told PTI that permission for benefit shows and ticket price hike during the initial days of film release is not a necessary requirement for all filmmakers, but an individual production house. The delegation included actors Nagarjuna, Venkatesh, Murali Mohan and directors Trivikram Srinivas, K Raghavendra Rao and producers Daggubati Suresh, Allu Aravind (father of Allu Arjun) and C Kalyan. Asserting that there would not be any benefit shows

(special shows), Cinematography minister Komatireddi Venkat Reddy recently said the state government, in future, may consider ticket price hike only for certain categories such as films made on history, freedom struggle or others like those with messages against the use of drugs. The minister's statement, if implemented, will have a huge impact on the high budget films such as Ram Charan's "Game Changer", Nandamuri Balakrishna's "Daaku Maharaj" and Venkatesh's "Sankranthiki Vasthunnam" which are slated for release during Sankranti in three weeks from now. Directed by popular Director S Shankar, Game Changer is produced by Dil Raju. The film is reportedly made with a budget of nearly Rs 400 crore.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

A blow to regional peace

The fragile peace of South Asia faced a severe setback when Pakistan conducted airstrikes in Afghanistan

On the night of December 24, 2024, a series of airstrikes conducted by Pakistan in Afghanistan's Barmal district of Paktika province claimed the lives of at least 15 civilians, including women and children. The strikes targeted seven villages, causing significant destruction, particularly in areas like Murg Bazaar and Laman, where an entire family of five was killed. This incident has further strained relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan, raising serious concerns about the stability of South Asia. The airstrikes appear to be a direct response to Pakistan's growing concerns over the activities of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Pakistan has justified the strikes as a necessary measure to eliminate TTP hideouts and secure its borders. However, the Afghan Taliban strongly denies these allegations, claiming instead that the airstrikes targeted civilians, including Waziristani refugees who had previously fled military operations in Pakistan's tribal areas. The implications of this attack extend far beyond the immediate violence, casting a shadow over peace and security in South Asia. The airstrikes, coupled with the Taliban's vow to retaliate, risk escalating into a broader conflict between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Such hostilities could destabilise the region, which is already grappling with insurgencies, cross-border terrorism, and long-standing disputes.



In addition to the geopolitical ramifications, the humanitarian impact is profound. Afghanistan, a nation still recovering from decades of war, now faces further devastation. Civilian populations, particularly refugees, are bearing the brunt of this violence, with villages like Murg Bazaar reduced to rubble and countless families displaced. The destruction exacerbates an already dire humanitarian crisis, highlighting the urgent need for international aid and support. This conflict also undermines ongoing peace efforts in the region. Dialogues involving Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other stakeholders, essential for fostering stability, risk being derailed by such incidents. Additionally, it hinders cooperative initiatives against terrorism, a shared threat that requires coordinated regional action. The situation further complicates geopolitics in South Asia, prompting countries like India, China and Iran to reassess their strategies. Pakistan's actions, though driven by immediate security concerns, may strain its relationships with traditional allies and global powers advocating for peace in the region. To address this growing crisis, both countries must prioritise dialogue and cooperation. Constructive bilateral engagement is crucial to resolving mutual concerns, particularly regarding the TTP and border security. Neutral mediators, such as the United Nations, could play a vital role in facilitating these discussions. Beyond bilateral efforts, regional cooperation is essential. A unified initiative led by organisations like the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) could encourage collective action against terrorism and promote economic interdependence, reducing the incentives for conflict.

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PICTALK



The Badrinath Dham covered with snow during fresh snowfall, in Chamoli

Jordan's ambivalent stance on Palestine



BHOPINDER SINGH

While maintaining a façade of solidarity, Jordan's actions often reveal a pragmatic, if controversial, approach to safeguarding its own interests in a volatile region

Jordanian reality towards the Palestinians) Jordanians have had a wounded, complicated, and manipulative history. House of Hashim or the Hashemite dynasty rules Jordan with the current King Abdullah II, as the 41st generation of the direct descendants of Prophet Muhammad. While Hashemites were the Sharif and Emir of Mecca with rule over larger Hejaz, they were violently ousted from the control over the same by the rival Saud family. This military loss led to the loss of the symbolically vital title of the "Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques" to the Saud family, of modern-day Saudi Arabia. Hashemites were also to lose monarchical claim of rule on lands of Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq and were left with only the Jordanian swathes - which unlike other Arab lands was bereft of oil, natural resources, ports, or any other meaningful lever of power. They had to be creative in dealing with the situation and remaining relevant and protected. Geographical contiguity to Palestinian lands led to Jordan demonstrating fluctuating concern that oscillated from supporting the Palestinian cause to willy-nilly, acting against the same. During the Arab-Israeli War of 1948, Jordan occupied the West Bank and East Jerusalem (which it annexed in 1950), only to lose the same to Israel in the Six-Day War of 1967. Historians often note the unique culture of "back channels" (facilitating clandestine meetings) between the Jordanians and Israelis that led to counterintuitive accommodations, even amid war. In the subsequent Arab-Israel War of 1973 (Yom Kippur War), Jordan had curiously avoided joining Arab ranks against Israel. Jordanian King Hussein had secretly flown to Tel Aviv to warn Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir of the impending Arab plans to attack Israel. Ultimately when Jordan was morally forced to support the war against Israel, declassified accounts confirm that it was only to preserve Jordan's image in the Arab world and that it had already entered into a tacit agreement with Israel that it would not attack Israeli elements. By 1994 the two countries



It wasn't the first time the Jordanians had worked duplicitously against the Arab or Palestinian cause, as just a couple of years earlier, the infamous and bloody "Black September" (Sep 1970 - July 1971) had occurred. Jordanian Army had surrounded camps and townships with Palestinians fideyeen of various groups and brutally cut them down to size. Nearly 3500 were killed in the purge and the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organisation) fighters were expelled to neighbouring Lebanon. Again, the Jordanians had aligned with Israel before commencing this attack. Importantly Syrian forces that had intervened on behalf of Palestinian fighters were repulsed leaving 600 Syrians dead and a loss of 120 tanks. Interestingly, like the historically insincere support of Jordanians towards the Palestinians, one important figure who participated along the Jordanian forces in massacring the Palestinians was a then Pakistani Brigadier (later dictator) Zia-ul-Haq, who was on deputation! In 1987 Jordanian King Hussein and Israeli foreign affairs minister (later President) Shimon Peres met secretly to work on a peace treaty which was followed up with Jordanians forsaking their claim on the West Bank, the subsequent year. By 1994 the two countries



IN THE SUBSEQUENT ARAB-ISRAEL WAR OF 1973 (YOM KIPPUR WAR), JORDAN HAD CURIOUSLY AVOIDED JOINING ARAB RANKS AGAINST ISRAEL

signed a formal Peace Treaty (the second Arab nation after Egypt) and normalised relations with Israel. Odd public bickering on issues like Al Aqsa Mosque aside, the top leadership of both countries kept meeting discretely, whilst Jordan kept maintaining the façade of support towards Palestine. Practically, they engaged and operated as allies. Post the Hamas terror attack (7th Oct 2023) on Israel and the subsequent and disproportionate budgeoning of the Gaza Strip, the Jordanians had no choice but to expel the Israeli ambassador to maintain face in the Arab world. However, as it was only Iran and its proxies like the Syrian Bashar Al Assad government and the Lebanese Hezbollah who were offering any meaningful resistance to the Israelis - then the Jordanians did the unthinkable in favour of the Israelis when they shot down Iranian drones attacking Israel. Practically, the Jordanians weighed in favour of the Israeli military (all perfunctory concerns towards the beleaguered Palestinians, notwithstanding). Jordanians watched silently as Southern Lebanon was attacked and as the Syrian regime was overrun by forces born out of Al Qaeda, ending the last possible faction that had taken on the Israelis in favour of the Palestinians. For

a long, Jordanian King Abdullah had warned against the spectre of a rising "Shia Crescent" (assertion of Shiite rule in Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon). He therefore would be presumably pleased to see the decimation of the sectarian rivals, which coincidentally also ended the last modicum of challenge to the Israelis. Beyond vacuous words, the practical conduct of the Jordanians has been suspiciously two-faced on the ostensible redlines as defined by King Abdullah i.e., "No to abandoning the guardianship of Jerusalem and the holy sites, no to the one-state solution, and no for Jordan to be an alternative homeland for the Palestinians". The picture has perhaps never been further from the so-called Jordanian redlines, as now, the fate of Palestinians, Jerusalem, and the possibility of a two-state solution, is at its lowest. History will judge the conduct of Arab monarchies and their lip-serving commitment towards Palestine, but perhaps none as ambidextrously as the Jordanians, who often fancy themselves to be of the highest order. (The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOLVING INDIA'S WATER CRISIS

Madam — Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the Ken-Betwa river linking project, the first initiative under the national river linking policy, at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh. It is really a welcome step in solving the water crisis in India. Nearly 65 lakh people of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh will get drinking water, and more than 7 lakh farmer families of 2000 villages will benefit from the project. Also, it has been proposed to generate 103 MW of hydropower. The project aims to transfer surplus water from the Ken River in Madhya Pradesh to Betwa in UP to irrigate the drought-prone Bundelkhand region. Under the project, a 77 m high and 2.13 km long Daudhan dam and two tunnels will be constructed on the Ken River. Interlinking rivers can control both floods and droughts. This river linking project can have significant ecological consequences, can impact the biodiversity of the region, and can affect Panna Tiger Reserve too. Even then the project will create many employment opportunities as well as boost the rural economy. Ken-Betwa is the first river linking project under the National Perspective Plan (NPP) for the linking of rivers. The National Water Development Agency should identify a few more river linking projects to avoid floods and to cultivate more lands in drought-prone areas in India.

P Victor Selvaraj | Tirunelveli

DEBATE ON CONSTITUTION

Madam — The recent debate commemorating 75 years of the Constitution's adoption left the citizens highly disappointed. The expectation from our parliamentarians was of a healthy debate and an academic discussion. Instead what we saw was a brownie point scoring match between our parliamentarians, who decided to nitpick on what our founding fathers had said and when without providing the context in which it was said.

One Nation, One Subscription



The Government of India's One Nation-One Subscription (ONOS) initiative aims to transform education, research, and innovation by ensuring equitable access to academic resources. Announced in 2022 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 to create a knowledge-based society. With a Rs 6,000 crore budget allocated for 2025-2027, ONOS will provide subscriptions to international research

journals, academic databases, and other resources, addressing disparities in education and research. The initiative will empower students and researchers, especially from rural and smaller institutions, by granting them access to resources previously limited to well-funded universities. This inclusivity will bridge the rural-urban divide and foster innovation by enabling access to global advancements. Additionally, its focus on digital platforms reduces dependency on physical materials, supporting environmental sustainability and the objectives of the Digital India campaign. Despite its promise, ONOS faces challenges, including concerns over its high cost and limited digital infrastructure in rural areas, which could restrict access. Critics caution that without transparent implementation, the initiative may primarily benefit larger institutions.

RK Jain | Barwani

Our parliamentarians decided to cherry-pick the words of our founding fathers, like B R Ambedkar, J L Nehru, K M Munshi, etc., to suit their own narrative. The constituent assembly had various members with varying views. Each motion was debated and voted in favour of or against, and ultimately the majority carried, but to now selectively pick up each and every sentence and comma from their speeches to paint a narrative is a disservice to the memory of our founding fathers. It is necessary to remember the words of two members of the Constituent Assembly who went on to forge different paths later in life - one Minoo Masani, a parsi who joined Sawtantarta Party and became Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha who said, "Where the state belongs to the people, the state is subordinate to the people and only then does the state serve the people" and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, a devout hindu who served in Nehru's cabinet who said, "We shall go ahead with our work in spite of all obstacles and help to create that great India, united and strong

which will be the motherland of not this community and that, not of this class Or that but of every person, man, woman and child inhabiting this country. " May these words of our founding fathers guide our parliamentarians in securing a bright future for India, and may their sacred constituent be their conscious keeper.

Gurnoor Grewal | Chandigarh

KHEL RATNA CONTROVERSY

Madam — It is baffling that Manu Bhaker, who made history by bagging two medals in a single Olympics in Paris, is absent from the list of Major Dhyani Chand Khel Ratna awardees. If any athlete deserves to be given this award this year, it is Manu Bhaker. Her father is absolutely right: Manu has done her part by giving huge laurels to the country where we have only a handful of individual medal winners; now it is up to the GoI to recognise her feat and reward it.

Bal Govind | Noida

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India's hidden crisis: Battling malnutrition for a healthier future

Malnutrition among children in India stands as a pressing public health challenge, intricately linked to poverty, systemic inequalities and environmental hurdles

Malnutrition among children remains a critical public health issue in India, deeply intertwined with poverty, systemic inequalities, and environmental challenges. Despite the nation's economic progress, the persistent issues of undernutrition and micronutrient deficiencies continue to hinder India's overall growth and development, casting a shadow over its aspirations for a healthier future. The 2023 Global Hunger Index paints a grim picture, with India ranked 111th out of 125 countries and a score of 28.7, indicating a "serious" hunger situation. Although there has been marginal improvement from a score of 29.2 in 2015, the pace of progress lags behind peer economies. Disturbingly, India records the world's highest rate of child wasting at 18.7 per cent, while 35.5 per cent of children under five are stunted. These figures highlight the long-term health and developmental implications of malnutrition. Several interconnected challenges exacerbate this issue.



Poverty remains a significant factor, with India contributing nearly 40 per cent to the global poverty rate and 389 million people living in poverty across South Asia. Millions of children are left vulnerable to malnutrition due to limited resources. Compounding this is inadequate nutrition and sanitation, as poor dietary intake, restricted access to clean water, and insufficient healthcare facilities worsen the situation. The health and cognitive impacts of malnutrition are profound, weakening immune systems, increasing susceptibility to diseases, and impairing cognitive development. These effects

ripple through to academic performance and future opportunities, trapping many in a cycle of poverty. Regional disparities further intensify the problem, with states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh shouldering a disproportionate burden of malnourished children. Higher poverty rates and systemic challenges in these regions make addressing the issue even more complex. To combat malnutrition, the Government of India has implemented various programs. POSHAN Abhiyaan aims to enhance the nutritional status of children, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) program offers supplementary nutrition, education, immunisation, and health check-ups. The Mid-Day Meal Scheme addresses hunger and malnutrition among school-going children, while the National Food Security Act (NFSA) provides subsidised food grains to economically vulnerable populations. Other initiatives, such as the Pradhan Mantri Matru

Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and the National Health Mission (NHM), include financial incentives for pregnant women and specialised care through Nutrition Rehabilitation and Lactation Management Centres. While these efforts have yielded positive outcomes, more comprehensive strategies are needed to address the root causes of malnutrition. Tackling poverty, improving education, expanding healthcare access, and ensuring sanitation are critical steps toward sustainable progress. Collaborative efforts among policymakers, non-governmental organisations, and local communities are essential to create meaningful change. True progress is reflected in the wellbeing of every individual, especially the youngest members of society. By prioritising nutrition and equity, India can foster a healthier, well-nourished generation and pave the way for sustainable development. (The writer is Kapeel Barsaiyan, President, Buddh Jyoti Foundation; views are personal)



KAPEEL BARSAIYAN



FIRST COLUMN

ACHIEVERS NEVER QUIT

Achievers are not born but forged by their ability to ignite their natural talents over time



KUMARDEEP BANARJEE

Jack Croushore was a charismatic leader, a successful steel magnate and an achiever, who never called it quits, regardless of the situation that confronted him. He was also equally adept in adopting the strategy of using kid gloves when situations so required. Over a period, his mind learnt that situational factors influence leadership effectiveness. Successful leaders are high-end achievers, those who do not quit. They are blessed with halcyon days in life, which provide them with joyful moments, and there may be woe-begone incidences that fortuitously do not cripple their passion to climb the ladder of prosperity. Nancy Gibbs says, "High achievers, we imagine, were wired for greatness from birth. But then you must wonder why, over time, natural talent seems to ignite in some people and dim in others." Recall the talismanic movie 3 Idiots. Aamir Khan, Sharman Joshi and R. Madhavan essayed the principal roles.

They were euphemistically called the 3 idiots by the director of the institute. Among them, Rancho (Aamir Khan) was an achiever blessed with natural talent, out-of-the-box thinking and revolutionary ideas. There is a poignant scene in the movie where Ali Fazal, who played the role of Joy Lobo, snuffs out his life as he was unable to meet the deadline for completing the assigned project work and thus became a laggard. He was working on a battery-operated 'flying machine', which could capture various events through its magical eyes and features. Alas, his attempts were abortive, while the consummate Rancho was successful in designing the machine... and during a test flight, he and the entire college were witnesses to the shocking tragedy of Joy Lobo taking his life. Dismayed at the turn of events, Lobo prominently wrote on the walls of his room - I QUIT.



The scene graphically recorded the miscarriage of the project and the abject subjugation of the character who was not an achiever. Once, some superiors decided to cashier an employee for a lacklustre performance. He decided to quit all relationships and his spirituality, and in sheer desperation informed God that he had decided to abandon his life. God asked him to look around in a forest for ferns and bamboo. When God planted ferns and bamboo seeds, he took special care of them and protected them from all the vagaries of weather. Within a year the ferns became resplendent and indescent, covering the entire floor space, while the bamboo seeds showed no growth.

Over the following four years, the forest became verdant with the ever-expanding ferns and yet there was no sign of the bamboo growing or developing into a tree. In the fifth year, the bamboo seeds began to sprout. Within the next six months, the bamboo shoots rose to a height of a hundred feet, lording over the fern plantation. God smiled at the man and said that he never gave up on the bamboo seeds over five years. During this timeframe, the roots of the bamboo tree were growing. Our period of struggle is akin to the development of the roots of the bamboo tree. Both the fern and the bamboo grew at their own pace, as willed by the universe and nature. They complemented each other's growth and were not competitors. Happiness makes us sweet and trials fortify us; sorrows when encountered should make us strong and success ought to make us grateful and radiant. In the ultimate analysis, it is only a positive disposition and thoughts that keep us ticking so that achievers do not lower their guard and thereby do not quit.

(The writer is the CEO of Chhattisgarh East Railway Ltd. and Chhattisgarh East West Railway Ltd. He is a faculty of the Art of Living; views are personal)

The key to shaping inclusive future

As automation, artificial intelligence and globalisation reshape industries, lifelong learning and adaptability are essential to staying competitive



DINESH SOOD

In an era of rapid technological advancements and shifting economic landscapes, the conversation around skill development has never been more relevant. Skills are no longer just tools for employment; they are the chisels and hammers that sculpt our collective future, shaping individuals and nations. Historically, skills were tied to tradition and geography. A farmer learned the trade from generations before, and an artisan honed their craft through years of apprenticeship. But the 21st century has shattered these boundaries. Today, the Advent of automation, artificial intelligence, and globalisation demands a workforce that can continuously adapt, innovate, and learn. Skills are not static; they evolve, and the pace of this evolution is accelerating. At the heart of this transformation lies the understanding that skill development is no longer a one-time event but a lifelong journey. The future belongs to those who embrace this mindset. A software engineer may need to transition to being a data analyst tomorrow. A marketer should delve into behavioural psychology or artificial intelligence. The world is moving toward a gig economy, where flexibility, creativity, and adaptability are not just assets but necessities. Those who rest on their laurels risk being left behind in a world where change is the only constant. India has the brain power needed to rise in the skilled world. Governments, educational institutions, and private enterprises all play a role in fostering a skill development culture.

Traditional education systems, built to serve industrial-era needs, must undergo a radical shift. The focus should be more than rote learning or degree acquisition, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and technical competencies. Initiatives like coding boot camps, vocational training, and online learning platforms have already begun to disrupt the status quo, democratising access to quality education. But more must be done to ensure inclusivity and widespread reach. When we talk of skills, we mean making one employable to earn a livelihood quickly and decently. As per the National Policy of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015, We had the target to impart various skills to 40 crore people by the end of 2022. However, around 4 crore people have been trained. Still, there is a massive opportunity for varied stakeholders to come forward and arm our men and women with employable skills. It is nothing but aligning the entire skilling ecosystem with the demands of employers. Today, a considerable gap exists between the demand for a skilled workforce and their availability in the market.

Among 150 million young people in developing countries, around 33 per cent are skilled but unemployed, as their employability quotient could be better. Government policy interventions can bridge the gap between demand and supply in the workforce market. Incentivising employable skill development through subsidies, tax benefits, or public-private partnerships can empower citizens to upskill or reskill. Furthermore, governments must create frameworks encouraging lifelong learning, such as subsidised courses or learning credits for professionals looking to update their skills. Meanwhile, industries must recognise their role in creating agile workforces.



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Corporate training programs, mentorship initiatives, and collaborations with educational institutions are not just investments in employees but investments in the future of the business itself. Companies that foster a culture of continuous learning often enjoy higher productivity, better employee retention, and a competitive edge in their industries. Moreover, the private sector can lead the way in identifying future skills by analysing market trends and technological advancements, ensuring training programmes remain relevant and forward-looking. However, skill development is not just about economic progress but also a tool for social empowerment. In many developing nations, lack of access to education and skills has perpetuated cycles of poverty. Equipping marginalised communities with in-demand skills can uplift entire populations, ensuring more inclusive growth. A young woman in a rural village learning coding or a displaced worker mastering digital marketing are potent examples of how skills can change lives. These stories highlight the transformative potential of skill development, turning adversity into opportunity and fostering hope where it is needed most. This empowerment extends beyond individuals to communities and entire societies. Skilled populations are better equipped to address local challenges, from improving infrastructure to boosting small businesses.

In this way, skill development catalyses innovation and self-reliance, reducing dependency on external aid and fostering sustainable growth. Communities investing in their human capital often see a ripple effect, where increased productivity and prosperity lead to better healthcare, education, and quality of life. As we champion skill development, addressing the challenges it pre-

sents is also critical. The digital divide, for instance, threatens to exclude those who lack access to technology or internet connectivity. Rural areas and underserved regions often bear the brunt of this inequity, leaving millions without the tools to participate in the modern economy. Bridging this gap requires a concerted effort from the public and private sectors, including infrastructure investments, affordable technology, and localised training programs catering to specific regional needs. Similarly, a one-size-fits-all approach to skills training is likely to fail. Each individual's journey is unique, shaped by their aspirations, context, and potential. Personalised, learner-centric approaches must become the norm. Adaptive learning technologies powered by artificial intelligence can significantly tailor educational content to suit individual needs and learning styles. This ensures that skill development is essential, practical, engaging, and relevant. Moreover, we must shift the narrative around failure in skill acquisition. Learning a new skill often involves trial and error, and creating an environment where individuals feel encouraged to experiment and grow without fear of judgment is essential. Employers and educators must foster a culture that values resilience and continuous improvement over perfection. The metaphor of skill as a sculptor is apt. Like marble, raw talent has limitless potential. But becoming something remarkable requires the right tools, guidance, and effort. Skill development chisels away ignorance, carves out opportunities and polishes the rough edges of human potential. It bridges the gap between dreams and reality, between where we are and where we aspire to be. As we look to the future, let us remember the power

of skills to redefine what is possible. Whether combating climate change, revolutionising healthcare and wellness, or exploring the frontiers of space, skilled individuals will be at the helm of every breakthrough. By investing in skill development today, we are not just preparing for tomorrow but shaping it. The urgency of this investment cannot be overstated. The COVID-19 pandemic served as a wake-up call, highlighting the vulnerabilities of unskilled or under-skilled workers in a volatile economy. Millions faced job losses, and industries struggled to adapt to new remote work and digital operations norms. Yet, it also demonstrated the resilience of those equipped with the right skills to pivot and thrive in uncertain times. The lessons learned must guide our approach, emphasising the importance of resilience, adaptability, and future-proof skills. Furthermore, as technology evolves, ethical considerations must be integrated into skill development. Understanding the implications of artificial intelligence, data privacy, and sustainability is as crucial as mastering technical competencies. This holistic approach ensures rapid and responsible progress, fostering a future where innovation aligns with human values and societal well-being. In conclusion, skill development is more than a response to economic demands; it is a transformative force that shapes our world. It empowers individuals, drives innovation, and fosters inclusive growth. By investing in skills, we invest in people, and by investing in people, we invest in the future. (The writer is co-founder and MD of Orane International, a training partner of the National Skill Development Corporation and a network Member of India International Skills Centres. The views expressed are personal)

Witch-hunting in India: A persistent plague claiming women's lives

Despite legal interventions, witch-hunting remains a grim reality in parts of India, targeting marginalised women

In 2014, Partners for Law in Development (PLD), a legal resource group working on social justice and women's rights, carried out a study to understand the reasons behind rising violence against women in the name of witch hunting in Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand. They found that women were blamed for illness, death and even a bad crop and branded as witches. The targets of this belief system were largely middle-aged married women with little formal education, from lower economic strata and marginalised castes and communities. Moreover, victims and perpetrators were, more often than not, closely related to each other and,



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there was complicity in the community. Their study also revealed that although laws in Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh criminalising acts/offences particular to witch hunting, such as 'identifying' any person as a witch along with the mental and physical torture accompanying such identification existed, the apathy of the state led to the continuation of witch hunting prac-

tics. Ten years later, nothing seems to have changed. Witch hunting continues to claim women's lives even in 2024. Over 663 were killed for allegedly practising witchcraft during 2015 and 2021 according to the National Crime Research Bureau (NCRB). Worryingly, the main perpetrators of this violence also remain the same, says Nirantar Trust, an NGO working on gender and education. Findings of the Trust's recent survey on witch hunting in 114 villages across 10 districts in Bihar showed 43 per cent of the victims were targeted by members from their own family. Their study, released earlier this month, also found a significant proportion of the

women victimised as witches were between the age group 45 to 60. Moreover, 73 per cent of the victims had never been to school. Nirantar also found that more than single women or widows, it was married women who were branded as witches, corroborating the findings of the 2014 PLD study. In many instances, perpetrators were related to the male kin of the husband and thus negated the traditional belief that married women were safer than single women. Another grave concern raised in the 2024 study is the targeting of women from marginalised backgrounds who have shown agency and the courage to raise their voices against the



deeply entrenched patriarchy. The inability of the government to sensitise men while pushing for women's empowerment has endan-

gered many women in leadership roles. One of the easiest ways to show the woman her place has been to brand her as a witch. Of the 44 per cent of women who faced

accusations of witchcraft from castes other than their own, the majority were from the upper caste. Nirantar found that most women preferred not to report this mental and physical assault as they were afraid it would lead to increased violence, greater social ostracisation and humiliation. They also lacked trust in the sincerity and efficacy of law enforcement agencies. The inability to provide timely justice can be fatal as found by Action Aid Association. The NGO, which detailed 102 case studies from Odisha's 12 districts reporting maximum witch-hunting incidents in 2021, found that despite the law, more than 30 per cent of the total cases had led to the death of the

woman branded as a witch. Chhutki Mahto, the firebrand social activist from Jharkhand, who received the Padma Shri in 2021 for her role in rescuing over 100 women accused of witchcraft, knows the pain because she too, was targeted as a witch. She survived and embarked on a mission to help others. But why is the onus only on survivors? NCRB data shows that since 2000, over 2,500 women have been killed for being witches. How many more women need to die before action against such inhuman acts is given the priority it deserves? (The author is a journalist writing on development and gender. The views expressed are personal)

Azerbaijan observes day of mourning for air crash victims as speculation mounts over its cause

BAKU (AP): Azerbaijan on Thursday observed a nation-wide day of mourning for the victims of the air crash that

killed 38 people and left all 29 survivors injured as speculation mounted about a possible cause of the crash that remained

unknown. Azerbaijan Airlines' Embraer 190 was en route from Azerbaijan's capital of Baku to the Russian city of Grozny in the North Caucasus on Wednesday when it was diverted for reasons yet unclear and crashed while making an attempt to land in Aktau in Kazakhstan after flying east across the Caspian Sea. The plane went down about 3 kilometers (around 2 miles) from Aktau. Cellphone footage circulating online appeared to

show the aircraft making a steep descent before smashing into the ground in a fireball. Other footage showed part of its fuselage ripped away from the wings and the rest of the aircraft lying upside in the grass. On Thursday, national flags were lowered across Azerbaijan, traffic across the country stopped at noon, and signals were sounded from ships and trains as the country observed a nationwide moment of silence.

Massive fire breaks out at Bangladesh Secretariat

PTI ■ DHAKA

A massive fire broke out at a major building of the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka on Thursday, damaging official documents that prompted authorities to form a high-powered investigation committee amid suspicions that it could be

an act of sabotage. The fire broke out in Building 7 of the Bangladesh Secretariat and it was brought under control after nearly six hours of firefighting efforts. According to officials, the fire broke out Thursday early morning in the nine-storey building housing seven ministries inside the high-security complex. "The fire broke out in three spots (of the building) simultaneously hours after midnight yester-

day," fire service chief Brigadier General Zahed Kamal told newsmen indicating it might not be an accidental inferno. Officials said a power outage caused by the fire forced as well other ministries apart from the building to halt their normal work while security agencies restricted entry inside the complex preventing many staff and officials from entering into the complex at the central part of the



CHANGE OF NAME

I, Suresh Chand Singla S/o Late Dharam Chand resident of TU-40, Pitampura, Delhi 110034 hereby inform all concerned that I have changed my name from Suresh Chand to Suresh Chand Singla. PD(1150)A

I Vikas Kumar Jain S/o Yuvraaj K Jain R/o : 34, Radhey Shyam Park, Krishna Nagar Delhi-110051, I have changed my name Yuvraj Jain to Yuvraaj K Jain for all purpose in future. PD(1151)A

I, Dinesh Kumar Chauhan S/o-Laje Ram R/o-Village-Shahpur, Sector-128, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P. 201304 declare that in my daughter school documents my mentioned name is Dinesh Chauhan that is my incorrect name my correct name is Dinesh Kumar Chauhan and Dinesh Kumar Chauhan is one & both are same person. PD(1152)C

I, hitherto known as MANJEET KAUR alias MANJEET KAUR TULI w/o-Gurdeep Singh Tuli, residing at-A-86, 2nd Floor Chander Nagar, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MANJEET KAUR TULI. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. PD(1153)C

I, Praveen Verma S/o late Kunwar Bhan R/o C-1/43 KRISHAN VIHAR NEW DELHI 110086 have changed my name from praveen to praveen Verma for all purposes. PD(1156)C

It is for general information that I, KUMAR DEVI W/o Rampal R/o 5/475A, Malivara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as KUNVAR VATI in my Voter ID Card No. UP/79/388/ 0612093. The actual name of mine is KUMAR DEVI which may be amended accordingly. PD(1155)C

I, hitherto known as BABITA SINHA W/o ALOK SRIVASTAVA R/o 2216, Valencia tower, Mahagan Mezarria, sec- 78, Noida, Uttar Pradesh (201301), have changed my name spelling BABITA SINHA to BABEETA SINHA. PD(1155)C

LOST & FOUND

I, SHILA DEVI, W/O GANESH DASS, have Lost my original P/M-UDAY CONVEYANCE DEED WITH CASE ID NUMBER 09102024083428/1 AND DDA/GIS NUMBER 01102024053759/389539 AND PROPERTY PAPER MENTIONED ADDRESS IS PLOT NO.59B, OUT OF KHASRA NO.26/14, SAINIK ENCLAVE, VIKAS NAGAR, UTTAM NAGAR, HASTALS, NEW DELHI- 110059. Finder send. PD(1154)C

I, G.S. Jamwal, S/o Late Kartar Singh Jamwal have lost my original Possession Letter of Flat No.143, Shriniketan CGHS Ltd, Plot No.01, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi, finder please contact: 9419140402 PD(1156)A

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Property/Plot No. 10, land area measuring 520 sq. yds., "said portion" out of total land area measuring 6 Bighas 10 Biswas, falling in Khasra No. 11/17 (01-14) & 11/18 (04-16), Situated in the area of Village Kamalpur Majra Baruri, abadi known as Block-A, Kamal Vihar, Kamalpur, Gurugram, Delhi-110001, (hereinafter referred to as the "said Property").

Be it known to all that our clients, Mr. Divesh Garg and Mrs. Vaishali (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said portion from Mr. Rajesh Rana (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection, the seller has informed the purchaser that he is the owner of the said portion vide GPA, Agreement to Sell and Will dated 24.06.2021 executed by Mr. Sanjay Bhatia in his favour, and Mr. Sanjay Bhatia owned the said property vide Sale Deed executed by Mr. Ram Kumar & Mr. Prem Kumar in his favour and the said deed registered as Document No. 5497, Add. Book No. 1, Volume No.655, pages 139-154, on 05.12.2002. Thus, the present seller became owner of the said portion. The seller has also informed the purchaser that the said portion is not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation pending regarding the said portion.

Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s, relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest in any nature whatsoever in or upon the aforesaid floor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said portion shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients/Purchaser, in any manner whatsoever.

Shikant Arora, Advocate
M/S Intellectual Law Offices
A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

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The general public is hereby informed that Mr. Sandeep Verma S/o Vinod Kumar and residing at H.NO 173 MUKESH COLONY NEAR SUDARSHAN HOSPITAL BALLABHGARH FARIDABAD HARYANA 121004 the owners, of built up Property No. 173, area measuring 160 sq. yds., out of Kharsra No. 126m, Khata No. 156, situated at Village-Ballabgarh (Mukesh Colony), Tehsil-Ballabgarh, District-Faridabad, Haryana, have lost the Original Sale Deed dated 27.12.1971 having Doc. No. 4296/73, in writing to the Registrar, Ballabgarh. Any person who has found this document or in its possession or claiming to have any rights, title, interest in respect of the said Property, is/are requested to return the original deed with this notice, claim in writing to the undersigned with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice to Ad. Khairul Hussain, 2E/23, Office No. 302, on Third Floor, Jhandewalan Ex-110065, Mobile No. 987190862 or email at vishalegall@gmail.com within 07 days from the publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my Client Ms. Paridhi Bhandu, D/o Sh. Prem Bhandu has cancelled the power of attorney given in favour of her Brother Mr. Lu Bhandu, S/o Sh. Prem Bhandu Qua Property Flat No-203, 1st Floor, Plot No. Niti Khand-1/60, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad. That my client is the sole and rightful Owner of the said Property. Further it is informed that my client has lost her Pan Card, Adhaar Card and other documents. My client shall not be held responsible in case the same are misused.

Bhawani Gupta (Advocate)
RZ 32/1, New Indira Park Ext, Delhi-59

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that Mr. Prince PP has acquired Built-up Flat Bearing No. B-226 on 3rd Floor in Block No. B, situated in SIRM & J Deptt., Estate at New Rajni Nagar, New Delhi by way of Sale Deed dated 10/11/2024. Document No. 25892.

Documents related to the above said property has been misplace i.e. Original Allotment Letter Dt. 13/02/19, Original Deed of Provisional Allotment Dt. 09/07/1974, Original Conveyance Deed Allottee Dt. 18/07/2003, Original Demand Letter dt. 30/07/19, Original Deed of Sale dt. 10/11/2024, original sale deed and the said documents shall handover the same to the manager of Motilal Oswal Home Finance Ltd. Office Address: 3rd Floor, Community Centre, C-29, Sector 14, Pankha Road, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058. Now, Mr. Prince PP intends to sell above said property to Mr. Mahendra Jha, (2) Kavita Bhatia and avail loan on above said property from Motilal Oswal Home Finance Ltd. & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 7 days of this publication to Mr. Pramod Kumar Singh (Advocate), Acculaw Source LLP, Unit No. S-2-U, 2nd Floor, built on Plot no. 4 and 5, Ansal Uity Commercial Center, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 or contact at: +91 9560390999 (M) (W).

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that We (1), Shekhar alias Shekhar Sharma, (2) Deepak alias Deepak Sharma both sons of Shri Hardyal alias Hardyal Sharma are filing application in L&DO for substitution of the property no. Nil-38/A, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017 in the name of (1), Shekhar alias Shekhar Sharma, (2) Deepak alias Deepak Sharma on the grounds of Will. If there are any objections/claims from the general public on this application, the same shall be communicated to L&DO with supporting documents through registered post or by visiting L&DO at New Delhi, New Delhi or through an email at ldo@nic.in, within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Name : Shekhar alias Shekhar Sharma
Address: Nil-38/A, Malviya Nagar,
New Delhi-110017
Phone : 9810008726

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is informed that Smt. Lalita ji passed away on 04/5/2022, her property is E-32 Third Floor Balaji Enclave Gali No-9 Govind Puram Ghaziabad, whose documents are kept as a loan by Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited Noida Branch Uttar Pradesh, due to the completion of the loan amount, this document is being legally given to her children Tarun Kumar, Arun Kumar Bhardwaj, Babita, if any person has any objection or claim regarding the right, ownership or interest of the said property, then contact us within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. After this no claim will be considered.

Amit Kumar Chaudhary (Advocate)
Ch. No. 283, Civil Court Compound
Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad, Mob. 7017200043

ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT OVER KATHIAR DIVISION

E-Auction invited for Display of advertisement contract over Kathiar division. Auction Catalogue No.: C-ADVT-RGJ-KAJ. Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee. Auction Start Date & Time : 11:00 hrs. on 07-01-2025. Days: 1095.

Seq No.	Lot No./Category	Description
AA/1	ADVT-KIR-KAJ-OH-190-24-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Allotment of contract for display of advertisement through Board/Hoarding on station PP shed, RUB guard and LC gate (over load stopper) at Kaliyaganj, Raiganj, Old Malda Junction & Samsi Railway Station/ nearby railway area at specified/ earmarked location over Kathiar Division for period of 3 years.

Auction close date/time: At 11:30 hrs. on 07-01-2025. Initial Cooling off period is 30 minutes. Successive lots closing interval 10 minutes. Note: Prospective bidder are requested to visit e-auction leasing module on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in for more details. Divisional Railway Manager (C), Kathiar

FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

600/1, University Road near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow (Areas of Jurisdiction: Part of Uttar Pradesh) SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE THROUGH PUBLICATION DATE-08.11.2024 (Summons to 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)

O.A.NO.554/2024
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITEDAPPLICANT

VERSUS
NASIM & ANOTHERDEFENDANTS

To,
1.Nasim S/o Rahisudin R/o -566, Ashok Vihar-1, Loni Pavi, Sandapur, Ghaziabad-20102 (Borrower)
2.Saleem S/o Rahisudin
R/o Ashok Vihar-1,Loni Dehat,Loni, Ghaziabad-201102 (Guarantor)

.....DEFENDANTS

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply/evidence in Paper Book form in two 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 the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 07.01.2025 at 10.30 A.M. Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that Mrs. Rupali Bajaj has acquired Property No. 32, area measuring 344.31 Sq. Yds., situated on Road No. 18, residential Colony known as (East) Punjabi Nagar, New Delhi by way of Sale Deed dated 12.08.2024 as Document No. 1922/24/08/290. Now, Mrs. Rupali Bajaj intends to sell above said property to Mrs. Saroj Jain & Mrs. Sangeta Jain by way of Sale Deed and further, Mr. Suresh Kumar Singh (Advocate), Paschim Vihar, New Delhi, Mr. Satbir Jain & Mrs. Sangeta Jain availing loan on above said property from Axis Finance Ltd. & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 7 days of this publication to Mr. Pramod Kumar Singh (Advocate), Acculaw Source LLP, Unit No. S-2-U, 2nd Floor, built on Plot no. 4 and 5, Ansal Uity Commercial Center, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 or contact: +91 9560390999 (M) (W).

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that Mr. Khatrapal Singh S/o Mr. Virendra Singh has acquired Plot No. 53, measuring 100 Sq. Yds. i.e. 83.61 Sq. Mtrs., out of Kharsra No. 126m, Khata No. 156, situated at Village-Ballabgarh (Mukesh Colony), Tehsil-Ballabgarh, District-Faridabad, Haryana, have lost the Original Sale Deed dated 27.12.1971 having Doc. No. 4296/73, in writing to the Registrar, Ballabgarh. Any person who has found this document or in its possession or claiming to have any rights, title, interest in respect of the said Property, is/are requested to return the original deed with this notice, claim in writing to the undersigned with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice to Ad. Khairul Hussain, 2E/23, Office No. 302, on Third Floor, Jhandewalan Ex-110065, Mobile No. 987190862 or email at vishalegall@gmail.com within 07 days from the publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Sh. Ramkishan Singh, Heera Lal & Smt. Sharmila Yadav w/o Smt. Yadav is the registered owner of entire Residential First Floor Bearing H. No.-91 In Block-D, Area Measuring-135.83 Sq. Mtrs., Built On Plot Of Land Area Measuring-300 Sq. Mtrs., situated in Vpul World, Sec-48, Gurugram, Badshahpur, Gurugram, Haryana vide registered sale deed dated 15.03.2022 having doc no. -13816 at Sr Badshahpur, that the original documents of the above said property i.e. builder buyer agreement, payment receipts from Vipul World, s/s & sale deed dated-15/03/2022 vide no. -13816 has been lost and, in this regard, lost property report no. 132270032402019 has been registered at PS. Badshahpur, Gurugram. if any person found please return it to the under signer earliest.

ADV PRATHAM SAXENA, E-713, KKD COURT, DELHI-110092, MOBILE NO. 9920859683.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer of ownership of House No. 190P, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana in respect of consequent upon the immediate death of the Allottee Sh. Mohinder Nath Bajaj S/o. Jai Dayal Bajaj, Late Sh. Mohinder Nath Bajaj S/o. Jai Dayal Bajaj, being the Allottee of the subject cited property, as per record, has died on 24/12/2019 and he has not left registered or unregistered will and leaving behind following legal heirs - 1. Deepak Bajaj (Son) 2. Pankaj Bajaj (Son) 3. Ramkishan Sharma (Daughter) 4. Anakshi Gha (Daughter). Now, Deepak Bajaj & Pankaj Bajaj, both sons of Late Sh. Mohinder Nath Bajaj, and both Resident of House No. 190P, Sector-14, apply for the transfer of the said property in their favour being the legal heir and request for its allotment in the name of Deepak Bajaj & Pankaj Bajaj, both sons of Late Sh. Mohinder Nath Bajaj. If any person is having any objection against the transfer of house, he/she can submit objections in writing to the Estate Officer-I, HSPV, Sector-14 Gurugram, along with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise the Estate Officer may accord permission to transfer/allotment of the said property as per HSPV policy and may not entertain subsequent claim, if any.

Legal heir Deepak Bajaj & Pankaj Bajaj
On behalf of Estate Officer-I, HSPV, Sector-14, Gurugram

PROVISION OF ANNUAL REPAIRING CONTRACT OF INTEGRATED PASSENGER INFORMATION SYSTEM

E-Tender Notice No.: N-2024-K-29
Date: 20-12-2024. E-Tender is invited by the undersigned for the following works; Name of Work: Provision of Annual Repairing contract of Integrated Passenger Information System (IPIS) of New Jalpaiguri station for one year.
Tender Value: ₹16,29,390.50/-; Earnest Money: ₹32,600/-; Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 13-01-2025. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available up to 15:00 hrs. on 13-01-2025 in the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>
DRM (S&T), Katihar
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
Serving Customers With A Smile

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all concern that Smt. Gopindi W/o Sh. Jiva Nand R/o A-148, M.M. T.C. Colony Mehrauli Road Delhi, who is the original allottee of Residential Lig House No. W-74, Sector-12, Noida (U.P.), had sold the said property on General power of attorney basis to the following person(s). GPA was executed on in favour of Sr. Surenagar Singh Rawat S/o Late Sh. Khushal Singh Rawat R/o Kahar Gaon, Bhanrorolia Syalide, Alwar, which is registered on Dated 26.04.1994 in Sub Registrar office Delhi. The agreement to sell was not registered or not executed. So it is informed to all concern that the said property is going to be transferred in favour of Smt. Shikha Garg W/o Rakesh Garg R/O S-62, Sector-12, Noida (U.P.) If any one has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Department of the Noida Authority within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Sh. Surenagar Singh Rawat

THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

C-29, Community Centre Pankha Road, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058
Phone: 011-25611942, 25611943, 25611944
E-mail: legal@kangrabank.com, legal1@kangrabank.com, Website: www.kangrabank.com

APPENDIX IV (See rule 8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized officer of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", Head office at, C-29 Community Centre, Pankha Road, Janak Pur, New Delhi - 110058, having its registered office at 1916, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, [54 of 2002] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule [3] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Bank had issued a demand notice on dated 11-09-2024, calling upon the borrower & mortgagor Smt. Kulwant Kaur W/o. Sh. Ajeet Singh Sisodia R/o. H.No. 113, Gali No. 5, Jharda Majra Burari, Delhi-110084, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 8,32,653/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Three Only), together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of the notice till the date of payment, with in 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice.

The above mentioned borrower & mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower & mortgagor and the public in general that the Bank has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (4) of section 13 of The Securitization and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with rule [8] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this 24th day of December 2024.

The borrower & mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the mortgaged property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", for an amount of Rs. 8,32,653/- together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of notice till the date of realization together with all the costs incurred by the Bank in realizing the said amount.

The borrower & mortgagor attention is also been invited towards provisions of Sub-Section (B) of Section 13 of The Securitization and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the below mentioned mortgaged property/Secured Asset.

DISCUSSION OF THE PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY
The property under consideration is Built up one shop on ground floor without roof rights, part of property bearing PVT.No. 113, land area measuring 6.50 sq. mtrs. size (7 X 10).	All that part and parcel of the BUILT UP ONE SHOP ON GROUND FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, PART OF PROPERTY BEARING PVT.113, LAND AREA MEASURING 6.5 SQ. MTRS. SIZE (7 X 10), OUT OF TOTAL LAND MEASURING 52 SQ.YD.S., OUT OF KHASRA NO.66. SITUATED IN THE ABADI OF LAL DORA VILLAGE JHARODA MAJRA BURARI, GALI NO.5, DELHI. Falling Under the Registration of Sub-Registrar I, Delhi.

Which is bounded - EAST : Other Property, WEST : Other Property, NORTH : Main Road, SOUTH : Other Property.

(HARISH SHARMA)
AUTHORISED OFFICER
THE KANGRA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
PLACE : DELHI
DATED : 24.12.2024
HEAD OFFICE AT: C-29, COMMUNITY CENTRE, PANKHA ROAD, JANAKPURI, NEW DELHI-58. Phone.9013568416, 9013568419, 9810487548.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all concern that Sh. Shanti Suroop Gupta S/o Late Sh. Raghubar Dayal R/o F-10, East of Kailash New Delhi, who is the original allottee of Flat No. 26-D, Block-U3, 3rd Floor Dhawaligiri II, Apartment, Sector-11, Noida (U.P.), had sold the said property on General power of attorney basis to the following person(s). GPA was executed on in favour of Mrs. Suman Sinha W/o Sh. Alok Kumar Sinha R/o Vill+Post- Parijhati Via, Yathwa Distt. Siwan (Bihar), which is registered on Dated 16.06.2000 in Sub Registrar office Delhi. The agreement to sell was not registered or not executed. So it is informed to all concern that the said property is going to be transferred in favour of Sh. Ransingh Singh S/o Chatar Singh R/o H.No.296, Shrenagar, Muzaffarnagar (U.P.). If any one has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Residential Department of the Noida Authority within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Mrs. Suman Sinha

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all concern that Mr. Gabhri Mash S/o M. Mash who is/are purchasing the DDA Lig Flat No. 112-A, Ground Floor, Sunlight Colony, New Delhi from Mr. Arun Porter S/o Late Mr. Austin Porter & Mr. Anil Porter S/o Late Mr. Austin Porter who was the owner of property by virtue of Gift Deed registered on dated 08.09.2022 (Doc. No. 5480) executed by Mr. M.A. Porter S/o Late Mr. Austin Porter intend to mortgage the same against the financial assistance from Shubham Housing Development Finance Company Limited. Original Possession Letter & Original Conveyance Deed registered on dated 24.02.2011 (document no. 2063) are not available with Sellers i.e. Mr. Arun Porter S/o Late Mr. Austin Porter & Mr. Anil Porter S/o Late Mr. Austin Porter. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days at below address: NCR LAW ASSOCIATES Advocates & Consultants A-96, Sector-9, New Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, (U.P.)-201009.

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The above mentioned borrower, mortgagor & surety having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, mortgagor & surety and the public in general that the Bank has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (4) of section 13 of The Securitization and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with rule [8] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this 24th day of December 2024.

The borrower, mortgagor & surety in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the mortgaged property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of "The Kangra Co-operative Bank Ltd.", for an amount of Rs. 16,58,004/- together with further interest, penal interest and other charges as are applicable to this Loan account from time to time, from the date of notice till the date of realization together with all the costs incurred by the Bank in realizing the said amount.

The borrower, mortgagor & surety attention is also been invited towards provisions of Sub-Section (B) of Section 13 of The Securitization and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the below mentioned mortgaged property/Secured Asset.

DISCUSSION OF THE PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY
The property under consideration is Built up ground floor without roof rights area measuring 36Sq.mtrs. & first floor without roof rights area measuring 43 sq. Mtrs.	All that part and parcel of the BUILT UP GROUND FLOOR PORTION AREA MEASURING 36 SQ. MTRS., AND BUILT UP FIRST FLOOR PORTION AREA MEASURING 43 SQ.MTRS., WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, PART OF PROPERTY BEARING PVT.NO.113, OUT OF KHASRA NO.66, SITUATED IN THE ABADI OF LAL DORA VILLAGE JHARODA MAJRA BURARI, GALI NO.5, DELHI. Falling Under the Registration of Sub-Registrar I, Delhi.

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THE PUNJAB STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LTD.
SCO 153-155, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH-160022. E-PBX No. 0172-5041812,66

Short term e-tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work/Item	Period/Tentative Qty
1.	For Verka Head Office, Chandigarh Short term e-tender for hiring of milk powder plant(s) having conversion capacity of 4 LTPD & above for conversion of liquid milk into Extra grade SMP for Verka Dairies.	11.01.2025 10.06.2025

NOTE:
1. For complete details regarding above tender (NT), please visit our website i.e. www.verka.coop & e Tending, if any, will be uploaded on website only.

NA/12/27145/2023/40271
Dy. General Manager (Purchase)



Registered Office: NTPC Bhawan, Core-7, SCOPE Complex, 7-Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003
Corporate Identification Number: L40110DL1975GO1007966

The applicant above named has made an application before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), New Delhi for determination of tariff of Feroze Gandhi Unchar Thermal Power Station Stage-II (420 MW) from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2029.

- The beneficiaries of the generating station are:
 - Uttar Pradesh Power Corp. Ltd. (UPPCL), Shakti Bhawan 14, Ashok Marg, Lucknow-226001.
 - Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (RUVNL) (on behalf of DISCOMs of Rajasthan), Vidyut Bhawan, Janpath, Jaipur-302005.
 - Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (TPDDL), Grid Substation, Hudson Road, Kingsway Camp, Delhi-110009.
 - BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (BRPL), BSES Bhawan, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019.
 - BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (BYPL), Shakti Kiran Building,

RBI sets up eight-member panel on ethical use of AI

PTI ■ MUMBAI
The Reserve Bank of India announced the setting up of an eight-member committee to develop a framework for responsible and ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the financial sector. Headed by IIT Bombay professor Pushpak Bhattacharyya (Department of Computer Science and Engineering), the panel will assess the current level of adoption of AI in financial services, globally as well as in India. It will also review regulatory and supervisory approaches on AI with focus on the financial sector globally. The panel will also identify potential risks associated with



AI, if any, and recommend an evaluation, mitigation and monitoring framework and consequent compliance requirements for financial institutions, including banks, NBFCs, FinTechs, PSOs, etc. The committee will recommend a framework including governance aspects for responsible, ethical adoption of AI models / applications in the Indian financial sector, the RBI said. The other members of the panel are: Debjani Ghosh (Independent Director, Reserve Bank Innovation Hub); Balaraman Ravindran (Professor and Head, Wadhvani School of Data Science and AI, IIT Madras); Abhishek Singh (Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology); Rahul Matthan (Partner, Trilegal); Anjani

Rupee plunges 12 paise to close at 85.27 against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI
The rupee stayed weak for the third straight session and fell 12 paise to settle at a fresh all-time low of 85.27 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, amid a strong greenback and rising crude oil prices. Forex traders said, increased month-end as well as year-end dollar demand from importers and fear of an aggressive import tariff by the Donald Trump administration lifted the American currency. The central bank had made the announcement regarding the panel in its December monetary policy meeting.

The rupee plunged 12 paise to close at 85.27 against the US dollar on Tuesday, a day after losing 9 paise on Monday. The forex market was closed on Wednesday for Christmas. According to Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, the rupee fell to a fresh all-time low on strong dollar and rising US treasury yields that are at the highest levels in seven months. Also, he said the surge in crude oil prices, month-end/year-end dollar demand and FII outflows may also weigh on the rupee.



weak at 85.23 and touched the lowest-ever level of 85.28 against the greenback during intraday trade. The unit finally ended the session at its lifetime low closing level of 85.27 (provisional) against the dollar, registering a loss of 12

West Bengal's 2024 economy: Story of growth amid challenges

PTI ■ KOLKATA
West Bengal's economic narrative in 2024 was one of striking contrasts - steady growth and fresh investments juxtaposed with fiscal concerns and a worrying trend of industry flight from a perceptively "non-investor friendly" state. The state demonstrated a significant economic expansion outlook, with its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) projected to surge by 10.5 per cent in the 2024-25 fiscal, significantly outpacing the national average of 7.32 per cent and reinforcing its position as the fourth-largest economy in India, according to state industries minister Shashi Panja. The manufacturing sector played a crucial role in this upward trajectory during the year, achieving a robust growth rate of 7.8 per cent, exceeding the national average. This growth was further propelled by substantial investments across various sectors. Infosys inaugurated a Rs 426 crore development centre, spread over 3,20,000 sq ft, in New Town. It is set to house over 4,000 employees and focus on cloud computing and digital services. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, calling it "A New Year gift to



West Bengal", expressed hope for increased IT investments in the state. The manufacturing sector's strong performance was underscored by the inauguration of two major projects with investments totalling Rs 2,100 crore - Shyam Steel's integrated steel facility and Dhunseri Poly Films venture. These projects are expected to create over 5,000 jobs, providing a significant boost to the state's industrial health. The state government is developing a 200-acre Silicon Valley project in New Town, aiming to attract Rs 27,000 crore in investments and create 75,000 jobs, positioning Bengal as a key IT hub. In terms of data infrastructure, NTT completed the first phase of

its data centre campus in Kolkata which began operations in March 2024, with an initial capacity of 6 mw and a potential expansion of up to 25 mw. CtrIS Datacenters also announced an investment of Rs 2,200 crore (about USD 264 million) to develop a data centre in Kolkata, to be implemented in four phases, with the first phase, a 16 mw facility, expected to go live shortly. The Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector also displayed resilience, with the state looking to exceed its credit target of Rs 1.53 lakh crore for the fiscal year 2024-25, building upon the previous year's achievement of Rs 1.42 lakh crore and representing a 7.7 per cent increase.

Branded hotels to log 13 to 14 per cent growth: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Branded hotels in the country are likely to see double-digit revenue growth of 13-14 per cent in 2024-25, and 11-12 per cent in the next financial year on demand surge, report said on Thursday. While domestic leisure and business travel will continue to be the primary demand drivers, growing traction in MICE (meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions) segment and pickup in foreign tourist arrivals will provide additional fillip, Crisil Ratings said in a report.

Gold rises ₹250 to ₹78,850 per 10 grams, silver climbs ₹300

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Gold prices increased Rs 250 to Rs 78,850 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday amid a firm global trend, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The yellow metal had settled at Rs 78,600 per 10 grams on Tuesday. Silver extended its rally for the third straight session by climbing Rs 300 to Rs 90,800 per kg on Thursday. The metal had ended at Rs 90,500 per kg in the previous close. The commodities market was closed on Wednesday on the occasion of Christmas.

Tata Power-DDL recognised with the North India Best Employer Brand Award 2024

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI
Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL) has been honoured with the "North India Best Employer Brand Award 2024" at a ceremony held on December 20, 2024. The award recognises discom's exceptional efforts in HR practices, talent management, employee engagement, and its overall contribution to creating a sustainable, inclusive work environment, and a positive work culture, setting an inspiring example for the future of the power



sector. The award was conferred at the North India Best Employer Brand Awards, a prestigious platform that celebrates organizations excelling in human resources and corporate sustainability and was received by Mr. Praveen Agrawal, Chief - Human Resource, Industrial Relations, Facility Management & Health Services and Ms. Sonal Trehan, AGM, CEO Cell & HoG Facility Management of Tata Power-DDL.

Change of Name

In My old Passport. My name's spelling written as HUNED HUSAIN SAIFY. Now according to the present documents. My correct & full name known as HUNAID HUSAIN SAIFY S/O MOHAMMAD HUSAIN. Resident H. No. 4.5 Dada Miya Compound, near Nasheman Garden, Ahmedabad Palace, Kohefiza Bhopal (M.P.) 462001

Public Notice

It is hereby informed to the general public that I, Harsh Sunderlal Sharma, son of Sunder Lal Sharma, resident of Jagdamba Nagar, Mata Chowk, Khandwa, MP-450001, have changed my name to Harsh Sharma, son of Sunder Lal Sharma. Henceforth, I shall be known and identified by my new name, Harsh Sharma. Harsh Sharma, son of Sunder Lal Sharma

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office: Unit No.802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400069
Vidisha Branch: 1st Floor, Gaurav Business Square, Opposite Adani Wilmar Plant, Sanchi Road, Vidisha-464001, MP
Sehore Branch: Office No. 5, First Floor, Tamrakar Mall, Commercial plot no. 15, Sharda Nagar, Sehore - 466001, (Madhya Pradesh)
Authorized Officer: Lokendra Rathore, Contact : 997783890

PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the property ("the Secured Asset") given below The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

S. N.	Loan Code No./ Branch	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Total Outstanding Loan Amount	Description of the Secured Asset
1.	(Loan Code No. 07600000565/ Vidisha Branch)	Chandra Sekhar Mishra (Borrower), Meena Mishra (Co-Borrower) Vijay Kumar Sahu (Guarantor)	12-10-2022 & ₹ 8,78,347/-	₹ 4,50,000/-	₹ 10,09,294/- as on date 20-12-2024	All that part & parcel of property bearing, K H No. 291 1 2 Ward No 21 Ashutosh Nagar Village Rajon da K H No. 291 1 2 Near Near Idgah Masjid, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, 464221 Boundaries: East- House of Rakesh, West- House of Maharaj, North- Land of Mani, South- 20' Gali
2.	(Loan Code No. 07600001009/ Vidisha Branch)	Shubham Upadhayay (Borrower), Hemabati Upadhayay (Co-Borrower)	11-01-2023 & ₹ 6,27,290/-	₹ 5,00,000/-	₹ 5,11,716/- as on date 20-12-2024	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Part of K H No 73 2 4 74 2 Ward No 39 Brahmin Samaj Colony Sector A Sawaliya Colony Vill Teelakhedi, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, 464001 Boundaries: East- Rest Land of Seller, West- Plot of R.N. Dixit, North- Proposed Road, South- Open Land of Deegar
3.	(Loan Code No. 14200000066/ Sehore Branch)	Anar Singh Malviya (Borrower), Madan Lal Malviya & Leela Bai (Co-Borrower) Manoj Kushwaha (Guarantor)	07-12-2023 & ₹ 4,96,537/-	₹ 2,15,000/-	₹ 12,74,511/- as on date 20-12-2024	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Kh No.353 1 1 Badi Gwal Toli Ganj Village Chawni Near Govt School Lakhan Kushwa ha Ka Bageecha, Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, 466001 Boundaries: East- House of Shakuntala, West- Other's Property, North- 15Ft Wide Road, South- Plot of Kushwaha

The Authorised officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on 'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly. This is **15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002** is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped. If the Borrower(s), co-borrower(s) has any buyer who is ready to purchase the mortgage property/secured asset at price above the given reserve price of then Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) must intimate to AHFL on or before 13-01-2025 AHFL shall give preference to him. If Borrower(s), Co-borrower(s) fails to intimate on or before 13-01-2025 the AHFL will proceed sale of property at above given reserve price. **The Date of Auction is fixed for 13-01-2025.**
Place : Madhya Pradesh, Date : 27-12-2024

(Authorised Officer)
For Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Bank of Maharashtra

JABALPUR ZONAL OFFICE, WRIGHT TOWN, JABALPUR PH: 0761-2480065,67,68

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE

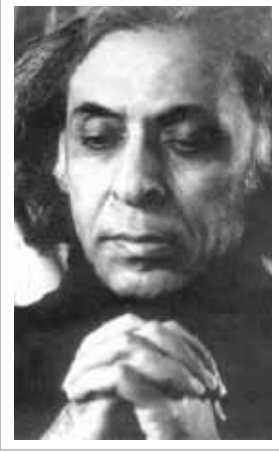
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" & "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" on 28.01.2025, for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under-

Name & Address of Borrower / Guarantor	Outstanding Dues for Recovery of which Property are being sold	Description of properties	Type of Possession	Date of Auction	Reserve Price EMD Amount Bid Increase Amount
1) Branch - G.S college Borrower/Guarantor: 1. Mr. Sanjay Manjwani, 2. Mrs. Khushboo Manjwani, Flat no. 104,1st floor, Tower no.3, Samdaria Astha Nagar,Gwarighat Ward,Tehsil & Dist Jabalpur	Rs.2100714/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Eighty Seven Hundred Fourteen only) Led.Bal.Rs.1936703/+unapplied interest Rs.163784/- @9.55 % p.a at monthly rest + penal interest thereon and other charges and expenses w.e.f 21.05.24)	Flat no.104, First floor, Survey no.151/4/k, 151/5,152/2,153/2, 155/2, 156,157,158,159,160,161,161/2 P H No. 23/27 area known as Astha Nagar Area Admeasuring 810 sq.ft.	Symbolic	28.01.2025	Rs. 2592000/- Rs. 259200/- Rs.10000/-
2) Branch - Sidhi Borrower/Guarantor: M/S Prakash Traders ,Prop. Late Shri Shiv Dayal Gupta(since deceased through Legal heirs as given below),a) Mrs Amita Gupta, W/o Late Shiv Dayal Gupta,b) Shri Prakash Gupta, S/o Late Shiv Dayal Gupta,c) S. Devki Gupta, D/o Late Shiv Dayal Gupta,Village: Karhi Tola, H.No. 25, Ward: 01 , Post: Gajari, Sidhi 486661, Guarantor:Mrs Amita Gupta W/o Lt Shiv Dayal H.No 28 Karahi Near School Gram Karahi tola, Tanaja Mata post Gajari Majhaurli MP 486666	Rs.2606412/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Six thousand Four hundred Twelve) (Ledger Bal: Rs.2501217/- +Unapplied interest Rs.96555/-@12.30% p.a at monthly rest + penal interest thereon and other charges and expenses w.e.f 22.08.2024)	Commercial property consisting of 2 rooms, 4 godowns, 1 shop admeasuring 3165 sq.ft on the ground floor, along with terrace admeasuring 3165 sq.ft, H.no.25 at Karahi tola co-op Housing society Khasra no. 274/2/2 & 275/2/2 Karahi tola, Tehsil Gopadbanas District Sidhi in the name of Ms.Amita Gupta	Symbolic	28.01.2025	Rs.5600000/- Rs.560000/- Rs.10000/-
3) Branch - Katni Borrower/Guarantor: Mr. Nilesh Agrahari , S/o: Shri Santosh Kumar Agrahari , Mrs. Upashana Agrahari, W/o: Shri Nilesh Agahari 543,In front of Satyanarayan Temple, Rajeev Gandhi Ward, Katni-483501	Rs.3524905/-/(Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Five only)(Ledger Bal:Rs.3388988/- + Unapplied interest Rs.135491/- @9.30% p.a at monthly rest + penal interest thereon and other charges and expenses w.e.f 31.10.2023)	All those pieces and parcel of land & property with construction & Fixtures there being and lying at- Vill Rajiv Gandhi Ward, Rubber Factory Road, NB 493, Tq: Katni Dist. Katni, Khasra no. 1423/4, P H No.42 area known as Rajeev Gandhi Ward area admeasuring 2480 sq.ft	Symbolic	28.01.2025	Rs.2435000/- Rs.243500/- Rs.10000/-
4) Branch - Sanjeevni Nagar Borrower/Guarantor: Shri Amit Khamariya R/o H. No.702, Agarwal Colony, Panchmukh Chowk, Kamla Nehru Ward, Jabalpur (M.P.) -482001	Rs.30651458/-/(Rupees Three Crore Six Lakh Fifty One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight only)Ledger Bal: Rs.29652141.62/- + unapplied interest Rs.943821/-+penalty of Rs.55495/-+ Unapplied Interest @ 11.95% p.a. with monthly rate w.e.f. 31.07.2024 + penal interest and other charges / expenses till realization	Double storied residential house at Muza Garha NB 599, PH no.28/33, New 6, Khasra no.232/4, RNM Jabalpur, New Yeersawatkar Ward, The/ dist. Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh area 1204 sq.ft Property at Mouza Khamariya B No. 581, PH no. 74/50, RNM Khamariya and Mouza Padariya Khurd, Khasra no.527,528,529 Total area24900 sq.mtr 530,531 Total area 3400 sq.mt.& Khasra no. 532/1 area 4390 sq.mtr. Total Area 32690 sq.mtr.(3.269 Hec.)	Symbolic	28.01.2025	Rs.6349000/- Rs.634900/- Rs.10000/- Rs.17938964/- Rs.1793897/- Rs.10000/-

Inspection of Properties by bidder: 23.01.2025 to 24.01.2025 between 11.00 a.m to 05.00 p.m
Last Date & Time for Submission of Bid application/KYC documents/EMD etc. 28.01.2025
Date & time of E-auction with auto extension for 5 minutes-28.01.2025 from 12.00 p.m to 04:00 p.m.

The auction sale will be On-line E-Auction/ Bidding through website <https://baanknet.com>, email: support.baanknet@psballiance.com, Mob. - 8291220220 The intending Bidders / Purchasers are requested to register on portal using their mobile number and email id. Please take note that the registration and KYC approval etc take 2-3 working days. For detail terms and conditions of sale please refer to the link provided in <https://bankofmaharashtra.in/asset-for-sales-search> and <https://baanknet.com>. Also prospective bidders may contact the authorized officials: Shri Hariom Trivedi: 9405719723, Shri Ravi Verma: 9300955688, Shri Vishal Kanooje: 9822188704
Date: 27/12/2024
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2025 ushers in lot of hope in literary world

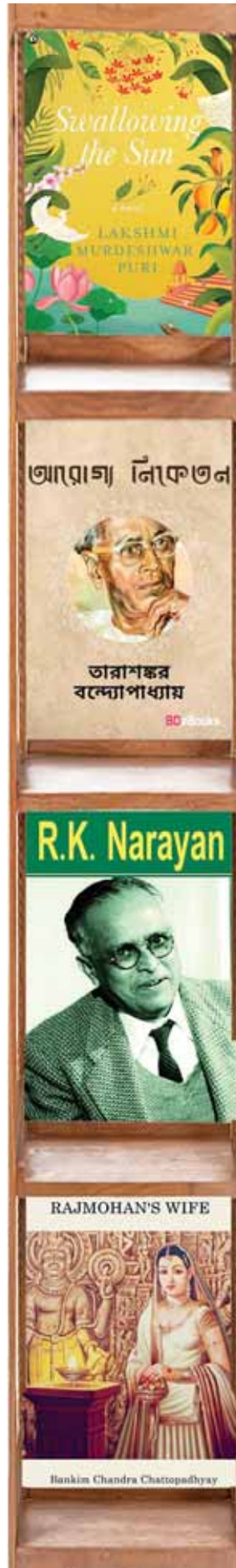
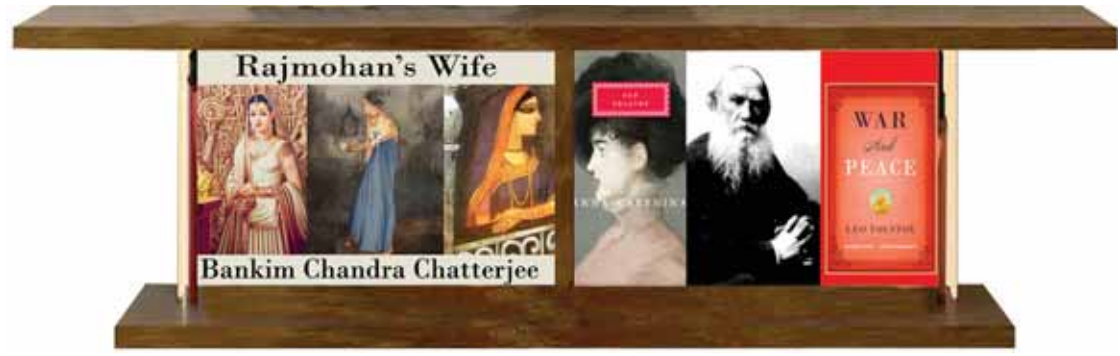
EXPLORING THE TIMELESS CHARM OF NOVELS, THEIR UNIQUE STORYTELLING AND THE PROMISING VOICES SHAPING INDIA'S LITERARY LANDSCAPE IN 2024, SAYS KUMAR CHELLAPPAN



It is not without reason that the word novel has been assigned two meanings. Although the English language can often be amusing with its many words having multiple meanings, the term novel has a significant connection to its different interpretations. The dictionary defines novel as "an invented prose narrative that is usually long and complex and deals especially with human experience through a usually connected sequence of events." The word also has another meaning - something that is new, original, and never seen, used, or even thought of before. A novel, as a literary form, tells a story and features multiple characters interconnected through a sequence of events. Each novel offers a new, fresh and unprecedented experience. What makes a novel truly special is its readability and the ease with which it allows readers to identify with the characters it presents. Let us reflect on the novels of the past. Timeless classics like *War and Peace*, *Anna Karenina* (Leo Tolstoy), *The Mother* (Maxim Gorky), *Gone with the Wind* (Margaret Mitchell), *The Far Pavilions* (M. M. Kaye), and *Crime and Punishment* (Fyodor Dostoevsky) continue to resonate with readers. These masterpieces transport us to a different world through their narrative, characters, and the time and space they depict. It is rare to encounter someone who feels these novels fall short of their expectations. The first novel to grace bookshelves in India was *Rajmohan's Wife* by Bankimchandra Chatterjee in 1864. This makes the novel as a literary genre relatively new in this region. India has produced remarkable writers like *Tarasankar*

Bandyopadhyay, whose works include *Ganadevata* and *Arogya Niketan*, the latter being particularly popular. *Bankimchandra Chatterjee's Anandamath* (1882), set against the backdrop of the *Great Bengal Famine of 1770*, is widely regarded as the finest novel ever written in the subcontinent. During my school days, our language teacher, *P. U. Madhavan*, emphasised the importance of reading these classics. He was our gateway to the world of literature. Years later, at university, we studied a prose piece by *A. J. Cronin*, the renowned Scottish novelist, about the art of writing a novel. *Cronin* often told his wife that he would write a novel loved by all. During a period of recovery from illness, *Cronin* wrote *Hatter's Castle*, a landmark in English literature. He abandoned his medical career to pursue writing full-time. *Cronin's* success, along with that of other novelists, lies in their ability to tell compelling stories. *Ponniyin Selvan* (Son of Ponnai) by *Kalki Krishnamurthy*, for instance, is based on the life of *Arulmozhivarman*, a 10th-century *Chola prince*. Reading this book is akin to watching a film projected on a Vistarama screen, the most advanced film projection system I've ever seen. Novels, poems and stories resemble rivers and streams flowing from mountains, meandering through valleys, plains and plateaus. A well-written novel provides the sensation of sailing smoothly down a serene river. Conversely, a poorly written one feels like driving on a pothole-filled road. Unfortunately, contemporary Indian literature in English often lacks the quality we once enjoyed with authors like *R. K. Narayan*, *Raja Rao* and *Shobhaa De*.

These authors wrote straight from the heart. Today, however, publishers often dictate the content to maximise sales. In India, literary works that criticise certain religions or spiritual figures tend to attract significant attention and awards. While we lack the likes of *Mitchell*, *Tolstoy* and *Kaye*, a few noteworthy works of fiction emerged in 2024, offering hope for the novel genre. *Swallowing the Sun*, the debut novel by *Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri*, was a breath of fresh air. *Puri* masterfully narrates India's freedom struggle and the emancipation of women from societal constraints. The protagonist, *Malati*, guides readers through a vivid journey across the Konkan region and Bombay, where she and her sister *Kamala* break into a male-dominated world. Thrilling and vibrant, *Swallowing the Sun* feels like a long-awaited monsoon, refreshing and full of intensity. Another standout author is *Harinder S. Sikka*, a former Indian Navy commander known for *Gobind*, *Vichhoda* and *Calling Sehmat*. Drawing on his naval experiences, *Sikka* crafts authentic stories, earning him the title of "India's Jeffrey Archer." Readers eagerly await more from writers like *Puri* and *Sikka*, who draw inspiration from real life. As Malayalam literary rebel *Keshava Dev* once said, "You will understand life only if you learn how to live. That experience will guide you in writing novels and stories. No university can teach you this." Thank you, *Lakshmi Puri* and *Harinder S. Sikka*, for giving us hope. And thank you, 2024, for these promising voices in literature.



2024 HIGHLIGHTS By HARPERCOLLINS

GOLDEN SPORTSPERSONS by Tanushree Podder

A compelling compilation of India's legendary athletes like Neeraj Chopra, Mary Kom, and P.V. Sindhu. These stories of grit, discipline and resilience showcase how they overcame barriers to achieve greatness in sports such as athletics, boxing and chess. A must-read for sports enthusiasts and dreamers alike.

THE BOY WITH A HUNDRED QUESTIONS by Nalini Ramchandran

Follow Shunya, a curious nine-year-old, on an enchanting adventure as he uncovers profound philosophies and the true meaning of his name. Through mystical tales and intriguing beliefs, this book celebrates the magic of curiosity and the wonder of exploring life's big questions.

Zardozi by Debasmita Dasgupta

Zi, a ten-year-old embroidery enthusiast, struggles against societal expectations. This heartwarming tale weaves themes of history, identity, and courage as Zi embarks on a journey of self-discovery. A beautiful story about embracing one's true self amidst life's challenges.

ROYAL-ISH by Amrita Gandhi

Join Lily Ray, an awkward tween and nature vlogger, on a royal adventure in Bagradoo. With quirky companions and thrilling twists, Lily unravels a mystery threatening the kingdom's secrets. A delightful, action-packed tale filled with humour and heart.

HOW TO BE HAPPY by Ruskin Bond

In this heartfelt book, Ruskin Bond shares nuggets of wisdom on leading a contented and fulfilling life. From embracing simplicity to finding joy in small moments, his advice is relatable, warm and timeless. A guide to happiness from a literary legend.

INDIA IN SCIENCE

Discover India's incredible journey in science, featuring pioneers like J.C. Bose and Asima Chatterjee. With engaging illustrations, Nobel laureate highlights, and hands-on activities, this book is perfect for young science enthusiasts eager to learn and experiment.

YEAR-END BESTSELLERS

As we bid farewell to another year. Here's a curated list of books that have been the year's most talked-about and cherished reads, brought to you by the publisher, Niyogi Books

MYTH, MEMORY & FOLKTALE OF THE WANCHO TRIBE OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
Authors: Tara Douglas & Jatwang Wangsa Price: ₹595/-

WORLDS WITHIN WORLDS
Author: Ajay Navaria
Translator: Nita Kumar
Price: ₹495/-

HARRY HOBBS OF KOLKATA AND OTHER FORGOTTEN LIVES
Author: Devasis Chattopadhyay
Price: ₹595/-

CHARLES CORREA: CITIZEN CHARLES
Author: Mustansir Dalvi
Price: ₹299/-

DELHI HERITAGE TOP 10 FORTS
Author: Vikramjit Singh Roorprai
Price: ₹499/-

THE MANY LIVES OF PAULOMA CHATTOPADHYAY
Author: Devangi Bhatt
Translator: Mudra Joshi
Price: ₹350/-

REVOLUTIONARIES by Sanjeev Sanyal

An abridged tale of India's armed resistance, this book chronicles the bravery of revolutionaries like Subhas Chandra Bose and Bhagat Singh. With intrigue, espionage, and adventure, it reveals the untold story of their fight for freedom. An inspiring read for young history buffs.



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- स्वामित्व योजना ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में 25 सितम्बर 2018 के पूर्व से रहने वाले व्यक्तियों को उनकी संपत्ति का कानूनी अधिकार प्रदान करती है।
- योजना से ग्रामीण आबादी को बैंक ऋण प्राप्त करने एवं संपत्ति का विक्रय करने में मिल रही सहायता से ग्रामीण परिवारों का सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण सुनिश्चित हो रहा है।



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