



Paisa yeh paisa... notes rock RS

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A wad of currency notes found near the seat allotted to Congress leader and eminent lawyer Abhishek Singhvi in the Rajya Sabha rocked the Upper House on Friday, with the Opposition, and ruling alliance Member of Parliament trading charges and the Congress Member of Parliament demanding a probe into the 'security lapse'. An investigation has been ordered in accordance with practice by Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar. "It was my duty and I'm obliged to inform the House. This is a routine anti-sabotage check which takes place," Dhankar said. Dhankar added that he was expecting someone would claim the currency notes, but no one has so far. "Does it reflect the state of the economy that people can afford to forget it," he posed. Soon after the official papers were laid on the table in the morning, Dhankar said security staff had recovered a wad of Rs 500 notes from the seat allotted to Congress MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi, leading to an uproar in the House.

While Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge said the Chairman should not have named the member without an investigation being completed, Leader of the House JP Nadda accused the Opposition of showing eagerness on "some issues" while wanting to cover up other issues. Singhvi Friday termed the "recovery" of cash from his



Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar conducts proceedings in the House during the Winter session of Parliament PTI

seat in the Rajya Sabha "bizarre" and demanded a probe into what he described as a "security lapse". He also suggested that glass enclosures should be made to prevent anyone from planting "ganja" on seats in an MP's absence. The currency notes were recovered from seat number 222, which is allotted to Singhvi, during an anti-sabotage check on Thursday, Dhankar said. "After the adjournment of the House yesterday, a wad of currency notes was apparently recovered by security officials from seat no 222 presently allotted to Abhishek Manu Singhvi, elected from the state of Telangana," said the RS Presiding officer.

As a ruckus broke out, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju asked, "Why should there be an objection to the name being taken? The Chairman has pointed out the seat number and the member who

occupies that. What is the problem with that?" He said carrying bundles of notes in the House is not appropriate and agreed that there should be a serious investigation into the matter. According to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president and Union Minister JP Nadda, the matter was serious and the opposition and treasury benches should not be divided as it is an attack on the dignity of the House. He also suggested that the Rajya Sabha should pass a resolution stating the proceedings of the House should never be disrupted. Taking a jibe at opposition members, Nadda said, "On some issues, you show eagerness, while you want to cover up other issues" to which Kharge objected, saying, "Why is Mr Nadda saying we are trying to suppress the matter... You do that, we don't do that." As the controversy spiralled, Singhvi termed the incident

bizarre and added that politics on issues such as this showed the system in a bad light and "demeans our level". The Congress MP clarified that he carries only one Rs 500 note when he goes to the Rajya Sabha.

"I reached inside the House at 12.57 pm yesterday and the House rose at 1 pm; then I sat in the canteen till 1.30 pm with Ayodhya Rami Reddy then, I left Parliament," he said in a social media post. "I feel there should be a glass cabin for every seat in Parliament. This will allow an MP to lock his seat before leaving for home and no person can keep anything like ganja."

Deputy Chairman Harivansh, who was in Chair post lunch session, sought to pacify the members of the ruling party and urged them to sit down and allow the House to function. As unrelenting BJP members continued to raise slogans, he adjourned the House for the day.

Amid strain in ties, MEA to reach Dhaka

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India on Friday announced that Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri will travel to Dhaka on December 9, a visit that comes amid strain in ties with Bangladesh over attacks on minorities, including Hindus, in the neighbouring country.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said Misri is travelling to Bangladesh to attend a meeting under the framework of Foreign Office Consultations. "The foreign secretary is scheduled to visit Bangladesh for Foreign Office Consultations on December 9. This is part of our structured interactions with the Bangladesh side," he said.

Jaiswal was responding to a question at his weekly media briefing. On the arrest of Hindu monk Chimmoy Krishna Das, the spokesperson said India expects a fair, just and transparent legal process in the case. "We have spoken on this issue earlier. We would like to reiterate our expectation that relevant legal processes underway in Bangladesh are executed in a fair, just and transparent manner, ensuring full respect for the legal rights of concerned individuals," he said.

The relations between India and Bangladesh came under strain after the interim government headed by Muhammad Yunus came to power. India has been expressing concerns over attacks on minorities, especially Hindus, in that country. There has been a spate of attacks on minorities including on the Hindu community in Bangladesh in the last few months.

India last week said the interim government in Bangladesh must live up to its responsibility of protecting all minorities as it expressed serious concern over the "surge" of extremist rhetoric and increasing incidents of violence against Hindus. India had also hoped that the case relating to Das, arrested on a charge of sedition, would



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri

be dealt with in a just and fair manner. Das was arrested at Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport last month in connection with a sedition case.

INDIA DEMANDS STRONG ACTION FROM PAKISTAN AGAINST MASOOD

India on Friday demanded strong action from Pakistan against Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar, after a report emerged that he delivered a speech recently at a public gathering in Bahawalpur. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said if the report is correct, then it has exposed Pakistan's "duplicitous" in containing terrorist activities.

"We demand that strong action be taken against him (Azhar) and he should be brought to justice. There has been denial that he is not there in Pakistan," Jaiswal said. "If the reports are correct, then it exposes the duplicity of Pakistan. Masood Azhar is involved in cross-border terror attacks on India and we want that strong action be taken against him," he added. Jaiswal made the remarks in response to a question at his weekly media briefing.

Class 12 student shoots principal dead in MP school

PNS ■ BHOPAL

In a shocking incident, Surendra Kumar Saxena, the 55-year-old principal of Dhamora Government Higher Secondary School, in Chhatarpur district was shot dead on school premises on Thursday. The tragic event unfolded in the school bathroom, where Saxena was fatally shot in the head by a Class 12 student.

According to police, the accused followed Saxena into the bathroom before committing the crime. The sound of the gunshot caused panic throughout the school. Staff members, rushing to investigate, found Saxena lying in a pool of blood. He was declared dead at the scene.

The student allegedly fled the school on Saxena's two-wheeler, accompanied by another student. Both students, identified as residents of Dhillapur village, have a history of indiscipline, according to Superintendent of Police Agam Jain. CCTV footage from the school shows the two students fleeing after the incident.

While the exact motive remains unclear, Saxena's family suspects foul play. His brother, Rajendra Saxena, claimed, "Some individuals at the school were pressuring him unnecessarily and harassing him to carry out wrongful acts. This murder appears to be part of a planned conspiracy."

The police have launched an investigation into the matter and are actively searching for the accused. The firearm used in the incident is also under scrutiny, as authorities work to determine how the student obtained it. The killing has sent shockwaves through the local community, raising serious concerns about safety and discipline in schools.

Parents and residents have called for stricter measures to prevent such incidents, emphasising the need for enhanced security on educational premises. Saxena, who had been the principal of the school for nearly five years, was described by colleagues and students as a dedicated educator.



Cabinet approves Rithala-Kundli corridor of Delhi Metro Phase IV

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet approved the 26.463-km Rithala-Kundli corridor of the Delhi Metro's Phase-IV project on Friday, which will further enhance connectivity between the National Capital and neighbouring Haryana. The entire stretch will comprise 21 stations, all of them elevated. Addressing a press conference, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said the project is scheduled to be completed in four years from the date of its sanction. This line will be an extension of the operational Shaheed Sthal (New Bus Adda) - Rithala (Red Line) corridor and will boost connectivity in the northwestern parts of Delhi, such as Narela, Bawana and parts of Rohini. The Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi allotted Rs. 6,230 Crore for the completion of the project. "The completion cost of the project is Rs. 6,230 Crore and is to be implemented Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) the existing 50:50 Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the Government of India (GoI) and Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) in four years," said the statement, detailing the Delhi Metro's new project.

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Rescue work underway after a double-decker bus collided with a tanker on Agra-Lucknow Expressway, in Kannauj district, Uttar Pradesh. At least six people were killed and 40 others suffered injuries, according to officials PTI

25 dead in multiple road accidents across UP

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

A spate of road accidents across Uttar Pradesh over Thursday night and Friday has left 25 people dead and many others severely injured. The crashes, involving wedding parties, pilgrims, and overloaded vehicles, were attributed to overspeeding, driver fatigue, and alcohol consumption, highlighting critical lapses in road safety. The most severe incident occurred on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway in Kannauj, where a sleeper bus traveling from Lucknow to Delhi overturned after the driver reportedly fell asleep at the wheel. The bus collided with a water tanker on the

median before flipping over near kilometer marker 140. Eight passengers died on the spot, while over 40 others sustained injuries. Locals and rescue teams broke the windows to free those trapped inside. The injured were transported to hospitals in Saifai, Tirva, and Saurikh. Eyewitnesses described chaotic scenes as passengers screamed for help in the aftermath. In Pilibhit, six people lost their lives in a crash involving a speeding Ergita car. The vehicle, carrying 11 passengers returning to Khatima, Uttarakhnad, from a wedding, lost control on the Pilibhit-Tanakpur Highway near Neuria and struck a tree before overturning into a ditch.

No renting plots to Rohingyas: J and K admin

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Launching a fresh offensive against the landlords who have rented out and accommodated a large number of illegal immigrants from Myanmar (Rohingya refugees) on their vacant plots in the Jammu and Kashmir administration has now decided to cut off power and water supply lines to evict illegal occupants at the earliest. At least 400 families of Rohingyas, residing inside temporary structures raised on these plots, have been affected by the recent diktat. Confirming the same, a Rohingya immigrant told The Pioneer that "for the last two days we have been facing a lot of hardships as power and water supply has been snapped in the Narwal Bala and Sunjwan area of Jammu. The landlord has given us a final ultimatum to vacate the plot at the earliest." Official sources revealed the district administration has decided to act tough against all those landlords who have sheltered these illegal immigrants on their plots. According to the latest assessment of the Home Department, more than 6000 Rohingyas are camping across different locations across Jammu district and several other illegal immigrants have also shifted to other district



headquarters of Samba, Kathua, Doda, Kishtwar, Rajouri, Poonch.

On the instructions of the Home Department, the Jammu and Kashmir police along with intelligence agencies were conducting a fresh audit of illegal settlements of Rohingyas across the Jammu region. Last week, the Jammu and Kashmir police registered cases against the landlords who have rented out their properties without submitting their relevant records and completing due verification. The stringent step was aimed at curbing the illegal influx of Rohingya refugees and to ensure public safety.

In the ongoing process, the Jammu Police has identified several instances and likewise registered cases against landlords who have knowingly or unknowingly rented their properties to Rohingya refugees, who are undocumented and pose a potential security threat. The

police action followed an order by the office of the District Commissioner of Jammu making police verification of tenants mandatory for all property owners in the district. According to a police spokesman, the Jammu and Kashmir police have so far registered FIR 182/2024 and FIR 184/2024, both under section 223 of BNS in the Police Station Nowabad against Farman Ali S/o Gulam Mohd, R/o Bhawani Nagar, Talab Tillo Jammu; and Azam Malik S/o Masood Malik, R/o Ashti Mohalla, Batmalo, Srinagar respectively. In addition three cases, FIR 296/2024, FIR 297/2024 and FIR 298/2024, all under section 223 of BNS have also been registered in the Police Station Bahu Fort against Asima Latief D/o Abdul Latief R/o Rehima Abad, Bathindi; Mohd Shakeel S/o Rahim Ali R/o Rehima Abad, Bathindi; and Zakir Hussain S/o Khurshed Ali R/o Dungan, Bathindi, respectively.

Flight threats: NIA may probe 16 cases

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At least 16 cases registered in connection with threats to flights of different airlines operating from Delhi are likely to be transferred to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), official sources said on Friday. It has been learnt that the Delhi Police has written to the city government's home department to transfer the cases to the NIA, they said, adding that it would be further sent to the Union home ministry for final approval.

"The matter was related to national security and it has an international ramification. All these 16 cases were registered under the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Safety of Civil Aviation (SUA SCA) Act with BNS sections and they needed deeper probe," an official source said. In the last two weeks of October, more than 510 domestic and international flights received bomb threats that later turned out to be hoaxes, causing major operational and financial distress for the airlines across the country. Most of the threats were issued through social media. Police sources said 16 cases



were registered in response to the threats to more than 150 domestic or international flights operating from Delhi. The first case was registered on October 16 following a bomb threat received via X targeting a Bengaluru-bound Akasa Air flight. The aircraft, carrying over 180 passengers, was forced to return to the national capital, they said. The Indira Gandhi International Airport police, along with the Cyber cell, IFSO, conducted the probe into the matter but they have not got any lead into any of the cases as of now. "The threat messages were sent via VPN (Virtual Private Network) due to which the agencies are not able to get its exact domain or server. In some cases, the servers from which these messages were routed were located in European countries like the Union Kingdom and Germany," another official source said.

Missile frigate INS Tushil to be commissioned on Dec 9

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Indian Navy will commission its latest multi-role stealth guided missile frigate INS Tushil, an upgraded Krivak III class frigate, at Kaliningrad in Russia on December 9. The commissioning of INS Tushil — a 125 metre, 3900 ton ship which is a blend of Russian and Indian cutting edge technologies and best practices in warship construction — will take place at an event to be presided over by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and attended by many high ranking Russian and Indian government and defence officials. INS Tushil is an upgraded Krivak III class frigate from Project 1135.6, of which six are already in service. The six frigates of this class that are



The new sentinel of the seas Photograph courtesy: Indian Navy

already in service comprise: three Talwar class ships, built at Baltiysky shipyard, St. Petersburg, and three follow-on Teg class ships, built at Yantar shipyard, Kaliningrad. INS Tushil, the seventh in the series, is the first of the two upgraded additional follow-on ships, the contract for which was signed in October 2016 between JSC Rosoboronexport, Indian

the resilient collaborative strength of the India-Russia partnership.

The warship's construction was closely monitored by an Indian team of specialists from the Warship Overseeing Team stationed at Kaliningrad, under the aegis of the Embassy of India, Moscow.

According to the Ministry of Defence, the warship is the result of the continuous toil of hundreds of shipyard workers along with multiple Russian and Indian Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). The ship post construction and readiness underwent a series of extensive trials, beginning January this year, including Factory Sea Trials, State Committee Trials and lastly Delivery Acceptance Trials by a team of Indian specialists.

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Beautification work in progress ahead of the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit, at Kesar Kyari Garden of historical 'Amber Fort', in Jaipur PTI



Eight heliports, 100 plus helipads enhance air traffic network in Uttarakhand

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Along with expanding the state road network, the government is also working on strengthening the air service especially to facilitate access to remote areas. Heliports have been constructed in eight locations during the past two years while the construction of more heliports is underway in other locations. Along with this, the helipads existing in 100 locations are enabling accessibility to locations which may be otherwise difficult to reach or may take longer time to reach. According to officials, the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation

Development Authority (UCADA) has constructed heliports in Dehradun, Srinagar, Gauchar, Chinyalisaud, Haldwani, Almora, Pithoragarh and Munyari during the past two years. Regular air services are being provided from these heliports. UCADA has started work on constructed heliports at Triyuginarayan, Jyotirmath, Mussoorie, Ramnagar, Bageshwar and Haridwar. The construction of heliports in these locations is expected to be completed in a year. The authority's additional chief executive officer Dayanand Saraswati informed that in addition to the constructed and under construction heliports, more than 100 helipads have also been constructed in various parts of the State. These are available for operation for any passenger or emergency service. The basic infrastructure is now available for air connectivity in remote locations of the State, he added. In addition to this, the State government is also working on the expansion of the Dehradun and Pantnagar airports. The process of land acquisition for these tasks

is under process. The Pantnagar airport will be developed as a green field airport while the Dehradun airport will be developed according to international standards. Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said that enabling the common citizen of the nation to travel by air is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream. Work is being executed under Central and State government schemes to facilitate this in Uttarakhand. This will also result in boosting pilgrimage and tourism activities in the State, the CM added.

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Driver to face action for lodging false FIR alleging loot

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

A man employed as a gas delivery man is facing the consequences of lodging a false complaint about a loot against some people with whom he had personal animosity. According to the police, Niraj Kumar of Sahaspur area in Dehradun district had lodged a complaint with the police on November 30 that some unknown persons had stopped him on the road and looted Rs 25,000 from him in addition to threatening to kill him. The police lodged a case and started investigating the matter. The initial investigation made the police suspect the complainant, following which the Dehradun senior superintendent of police Ajai Singh directed that all aspects of the case should be probed in detail. The police

narrowed down on some persons of interest including Kapil Thakur, Anshu Thakur, Mukesh Kumar, Ranjan Kumar, Saurabh Thapa and Noor Aftab, all residents of Dehradun. On questioning these men, the police learnt that the complainant had had a violent altercation with the father of the Thakur brothers regarding the supply of cooking

gas cylinders in the area. Following this the brothers along with their accomplices had also had a violent altercation with the complainant, in retribution for what he had done to their father. After this incident, Niraj Kumar exaggerated the incident and claimed it to be a loot in order to 'teach them a lesson'. The police investigation also revealed

that the amount which the complainant had claimed was looted, had already been deposited by him earlier in the gas agency office. The police probe ascertained that no loot had taken place with the complainant. The police are now taking legal action against the complainant for lodging a false FIR.

UPES & University of Waterloo ink MoU to offer global pathway programmes

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

UPES formed a strategic partnership with the University of Waterloo, Canada by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Senior functionaries of UPES said that this collaboration aims to leverage the expertise of both institutions to create transformative learning opportunities in online executive education by bringing WATSPED, the University of Waterloo's pro-

associate vice-president of Innovation Sanjeev Gill and vice-president, Advancement Nenone Donaldson. Among those who represented UPES were the president, Sunil Rai; dean, School of Law and head of International Affairs Abhishek Sinha and Dean, School of Computer Science, Vijaysekhar Chellaboina. Speaking at the ceremony, the president, UPES, Sunil Rai said he was excited about the collaboration. "Over the years, UPES has worked tirelessly to forge meaningful collaborations with some of the world's most prestigious institutions. Our collaborations with leading global universities provide learners with unique international exposure, equipping them to excel as skilled professionals in a global economy," he added. The president of the University of Waterloo, Vivek Goel stated that as technological advancements and global forces are dramatically reshaping industries, education has become essential for driving innovation and economic growth. "Our collaboration with UPES to deliver professional and

executive education will equip learners with the skills and adaptability required in the dynamic Indian economy," he added. Over the years, UPES has forged partnerships with a number of internationally reputable institutions such as the University of California Berkeley, USA; University of New South Wales, Australia; University of Edinburgh, UK; University of Queensland, Australia; University of Bologna, Italy and University

of Auckland, New Zealand.



fessional learning initiative, to India, adding that the MoU outlines several key areas of collaboration. The signing ceremony witnessed the presence of a high-level delegation from the University of Waterloo, including the president, Vivek Goel; dean of Mathematics, Mark Giesbrecht; dean of Engineering Mary Wells;

BJP looks forward to sweeping ULB polls after Kedarnath bypoll win

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Appreciating the work of the party workers for the victory in the Kedarnath Assembly bypoll, the Bharatiya Janata Party national general secretary BL Santhosh exhorted them to work seriously and in coordination to continue the winning trend in the coming Urban Local Body elections. He said this while attending a meeting of party office bearers regarding the ULB polls in the party's State office here on the first day of his two-day State tour on Friday. He said that the BJP contests elections not just with the aim of victory but also for ensuring good governance. "The results of elections across the nation show that we are moving forward in the right direction under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. In Uttarakhand too, we performed well in the Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha elections and emerged victorious. With the latest victory in the Kedarnath bypoll

we have to move forward with energy to continue the trend in the elections for municipal corporations, municipalities and Nagar Panchayats. Instead of the opposition, we have to consider our own past statistics to continue the winning trend and make our best effort," he said. The BJP State in-charge Dushyant Kumar Gautam also exhorted the party workers to continue the winning trend. Claiming that the party is sure to win in the coming elections, he stressed on the need to focus on the strategy and ensuring that the public is made fully aware of the works of the government and activities of the party. The BJP State president Mahendra Bhatt stressed on the need for further enhancing the party's booth management. The ULB elections will be announced on time and the names of the candidates will also be finalised soon, he said.

ACC graduation ceremony held at IMA

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

In a graduation ceremony presided over by the commandant of Indian Military Academy (IMA) Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain, degrees were conferred on 44 (19 science, 25 humanities stream) cadets of 124 Course of Army Cadet College (ACC) at Chetwode hall of IMA on Friday. The cadets were conferred degrees from the Jawahar Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. In his convocation address, the IMA commandant congratulated the cadets for successfully completing the rigorous training and having crossed an important milestone in their professional career. He emphasised that character, self-discipline, courage, motivation, positive attitude and professional competence are pillars of a successful army officer. Jain complimented the commander of ACC wing, Brigadier Peeyush Khurana and his team of instructors and faculty members for their diligent efforts in shaping the cadets into potential officers. On the occasion, the Commandant's Banner of the champion company was awarded to 'Bogra Company'. The banner is awarded to the company, which excels in various competitions like sports, academics, camps, debates and interior economy. The ACC has a rich history of training selected personnel from other ranks of all three Services who have the potential to become officers in the Indian army. After three years of training at the ACC, the graduated course will join the Indian Military Academy for one year for their pre-commissioning training.

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Table with 4 columns: Tender No., Name of work, Tender Closing Date Time, Tender Closing Time, Advertisment Value (Rs.), Earnest Money (Rs.), Period of Completion, Bidding Start Date.

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 3769/24

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No. 75-W/2/3/WA/Publication Dated: 05.12.2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 3750/2024

NHPC Limited (A GOVT. OF INDIA NAVRATNA ENTERPRISE) NHPC Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad - 121003, (CIN: L40101HR1975GOI032564) SCHEDULE

[To be published in pursuance of Clause (7) of Regulation 23 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2023]

- 1. The petitioner above-named has filed a petition before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of tariff for Dulhasti Power Station, Sewa-II Power Station & Uri-II Power Station
- 2. The beneficiaries of the generating station are:

Table with 3 columns: i) PSPCL - Punjab, ii) BRPL, BYPL & TPDDL - Delhi, iii) UPCL - Uttarakhand, iv) HPPC - Haryana, v) Engg. Dept. - UT Chandigarh, vi) JVVNL, JdVVNL & AVVNL - Rajasthan, vii) UPCL - Uttar Pradesh, viii) PDD - J&K

Table with 4 columns: Capacity of the generating station, Approved capital cost of the project, Authority which has approved the capital cost, Scheduled date of commercial operation, Actual date of commercial operation, Capital cost on the date of commercial operation.

8. Details of tariff: (₹ in Lakh)

Table with 5 columns: Sl. No., Hydro Power Generating Station, Tariff for the previous year (2018-19), Year-wise tariff sought to be determined (2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24).

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Place : Faridabad Date : 29.11.2024 (Ajay Shrivastava) General Manager (Comml), Commercial Division



862 establishments raided by FDA in 2024

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Food Safety and Drug Control Administration (FDA) raided 862 establishments across Uttarakhand, revoked the licenses of two companies and filed criminal cases against five in a year-long crackdown on illegal drug manufacturing and counterfeit medicines.



The FDA commissioner R Rajesh Kumar informed that a major breakthrough came in Dehradun's Sahaspur area, where a factory operating under the guise of a food license was found manufacturing illegal drugs. A joint operation by the FDA, local police and the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) led to the arrest of three suspects on Thursday, with two others still at large. The factory, named Green Herbal, was reportedly producing narcotic drugs without the required licenses. The raid resulted in the seizure of 1,921 capsules and tablets, 592 syrup bottles and 342 empty

wrappers. The confiscated drugs are now being sent for forensic analysis to determine their composition. The FDA deputy commissioner Tajbar Jaggi said that the Green Herbal factory, licensed for food products since 2023, was manufacturing psychotropic drugs, substances known to cause intoxication when consumed in excess. This illegal activity came to light following a tip-off about narcotics production at

the facility. Among those arrested were Sanjay Kumar, a resident of Saharanpur, Shiv Kumar of Selaqui, and Rahman from Chandauli. Two others, Kanhaiya and Rishabh, remain absconding. All are believed to have roles as operators and partners in the factory. Authorities are actively pursuing the fugitives to bring them to justice. The investigation team included drug inspector Manvendra Rana, FDA vige-

'Public representatives and bureaucrats apathetic towards Uttarakhand's waste management crisis'

Nautiyal calls for action plans ahead of ULB elections

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Public representatives and bureaucrats in Uttarakhand are not serious about waste management despite the fact that 64 urban local bodies out of 80 ULBs in Uttarakhand with populations under one lakh are among the North India's dirtiest cities. The waste management issue is one of the biggest challenges of the State but it is often neglected during elections. Political parties need to present detailed action plans through their respective manifestos for the improvement of waste management situations in all cities and towns for the upcoming ULB elections. Activist and president of the Social Development for Communities (SDC) Foundation, Anoop Nautiyal stated this during the release of the detailed report on Uttarakhand Swacch Survekshan 2023 analysis on Friday. He highlighted the State's poor performance in the survey. He criticised the government for focusing on the two awards it received while neglecting the setbacks and failures. According to the analysis, 87 out of 88 ULBs received a zero in the Garbage Free Category (GFC) out of 1,375 points, yet little has been done to address the issue.



The foremost suggestion is the formation of a Waste Management Commission to oversee all six types of waste—solid waste, plastic waste, e-waste, biomedical waste, construction waste and hazardous waste. Nautiyal proposed that the commission develop and implement holistic waste management plans for urban, rural and forest areas. Besides this, he also called for a special session in the Vidhan Sabha to raise awareness and train legislators, ministers and officials on cleanliness initiatives. The session should focus on pressing environmental issues such as climate change and cleanliness, as per him. Nautiyal stressed that due to the apathy of the political and bureaucratic classes, there is an urgent need for a Jan Pratinidhi Andolan in Uttarakhand to mobilise citizens and push for accountability. He urged all political parties to include comprehensive action plans for waste management in their election manifestos.

Uttarakhand administration gears up for International Pravasi conclave

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The State government has started making preparations for the upcoming International Pravasi Uttarakhandi conclave. The conclave is scheduled to be held in Dehradun on January 12, 2025. The theme of the conclave is 'role of nonresident Uttarakhandis in making a Sashakt Uttarakhand'.



The chief secretary Radha Raturi chaired a meeting at the State secretariat on Friday in which she reviewed the preparations for the conclave. In the meeting, she handed over the responsibility of different sessions of the conclaves to secretaries and directed them to prepare the work plan within a week.

agriculture, horticulture, rural development, higher education, skill development, healthcare, Ayush and Yoga should be made during the conclave. The CS asked the officers concerned to ensure that subject specialists and nonresident natives of the State are included in the list of speakers in different sessions of conclave.

Raturi said that in depth discussions on investment opportunities on sectors such as manufacturing, power generation, start-ups and others should be made during the different sessions in the conclave. She said that special focus and deliberations should be on tourism,

She said that the best exhibition of culture, local handicrafts, products and food should be made during the conclave. The CS said that the secretaries of the department concerned should be made nodal officers for every session in the conclave. She directed the district magistrate (DM) and

senior superintendent (SSP) of Police of Dehradun to make necessary preparations for sanitation of the venue of the conclave, parking arrangements, traffic, transport and protocol for the conclave. The CS added that arrangement of liaison officers should be made for the nonresident guests visiting the State to attend the conclave.

Signboards in Rishikesh to guide public to nearest toilets

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Municipal Corporation of Rishikesh (MCR) has installed small signboards across the city providing details about the nearest public toilets to address the issue of open defecation and urination. The Rishikesh municipal commissioner Shailendra Negi said that in a significant move towards making Rishikesh an Open Defecation Free (ODF) city, the corporation has taken proactive measures to ensure cleanliness and hygiene. He said that a lack of information about the availability and location of public toilets often forces locals, travellers and



tourists to resort to open defecation or urination. This not only affects the city's cleanliness but also tarnishes its image as a prominent spiritual and tourist destination. Negi said

that newly installed boards aim to guide residents and visitors alike to the nearest public conveniences, ensuring that everyone can access these essential facilities. This step is expected to significantly enhance public hygiene and promote a cleaner Rishikesh. It is also expected to increase the points of the corporation in Swacch Survekshan. Negi said that MCR is making steady progress toward achieving its goal of a cleaner and more sustainable city along with this and other initiatives started in recent months.

Mussoorie Winterline Carnival 2024 to start on December 26

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Dehradun district magistrate Savin Bansal announced on Friday that Mussoorie Winterline Carnival 2024 will be held from December 26 to 30. Stating that the event aims to leave tourists and festival enthusiasts with cherished memories of Mussoorie, he added that for the first time, visitors will witness significant upgrades to Mussoorie's infrastructure, including the introduction of golf carts on Mall Road, a refurbished Library Chowk, e-ticketing counters at barriers, modern signage and public inquiry counters. The carnival will also mark the debut of a modern shuttle service operating from satellite parking areas at Kinraig and Hathipaon, ensuring smoother accessibility to the hill station. THE DM also held a meeting along with senior police officials and members of the hotel association to discuss the preparations for the carnival on Friday. Bansal said that a key highlight of the carnival will be the dis-

play of local traditional products, culinary delights and cultural performances by talented artists. The district forest officer and district tourism development officer have been tasked with organising adventure activities such as bird watching and other outdoor events to add excitement to the festivities. He asked the organising team to start preparations immediately and hold regular review meetings to ensure all aspects of the event run smoothly. By the end of the carnival, Mussoorie aims to leave every visitor with an unforgettable experience of the carnival, he added.

NEP- 2020 set to restore glory of ancient Indian education system: CM

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama has said that the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 would restore the glory of the ancient Indian education system by re-prioritising the holistic approach of ancient education. He said that the NEP-2020 will develop scientific thinking among children and youth of the country.

Uniform Civil Code (UCC) will soon be implemented in the State and assured that the State government will enact a stringent land law. He said that the State government is moving at a

The CM was addressing a programme organised on the occasion of inauguration of the new building of Mallikarjun school in Lohaghat, Champawat on Friday. He said that Uttarakhand is the first state in the country to implement the NEP-2020 in school education. The CM said that the State government is committed to make



fast pace towards the vision of the ideal district Champawat.

"This resolve of ours will be fulfilled only when our students will be provided quality education by the teachers. Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resolved that India should become a developed country when it completes 100 years of independence," he said. The CM exhorted the students to make education the top priority of their lives.

He said that the Mallikarjun school is working towards realising the vision of late Mallikarjun Joshi to provide excellent and quality education to the children in this area. He said that the children have performed a very wonderful experiment in the school laboratory, for which he wished the children a bright future.

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Tender No.	Date	05-GSU-MB-24-25
		06.12.2024
Name of work	Improvement of infrastructure facilities at Dehradun Depot to suit/supplement the maintenance of Vande Bharat Express train	
Tender Closing Date, Time	30.12.2024, 15:30 Hrs.	
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Rs. 4,66,35,666.53	
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs. 3,83,200.00	
Bidding Start Date	16.12.2024	
No.: Dy.CE/GSU/MB/Publication-05/24-25	Dated: 06.12.2024	3768/2024

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कार्यालय नगर निगम, देहरादून

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है नगर निगम देहरादून क्षेत्रान्तर्गत विभिन्न प्रकार के व्यवसायिक लाईसेंस/पंजीकरण हेतु नगर निगम देहरादून की स्वीकृति के अनुसार विभिन्न प्रकार के व्यवसायों पर संशोधित लाईसेंस/पंजीकरण शुल्क लगाये जाने हेतु नगर निगम के कार्यालय पत्रांक-363/भूमि-2024-25 दिनांक 05.12.2024 के द्वारा दैनिक समाचार पत्र हिन्दुस्तान हिन्दी के अंक दिनांक 06.12.2024 व अंग्रेजी समाचार पत्र द पार्लियर के अंक दिनांक 06.12.2024 में प्रकाशित अनन्तिम उपविधि व्यापार/ट्रेड लाईसेंस को अपरिहार्य कारणों से स्थगित किया जाता है।

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पत्रांक 364/भूमि-2024-25 दिनांक 06.12.2024

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Tender No. Date	233-DRM-MB-24-25	258-DRM-MB-24-25	259-DRM-MB-24-25
	Date: 05.12.2024	Date: 05.12.2024	Date: 05.12.2024
Name of work	Provision of E.I.M.V.B. in KGF yard for Hindi Terminals Under ADEN/HQ/MB.	Heavy repair of RCC boundary wall in railway HRH colony MB under ADEN/HQ/MB	Hiring of truck and multi utility vehicle for miscellaneous work in connection with track maintenance/ renewal in the section of Sr. DEN/HQ/MB
Tender Closing Date/Time	01.01.2025	01.01.2025	01.01.2025
Advertised Value(₹)	₹52,51,572.87	₹89,99,978.30	₹1,20,57,741.28
Earnest Money(₹)	₹1,05,000/-	₹1,80,000/-	₹2,10,300/-
Tender Cost(₹)	-	-	₹5000
Bidding Start Date	18.12.2024	18.12.2024	18.12.2024
Period of Completion	06 Months	06 Months	24 Months
No. 75-W/2/3/WA/Publication	Dated: 05.12.2024		3750/2024

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पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank

Branch: Nehru Colony Dehradun.

FOR BREAK OPEN OF LOCKERS

It is brought to the notice of all concerned and the public in general, that the half yearly/annual rental on below mentioned lockers fell due for payment and the hirers have not been pleased to remit the amount not with standing our several reminders. In this regard we draw attention to the terms and conditions governing the hiring of lockers which state that, "All rental under" this agreement are strictly payable in advance, and in the event of the rental remaining unpaid when due, whether demand thereof is made or not the Bank reserves the right to refuse the hirer access to the locker"

Further , it is stated that "Without prejudice to any other remedy open to the Bank against the hires(s) in the matter, the Bank shall have a lien on the property of the hirer(s) kept in the locker for the rent and other charges due to the Bank under these presents but not paid, and in the exercise of such right, the Bank shall have the power with or without notice to the hirer(s) and at the risk and on account of the hirer(s) to break Open the locker, take possession of any property kept there and to sell the same or any part thereof for realization of such rent charges."

We, therefore, issue this notice that if the arrears of the rent as aforesaid are not paid within Three month form the date here of, the locker(s) shall be Broken Open and the contents disposed off in accordance with the hiring agreement without any further notice or information and the hirer will be liable, on the hiring agreement, for all arrears of rent and other costs incurred in this connection.

S. No.	Lease/Locker Holder	Address	Locker No.	Due Since	Amount Due (Rs.)
1.	Balwinder Kaur Anand and Gurvinder Singh Anand	76-A Govind Nagar Race Course, Dehradun-248001	CC13	01.04.2020	21240/-

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Punjab National Bank, Branch Nehru Colony, Dehradun

AXIS BANK LTD.

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THE BORROWERS, IN SPECIFIC AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE GOLD ORNAMENTS PLEDGE IN THE BELOW ACCOUNTS IS PROPOSED TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE AXIS BANK AT THE BELOW MENTIONED BRANCH. THE BELOW MENTIONED BORROWERS HAS AVAILED THE CREDIT FACILITY FROM THE AXIS BANK LIMITED AGAINST THE PLEDGE OF GOLD ORNAMENTS ("GOLD LOAN FACILITY") IN FAVOUR OF THE BANK TOWARDS THE SECURITY. THE DEMAND NOTICES WERE ISSUED TO THE BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS CALLING UP THE BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS TO PAY THEIR OUTSTANDING AMOUNT TOWARDS THE GOLD LOAN FACILITY AVAILED. AS THE BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS HAVE FAILED TO REPAY THE OUTSTANDING LOAN AMOUNT, THE BANK IS CONSTRAINED TO INVOKE THE PLEDGE AND PROPOSED TO CONDUCT AN E-AUCTION SALE OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY HEREUNDER ON 17-12-2024 AT 12.30 PM TO 03.30 PM ON "AS IN WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATSOEVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS". DETAILS OF BORROWERS AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT

CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN A/C NO.	Amount Outstanding (In Rs.)	Date Of Recall Notice	Gross Weight	Net Weight
BRANCH :- BAZPUR (UT)					
HABIBUR RAHMAN	XXXXXXXXXX0610	₹ 1,01,215.00	28-08-2024	28.800	28.800
NIZAMUDDIN .	XXXXXXXXXX7319	₹ 2,03,192.00	28-08-2024	51.600	50.300
SIRAJ AHMAD	XXXXXXXXXX1136	₹ 1,02,672.00	04-11-2024	29.200	28.100
SAFEEK .	XXXXXXXXXX06414	₹ 58,868.00	27-09-2024	15.500	15.300
AHMAD NABI	XXXXXXXXXX7722	₹ 45,058.00	07-09-2024	13.700	13.400
MOHD TALIB	XXXXXXXXXX6072	₹ 1,33,871.19	07-09-2024	32.900	32.300
ANWAR ALI	XXXXXXXXXX2844	₹ 68,142.00	27-09-2024	21.300	17.300
KASHMEER SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX7424	₹ 35,595.00	06-09-2024	10.400	10.000
BRANCH :- GANGOOWALA,UDHA JSP UT					
NAVEED AALAM	XXXXXXXXXX4329	₹ 6,52,179.00	28-08-2024	146.000	143.200
AKRAM .	XXXXXXXXXX2720	₹ 57,724.63	07-09-2024	18.000	16.700
DIPAK KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX1919	₹ 1,08,861.20	27-09-2024	35.600	34.450
MOHD FARHAN	XXXXXXXXXX9751	₹ 1,09,764.66	27-09-2024	31.700	30.200
BRANCH :- GSM ROAD, DEHRADUN (UT)					
SUNIL KOTHARI	XXXXXXXXXX4927	₹ 2,49,716.00	07-10-2024	63.370	60.070
BRANCH :- HARIDWAR (UT)					
MUDIT NARANG	XXXXXXXXXX6574	₹ 3,00,665.00	28-08-2024	78.600	72.000
SHRIKANT TYAGI	XXXXXXXXXX7445	₹ 2,37,035.00	27-09-2024	65.900	64.400
UDAYBHANU NAUTIYAL	XXXXXXXXXX0793	₹ 89,095.98	07-06-2024	29.500	27.900
ARUN KUAMR	XXXXXXXXXX8868	₹ 84,553.36	02-04-2024	33.400	32.200
YOGENDRA KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX3443	₹ 1,00,230.00	07-09-2024	26.800	25.800
SAVITA DHAPOLA	XXXXXXXXXX4262	₹ 1,02,257.00	04-11-2024	25.800	25.000
BRANCH :- KASHIPUR (UT)					
ANJALI BHARTI	XXXXXXXXXX3046	₹ 1,74,925.00	28-08-2024	41.700	40.800
MOHD UBESH	XXXXXXXXXX4211	₹ 58,635.00	27-09-2024	18.700	18.500
NAJIM .	XXXXXXXXXX4932	₹ 1,21,726.00	27-09-2024	39.700	39.200
MOHAMMAD RAFI	XXXXXXXXXX0902	₹ 66,212.00	04-11-2024	19.400	18.700
VICHITRA SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX1995	₹ 1,19,083.00	04-11-2024	32.000	30.700
BRANCH :- KICHHA,UTTARAKH RUD UT					
KUSUM CHAUDHARY	XXXXXXXXXX5264	₹ 1,33,945.00	26-07-2024	38.400	37.800
VILAL	XXXXXXXXXX1879	₹ 54,111.00	04-08-2024	16.100	15.300
NEPAL SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX5096	₹ 42,387.00	04-11-2024	11.200	10.900
BRANCH :- KOTDWAR,UTTARAKH PAU UT					
JOGESHWAR PRASAD	XXXXXXXXXX6061	₹ 50,475.43	27-09-2024	16.600	12.500
BRANCH :- MAKHANPUR,MAHMO HAR UT					
DINESH KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX6531	₹ 65,524.00	04-08-2024	17.200	16.600
HEENA RUHI	XXXXXXXXXX8988	₹ 64,918.00	27-09-2024	17.100	17.050
BRANCH :- MUSSOORIE (UT)					
NAVEEN UNYAL	XXXXXXXXXX8654	₹ 54,206.00	27-09-2024	15.100	14.500
BRANCH :- PANDRI (UT)					
JAGPAL SINGH	XXXXXXXXXX5560	₹ 1,01,311.23	04-11-2024	23.500	23.000
BRANCH :- ROORKEE (UT)					
MOHD AZEEM	XXXXXXXXXX5192	₹ 45,776.31	20-07-2024	11.200	11.000
ASHISH PAL	XXXXXXXXXX5344	₹ 58,433.66	28-08-2024	13.600	13.500
RAJIV KUMAR	XXXXXXXXXX8961	₹ 60,764.00	27-09-2024	13.600	13.500
BRANCH :- SHIVLALPUR PAND NAI UT					
POONAM POONAM YADAV	XXXXXXXXXX1268	₹ 1,32,634.36	20-07-2024	30.100	29.200
KAMRUDDIN SAIFI	XXXXXXXXXX1368	₹ 1,02,000.82	06-09-2024	36.700	36.400
BRANCH :- VIKAS NAGAR DDN UT					
SANDEEP CHAUHAN	XXXXXXXXXX1899	₹ 51,635.00	07-09-2024	11.500	11.500

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Congress responds to BJP's traitor barb with RSS, tukde-tukde gang taunt



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for accusing Rahul Gandhi of conspiring to destabilise India and calling him a traitor, saying the truth is that BJP-RSS is the "biggest tukde-tukde" gang of this country and is spreading the "poison of communalism". The Opposition party said the truth is that the work of destabilising the economy is being done by the people of BJP. The BJP on Thursday had claimed a link between Rahul Gandhi and international forces, including an investigative media platform, trying to destabilise India and that the Congress leader was a "traitor of the highest order". Patra claimed that billionaire investor George Soros and

some US-based agencies, investigative media platform Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP), and Gandhi occupy three sides of a "dangerous" triangle trying to destabilise India and stoke public disaffection for a regime change. "I have no hesitation in saying he (Gandhi) is a traitor of the highest order," he said. Addressing a press conference at the AICC headquarters, Congress spokesperson Ragini Nayak said, "A very unfortunate incident happened yesterday. The Congress is the oldest party in the country. Former president of the party, five-time elected MP, leader of the opposition of this country, grandson of a martyred Prime Minister, a man whose family's sacrifice has irrigated the soil of the country. How did the BJP dare to call Rahul Gandhi

a traitor? The people of the country want to know where do you get so much shamelessness from?" Accusing the BJP of spreading the "poison of communalism, violence and hatred", Nayak cited slogans by BJP leaders such as 'batenge toh katenge'. "In such a situation, Rahul Gandhi ji undertook tours from Kanyakumari to Kashmir and from Manipur to Maharashtra, the aim of which was to unite India with love. A person who understands the struggles of all sections of society like labourers, farmers, cobblers, carpenters, drivers etc. And finds solutions to them. A person who raises the voice of Dalits, backward people, women, fights for their rights... These people call that person a traitor," she said. Nayak alleged that the truth is that BJP-RSS is the "biggest

tukde-tukde gang" of this country. She said Rahul Gandhi has always raised public issues and will continue to do so, asserting that the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha is not afraid of the BJP's threats and allegations. "When the country's food providers say - we will not tolerate black laws, we will protest, then for BJP it becomes a part of international conspiracy and funding. When Sonam Wangchuk comes from Ladakh with his companions and puts forward his demands, he becomes a part of an international conspiracy," she said. Manipur has been burning for one and a half years, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi does not go there because that too is a part of the international conspiracy, Nayak said. "If you ask Modiji questions on inflation and unemployment,

you are a traitor. If the youth ask for employment, they will be beaten with lathis because they are also part of the conspiracy. Modi Ji, if there is so much international conspiracy going on in the country, then why don't you fire Amit Shah Ji?" she said. BJP people say that the Congress party is working to destabilise the country's economy but the truth is that the work of destabilising the economy is done by the people of BJP, she said. "When demonetisation and wrong GST were implemented in the country, former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh had warned Narendra Modi, he had said that if you go ahead with demonetisation then GDP will fall. Then Narendra Modi ji had made fun of him, but today the whole truth is in front of the country," she said.

Opposition marches in Parliament in protest against Adani issue



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Wearing black masks with "Modi, Adani bhai-bhai" printed on them and holding a copy of the Constitution, several Opposition MPs led by the Congress held a protest march inside the Parliament complex on the Adani issue on Friday. The protest saw several leaders from some of the INDIA bloc parties marching and raising slogans against the Adani group, its owner Gautam Adani and the government. MPs from the Rashtriya Janta Dal, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha and the Left parties joined the protest.

The Trinamool Congress and the Samajwadi Party, which have so far stayed away from any denunciation of Adani, stayed away from Friday's protest as well. The decision has been seen by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as a "division" in the opposition bloc. Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadrawere among those who led the agitation. Priyanka later alleged that the government was scared of holding a discussion on the Adani issue and wondered why it was so. "They don't have the courage to discuss the Adani issue (in Parliament). Why is there a

problem in discussion... Discussion happens in democracy only; they are afraid of it as well," she said. On Thursday, the opposition MPs protested outside the Makar Dwar of Parliament wearing black jackets with "Modi, Adani Ek Hai" and "Adani Safe Hai" stickers on them. They also raised slogans on the Parliament premises to demand a joint parliamentary probe into the Adani issue. The Congress and several other opposition parties have been demanding a probe by a Joint Parliamentary Committee into the Adani Group, following the indictment of Adani and other company officials in a US court.

Delhi HC seeks MHA stand on Rahul's citizenship

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday directed Union Ministry of Home Affairs to place its stand on Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Subramanian Swamy's plea seeking directions to the Ministry of Home Affairs to decide over the complaint on Rahul Gandhi's British Citizenship. A bench of Acting Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela asked the proxy counsel for the Union government to take instructions in the matter. "We want to have the assistance of the counsel from the state before we pass any order," the bench said. The court, which was initially inclined to issue notice on the petition, was informed by the Union's proxy counsel that the lawyer who was earlier representing the government in the matter was designated as a senior advocate. He therefore sought some time for a new counsel to be engaged in the case. The bench subsequently posted the matter on January 13, 2025. Swamy's plea, filed by advocate Satya Sabharwal, said on August 6, 2019, a letter was sent to the home ministry alleging Gandhi had voluntarily disclosed to the British government that he was a British citizen, amounting to holding a British passport. Swamy claims the Congress leader, being an Indian, had violated Article 9 of the Constitution, read with the Indian Citizenship Act, and would cease to be an Indian citizen.

Hashimpura massacre: SC grants bail to eight

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted bail to eight convicts in the infamous 1987 Hashimpura case involving the massacre of 38 persons by the Provincial Armed Constabulary personnel. A bench comprising Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih took note of the submissions of senior advocate Amit Anand Tiwari, appearing for four convicts, that they were suffering prolonged incarceration after the Delhi High Court reversed their acquittal by the trial court in the case. On Friday, senior advocate Tiwari, while representing Sami Ullah, Niranjan Lal, Mahesh Prasad, and Jaipal Singh, argued the appellants had been in jail for over six years since the high court verdict. He highlighted that the appellants were previously acquitted by the trial court and their conduct during the trial, and appeal process, was exemplary. He further contended that the reversal of the trial court's well-reasoned acquittal by the high court was based on erroneous grounds. The court took note of the submissions and allowed the pending bail pleas of eight convicts. The Hashimpura massacre occurred on May 22, 1987 when Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) personnel, belonging to the 41st Battalion's "C-Company", allegedly rounded up approximately 50 Muslim men from Hashimpura in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, during communal tensions. The victims were taken to the city outskirts on the pretext of being ferried to a safer place due to

communal riots. They were fatally shot there, and their bodies were dumped in a canal. The incident resulted in the death of 38 persons, leaving only five survivors to recount the horror. The trial court, in 2015, acquitted 16 PAC personnel, citing a lack of evidence to establish their identification and involvement. The Delhi High Court, in 2018, reversed the trial court's decision and convicted the 16 accused under Sections 302 (murder), 364 (kidnapping or abducting in order to murder), and 201 (causing disappearance of evidence) read with Section 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the IPC, sentencing them to life imprisonment. The convicts challenged the high court's verdict, and their appeals were pending in the top court. A chargesheet was filed against C-Company's 19 personnel, including platoon commander Surender Pal Singh. However, the crime branch, criminal investigation department of UP police in its report indicted 66 personnel of the PAC for the killings. Of the 19 accused, Om Prakash Sharma, Kush Kumar Singh and Surender Pal Singh, died during the pendency of the trial. The High Court then convicted the remaining 16 former PAC officials and sentenced them to life term imprisonment. Those convicted are Suresh Chand Sharma, Niranjan Lal, Kamal Singh, Ram Bir Singh, Sami Ullah, Mahesh Prasad Singh, Jai Pal Singh, Ram Dhiyan, Arun Kumar, Lila Dhar Lohani, Hamir Singh, Kunwar Pal Singh, Buda Singh, Budhi Singh, Mohkam Singh and Basant Ballabh.

Verify docs of government job candidates in six months: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court (SC) has directed police officials of all the states to check and verify documents pertaining to the character, antecedents, nationality, genuineness of the documents produced by the candidates selected for government jobs within six months from the date of their appointment. In an order passed on December 5, a bench of Justices JK Maheshwari and R Mahadevan said appointments to government jobs would be regularised only after verification of the credentials of the candidates. The top court passed the direction while setting aside the termination of an ophthalmic assistant two months prior to the date of retirement. The petitioner joined service on March 6, 1985, but the verification report was communicated by the police to the department on July 7, 2010, only two months prior to the date

of retirement. "The given factual matrix would also compel this court to issue a direction to the police official(s) of all the states to complete the enquiry and file report as regards the character, antecedents, nationality, genuineness of the documents produced by the candidates selected for appointment to the government service, etc., within a stipulated time provided in the statute/GO, or in any event, not later than six months from the date of their appointment," the top court said. The bench went on, "It is made clear that only upon verification of the credentials of the candidates, their appointments will have to be regularised so as to avoid further complications, as in the case on hand." Supreme Court was hearing a plea filed by Basudev Dutta challenging an order of the Calcutta High Court which set aside direction passed by the West Bengal State Administrative Tribunal.

Past governments didn't pay attention to Northeast: PM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Asserting that previous governments weighed development to votes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the progress of the North East was not given much emphasis earlier due to fewer population and votes in the region. Inaugurating the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav here to celebrate the vibrancy of the northeast, he said the government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the first to create a dedicated ministry for the region and also earmarked 20 per cent budget of every Ministry for its development. "In the last decade, we have seen a wonderful journey of the development of the northeast but it was not easy. We have taken every possible step to connect the northeastern states with India's growth story.



"For a long time, we have seen how development was weighed against votes. Northeastern states had less votes and low seats so previous governments did not pay attention to the development of the region," he said. Modi said he strongly believes that the coming days are of eastern India and the northeast. Like Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai and Bengaluru, cities of the region such as Guwahati, Shillong, Imphal, Itanagar and Aizawl will be new beacons of growth, the prime minister said.

With its vibrant culture and dynamic people, the northeast holds immense potential to propel India's growth, he said. The prime minister said during the last decade his government tried to reduce the feeling among people about the gap of Delhi and 'Dil' with the northeast. Union Ministers made 700 visits to the North East in the last decade and his government was connecting the region with the trinity of emotion, economy and ecology, he said. The first-ever Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav is being celebrated from December 6 to 8 at the Bharat Mandapam here. This festival aims to showcase the beauty, diversity, and promise of the eight states of northeastern states -- Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, and Sikkim. Together they are known as the 'Ashtalakshmi'.

C-section deliveries linked to income, private healthcare: study



PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Over one-fifth of deliveries in India are via caesarean section (C-section), with significant regional and socioeconomic disparities, according to a study published in The Lancet Regional Health-Southeast Asia. While this figure may indicate some level of adequate national access to healthcare, it may not capture disparities between different regions or social groups, which the study points out. The study published in The Lancet Regional Health-Southeast Asia journal also revealed that caesarean delivery rates were at least twice as high among the wealthiest groups compared to the poorest in nearly 70 per cent of states. Statewise, C-section rates vary greatly across India, with Telangana having a very high

rate of 60.7%, and Nagaland a much lower one at 5.2%. This regional discrepancy suggests differing levels of healthcare access, infrastructure, and perhaps birthing choices. While C-section rates are higher in private healthcare facilities, wealthier individuals are more likely to undergo the procedure, even in private settings. The study also highlights varying rates across states, cultural influences, and the role of access to healthcare, suggesting that economic, social, and regional factors all play a crucial role in shaping delivery choices. A caesarean delivery is performed surgically through a pregnant woman's abdomen and uterus. Researchers, including those from The George Institute for Global Health in New Delhi, analysed live birth data of over 7.2 lakh women aged 15-49

years across 28 states and eight union territories, collected during the fifth round of the National Family Health Survey (2019-2021). "India's caesarean delivery rate of 21.5 per cent suggests adequate national access but may mask significant disparities," the authors wrote. Caesarean, or C-section, delivery rates across states were found to substantially vary, "ranging from 5.2 per cent in Nagaland to 60.7 per cent in Telangana". Facilities performing caesarean deliveries were higher among private health care units, compared to public centres across all wealth groups, the authors found. However, within private facilities too, wealth disparities were found to exist, with fewer C-section deliveries among the least wealthy and more among the wealthier sections.

"The study concluded that both high-income and low-income individuals in India are more likely to receive caesarean deliveries in private rather than public facilities," the authors noted. Arunachal Pradesh had a relatively low C-section delivery rate of 14.5 per cent and showed low inequality, while southern states like Tamil Nadu and Telangana exhibited high rates of C-section delivery with lower inequality. The variation could be attributed to factors such as improved access to healthcare, higher literacy rates, and a stronger Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the authors suggested. In Bihar, where much of the population belongs to lower wealth groups, there was a higher preference for vaginal deliveries due to their affordability and shorter recovery times, even when medical professionals recommended a C-section.

Indira peace prize for ex prez of Chile

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2024 will be conferred on former Chile president and prominent human rights voice Michelle Bachelet, the international jury for the award chaired by former National Security Advisor Shivshankar Menon announced on Friday. "President Michelle Bachelet is one of the world's most prominent voices for human rights, peace, and equality. In her various roles... she has spoken strongly for gender equality and the rights of the most vulnerable sections of the population at home and across the world," a statement issued award trust said.

112 died in three years at Gujarat hospital after free treatment under PM-JAY scheme

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ LUCKNOW

As many as 112 people have died in the last three years after or during treatment under government healthcare schemes at a private hospital here which is under the lens for the death of two Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) beneficiaries following botched angioplasty, police said on Friday.

Hospital, which hit headlines last month after two 'patients' registered under PM-JAY died following unnecessary angioplasty procedure. Between September 2021 and October 2024, nearly 8,500 patients received treatment or underwent different surgeries at the private hospital, said Assistant Commissioner of Police Bharat Patel. "Of these, 3,842 persons received free treatment under government schemes such as PMJAY. Our probe has revealed that of these 3,842 beneficiaries, 112 lost their lives during or after treatment in these three years. Medical experts will be roped in to investigate these deaths," he told reporters. The

investigations have also revealed that the hospital management, including those who are under arrest in the angioplasty death case, divided revenue under different heads in the account books and eventually showed a loss of Rs 1.5 crore in the last financial report, informed the police officer. So far, the crime branch has arrested seven persons, including Khyati Multispeciality CEO Rahul Jain and director (marketing) Chirag Rajput, in connection with the death of two PMJAY beneficiaries following botched angioplasty. Two more accused -- hospital chairman Kartik Patel (who is abroad)

and director Rajshri Kothari - are still absconding, police said earlier. The investigations were triggered by complaints from the families of the two deceased, who were among seven individuals who underwent angioplasty at the hospital on November 11. Angioplasty is a procedure that widens blocked or narrowed coronary arteries to improve blood flow to the heart. The investigations have showed the hospital organised free check-up camps in villages to convince PMJAY cardholders to undergo angioplasty despite no medical necessity for the procedure. People were falsely registered under "emergency"

category to expedite government nod for the procedure. In return, the hospital claimed payments from the government under the scheme, police stated. On November 12, the Vastrapur police registered three FIRs over the death of two PMJAY beneficiaries and arrested visiting cardiologist Dr Prashant Vazirani. Police have charged the accused with culpable homicide not amounting to murder, forgery, and criminal conspiracy. The FIRs accuse the hospital management and doctors of conspiring to obtain financial benefits under the central government's health scheme.

All CMs invited to Prayagraj Mahakumbh

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

The upcoming Mahakumbh in Prayagraj, set to begin on January 13, 2025, is being positioned as a symbol of unity and inclusivity, with chief ministers from across the political spectrum invited to attend. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has directed his ministers to personally deliver invitations to governors and chief ministers across the country, marking this as a national event celebrating spirituality, culture, and tradition. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, and Delhi Chief Minister Atishi are among those on the extensive guest list. The invitations will also be extended to Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann, and Jammu and Kashmir's Omar Abdullah, among others.

largest congregation of people worldwide. This year's event will be held at the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers from January 13 to February 26, 2025. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Prayagraj on December 13, 2024, to review preparations and launch infrastructure projects, including the upgraded Prayagraj-Varanasi rail line. As part of the preparations, Uttar Pradesh ministers have been assigned specific regions to deliver personal invitations and engage in discussions with state leaders. Minister of State Danish Azad Ansari, who will travel to Jammu and Kashmir to invite Omar Abdullah, remarked, "This Mahakumbh is a moment of national pride. It is our honor to personally reach out to leaders across the country and share this spiritual journey with them."

invitations to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. In West Bengal, Arun Saxena and Sanjay Gangwar will meet Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh will travel to Arunachal Pradesh to invite CM Pema Khandu, while Daya Shankar Mishra will visit Nagaland to meet Neiphiu Rio. Energy Minister A.K. Sharma is expected to invite Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel. "We want every state to feel represented in this historic event," said Suresh Khanna. "It's not just about inviting them but building a sense of participation and unity through shared cultural values."

Chaura may have acted on his own to fire at Sukhbir: Police

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ CHANDIGARH

Ex-terrorist Narain Singh Chaura, who opened fire at Shiromani Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Singh Badal outside the Golden Temple, appears to have acted on his own, preliminary police investigation revealed, Punjab Police sources have said. Chaura was sent to a three-day police remand by a court in Amritsar on Thursday. Badal escaped a bid on his life on Wednesday when Chaura fired at him from a close range at the Golden Temple's entrance in Amritsar but missed. He was overpowered by plainclothes policemen. The audacious attack was captured on cameras by media persons who had gathered to cover the second day of Badal performing the duty of 'sewadar' at the main gate of the Sikh shrine as religious penance for 'mistakes' committed by the SAD government in Punjab from 2007 to 2017. Police sources said Chaura, 68, appears to have planned the attack after Badal was awarded 'tankhah', a religious punishment by the Akal Takht for 'mistakes' committed by the SAD government and his party in Punjab from 2007 to 2017. The 9mm pistol he used for the attack was seized by police. Amritsar Police

Commissioner Gurbpreet Singh Bhullar Bhullar Thursday said the police were thoroughly investigating the matter. "A 9mm pistol has been recovered from his possession. From where it (pistol) was procured, we are investigating it. We are involving all agencies to keep our investigation transparent," Bhullar had said in Amritsar. Chaura in a Facebook post in July this year had written: "The Sikh community has rejected the Akali Dal (Badal) from the political sphere due to its grave misdeeds and it is using the Akal Takht as a means to revive its image. This party is an enemy of the 'Panth' (Sikh community) and no longer has the right to lead the Sikh community in the political arena." The Sikh clergy at the Akal Takht had on December 2 pronounced 'tankhah' for Sukhbir Singh Badal and other leaders for the "mistakes," that included pardoning Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh in a 2007 blasphemy case. Chaura is facing 21 cases and also had a role in the 2004 Chandigarh Burail jailbreak case. Chaura had helped Babbar Khalsa International terrorists Jagtar Singh Hawara, Paramjit Singh Bheera, Jatar Singh Tara and Devi Singh from behind bars.

Another maternal death in Ballari, total five dead

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BALLARI

Another maternal death has been reported at the Ballari Medical College and Research Centre (BMCRC), bringing the total number of such fatalities in the past month to five. Chief Minister of Karnataka, Siddaramaiah on Friday assured that an investigation would be conducted into the death that took place on December 5 night, while health minister of Karnataka Dinesh Gundu Rao, stated he was willing to resign if it would help improve the situation. According to information received, 23-year-old Kolmi Sumaiya was admitted to the hospital on November 11 and underwent a cesarean section. She later developed complications that led to renal failure, senior health department officials said. "Following the C-section, complications arose, requiring her to be placed on dialysis. She passed away on Thursday," an official said. The officer stated that there were seven complicated delivery cases, of which two patients were discharged, while five, including the recent case, lost their lives in the past month. He added that all the newborns in these cases were healthy.

According to a note issued by the health department, on December 5, the patient experienced persistent hypotension, despite being on double inotropes and suffered cardiac arrest at 7.45 pm. "Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) was administered in three cycles, but despite all efforts, the patient succumbed at 8.10 pm," the note stated. According to the health department, between November 9 and 11, four maternal deaths were reported at the district hospital in Ballari. It was noted that the Ringer Lactate (RL) batches supplied by a West Bengal-based pharma company had been used. Siddaramaiah assured that the matter would be investigated. "We will determine the cause of the death. Maternal deaths occur in many places," he told reporters in Bengaluru. When reminded that this was the fifth death, Siddaramaiah acknowledged he was aware of the situation. "I have conducted a meeting and suspended officials from the drugs control department. We will investigate this case, as well to determine whether medicines or any other reason caused it," he said. On his part, Minister Rao told reporters in Bengaluru, "I am ready to resign if it can set things right. This is not about prestige or power; it is about

people's lives. We have taken the maternal deaths in Ballari very seriously and implemented legal steps and measures to bring improvements." Rao further said he had no objection to an investigation into the matter. "A probe must be conducted, and anyone found responsible should face action. We are committed to making all necessary efforts to improve the system. I even seek the opposition's support in this," he stated. Emphasising that the investigation should identify where the mistakes occurred and why they persisted, Rao expressed regret that such incidents have occurred in various parts of the country "without anyone being held accountable". He highlighted that the health department had written to the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) questioning why it was certifying drugs "rejected by Karnataka". "You approve drugs that we reject. What are we supposed to do next? We can't blacklist the company or reject their products outright because they might then approach the court claiming their product is safe. What should be the next step, and who is responsible for this?" Rao questioned, stressing the need for a "third-party review of

Over 12 lakh youths waiting for jobs in Odisha: Minister

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BHUWANESHWAR

More than 12.13 lakh jobless youths, who registered themselves with different employment exchanges in Odisha over the last five years, are waiting for jobs, the state government informed the Assembly on Friday. In a written reply to BJD MLA Sarada Prasad Nayak, Skill Development and Technical Education Minister Sampad Chandra Swain said 12,13,924 unemployed youths registered their names in the employment exchanges between 2019-20

and 2023-24. The job aspirants include 3.19 lakh graduates, 51,956 postgraduates, 4.22 lakh intermediates, 1.80 lakh matriculates, 42,916 diploma pass-outs, 74,827 trained teachers, 33,691 ITI pass-outs and 14,750 under-matric students, he said. Interestingly, 836 medical postgraduates and two medical graduates were also waiting for jobs in the state, the minister added. "During the last five years, the government has given employment to 2,274 youths through the exchanges," he informed.

In another written statement, Swain said, "The state government has provided training to 36,329 youths through placement linked training programme from 2019-20 to 2023-24, of which 15,068 got employment." "Over 18.42 lakh youths have been made self-employable by providing training under the Chief Minister's Employment Generation Programme during 2014-15 to 2023-24," he added. To create employment opportunities, "Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) has been organising job fairs.

What is in a name, asks HC as it junks govt fiat on naming of social organisations

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MUMBAI

Naaam mein kya rakha hai (what is in a name)," the Bombay High Court remarked in a ruling on Friday as it quashed the Maharashtra Charity Commissioner's order barring charitable organisations from using words such as 'eradication of corruption' in their names. No trust or charitable organisation shall use terms such as 'Bhrashtachar Nirmulan Mahasangh', 'Bhrashtachar Viroidi Andolan', 'Bhrashtachar Mukta Bharat' or 'Human Rights' in the title and name, said a circular issued by the Charity Commissioner in July 2018. Trusts and other organisations with such names should drop these words from the title, it said. The charity commissioner justified the rule stating that eradication of corruption is the government's job and not of any private body. The judgement by a division bench of Justices M S

Sonak and Jitendra Jain came on a writ petition filed by the Manvi Hakka Sanrakshan and Jagruti Trust which had challenged the rule. Quashing the circular, the judges held that fighting against corruption or for upholding human rights falls in the definition of 'object of general public utility' for which a charitable trust or organisation can be set up. "We may end by saying 'Naaam mein kya rakha hai, kaam dekhna chahiye. Agar kaam galat ho to sakt karvaai karni chahiye' (What is in a name, look at the work. If the work is wrong then take strict action)," the judgement said. Authorities are free to take action against any organisation that actually acts like a kangaroo court, but the circular was contrary to the definition of 'charitable purpose' under the law, the judges said. Names with words such as 'anti-corruption' or 'human rights' only give an indication that the organisation has been formed



to take up the cause of human rights and eradication of corruption, the HC noted. Corruption has become "cancerous", affecting not only common people but also impairing the country's economic growth and functioning of the bureaucracy, and "no such practice should be prevailing or be encouraged," the judgement said. Hence, an organisation/trust set up for fighting corruption would certainly be covered by the

phrase 'advancement of any other object of general public utility' as defined in the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, it held. To say that eradication of corruption cannot be the objective of a charitable organisation would be contrary to law, the HC added. "Corruption and human rights are closely associated...Corruption is detrimental to all areas and aspects of human wellbeing, in particular human rights," it said. Effective protection of human rights includes mitigating systemic problems such as corruption, said the high court. "Therefore, merely because such phrase is used in the title of the Trust would not mean that such an organisation is functioning as a kangaroo court, and if any such organisation is acting like a kangaroo court, then certainly the state rightly has to take action by curbing the activities of such kangaroo courts but not by forcing to change the name," the HC said.

Speedy trial a right, no indefinite incarceration: SC

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Speedy conclusion of trial is a fundamental right and an undertrial cannot be subjugated to indefinite incarceration, the Supreme Court said on Friday. A bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and Pankaj Mithal therefore granted bail to a man, who was in custody for about 4.2 years in a case lodged in Bihar, observing the case's trial wouldn't be over soon. The top court's order came on a plea filed by one Raushan Singh, who challenged the Patna High Court's June verdict dismissing his bail application. "An undertrial cannot be subjugated to indefinite incarceration. Speedy conclusion of trial is a fundamental right, well-recognised in our jurisprudence," the bench said. Singh's counsel informed the bench that the petitioner was in custody since his arrest in October, 2020, and the case's trial was still inconclusive. The counsel appearing for the



state said three more prosecution witnesses were to be examined in the case. The bench noted as per the state's counsel, the delay in trial was attributed to a discharge application filed by one of the accused in the case. "Having considered the period of incarceration and the that trial may not be concluded on a near date, we deem it appropriate to allow bail to the petitioner," held the bench, adding appropriate bail conditions were to be imposed by the trial court. While dismissing his bail application previously, the high court directed the trial court to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible, preferably within six months.



Soren keeps Home, distributes portfolios

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RANCHI

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday distributed portfolios among the new ministers, keeping key departments such as Home, Personnel and several others to himself, according to a government notification. Radhakrishna Kishore, a Congress MLA, got Finance, Commercial Tax, Planning and Development Department, and Parliamentary Affairs departments. Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) legislator Deepak Biruwa was allotted the departments of Revenue, Registration and Land Reforms (non-registration), and Transport, the notification said. Chamra Linda, another JMM leader, was allotted the departments of Schedule Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes (except Minority Welfare). RJD's Sanjay Prasad Yadav was given the departments of

Industries, and Labour, Planning, Training and Skill Development. Irfan Ansari of the Congress got Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, besides Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs, and Disaster Management departments, the notification said. The chief minister also kept to himself the departments of Cabinet Secretariat, Personnel, Administrative Reforms and Official Language, Road Construction, Building Construction, and those departments yet to be distributed to anyone. Among the other ministers, JMM's Ramdas Soren was given the School Education and Literacy, and Registration departments. Party colleague Hafizul Hasan was allotted the departments of Water Resources, and Minority Welfare Department. Panchayati Raj, Rural Works, and Rural Development departments were given to Congress MLA Deepika Pandey Singh.

Peon in Chhattisgarh cracks state civil services

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ RAIPUR

By sheer dint of hard work and dedication, a peon with mechanical engineering degree has cracked the tough Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGPSC) examination and set an example for young aspirants. Shailendra Kumar Bandhe, employed at the CGPSC office in capital Raipur since the last seven months, aced the Chhattisgarh civil services exam in his fifth attempt and will now be appointed as an assistant commissioner (state tax).

The 29-year-old, who cleared the CGPSC-2023 exam, results of which were declared last week, with 73rd rank in the general category and 2nd spot in the reserved category, credited his parents for his success. Bandhe said his parents supported him at every step and stood by him in every decision. "In May this year, I got appointed as a peon at the CGPSC office. Then, I had cleared the CGPSC-2023 preliminary examination held in February this year. I continued my preparation for the Mains as I wanted to become an officer," he told

PTI Videos on Friday. Bandhe, who comes from a Scheduled Caste community, originally hails from a farming family in Bitkuli village of Bilaspur district. His family is now settled in Raipur. He completed his schooling in Raipur and then studied B Tech (mechanical engineering) at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Raipur. After obtaining engineering degree from a reputed institute, Bandhe could have got a well-paid job in the private sector, but he chose not to appear in placement interviews as he aspired to

be a government employee. Bandhe shared that he got inspired by one of his super seniors at NIT Raipur, Himachal Sahu, who secured the first rank in CGPSC-2015 examination, and started preparations for civil services. He could not realize his dream in first four attempts, but failures did not dishearten him and only encouraged him to work even more harder. "I failed the preliminary examination in the first attempt and in the next, I could not clear the Mains exam. In the 3rd and 4th attempts, I qualified for interview, but could not

crack it. Finally, the fifth attempt brought cheers to me," Bandhe said with a glint in his eyes. The soon to be assistant commissioner said he opted for peon's job to financially support his family, but continued his preparations for the state civil services. "No job is big or small as every position has dignity. Be it a peon or deputy collector, in every job one has to work with honesty and responsibility," he said when asked whether he was uncomfortable working as a class 4 employee. He maintained he faced taunts from people while working as a peon, but

their uncharitable comments did not dent his confidence or self-respect. "Some people used to taunt me and make fun of me for working as a peon, but I didn't pay heed to them. My parents, family and office always supported me and encouraged me," he added. His father, Santram Bandhe, a farmer, said he salutes the hard work and dedication of his son who had been preparing for a government job for the last five years. "I hope my son will be an inspiration for all those who are working hard to get a government job and serve the nation," he added.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Plunging into instability

France's political instability and economic crisis deepens as Prime Minister Michel Barnier ousted in a rare no-confidence vote

In a dramatic turn of events, French Prime Minister Michel Barnier was ousted in a no-confidence vote on December 5, 2024, marking a rare political upheaval in France's post-war history. The motion, which garnered 331 votes, united far-right and left-wing lawmakers against Barnier's government, plunging France into political instability at a critical juncture. At the core of the crisis lies the contentious 2025 budget. Facing a massive budget deficit, Barnier's government proposed a budget aimed at saving Euro 60 billion. The proposal included austerity measures that sparked widespread discontent across the political spectrum. Barnier's decision to bypass parliamentary approval for parts of the budget using special constitutional powers was a key trigger for his removal. Interestingly, both the Left and the Right united to oppose the budget. By forcing the no-confidence vote, opposition lawmakers saw an opportunity to challenge a government struggling to unite a fragmented parliament. The ouster is a significant blow to President Emmanuel Macron, who now faces daunting challenges in appointing a successor capable of navigating a polarised parliament.



Macron's leadership has been weakened, and his coalition has failed to maintain a majority, leaving his administration vulnerable to opposition maneuvers. France's political landscape is now marked by deep uncertainty. The immediate challenge is ensuring fiscal continuity, as the lack of an approved 2025 budget could further erode investor confidence. Right now Macron has limited options. Macron may try to quickly install a new leader, aiming for stability before symbolic events like the reopening of the Notre-Dame Cathedral.

However, finding someone who can secure cross-party support is a tall order. If the situation gets worse Macron could rely on emergency measures to extend the 2024 budget provisions or pass the 2025 budget by decree. However, such actions would carry significant political costs and might deepen the crisis. The turmoil comes at a precarious time for France and the European Union. With Germany grappling with its coalition government's collapse and the return of Donald Trump to the US presidency, Europe's political stability is increasingly in question. France, as the EU's second-largest economy, plays a critical role in the bloc's cohesion. Domestically, the crisis is a test of resilience for Marine Le Pen, whose National Rally party supported the no-confidence motion. While Le Pen seeks to position her party as a stable alternative to Macron's government, prolonged instability could expose vulnerabilities in her leadership. France faces a soaring budget deficit, high inflation, and growing public dissatisfaction over austerity measures. The fragmented parliament reflects a divided electorate, complicating governance and increasing the likelihood of legislative deadlock. The road ahead requires deft political maneuvering to restore stability and address the systemic challenges that threaten France's economic and social fabric.

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Tourists on an elephant safari at the Kaziranga National Park, in Golaghat

India's maritime legacy: Lessons from history



ANOOP SHARMA

Revisiting India's maritime legacy can drive advancements in naval strength, trade security and regional cooperation, paving the way for a strong maritime future

India has a rich maritime history dating back to the Indus Valley civilisation. People of ancient Indian empires such as Mauryas and Cholas were active seafarers who undertook long and arduous voyages for trade, cultural, religious and political causes. Various regional powers and rulers such as Marathas, Marakkars and even Mughals tried to contest the ascendancy of European naval supremacy in Indian waters. The present-day Indian Navy was born out of the Royal Indian Navy in 1947, with already meagre assets divided between India and Pakistan. As a result, the Indian Navy was initially a coastal force responsible for coastal defence and protection of maritime trade. The Indian Navy proved its mettle during the liberation war of Bangladesh in 1971.

The decisive and bold actions by the Navy in the 1971 war made the nation realise the potential of the silent, yet dynamic and effective element of the comprehensive national power. Commencing with the international humanitarian and disaster relief operations in the aftermath of the 2004 Tsunami, the Indian Navy has significantly stepped up its operational tempo.

The recent successes of the Indian Navy in anti-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden protecting mariners of various nationalities, including Pakistanis, have been internationally appreciated. Indian Navy ships have evacuated personnel of the Indian diaspora and citizens of friendly foreign countries from conflict areas such as Lebanon (2006) and Yemen (2015).

Ancient Indian Maritime Culture As India strives for its rightful position on the global stage, we need to revive and study the historical and indigenous Indian maritime strategic thought. Our scriptures, treatises and literature reference the rich Indian maritime strategic culture. Other powers that arose in the Indian sub-continent such as Satavahanas, Pallavas, Pandyas, Cholas and many others continued the rich maritime traditions of the Indian civilisation well past the decline of the mighty



Mauryan empire. The adoption of a new naval ensign inspired by the spirit of Shivaji's maritime endeavours is a step in this direction that needs to be ingrained in the ethos of all maritime and naval endeavours of the nation.

Shivaji's Maritime Endeavours: The Marathas were the only Indian power between the 17th to early 19th centuries who successfully challenged the growing European influence in Indian waters. Shivaji, his son Sambhaji Maharaj and their able Admirals such as Mayank Bhandari, Dautat Khan, Sidhoji Gujar and legendary Kanhoji Angre raised and maintained a strong Navy of over 5000 personnel comprising over 300 vessels at its peak. Noted historian Jadunath Sarkar acknowledges that "Nothing proves Shivaji's genius as a born statesman more clearly than his creation of a navy and naval bases". The Maratha naval prowess was further consolidated under Maratha Admiral Kanhoji Angre from 1699 onwards. He effectively challenged the British maritime power on the West coast from his base at Vijaydurg in Ratnagiri. His tactics of attacking the



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deep draught British ships with shallow water crafts, utilising the shelter of shallow natural harbour and fortress with mounted heavy guns were akin to typical sea denial and littoral warfare operations practised by modern navies. Such was the Maratha naval supremacy that even a combined Anglo-Portuguese assault on Kolaba island of Mumbai in 1772 failed to dislodge the Marathas. Strategic Maritime Culture of Cholas The earliest mention of Chola's naval prowess dating back to Roman records of the 1st century AD highlights the presence of a flourishing port at Kaveripattanam and the King's fleet escorting merchant ships into the harbour. The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea mentions the voyage of the early Chola ship 'Colandia' from Kaveripattanam to islands in the Pacific Ocean. The maritime power of Cholas reached its peak between the 9th and 10th centuries during which the Cholas developed a strong Navy with Blue Water capabilities and established robust trade links with China and South East Asia. The seafarers of the Chola empire had exceptional navigational skills and, an understanding of the seas, monsoons, winds and

currents. They were conversant with the use of a 32-point Arab-Tamil wind compass and as many as 56 stars in the Northern Hemisphere for navigation. Despite the lack of a rudder and magnetic compass, the Cholas seafarers could traverse the distance between India and Southeast Asia in twelve to fifteen days, indicative of their Blue Water capability. The maritime endeavours of c Cholas provide valuable insights for stakeholders of the contemporary Indian maritime strategy. The Indian maritime outlook for the Indian Ocean Region that has evolved from the 'Look East' to 'Act East' and the Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) can draw inspiration from India's maritime legacy. Initiatives like anti-piracy missions in the Gulf of Aden, HADR missions, Sagarmala and Port Led Development, SAGAR, Atma Nirbharta and Make in India etc. have common threads with the maritime practices of Cholas.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOUTH KOREA REJECTS MARTIAL LAW

Madam — South Korea escaped the martial law imposed by President Yoon Suk Yeol on Tuesday night, within just 6 hours, for the first time since 1980, then I will not give the credit for this to the people who had gathered outside the Parliament building late at night, nor to the 190 MPs who overturned the President's crazy decision in just a few hours. The entire credit goes only to the South Korean army, who quietly watched this spectacle from a distance and did not interfere in any way. If the army wanted, it could have followed the President's orders and fired on the crowd of common people and also arrested the MPs who had reached the Parliament building. South Korea is one of the most developed and industrialised countries in the world. South Korea's economy is the 12th largest in the world and the fourth largest in Asia. No one is able to understand this decision of the President despite there being no unrest of any kind. Experts are even saying that President Yoon Suk Yeol and his wife Kim Kyeon-hee must have taken such a step due to corruption charges against them. Now they will have to step down from their post themselves, or else they will be removed by bringing an impeachment motion against them in the Parliament. Just removing them will not work, but they should be put in jail. Since the founding of South Korea in 1948, several presidents have declared a military emergency. The most recent and perhaps the most infamous occurred in 1979 after the assassination of President Park Chung-hee, a former general who had occasionally used martial law to crack down on political protests and opposition since seizing power in 1961.

Jang Bahadur Singh | Jamshedpur

LAX VIP SECURITY IN PUNJAB

Madam — The recent brazen assassination attempt on former Punjab CM Sukhbir Singh Badal at the Golden Temple underscores a disturbing breach in security that raises serious concerns about the state's law

Workplace woes for women



It is sad but true that the workplace can become a problem for young working women. Though most places are safe, there are a few exceptions. India has seen over 400 cases of sexual harassment at work every year since 2018, with an average of 445 cases being reported annually, according to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data. Over 419 cases,

and order. This incident, involving a former terrorist armed with a sophisticated weapon, highlights glaring inadequacies in security protocols at one of India's most revered religious sites. While CM Bhagwant Mann has commended the police for averting a tragedy, it is evident that more robust measures are required to prevent such incidents.

The fact that the attacker, Narain Singh Chaura, was allowed to enter the premises with a weapon exposes lapses in intelligence and ground-level vigilance. Although frisking at religious sites is a sensitive issue, safeguarding lives and ensuring the sanctity of such locations must be paramount. The opposition's call for Chief Minister Mann's resignation reflects widespread frustration over the perceived deterioration in law and order. This incident should compel the Punjab government to take immediate steps to review and strengthen security arrangements, especially at religious and public places. Failure to act decisively risks not only public safety but also the reputation of the state.

Vishal Mayur | Tumakuru

or about 35 per month, were reported in the country in 2023. There could be more unreported ones. That year, Himachal Pradesh recorded the highest number of sexual harassment cases at the workplace (97), followed by Kerala (83), Maharashtra (46), and Karnataka (43). The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition, and Redressal) Act, 2013 (PoSH Act), was enacted to safeguard women and provide mechanisms for addressing sexual harassment. In 2023, companies reported 1,160 sexual harassment complaints, the highest number in the past decade. However, only slightly more than half of these cases were resolved, according to data from the Centre for Economic Data and Analysis, Ashoka University. On average, 49 sexual harassment cases were reported every day in 2022.

Jayanthy Subramaniam | Mumbai

CURBING CUSTODIAL CRIMES

Madam — Two recent judgements—one from the Delhi High Court and the other from a special court in Bengaluru—convicting policemen for custodial torture and death of the accused have sent a strong message on putting in place a robust mechanism to end the scourge once and for all. 687 persons died in police custody between April 1, 2018, and March 31, 2023, a damning indictment of the police. Generally, custodial deaths go unreported but for vigilante organisations and proactive families that have a keen nose for suspecting foul play. The Supreme Court guidelines in all cases of arrest or detention are clear-cut. During custodial detentions, mandatory documentation and presence of legal counsel are compulsory. Additionally, every police station should have CCTV cameras installed in strategic points.

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From chaos to comfort: Reflecting on Delhi's transit transformation

Once reliant on rickety DTC buses plagued by poor service, Delhi now boasts a state-of-the-art metro network, revolutionising travel and making commuting a breeze

Can you drop me at the Dhaula Kuan Metro Station in your car? I must catch the 1800 hrs train from there!, requested my colleague, Madhu Jasrai, as we were leaving the office in the Bhikaji Cama Place complex. "Sure, why not!!" I replied nonchalantly. "I have some work on the other side of town, and it is prudent to travel by the metro, instead of taking risks, and getting gridlocked in the peak traffic" she explained. I could not have agreed more.

After she got off at Dhaula Kuan, I resumed my journey towards Dwarka, and instinctively, my mind, always in a mad rush, raced back in time, to the days when Delhi didn't have a mass transit system. When we, the people of Delhi, had to depend entirely on the rickety, black smoke-spewing Yellow-Green DTC buses which operated at the base level of punctuality, hygiene, customer service and safety. So much so, that the monster red buses earned the well-deserved sobriquet of being a 'killer line', due to the number of fatal accidents in which they were involved. Mercifully, for a long time, my



exposure to this horrible service was limited, as I had the privilege of travelling on the school bus.

Although the situation changed when I moved to college, and then university, there remained a saving grace, the University Special, which, with a monthly all-route student pass for a measly Rs 12.50 was the lifeline of students. But, despite these safeguards, it was difficult to remain isolated from the scary DTC, where the drivers behaved as if they owned Delhi roads as if it were a grand prix track. And the less said about the frequency & punctuality of the service, the better it is, as quite often, one had to wait for hours on end before an overcrowded bus appeared on the horizon, heaving like a fatigued tortoise. Expectedly, even before it came to a halt, a virtual

stampede ensued. In the melee, there was an exchange of choicest Punjabi abuses, fisticuffs, an occasional physical altercation, lucrative business for pickpockets and chain snatchers, and worst of all, a field day for eve-teasers. It was while travelling on these buses that Delhi denizens earned most of their characteristics— of being brawny, insensitive to women and disorderly.

During this hullabaloo, the role of the crew was unpredictable. Sometimes they preferred to be mute spectators watching over the fracas with the serenity of a smiling Buddha. At other times, they were grumpy, with a short fuse, and embroiled in heated arguments with harassed commuters, with hard-to-imagine ferocity. Nevertheless, once the confusion sorted, as if by divine intervention, and there was no space for more passengers— as every nook and cranny, including the windows, footrests and the rickety bars at the rear of the bus had been gobbled— the driver pressed the accelerator, to bring the bus into painful motion. Hereon, the law of the jungle took over, as rules

were flouted with impunity, without fear of the law— seats reserved for women, the elderly and the physically challenged, hardly, if ever, went to those for whom these had been earmarked. Signs of 'no smoking', 'no tobacco', 'no litter' and 'no spitting' were ignored callously, without an iota of deterrence. Hygiene, well what is that? At the end of this mayhem, those who missed boarding the bus had to wait, patiently, for their next attempt. And the wheel started moving in the same pattern, once more. This long reverie concluded when I reached home and parked the car in its slot. As I walked towards my house, I thanked the stars (not any politician or bureaucrat) for the winds of change that have blown across the face of my city, transforming it in three decades, heralding the era when state-of-the-art Metro crisscrossed Delhi like an octopus spreading its tentacles, when radio cabs whizzed around, when CNG & electric buses is a common sight. Delhi's public transport system has indeed come of age. (The author is a freelance writer; views are personal)



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SURVIVING THE TECH-DRIVEN ERA

Amid rapid technological obsolescence, the need for reinvention has never been more critical



RAVI VALLURI

It would be worthwhile to examine how organisations are structured and articulated. In the long haul organisations blessed with individuals willing to experiment, innovate and embrace technology will be the ones that survive. At the pace that technology with its variants is fashioning itself, numerous applications unravelling virtually by the minute, and the level of obsolescence and attrition of equipment is becoming extraordinarily high. In such a scenario, humans and organisations will be subsumed by various products and their variants. The human mind can no longer remain in the typewriter mode. The garden of Organisational Theory and Behaviour is dotted with eminent scholars. Three pioneers, Adam Smith, Charles Babbage and Robert Owen provided the ballast and the basic groundwork.

Adam Smith advanced the argument that countries and organisations would profit by adopting the tenets of division of labour, what is now termed as specialisation. Charles Babbage in his seminal work postulated: Through the division of labour, the time required for learning a job or skill gets drastically reduced. Right at the stage of infancy wastage of material gets minimised and diminishes. The mind is propelled to take up serious tasks upon attaining superior skills. Way back in 1789, Robert Owen at 18 went on to acquire a factory. He was a utopian, way ahead of his times. In 1825, he promulgated regulated working hours, child labour laws, public education and business involvement in various community projects – a precursor to CSR.



In today's wired world, individuals work from their dwellings. Places with the latest technology and gizmos at their disposal. Over the last decade, the entire paradigm of organisational behaviour has metamorphosed. Technology stares at organisations with peering eyes, the complexity and dynamics of structures having undergone a complete metamorphosis. Let us look at the Indian Railways. There was a time when the operating and manufacturing departments held sway in the decision-making process. Today, it is the technical departments that are the game changers. The concept of fixed work hours is history.

The workforce must be alert 24x7. Thus, employees need to brush up on their skill sets to brace for the challenges of the virtual world. Let us examine the model of direct teaching through online classes – one-on-one, between the teacher and the tutee. The very paradigm may affect teaching techniques in schools and universities. Similarly, qualified doctors instruct their colleagues through Skype or other means during complex surgeries. In such a scenario, scores of organisational structures, government or those in the private sector must adapt radically in order to survive.

The workforce must continuously upgrade their skill set or face extinction. Perhaps emotions of warmth may be lost in the maze of technological evolution. The philosophy of an organisation, its goals and objectives and the behavioural pattern between the structure and the workforce have been stranded in a traffic jam of the kind one encounters in major cities of India like Gurugram. Stephen Hawking has in a rather depressing prognosis, predicted that life would be extinct on this planet on four grounds – nukes, global warming, man-made viruses or robots. Thus, the human mind should re-invent itself and current organisational behaviour and theories or prepare a blueprint to discover a sister planet to inhabit. Aeons ago, Aristotle wrote, "We are what we repeatedly do." This paradigm will have to change for organisations to survive.

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South Korea faces its gravest political crisis



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Yoon's actions threaten the democratic foundations painstakingly built over decades, echoing a legacy of authoritarianism that South Korea has fought to overcome



President Yoon Suk-yeol has plunged South Korea into a political crisis that risks echoing the darkest chapters of the nation's history. As his administration teeters on the edge of a dramatic shift, Yoon has turned to martial law, invoking emergency powers in a desperate gambit to silence political opposition and maintain control.

The implications of his actions are profound, not just for his presidency, but for South Korea's ongoing struggle with its totalitarian past, its relationship with foreign powers, and its own identity as a modern democracy. South Koreans fought so hard to build a democratic system. Under South Korea's Constitution, the president has the authority to declare martial law in the face of military threats or a national emergency. However, the reasons Yoon provided for his declaration—opposition-driven impeachment efforts, budgetary clashes, and an increasingly fractured political spectrum—hardly constitute a national crisis of the magnitude that would justify such a drastic measure.

The events surrounding Yoon's attempt to invoke emergency powers are not isolated; they represent the continuation of a deeply ingrained political pattern, where martial law is not only a tool of governance but a reminder of a nation's struggle between democracy and repression.

The debate surrounding Yoon's leadership has drawn comparisons to previous impeachments in South Korea, particularly those of Roh Moo-hyun and Park Geun-hye. Roh, in 2004, faced impeachment over election law violations, though the Constitutional Court reinstated him. Less than a decade later, Park was ousted through impeachment over a corruption scandal.

Yoon, while not yet facing the same fate, is set to have his impeachment voted on today following his controversial declaration of martial law, which lasted only six hours and was rejected by lawmakers



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ers and the public. Whether or not he survives, South Korea remains trapped in a cycle of political crises, where democratic ideals clash with despotic impulses, reflecting a historical legacy that has shaped the nation for over a century.

To understand the scope of South Korea's political turmoil, one must look at the country's history with martial law—a tool that has long been used by political elites to stifle dissent and assert control.

South Korea's 20th century is defined by foreign intervention, division, and military rule. Following Japan's brutal annexation of Korea in 1910, martial law became a key instrument of colonial repression, aimed at quelling any resistance to Japanese imperial rule. The atrocities of this period, from forced labour to the sexual enslavement of women, left deep scars on the Korean psyche.

It was a time when the very concept of Korean autonomy seemed impossible, as external powers sought to mould the country to fit their interests. The end of Japanese rule in 1945, after World War II, did not herald peace for the Korean Peninsula. Instead, Korea was divided into two zones of occupation: the Soviet-controlled North and the American-controlled South.

The subsequent Korean War (1950–1953) left the country in ruins, its political and social fabric torn apart by the conflict. In the aftermath, South Korea was deeply reliant on American military protection, a dependency that would come to define the country's geopolitical position during the Cold War. But South Korea's reliance on foreign power

came at a cost. The U.S., though a key ally, often dictated the direction of South Korean politics, using its military presence to enforce stability while limiting the country's true political autonomy. By 1953, when the armistice was signed, the U.S. had established a major military presence in South Korea, which would grow over the coming decades.

This military dominance, coupled with South Korea's internal political instability, created fertile ground for martial law to flourish as a means of maintaining control. One of the most infamous instances of martial law came in 1961 when General Park Chung-hee seized power in a military coup. Park's regime, which lasted for over a decade, was characterised by authoritarian rule, but also rapid industrialisation, transforming South Korea into one of Asia's economic powerhouses.

His government used martial law to suppress political opposition and silence dissent, paving the way for further military interventions in South Korea's political life.

Even after Park's assassination in 1979, his successors continued to rely on dictatorial measures to control the populace, with the 1980 Gwangju Uprising standing as a stark reminder of the brutality of military rule. It was only after the uprisings of 1987, following widespread protests, that South Korea began its transition to a more democratic system—though martial law remained an ever-present force in the background, a reminder of the fragility of its democratic institutions.

The current political crisis, however, is not just about Yoon's leadership or the fractured state of

South Korea's political structure. It is also a reflection of the country's broader struggle with its geopolitical position. As the U.S. continues to view South Korea as a critical ally in its efforts to counter China's rise, the country's internal divisions risk undermining its role as a stable partner in the region. The growing U.S. military presence over the decades, with South Korea becoming home to the largest U.S. military base in a foreign country—Camp Humphreys—has been a key feature of this relationship. The presence of 28,500 U.S. troops, the THAAD missile defence system, and the constant military drills aimed at countering the threat from North Korea and China, have turned South Korea into a crucial outpost for American interests in East Asia.

In this context, the political instability surrounding President Yoon and his administration is more than just an internal affair—it is a matter of global significance. The U.S. cannot afford to let South Korea's internal divisions spiral out of control, especially as tensions with North Korea and China continue to escalate.

If South Korea cannot reconcile its internal political fractures, it risks becoming an unreliable ally in the eyes of its most important partner. This would have significant consequences, not just for South Korea, but for the broader geopolitical ramifications of NATO's eastward expansion and the "Pivot to Asia" strategy coined by former President Barack Obama, which continues to haunt Asian countries.

(The writer is a journalist and author. Views expressed are personal)

Hybrid model secures ICC Champions Trophy hosting rights

Pakistan's government approves a hybrid hosting model proposed by India, ensuring its role in the ICC Champions Trophy 2025

A pragmatic and groundbreaking decision has emerged from Pakistan's government corridors, approving its cricket board's acceptance of India's proposed hybrid model for hosting ICC events. This strategic approach, which includes matches at neutral venues such as the UAE, is a lifeline for Pakistan cricket. It ensures the preservation of Pakistan's hosting rights for the prestigious ICC Champions Trophy, scheduled from February 19 to March 9, 2025. Ultimately, cricket itself emerges as the ultimate winner. Millions of cricket enthusiasts across India and Pakistan are celebrating the International Cricket Council's (ICC) successful mediation. This reso-



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lution underscores the power of sports to bridge divides. The ICC had earlier warned of revoking Pakistan's hosting rights if it rejected the hybrid model. The enduring passion of fans-united by their love for cricket—remains unfazed by territorial boundaries. Matches between India and Pakistan, steeped in rivalry and emotion, transcend sports and become spectacles of patriotism and fervour.

In a parallel development, Jay Shah has been elected as the new ICC chief, marking a pivotal moment in global cricket governance. Shah's leadership promises transformative opportunities for the ICC, leveraging his vast experience as chairman of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the world's wealthiest cricket body. His election sets the stage for significant milestones, particularly in organising high-profile tournaments like the Champions Trophy.

For the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), this decision was a calculated move to avert potential isolation. Rejecting India's terms could have deprived Pakistan of the opportunity to showcase its hosting capabilities, particu-

larly given India's security concerns. The hybrid model, which splits matches between Pakistan and the UAE, provides a balanced solution. Pakistan retains its hosting rights while addressing India's apprehensions, thus averting reputational and financial losses.

Accepting the hybrid model aligns with Pakistan's long-term vision for cricket. It ensures that Pakistan remains a credible host for international events and preserves the opportunity to solidify its reputation. Additionally, the agreement likely includes financial assurances from the ICC, compensating for any perceived compromises. Successful implementation could enhance Pakistan's image as a reliable cricketing



hub, following well-received tours by Australia and England. The hybrid model offers a win-win outcome, balancing security concerns with hosting ambitions. While India's matches will take place at neutral venues, Pakistan retains the opportunity to host other games on its soil. This arrangement allows local

fans to experience international cricket firsthand. Furthermore, the PCB's insistence on reciprocity for events in India until 2031 demonstrates strategic foresight, paving the way for equitable future agreements.

Boycotting the Champions Trophy would have been a catastrophic misstep for Pakistan. Such a decision could have alienated the PCB from the ICC and key stakeholders, given India's significant influence in global cricket. The financial and reputational damage, coupled with diminished fan morale and strained sponsor relations, would have left lasting scars. By prioritizing long-term gains, the PCB has ensured its continued relevance on the international

cricket stage. Shah aims to introduce cricket to new markets such as the USA, China, and Africa, diversifying the audience and making the game truly global. His expertise in revenue generation could lead to record-breaking media deals, benefiting smaller boards through equitable revenue sharing. By integrating advanced technologies and data-driven strategies, Shah could modernize ICC tournaments, appealing to younger audiences and enhancing the game's global appeal.

As an Indian, Shah might face allegations of favoring BCCI interests. Ensuring inclusivity and addressing member concerns will be crucial. Balancing the dominance of cricketing giants like India,

England, and Australia with the development of smaller nations will be a key test of Shah's leadership. The ICC Champions Trophy 2025 holds immense promise under Jay Shah's leadership, with the potential to set benchmarks in competitiveness, innovation, and fan engagement. Pakistan's pragmatic decision to embrace the hybrid model ensures its pivotal role in this journey, preserving its cricketing ambitions while fostering international collaboration. Together, these developments signify a new era for the sport, uniting fans and nations under the banner of cricket.

(Writer is strategic affairs columnist and senior political analyst; views are personal)

S Korea's governing party head supports suspending Yoon's powers, making impeachment more likely

AP ■ SEOUL South Korea's governing party chief expressed support Friday for suspending the constitutional powers of President Yoon Suk Yeol for imposing martial law this week, in a bombshell reversal that makes Yoon's impeachment more likely.

During a party meeting, PPP leader Han Dong-hun stressed the need to suspend Yoon's presidential duties and power swiftly, saying he poses a "significant risk of extreme actions, like reattempting to impose martial law, which could potentially put the Republic of Korea and its citizens in great danger."

Opposition leader Lee Jae-myung and National Assembly speaker Woo Won Shik, said Kim Byung-kee, one of the lawmakers who attended the meeting, Kim said Hong told lawmakers he ignored Yoon's orders.

Workers' Union, one of the country's biggest umbrella labor groups, have started hourly strikes since Thursday to protest Yoon. The union said its members will start on indefinite strikes beginning on Dec. 11 if Yoon was still in office then.

Joint Chiefs of Staff will absolutely not accept it," Kim said. Kim became the acting defense minister after Yoon's office on Thursday accepted the resignation of Defense Minister Kim Yong Hyun, who has been hit with a travel ban and faces an investigation over his role in Yoon's imposition of martial law.

Taiwan's leader calls on China to refrain from threats

AP ■ TAIPEI Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te called on China to "open its arms rather than raise its fists" as he wrapped up his first overseas tour since taking office in May.

Taiwan and China split in 1949 during a civil war that saw the victorious communists take control in Beijing and the Nationalists setting up a rival government in Taiwan, an island of 23 million people about 160 kilometers off China's east coast.

China. The Taiwanese leader played up the distinction between democracies such as Taiwan and the US and authoritarian governments, noting Russia's military cooperation with both China and North Korea, including the dispatch of North Korean troops to Russia for the war against Ukraine.

Gaza ceasefire talks resume, says Hamas official

AP ■ ISTANBUL A Hamas official said Thursday that international mediators have resumed negotiating with the militant group and Israel over a ceasefire in Gaza, and that he was hopeful a deal to end the 14-month war was within reach.

Ceasefire negotiations were halted last month when Qatar suspended talks with mediators from Egypt and the United States because of frustration over a lack of progress between Israel and Hamas.

The Associated Press in Turkey. Another official familiar with the talks confirmed the return of Qatari mediators. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the negotiations with the media.

Since the talks broke down, there have been significant shifts in the global and regional landscape. Donald Trump won the US presidential election, and a ceasefire was declared last week between Israel and Hamas ally Hezbollah in Lebanon.

they must understand that we would be ready to use any means not to allow them to succeed in what they call strategic defeat of Russia."

Russia will use 'all means' to defend its interests: Lavrov

AP ■ MOSCOW Russia's top diplomat said in an interview with former Fox News host Tucker Carlson released Friday that Moscow doesn't want a war with the United States but will use "all means" to defend its interests.

Lavrov, the world's longest-serving foreign minister who has been on the job for 20 years, said that a recent Russian strike on Ukraine with a new hypersonic intermediate range ballistic missile called Oreshnik was a signal to the West that Russia is prepared to use all means to achieve its goals in Ukraine.

Washington's permission for Ukraine to use American longer-range missiles for strikes on Russian territory marked a dangerous escalation. "It is obvious that the Ukrainians would not be able to do what they're doing with long-range modern weapons without direct participation of the American servicemen. And this is dangerous, no doubt about this," he said, adding that

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NHPC Limited SCHEDULE. Table detailing tariff for Dulhasti Power Station, Sewa-II Power Station & Uri-II Power Station. Includes sections for generating station details and tariff schedules for various years.

China fine-tunes economic stimulus as it braces for new US administration

AP ■ BANGKOK

China is fine-tuning policies to rev up its economy as it braces for uncertain relations with the United States under President-elect Donald Trump, giving manufacturers a 20% made-in-China price advantage in sales to the Chinese government. The moves come ahead of a top-level annual economic planning conference scheduled for next week that will help set China's strategy for the coming year. The Ministry of Finance announced it is seeking public comment on the made-in-China plan until Jan. 4. To qualify, products have to be made entirely in China, from the raw materials stage to the finished products, it said,

although some components must just meet standards for a share of domestic-based production. Farm, forestry, minerals and fisheries products are excluded, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported Friday. Government procurement generally amounts to about 10% more of business activity in major economies. Under the program, companies will be given a 20% price advantage, with the government making up the difference, part of a series of moves to underpin stronger sales that also includes promoting insurance underwriting and easier

access to financing for e-commerce and small- and mid-sized "little giants" and "hidden champions." Shares in China have surged this week on expectations that the planning meeting will yield more support for the slowing economy as a revival in exports helps to compensate for a sluggish property market and subdued consumer spending. The Hang Seng in Hong Kong and the Shanghai Composite index both gained more than 2% this week. Before that closed-door meeting convenes in Beijing, Premier Li Qiang was due to hold a conference Monday

with heads of 10 major international organisations including the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and World Trade Organisation, the Foreign Ministry said in a notice on its website. The themes of the gathering focus on promoting "global common prosperity," "upholding multilateralism" and making advances in China's own reforms and modernisation, it said.

OFFICE OF THE REGULATED MARKET COMMITTEE, JUNAGARH.
At -Junagarh, Po.-Junagarh
Dist.-Kalahandi(Odisha)
Tender Call notice No. 97 /RMC dated:- 25.11.2024
Bid Identification no.01/RMC- Junagarh/2024-25
e-procurement notice/Invitation for bids

Sr. No.	Item	Details
1	The Sub Collector Dharmagarh-Cum-Chairman RMC Junagarh invites percentage rate bids in Double/Single cover system in ONLINE MODE only for work as detailed below:	
2	Nature of the work	Construction of building works and Agricultural Marketing Infrastructures
3	No of work	2 No
4	Bid Cost	Rs10000.00 online transfer.
5	Value of Tender	Rs 197.31 lakhs
6	Class of Contractor	B & A Class
7	Availability of BID Documents in the website	From 07.12.2024 to 23.12.2024
8	Last date/time of Receipt of bids in the portal	From 24.12.2024 up to 5.00 P.M
9	Date of opening of bid	From 26.12.2024 at 11.00 A.M
10	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersissa.gov.in . Any Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation of the Tender etc can also be seen in the website: https://tendersissa.gov.in .	

Sd/-
Sub-Collector, Dharmagarh-cum-Chairman, RMC, Junagarh.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Arandeep who is the owner of Property ID No. 1318FPPK7, area measuring 85 Sq. Yards out of 200 Sq. Yards, situated at Waka Wajua Ballabgarh, Dist. Faridabad, Haryana owner vide Transfer Deed dated 04.11.2024 (Doc. No. 5130) executed by Mrs. Babita and same to be finance & mortgage by Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited. That Original Sale Deed dated 30.11.2006 (Doc. No. 10063) executed by Mr. Ravindra Kumar in favour of Mrs. Babita and Mrs. Maya is Lost/Misplaced/Not available. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any Person having any type of claim/right/interest/creating mortgage over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, liens etc. **LUXEMBURG** LLF-B-938, Second Floor, Opp. SBI Bank Sector 2 Noida, UP-201301>Contact No: 920-269373

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of our client, Mr. Gangaram S/O Mr. Sitaram R/O H. No. DZ-586/1, Palwal, Dist. Palwal, Haryana. 121102. ("Owner") Mr. Sitaram was the owner of schedule property by virtue of Sale Deed which was duly registered with the concerned Sub-Registrar-Palwal as Document No. 3141, in Addl. Book No. 1, on 11.01.1979 is stated to have been lost, an FIR dated 05.12.2024 (Haryana Police Citizen Services) bearing Application No. 132607/240165 was also lodged. (LOST SALE DEED DOCUMENTS). Public are warned not to deal with the Document and any person receiving or dealing with the said Document would do so at their own risk and responsibility (including criminal liability) and our client shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such person(s) on account of any such unauthorized dealing, our client will proceed to take such action including applying to concerned authorities for issue of duly Certified Copies / Certified True Copies/Duplicate Copies of the Document.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Property (ID-3PCW02), area measuring-108.450 sq. yds., Situated at Land of Late Durga Mausa Palwal (Barbar Kaza) Not Mohalla Gupta Ganj Market) Had Nagar Panisad Palwal Tehsil & Distt. Palwal.
Sachin Maheshwari & Associates (SMA) Law Offices, Sachin Maheshwari Advocate, Bar, New Delhi.
Mob. 9911380328 / Ph: 011-69653588.

कार्यालय नगर पालिका परिषद, दमोह (म.प्र.)

--:: निविदा सूचना ::--
क्रं./न.पा./2024-25/2212 दमोह दिनांक 14.11.2024

एतद् द्वारा सर्वसम्पन्न श्रेणी में पंजीकृत टेकेदारों से अधोलिखित विवरण अनुसार प्रशस्त दर पर ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र.	NIT No./Tender No.	कार्य का नाम एवं विवरण	अनुमानित लागत	अमानत राशि	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य	समयावधि
1	2024_UAD_382485 Date 20.11.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF RCC DRAINS UNDER SDMF SCHEMES FROM SICHAI COLONY TO KILLAI NAKA	108.75 लाख	रु. 60000	13000	6 माह
2	2024_UAD_382830 Date 20.11.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF RCC DRAINS UNDER SDMF SCHEMES FROM KN COLLEGE TO KILLAI NAKA	97.31 लाख	रु. 73000	10000	6 माह
3	2024_UAD_382903 Date 20.11.2024	CONSTRUCTION OF RCC DRAINS UNDER SDMF SCHEMES BAJARIYA WARD 5 PULIYA TO KANKALI MATA MANDIR	101.15 लाख	रु. 52000	13000	6 माह

नोट :- कार्य क्र. 01 हेतु-निविदा प्रपत्र केवल ऑनलाईन ई-टेंडरिंग पोर्टल www.mptenders.gov.in दिनांक 20.11.2024 को सुबह 10:30 बजे से दिनांक 26.12.2024 को शाम 17:30 बजे तक क्रय किये जा सकते हैं।

- इच्छुक निविदादाता विस्तृत निविदा एवं अन्य समस्त जानकारी ई-टेंडरिंग पोर्टल www.mptenders.gov.in पर Key-Date अनुसार देखी जाकर निविदा प्रपत्र ऑनलाईन क्रय किये जा सकते हैं।
- निविदा में यदि कोई संशोधन होता है तो केवल ऑनलाईन प्रकाशित किया जावेगा समाचार पत्र में नहीं।
- समस्त करों की कटौतियाँ शासन नियमानुसार की जावेगी।

मुख्य नगर पालिका अधिकारी
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PUBLIC NOTICE
General public is hereby informed that (1) Mrs. Waryam Kaur W/o S. Savinder Singh, (2) S. Banti Singh S/O Mr. Harmandir Singh Sethi & (3) Mrs. Jayanti Singh are intending to sell their Floor with roof rights, on Eastern side built-up property bearing No. S-2220, bearing Plot No. 85, land area measuring 100 Sq. Yards out of 200 Sq. Yards, out of Khaza No. 1 etc., situated in the area of village Jambhali colony known as Old Mahabhar Nagar, New Delhi-110018. The said property is being mortgaged to Mrs. Charanpreet Kaur to be financed by Hero Housing Finance Limited. Unfortunately, Late Ramesh Kumar Bakshi died intestate leaving behind the following legal heir only one his wife Mrs. Renu Bakshi and Mrs. Renu Bakshi shall have no objection regarding sale of aforesaid property by (1) Mrs. Waryam Kaur W/o S. Savinder Singh, (2) S. Banti Singh S/O Mr. Harmandir Singh Sethi & (3) Mrs. Jayanti Singh. If any person(s) have any objection(s) or claim in this property, then contact the undersigned within 14 days from date of this notice on below address, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of the aforesaid property. **Rajesh Tiwari, Advocate, C-530, Palatial House Courts, New Delhi-110001** Mob.-991-626678888

सर्वसंज्ञक सूचना
सर्वसंज्ञक को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरा सुविक्रित श्री फडिम अली पुत्र श्री बुनियाद अली निवासी मकान नं० 68, दूसरी मंजिल, श्रदानन्द मार्ग, जी.बी. रोड, दिल्ली-110006 पर काबिज है। अगर कोई भी व्यक्ति उपरोक्त प्रॉपर्टी को खरीद फरोख्त करता है तो मैं अपने सुविक्रित द्वारा यह सर्वसंज्ञक को सूचित करना चाहता हूँ कि लॉज की अवधि खत्म होने से पहले मेरा सुविक्रित प्रॉपर्टी खाली नही करेगा और न ही मैं सुविक्रित पर कोई कानूनी कार्यवाही हो सकती है। इसके बावजूद कोई भी व्यक्ति इस प्रॉपर्टी को खरीद फरोख्त करता है तो वह स्वयं जिम्मेदार होगा।
Kulbhushan Kataria (Advocate)
S-85, P.S. Rathi Block, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54, M: 7982184631

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Azeem Khan had acquired Third Floor with roof rights, area measuring 75 sq. yards, part of property bearing No. 3447, situated at Dariba Pan, Paharganj, New Delhi vide G.P. Dt. 16.06.2022 along with AT&S Amp; Will executed by Mr. Rajender Singh, Mr. Tharvinder Singh & Mrs. Ranjana Arora and Now Mr. Azeem Khan is the undisputed owner of the said property.
OR
Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance whatsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.
Ajay Kumar Giri, (Advocate) H. No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to public at large that my client Smt. Parwati wife of Late Shri. Meer Singh resident of A-286, Kusum Pur Pahari, Kusum Pur, South West Delhi, Delhi-110057, is disowning and disinherited their son namely Sanjay and daughter-in-law namely Jyoti from all my moveable & immovable properties and have also severed all their relations from them. Therefore my client shall not be responsible for any act and conduct done by them in future.
(Ombir Sangwan) Advocate
Ch.No.5 Patiala House Court N.D.-110001

DEVELOPMENT OF CIRCULATING ROAD
E-Tender Notice No. KIR/GSA/19 of 2024 Dated: 05-12-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Brief Description of work:** ABSS: Development of circulating area, approach road, toilet unit, Portico, facade at Labha station of Kathir Division. **Tender Value:** ₹ 4,42,00,734.30. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 3,71,000/- . **Date & Time of closing of Tender:** 15.00 hrs. of 30-12-2024 & will be opened at 15.30 hrs. of 30-12-2024. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs. of 30-12-2024 in website www.ireps.gov.in
Dr. Chy. Diolik Project Manager (Gati Shakti), Kathir
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सार्वजनिक सूचना
सूचना नगर निगम मध्यम के भवन कर रिफॉर्म में आईडिओ नो. ICSNAH22 विरसा पत्रा 11-B, Agora Tower, Tata Raisina Residency, Raisina, Gurugram, 122102 की सम्पत्ति कर रिफॉर्म में तब्दीली हेतु USHA AHLAWADI ने आवेदन किया है। यह रिफॉर्म समितिकर रिफॉर्डिंग USHA AHLAWADI AND OM PARKASH AHLAWADI के नाम निम्नप्रकार से करें है। OM PARKASH AHLAWADI की मूल्य विवरण 16-09-2024 को हो चुकी है। तदवतरान उनके कानूनी वारिसान Wife है। तदवतरान उनके Wife ने Registered Will की प्रति को सबूत के तौर पर शां कर उक्त सम्पत्ति कर रिफॉर्म में तब्दीली के लिये आवेदन किया है।
उपरोक्त सम्पत्ति कर रिफॉर्डिंगमें आईडिओ N o . ICSNAH22 को USHA AHLAWADI W/O OM PARKASH AHLAWADI के नाम दर्ज करने हेतु रिफॉर्डिंग की भी व्यक्ति को कोई विचार है तो वह प्रकटन करे। 30 दिन के अंदर अलग अलग अधोदस्तावेजी को प्रस्तुत कर सकता है। यदि 30 दिन के अंदर कोई आपत्ति इस कार्यालय में प्राप्त नहीं होती है तो उपरोक्त सम्पत्ति कर रिफॉर्डिंग में आवेदन अनुसार तब्दीली कर दी जायेगी इसके लिये नगर निगम उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। सूचित हो।
हरशांकर-केपि करताराम अडिक्टर-IV
नगर निगम मध्यम

NOTICE
We M/s Alsiraa International, holding Registration Certificate, No. B-0992/DEL/PART/1000 PLUS/3/4781/96, Under the Emigration Act, 1963 for Export of Manpower, have closed our Business with effect from 01.04.2020. In the event there is any claim against us, the same may be referred with in 30 days of publication of this notice, copies of the complaint may also be sent to Protector General of Emigrants, Ministry of External Affairs, Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, Dr. Jose P. Rizal Marg, New Delhi-110021.
Mehmood I.H Managing Partner
11-J, 11th Floor, Gopala Tower, 25, Rajendra Place New Delhi -110008

Sl. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / END (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/PHONE
1	HSDC	REPAIR AND REHABILITATION OF STRUCTURE FALLING IN THE MANESAR PALM SECTION FROM	09.12.2024 30.12.2024	BID SECURITY/TENDER DOCUMENT FEES/SERVICE CHARGES (IN RS.) 49,79,002/- 15,00,000/-	www.hsdcof.org	855862923 hseps@hsdc.org.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in 13/2024/40/30847N/2717

Iran says it conducted successful space launch

AP ■ MANAMA (BAHRAIN)

Iran said Friday it conducted a successful space launch, the latest for its programme the West alleges improves Tehran's ballistic missile programme. Iran conducted the launch using its Sirmorgh programme, a satellite-carrying rocket that had had a series of failed launches. The launch took place at Iran's Imam Khomeini Spaceport in rural Semnan province. There was no immediate independent confir-

mation the launch was successful. The announcement comes as heightened tensions grip the wider Middle East over Israel's continued war on Hamas in the Gaza Strip and as an uneasy ceasefire holds in Lebanon. The United States has previously said Iran's satellite launches defy a UN Security Council resolution and called on Tehran to undertake no activity involving ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons. UN sanctions related to Iran's ballistic missile

programme expired in October 2023. Under Iran's relatively moderate former President Hassan Rouhani, the Islamic Republic slowed its space programme for fear of raising tensions with the West. The late hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi, a protégé of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, pushed the programme forward. Iran's reformist President Masoud Pezeshkian, who has been signalling he wants to negotiate with the West over sanctions, has yet

to offer strategy when it comes to Iran's ambitions in space. Intercontinental ballistic missiles can be used to deliver nuclear weapons. Iran is now producing uranium close to weapons-grade levels after the collapse of its nuclear deal with world powers. Tehran has enough enriched uranium for "several" nuclear weapons, if it chooses to produce them, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency repeatedly has warned.

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SCHEDULE

[To be published in pursuance of Clause (7) of Regulation 23 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2023].

- The Petitioner above-named has filed a petition before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of tariff for **Salal Power Station, Tanakpur Power Station, Chamera - I Power Station, Uri - I Power Station, Chamera - II Power Station, Dhauliganga Power Station, Chamara - III Power Station and Parbati - III Power Station.**
- The beneficiaries of the generating station are states of:

i) PSPCL - Punjab	ii) BRPL, BYPL & TPDDL - Delhi	iii) UPCL - Uttarakhand
iv) HPSEB - Himachal Pradesh	v) HPPC - Haryana	vi) Engg. Dept. - UT Chandigarh
vii) UPPCL - Uttar Pradesh	viii) JVVNL, JdVVNL & AVVNL - Rajasthan	ix) PDD - J&K

	Salal Power Station	Tanakpur Power Station	Chamera - I Power Station	Uri - I Power Station	Chamera - II Power Station	Dhaultiganga Power Station	Chamera - III Power Station	Parbati - III Power Station
3. Capacity of the generating station	690 MW	94.2 MW	540 MW	480 MW	300 MW	280 MW	231 MW	520 MW
4. Approved capital cost of the project	₹101517.90 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 02.08.2024 in review petition no. 11/RP/2023 in petition no. 229/GT/2020	₹41819.95 Lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 30.11.2022 in Review Petition 15/RP/2023 in petition no. 144/GT/2020	₹2,08,496.86 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 30.11.2022 in petition No. 145/GT/2020	₹343242.07 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 31.07.2024 in petition no. 31/RP/2023 in petition no. 255/GT/2020	₹202508.06 lakh as on 31.03.2024 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 06.01.2024 in petition no. 291/GT/2020.	₹175318.24 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 18.08.2024 in petition no. 284/GT/2020	₹209224.86 lakh as on 31.03.2024 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 09.06.2023 in petition no. 642/GT/2020.	₹268863.76 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 31.03.2024 in petition no. 96/GT/2020
5. Authority which has approved the capital cost	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC
6. Scheduled date of commercial operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation
7. Actual date of commercial operation	01.04.1995	01.04.1993	01.05.1994	01.06.1997	31.03.2004	01.11.2005	04.07.2012	06.06.2014
8. Capital cost on the date of commercial operation	₹80341 lakh	₹357.68 crores	₹1969.76 crores	₹316614 lakh	₹195606.49 lakh	₹163139.66 lakh	₹199237.59 lakh	₹ 253864.11 lakh

8. Details of tariff: (₹ in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Salal Power Station		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	33002.83	37193.83	38212.44	39214.74	41867.09	44733.53
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Salal Power Station		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	44733.53	38534.34	40343.70	42219.41	44007.37	45921.10
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Tanakpur Power Station		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	12926.06	16525.28	17642.71	17746.87	18934.20	19932.77
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Tanakpur Power Station		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	19932.77	18238.91	19104.19	20152.09	21166.10	22135.16
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Chamera-I Power Station		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	32,903.67	32,930.19	32,580.59	33,224.32	35,933.20	36,770.60
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Chamera-I Power Station		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	36,770.60	37,570.28	38,997.53	40,939.16	42,798.05	44,284.09
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Uri-I Power Station		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	37571.93	42541.62	42273.18	43576.54	47885.01	48877.88
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Uri-I Power Station		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	48877.88	49875.76	51847.04	54135.80	55819.82	57447.84
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Chamera-II Power Station		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	26325.19	29271.22	29413.27	29826.71	32486.72	33529.07
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Chamera-II Power Station		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	33529.07	32419.05	33399.03	34477.17	35652.53	36842.77
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Dhaultiganga Power Station		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	24131.61	26487.40	25748.01	26223.81	28467.62	29089.68
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					
Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
	Dhaultiganga Power Station		2024-25	202			

GDP slowdown in Q2 not systemic, Q3 to compensate for moderation: FM

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The GDP slowdown in September quarter was not "systemic" and the economic activity in third quarter, with better public expenditure, is likely to compensate for the moderation, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Friday.



India recorded a 7-quarter low GDP growth of 5.4 per cent in July-September FY25. In the first quarter, the growth was 6.7 per cent. "It is not a systemic slowdown. It is more of absence of activity on public expenditure, capital expenditure and so on...I expect Q3 to make up for all these," Sitharaman said at an event here.

So, growth number is something which is not necessarily going to get badly affected, she added. "We need to push up on many other factors," she said adding India would continue to be the fastest-growing economy next year and thereafter. Growth momentum was low in the first quarter due to general election and reduction in capital expenditure. This has had a bearing on the second quarter as well.

In the first half, the government spent only 37.3 per cent of its capital expenditure target of Rs 11.11 lakh crore for FY25. The minister's comments came moments after the Reserve Bank of India sharply slashed its growth projection to 6.6 per cent for the current fiscal from 7.2 per cent earlier. Other factors affecting growth include plateauing global demand that affected export growth, Sitharaman said.

"Purchasing power of Indians is improving, but within India, you also have concerns of wages saturating. We are quite seized of these factors which might have a play on India's own consumption," she said. The finance ministry, in its Economic Survey for FY24, had estimated a GDP growth of 6.5-7 per cent for the current fiscal year. "We have a Prime Minister who looks at opportunities in each of the

challenges. During Covid-19, the challenge was seen as an opportunity for bringing in reforms. Five mini budgets were presented at that time, each of them giving relief, support and handholding on one hand and on the other making sure that small and overlooked pending reforms were taken," she said. Being the voice of the Global South for some time now, India will carry forward its role that everyone saw during India's G20 Presidency, she added. Every time Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes up an issue of global importance, he does consult the Global South and takes their concerns forward. Referring to the India-Japan relations, she said the two countries shared strong business ties. "Between India and Japan, other than just the governments, what needs to be sustained is the people-to-people and business-to-business interest. Despite some ups and downs, relationship between countries remains strong and at a stable level when people-to-people and business-to-business contacts are safe, strong and deepened," she said.

RBI to allow small finance banks to extend credit lines through UPI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Friday proposed to allow small finance banks to extend pre-sanctioned credit lines through Unified Payments Interface (UPI). UPI is an instant real-time payment system developed by NPCI for transactions through mobile phones. In September 2023, the scope of UPI was expanded by enabling pre-sanctioned credit lines to be linked through UPI and used as a funding account by commercial banks excluding Payments Banks, Small Finance Banks (SFBs) and Regional Rural Banks. Credit line on UPI has the potential to make available low-ticket, low-tenor products to "new-to-credit" customers, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said. SFBs leverage a high-tech, low-cost model to reach the last-mile customer and can play an enabling role in expanding the reach of credit on UPI, he said.



"It is, therefore, proposed to permit SFBs to extend pre-sanctioned credit lines through the UPI. Necessary guidelines will be issued shortly," he said while unveiling the latest bi-monthly monetary policy. The Governor also said that the Reserve Bank has been deploying traditional as well as new-age communication techniques as a key part of its toolkit to ensure transparency and greater impact of its decisions, explain the rationale behind its decisions, and disseminate various awareness messages to a wider audience. The Reserve Bank has been expanding the scope of its public awareness activities including through social media over the last few years. In continuation of this endeavour, the Reserve Bank proposes to launch podcasts for wider dissemination of information that is of interest to the general public, Das said.

RBI raises FY25 inflation estimate to 4.8 per cent



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The Reserve Bank on Friday raised the inflation projection for current fiscal year to 4.8 per cent from 4.5 per cent with Governor Shaktikanta Das saying lingering food price pressures are likely to keep headline inflation elevated in the December quarter. Consumer price index (CPI)-based inflation increased sharply in September and October 2024 led by an unanticipated increase in food prices. Core inflation, though at subdued levels, also registered a pick-up in October. Fuel group remained in deflation for the 14th consecutive month in October. "In the near term, despite some softening, lingering food price pressures are likely to keep headline inflation elevated in Q3," Das said while unveiling the December 2024 monetary policy. RBI said CPI inflation for 2024-25 is projected at 4.8 per cent, with Q3 at 5.7 per cent; and Q4 at 4.5 per cent.

CPI or retail inflation for Q1:2025-26 is projected at 4.6 per cent, and Q2 at 4 per cent. In the October policy, the central bank had estimated the inflation at 4.5 per cent for the fiscal ending March 2025. "Going ahead, a good rabi season would be critical to the softening of the food inflation pressures. Early indications point to adequate soil moisture content and reservoir levels, conducive for rabi sowing," the Governor said. CPI headline inflation increased from average 3.6 per cent during July-August to 5.5 per cent in September and further to 6.2 per cent in October 2024, which was the highest in more than a year, since September 2023. He further said the estimates of a record kharif production should bring relief to the elevated prices of rice and tur dal. Vegetable prices are also expected to see a seasonal winter correction. On the upside, Das said the evolving trajectory of domestic edible oil prices, following the hike in import duties and rise in their global prices, need to

be closely monitored. "The near-term inflation and growth outcomes in India have turned somewhat adverse since the October policy. The medium-term prognosis on inflation suggests further alignment with the target, while growth is expected to pick up its momentum," Das said. He further said persistent high inflation reduces the purchasing power of consumers and adversely affects both consumption and investment demand. The overall implication of these factors for growth is negative. "Therefore, price stability is essential for sustained growth. On the other hand, a growth slowdown - if it lingers beyond a point - may need policy support," Das said. The Governor noted that high inflation reduces the disposable income in the hands of consumers and dents private consumption, which negatively impacts the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth. The increasing incidence of adverse weather events, heightened geopolitical uncertainties and financial market volatility pose upside risks to inflation, he added. Das also said the last mile of disinflation is turning out to be prolonged and arduous, both for advanced and emerging market economies (EMEs). The government has tasked the RBI to ensure inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on the either side.

Air India Express on expansion mode

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Air India Express, the budget-carrier arm of Air India, is embarking on a significant expansion by increasing its fleet size and introducing new routes, as passenger growth remains robust. The airline, however, has deferred plans to launch direct flights between Kolkata and Dhaka, citing the ongoing political crisis in Bangladesh. "You would recall we had announced our operational plan for Dhaka, which is a new and significant market for us. But because of the situation there, we have deferred those plans," Alok Singh, Managing Director of Air India Express, said. "As soon as the conditions are right, we will resume those plans," he said. The airline had initially planned to launch the Dhaka services in September with six weekly flights. Despite the deferment, Singh said the airline remains committed to expanding its presence in the eastern sector. He said its international service flights to and from Kathmandu would begin with the summer schedule, starting the end of March 2025. Singh, speaking to reporters here, also said the airline sees strong growth potential, as daily passenger movement in India in November crossed the 5,00,000 mark. In order to tap the growth, it aims to increase the fleet size to over 100 aircraft by March 2025, up from the existing 90. Over the next three years, the fleet size is expected to grow



to about 175, Singh said. He also highlighted that Air India Express is part of the Air India Group, which has announced plans to acquire 470 aircraft at the group level in the next few years. Singh said the airline's network expansion would focus on short-haul routes within a 5.5-6 hour range, and on connecting metro cities with tier-II and tier-III destinations, to tap emerging opportunities. Air India Express currently operates 24 daily flights from Kolkata, which will increase by 10 in the summer schedule. The additions will include new routes and frequency enhancements to existing services. The airline also plans to increase its night halt capacity in Kolkata from seven aircraft to nine. Speaking about enhanced connectivity in the northeast, Singh said the airline will introduce a new flight connecting Dimapur with Kolkata. Patna is another destination for expansion, the top company official said. He said Air India Express will continue to strengthen its

presence in the Gulf and Middle East regions, while expanding into Southeast Asia. New destinations such as Bangkok, Singapore, Vietnam and Colombo are also under consideration. Singh said flights to Vietnam could start in the next financial year or the following year. The airline is also exploring opportunities in the CIS countries. Weekly flight frequencies in Kolkata and Bagdogra have increased by 37 per cent, rising from 168 last winter to over 230, he said. New direct routes from Kolkata include Port Blair, Indore, and Agartala, while new routes from Bagdogra include Hyderabad and Chennai. Air India Express operates over 400 daily flights, connecting 36 domestic and 15 international destinations. Its fleet comprises 90 aircraft, including 61 Boeing 737s and 29 Airbus A320s. The airline's market share in Kolkata stands at 12 per cent, and 24 per cent when combined with parent company Air India.

Maruti Suzuki, Mahindra to hike vehicle prices from January

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India and Mahindra & Mahindra on Friday announced plans to hike vehicle prices from January in order to offset the impact of rising input costs and operational expenses. Maruti Suzuki, the country's largest carmaker, will hike prices of its model range by up to 4 per cent from January. Mahindra & Mahindra is increasing prices of its SUV models and commercial vehicles by up to 3 per cent. Maruti Suzuki India said in a regulatory filing said that in light of rising input costs and operational expenses, the company has planned to increase the prices of its cars from January 2025. The price increase is expected to be up to 4 per cent and will vary depending on the model, it added. "While the company continuously strives to optimise costs and minimise the impact on its customers, some portion of the increased cost may need to be passed on to the market," it stated. Mahindra & Mahindra said it will hike prices of its SUVs and commercial vehicles by up to 3 per cent from January next year. The adjustment is in response to the rising costs due to



inflation and increased commodity prices, Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) said in a statement. The automaker has made efforts to absorb as much of these additional costs as possible however, a portion of this increase will need to be passed on to customers, it added. The extent of the price increase across different SUVs and commercial vehicles will be upto 3 per cent, the auto major stated. Similarly, JSW MG Motor India said it will also increase prices of its entire model range by up to 3 per cent from next month. The price increase is a result of continuously rising input costs and other external factors, the automaker said in a statement. "Our dedication to quality, innovation and sustainability remains a priority and drives us to improve our offerings continuously. In doing so, minor price adjustments are inevitable to offset the rising input costs," JSW MG Motor India Chief Commercial Officer Satinder Bajwa Singh said.



India's forex reserves jump USD 1.51 bln to USD 658.091 bln

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India's forex reserves increased by USD 1.51 billion to USD 658.091 billion for the week ended November 29, the RBI said on Friday. The overall reserves had dropped by USD 1.31 billion to USD 656.582 billion in the previous reporting week. The kitty has witnessed a declining trend in the recent past and had dropped by a record USD 17.761 billion in the week prior to the last. The forex reserves had increased to an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion in end-September. For the week ended November 29, foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves,

increased by USD 2.061 billion to USD 568.852 billion, the data released on Friday showed. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves decreased by USD 595 million to USD 66.979 billion during the week, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by USD 22 million to USD 18,007 billion, the apex bank said. India's reserve position with the IMF was also up by USD 22 million to USD 4.254 billion in the reporting week, the central bank data showed.

Sebi revamps investor charter to boost transparency, grievance redressal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Capital markets regulator Sebi on Friday unveiled an updated investor charter aimed to enhance investor protection, market transparency, and trust and confidence among investors. The updated charter has emphasised on ensuring confidentiality of investor information and providing the right to exit at fair and reasonable terms from the securities market related products or services. "Further, Sebi has strengthened the grievance redressal mechanism and alternative dispute resolution mechanism with the launch of SCORES 2.0 and SMART Online Dispute Resolution," the regulator said in a statement. In SCORES 2.0, investor complaints are taken up directly with Sebi registered intermediaries/regulators and the designated bodies for first level review, with the markets watchdog taking up all complaints at the stage of Second Level Review. SMART ODR portal facilitates online conciliation and online arbitration for resolution of disputes arising



in the Indian securities market. The revamped charter aims to enable investors to better understand the risks associated with market investments while ensuring their fair treatment in a timely and efficient manner. The regulator has urged investors to exercise diligence by engaging only with Sebi-recognised market infrastructure institutions and intermediaries. Investors are also encouraged to keep their contact and Know Your Customer (KYC) details up to date and address grievances within prescribed timelines. In line with its mission, the

markets watchdog has committed to streamline procedures to facilitate ease of investment while adopting innovative and digital solutions to modernise the securities market. The updated charter also details best practices for investors, such as maintaining transaction records, knowing the risks and fees associated with investments, and familiarizing themselves with the grievance redressal mechanisms. Further, the regulator advised against practices like making cash payments beyond prescribed limits or sharing sensitive account details.



Cargo traffic at major ports drops 4.95 per cent in Nov

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Cargo traffic at the country's major ports declined 4.95 per cent to 67.53 million tonnes in November, from 71.05 million tonnes in the same period a year ago, according to an industry body. Among these, JNPA and Deendayal ports reported positive growth, while cargo traffic at the remaining 10 major facilities saw a year-on-year drop, the Indian Ports Association (IPA) said in a statement. India has 12 major ports under the control of the central government. These include Deendayal Port (erstwhile Kandla), Mumbai Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), Mormugao Port, New Mangalore Port, Cochin Port,

Chennai Port, Kamarajar Port (earlier Ennore), VO Chidambarnar Port, Visakhapatnam Port, Paradip Port and Kolkata Port, which also includes Haldia. The cargo traffic at the premier container port JNPA grew 12.34 per cent during the month under review whereas Deendayal Port witnessed a 10.10 per cent growth year-on-year in November, IPA said. Cargo traffic at Mormugao Port declined 29.64 per cent last month, from last year and New Mangalore Port reported a 19 per cent year-on-year drop in cargo traffic, it stated. Other major ports, including Chennai, Visakhapatnam, and Mumbai, also saw a decline in cargo traffic in November over the same month last year, as per IPA.

Semiconductor chip import increased 18.5 per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The semiconductor imports in India rose 18.5 per cent to Rs 1.71 lakh crore in 2023-24, Parliament was informed on Friday. According to data shared by the Minister of State for Electronics and IT Jitendra Prasada, India imported 18.43 billion semiconductor chips in FY24. Citing the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIIS) portal, he said that in 2022-23, 14.64 billion chips were imported into the country at a valuation of Rs 1.297 lakh crore. In 2021-22, the country imported 17.89 billion chipsets worth Rs 1.071 lakh crore, according to the data. The Indian government has initiated programmes like the Semicon India to lessen reliance on imports by fostering domestic production and attracting foreign investments. The Semicon India programme has an outlay of Rs 76,000 crore for the development of the semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem in the country.

A CREATIVE RENAISSANCE

The Kiran Nadar Museum of Art hosted CentreStage Weekend 2024, highlighting young talent with performances spanning dance, music and culture, says SAKSHI PRIYA

Art is the only way to run away without leaving home," said Twyla Tharp and the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA) brought this idea to life through its CentreStage Weekend 2024. CentreStage Weekend truly brought this sentiment to life. The vibrant two-day festival was a celebration of youthful creativity, where tradition and innovation blended seamlessly, leaving the audience in wonder. With an eclectic mix of performances spanning genres like Kuchipudi, modern dance, jazz, Carnatic music, Welsh and Naga folk and Sufi traditions, the event was a powerful reminder of the incredible diversity within the performing arts.

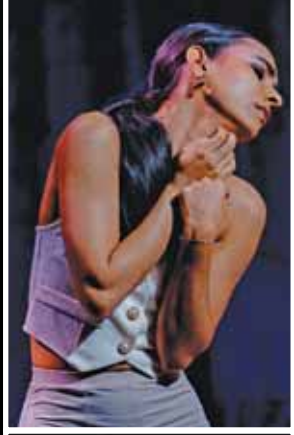
The first day began with a captivating Kuchipudi performance by Yamini Kalluri. Her graceful movements, coupled with the evocative piano accompaniment by Andreas König, set the stage for what was to come. The performance was a beautiful fusion of classical dance and contemporary elements, proving that tradition can evolve without losing its soul. Next, Wales musician Mari Mathias and Naga artist Seyievinuo Chuzho brought something truly special to the stage. Their collaboration, supported by the British Council, was a stunning cross-cultural exchange. The fusion of Welsh folk and Naga music offered a rare and refreshing glimpse into the power of music to transcend borders and create new connections.

As the evening progressed, the energy on stage only intensified. Kartikeya Vashist and Makrand Sanon's flute and percussion duet took the audience on an exhilarating journey, blending Indian classical music with jazz, blues, and world music. The performance was an exciting demonstration of how traditional sounds can be reimagined and revitalised, captivating both purists and modern music lovers alike.

The first day concluded with TAL FRY, a percussion ensemble that pushed the boundaries of Indian rhythmic traditions. Their experimental approach to percussion was a feast for the senses, offering not just sound, but a visual and emotional experience. It was a bold and striking finale to the evening, leaving the audience buzzing with energy. Day two continued the celebration of artistic innovation, starting with the GMI Ensemble. This group of talented students and alumni from the Global Music Institute delivered a high-energy fusion of jazz, Latin, pop, and fusion genres. Their performance was a testament to the creativity and versatility of the new generation of musicians. The soulful Carnatic performance by Spoorthi Rao and her ensemble followed, beautifully bridging the gap between ancient classical traditions and modern sensibilities. Her music was both deeply rooted in heritage and refreshingly contemporary, captivating the audience with its emotional depth.

The evening took a reflective turn with Mehtab Ali Niaz's sitar performance. As a maestro from the Bhendi Bazar Gharana, his mastery of the instrument and emotive playing brought the timeless beauty of Indian classical music to life, offering the audience a chance to reconnect with the profound richness of tradition. The weekend ended with a stirring performance by Jashn-e-Sufiana, a Sufi band from Delhi. Their ability to blend classical jugalbandi with modern influences created an unforgettable experience, where the ancient art form was reinterpreted for today's audience. It was a beautiful closing act, leaving the audience with a sense of emotional and cultural richness.

CentreStage Weekend was a powerful reminder of the immense talent and creativity of the next generation of artists. The event provided a unique platform for young performers to experiment with new forms while staying rooted in their cultural traditions, making it a truly inspiring and unforgettable celebration of the performing arts.



TEAM VIVA

The Delhi Classical Music Festival 2024 was a remarkable celebration of Indian classical music, held over three captivating evenings at the Shriram Centre, Mandi House. Organised by the Sahitya Kala Parishad in collaboration with the Government of NCT of Delhi, the festival brought together both legendary artists and rising stars, showcasing the depth and beauty of this timeless art form. The packed audiences each night reflected the lasting appeal of classical music in today's world.

The festival opened with Ojesh Pratap Singh, whose performances of Raga Bhoopali and Raga Nat-Bihag captivated listeners with their clarity and precision. Following him, Dr. Rindana Rahasya's presentation of Raga Kedar and Raga Kirwani brought a sense of tranquility to the evening. The night concluded with the legendary Padma Bhushan Pt. Ajoy Chakraborty, whose thumris and bhajans struck a chord with all who attended, leaving a lasting impression.

Day two of the festival continued to impress, with Kashish Mittal presenting Raagas Jhinjhoti, Sohni, and Adana. His Krishna Bhajan was a powerful way to end his performance. The audience was equally enthralled by Satayajeet Talwalkar, who performed a tabla solo full of intricate rhythms, demonstrating his exceptional skill. Deborshi Bhattacharya's performance of Raaga Abhogi and Raaga Jog was well



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received for its emotive depth and technical precision, earning him much praise.

The final evening closed the festival on a high note. Pandit Harish Tiwari's rendition of Raga Puriya Dhanashree was a blend of traditional compositions and a bhajan, creating a deep sense of connection with the audience. Shubhendra Rao's sitar performance of Kalyan Thaat Raga was both graceful and powerful, showcasing his technical mastery. The festival concluded with Vidushi Shubha Mudgal, whose performance was a fitting finale, leaving the audience mesmerised and filled with appreciation for the beauty of Indian classical music.

As the final notes of Vidushi Shubha Mudgal's performance echoed in the air, the Delhi Classical Music Festival 2024 drew to a close, leaving an indelible mark on all who attended. This three-day celebration not only showcased the talent of some of the most revered maestros but also served as a reminder of the timeless beauty of this rich tradition. With such an overwhelming response, one can only look forward to future editions of the festival, which continue to inspire, educate, and bring joy to music lovers across the capital and beyond.

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NATURE'S SPIRIT ON CANVAS

Sujata Dere's Earth Song explores the spiritual essence of nature, highlighting the strong connection between humanity and the natural world, says SAKSHI PRIYA



"In the quiet of nature, there is a song that speaks to the soul, A melody that moves gently, yet powerfully, through all living things."

Sujata Dere's *Earth Song*, recently showcased at the Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, beautifully embodies this concept. Through her paintings, Dere captured the serene yet powerful rhythms of nature, transforming horses, lotuses, and forests into symbols of spiritual connection. This exhibition invited viewers into a space where nature's essence was not only visible but deeply felt, echoing the sacred landscapes that inspired it.

Earth Song offered a captivating journey into the spiritual heart of nature. Dere presented her works through a meditative lens, where horses, lotuses, and forests each held significant symbolic meaning. The exhibition was a celebration of Dere's artistic growth and her bond with the natural world. The Equus series stood out as one of the most striking elements of the exhibition. In these pieces, Dere portrayed horses with dynamic brushstrokes that conveyed their powerful energy and their historical role in connecting cultures. The digital maps printed under the horses' forms added depth to the work, linking the creatures to a broader, more global story. Through earthy tones and glazes, Dere illuminated the horses with a glowing aura, giving them a sense of vitality and spirit that captivated viewers.

Dere's lotus studies were equally captivating. The lotus, often a symbol of purity and spiritual growth, was rendered in compositions that evoked tranquility and reflection. The delicate interplay of acrylic paints and aquarelle pencils created an atmosphere of light and

shadow, adding texture and depth to each piece. The lotus, a symbol of perfection, was given new life through Dere's innovative techniques, blending tradition with a contemporary touch. The forest series, rooted in Dere's deep love for nature, focused on the subtle beauty of the natural world. These smaller works, rich in texture and tone, captured the mystique of the forest with an



organic quality. Dere's spontaneous approach, allowing the paint to drip and blend, mirrored the fluid, ever-changing nature of the forests themselves. *Earth Song* was a celebration of nature's mysticism, and Dere's mastery in capturing its essence was both enchanting and inspiring. The exhibition offered not just a visual experience, but an emotional and spiritual journey. Dere's work encouraged viewers to pause, reflect, and reconnect with the quiet rhythms of the earth.


Australia 86-1 in reply to India's 180 at stumps on day one of pink ball Test

PTI ■ ADELAIDE
Australia reached 86 for 1 in their first innings after dismissing India for 180 at the end of the opening day of the pink-ball Test here on Friday.
Nathan McSweeney and Marnus Labuschagne were at the crease on 38 and 20 respectively when the stumps were drawn after 33 overs of play in Australia's first innings. The home side trail by 94 runs.
Opener Usman Khawaja was the lone Australia batter out for 13 off the bowling of Jasprit Bumrah.
Earlier, India were all out for 180 at dinner after playing 44.12 overs as the visitors lost four and six wickets in the first and second sessions of the day respectively after opting to bat.
Nitish Reddy top-scored for India with 42 off 54 balls, while KL Rahul and Shubman Gill contributed 37 and 31 respectively.
Yashasvi Jaiswal (0), Virat Kohli (7) and captain Rohit Sharma (3) fell cheaply while Rishabh Pant and Ravichandran Ashwin contributed 21 and 22 respectively.
Pacer Mitchell Starc was the wrecker-in-chief for Australia as he took six Indian wickets for 48 runs.
India made three changes with captain Rohit, Gill and Ashwin returning to the playing XI after missing the first Test which India won by 295 runs. Devdutt Padikkal, Dhruv Jurel and Washington Sundar made way for them.
Brief Scores:
India: 180 all out in 44.1 overs (Nitish Reddy 42, KL Rahul 37, Shubman Gill 31; Mitchell Starc 6/48).



Australia: 86 for 1 in 33 overs (Nathan McSweeney 38 not out, Marnus Labuschagne 20 not out; Jasprit Bumrah 1/13).

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F. No. R.21011/12/2020-EP(III)

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for the 01 posts for Member (quality assurance/ public health/ law/ patient advocacy) of Board of Ethics and Registration for Homoeopathy, and 01 post for Member (accreditation expert) of Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Homoeopathy for the National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH), 03 posts for Members of Homoeopathy Education Board for the National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) and 01 post for Part-time member for the National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH).

- Applicants must be less than 65 years of age as on closing date of receipt of applications.
- The last date of receipt of application shall be 30 days from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment Newspaper.
- Detailed advertisement and the application format will be hosted on the Ministry of Ayush website at www.ayush.gov.in and may be downloaded.
- A candidate applying for more than one position will have to fill separate Proforma for each position.
- Duly filled application in the prescribed proforma along with attested / self attested copies of all relevant certificates should be sent to the following address: Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, AYUSH Bhawan, B-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi, 110023, superscribing on the envelope "Application for the Post of(respective post) in the National Commission for Homoeopathy".

CBC- 17201/11/0016/2425

National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Corporate Office : First Floor, Tower-A, World Trade Centre, Nuroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029
Dated: 07.12.2024
F. No. NHIDCL/2(24)/Rectt. CS/2024/HR

National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'NHIDCL', has been set up by the Government of India as a Corporation under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways to fast pace construction/up-gradation/widening of National Highways in the North-Eastern Region and areas that share international boundaries with neighboring countries.

Applications are invited from dynamic, effective and experienced eligible Officers retired from the Central/State Public Sector Enterprises or working in Private entities for engagement as Consultant in NHIDCL on Contract basis for the following post:

Sl. No.	Name of the Posts	No. of Vacancy	Consolidated Salary*
1.	Company Secretary	01	Rs. 1,50,000/-

*Detailed advertisement may be seen at NHIDCL website www.nhidcl.com.

Col. Vivek Jain (Retd.)
Dy. General Manager (HR)

CBC 37112/12/0016/2425

BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE, BUILDING THE NATION

NHPC Limited
(A GOVT. OF INDIA NAVRATNA ENTERPRISE)

NHPC Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad - 121003 (CIN: L40101HR1975GOI032564)

SCHEDULE

[To be published in pursuance of Clause (7) of Regulation 23 of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2023]

The Petitioner above-named has filed a petition before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for determination of tariff for Salal Power Station, Tanakpur Power Station, Chamera - I Power Station, Uri - I Power Station, Chamera - II Power Station, Dhauilganga Power Station, Chamera - III Power Station and Parbati - III Power Station.

The beneficiaries of the generating station are states of:

i) PSPCL - Punjab	ii) BRPL, BYPL & TPDDL - Delhi	iii) UPCL - Uttarakhand
iv) HPSEB - Himachal Pradesh	v) HPPC - Haryana	vi) Engg. Dept. - UT Chandigarh
vii) UPPCL - Uttar Pradesh	viii) JVVNL, JdVNL & AVVNL - Rajasthan	ix) PDD - J&K

	Salal Power Station	Tanakpur Power Station	Chamera - I Power Station	Uri - I Power Station	Chamera - II Power Station	Dhauilganga Power Station	Chamera - III Power Station	Parbati - III Power Station
3. Capacity of the generating station	690 MW	94.2 MW	540 MW	480 MW	300 MW	280 MW	231 MW	520 MW
4. Approved capital cost of the project	₹101517.90 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 02.08.2024 in review petition no. 11/RP/2023 in petition no. 229/GT/2020	₹41819.95 Lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 30.11.2022 in review Petition 15/ RP/2023 in petition no. 144/GT/2020	₹2,08,496.86 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 30.11.2022 in petition no. 145/GT/2020	₹343242.07 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 31.07.2024 in review petition no. 31/RP/2023 in petition no. 255/GT/2020	₹202508.06 lakh as on 31.03.2024 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 06.01.2024 in petition no. 291/GT/2020.	₹175318.24 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 18.08.2024 in petition no. 284/GT/2020	₹209224.86 lakh as on 31.03.2024 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 09.06.2023 in petition no. 642/GT/2020.	₹268863.76 lakh as on 31.03.2019 allowed by CERC vide order dtd 31.03.2024 in petition no. 96/GT/2020
Authority which has approved the capital cost	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC	CERC
5. Scheduled date of commercial operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation	Already in Commercial Operation
6. Actual date of commercial operation	01.04.1995	01.04.1993	01.05.1994	01.06.1997	31.03.2004	01.11.2005	04.07.2012	06.06.2014
7. Capital cost on the date of commercial operation	₹80341 lakh	₹357.68 crores	₹1969.76 crores	₹316614 lakh	₹195606.49 lakh	₹163139.66 lakh	₹199237.59 lakh	₹253864.11 lakh

8. Details of tariff. (₹ in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	33002.83	37193.83	38212.44	39214.74	41867.09	44733.53
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	44733.53	38534.34	40343.70	42219.41	44007.37	45921.10
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	12926.06	16525.28	17642.71	17746.87	18934.20	19932.77
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	19932.77	18238.91	19104.19	20152.09	21166.10	22135.16
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	32,903.67	32,930.19	32,580.59	33,224.32	35,933.20	36,770.60
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	36,770.60	37,570.28	38,997.53	40,939.16	42,798.05	44,284.09
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	37571.93	42541.62	42273.18	43576.54	47885.01	48877.88
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	48877.88	49875.76	51847.04	54135.80	55819.82	57447.84
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	26325.19	29271.22	29413.27	29826.71	32486.72	33529.07
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	33529.07	32419.05	33399.03	34477.17	35652.53	36842.77
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	24131.61	26487.40	25748.91	26223.81	28467.62	29089.68
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	29089.68	29044.03	29909.31	30870.23	31874.80	32830.94
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	37224.92	41548.88	41648.43	41415.09	42972.19	43032.82
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	43032.82	39647.61	31231.35	31931.30	32506.26	34666.51
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2018-19)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	50549.34	48,823.82	48,250.98	47,705.05	49,515.13	49,350.90
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

Sl. No.	Hydro Power Generating Station	Tariff for the previous year (2023-24)	Year-wise tariff sought to be determined				
			2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
1.	Annual Fixed Charges	49,350.90	49,965.91	50,082.05	49,981.58	38,590.12	40,442.07
2.	Primary Energy Charges	Primary Energy Charges are part of Annual Fixed Charges and is 50% of Annual Fixed Charges					

9. A copy of the petition made for determination of tariff is posted under 'Commercial' on the website: <https://www.nhpcindia.com>

10. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application filed by any person, including the beneficiary before through the e-filing portal of the Commission, with a copy to the Petitioner within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : Faridabad
Date : 29.11.2024

(Ajay Shrivastava)
General Manager (Comm.), Commercial Division

DELHI TANSKO LIMITED
(A Govt. of NCT OF Delhi Undertaking)
Shakti Sadan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002
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- The Petitioner above-named has filed a petition before the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, New Delhi for Truing up of Transmission Tariff for period 2019-24 and determination of Transmission Tariff for period 2024-29 for 400 kV D/C Bawana-Mandaula and 400 kV D/C Bannauli-Ballabhgarh Transmission Lines
- The beneficiaries of the transmissions system are:

(a) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Gurgaon, Haryana	(b) Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited, Jaipur, Rajasthan
(c) Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Ajmer, Rajasthan	(d) Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Jaipur, Rajasthan
(e) Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Jodhpur, Rajasthan	(f) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
(g) Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Patiala, Punjab	(h) Haryana Power Purchase Centre, Panchkula, Haryana
(i) Jammu and Kashmir Power Transmission Corporation Ltd., Janipur, Jammu	(j) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd., Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
(k) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd., New Delhi	(l) BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd., New Delhi
(m) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd., New Delhi	(n) Chandigarh Electricity Department, Chandigarh
(o) Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd., Dehradun, Uttarakhand	(p) North Central Railway, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh
(q) New Delhi Municipal Council, New Delhi	
- Line length of the transmission system:
 - 400 kV D/C Bawana-Mandaula Transmission Line: 23.801 Kms.
 - 400 kV D/C Bannauli-Ballabhgarh Transmission Line: 52.803 Kms.
- Approved/Audited Capital Cost of the project (Rs. in lakh):
 - 400 kV D/C Bawana-Mandaula Transmission Line: Rs. 3743.00 Lakh (as on 01.04.2019)
 - 400 kV D/C Bannauli-Ballabhgarh Transmission Line: Rs. 5904.00 Lakh (as on 01.04.2019)
- Authority which has approved the Capital Cost: NA
- Scheduled date of commercial operation: NA
- Actual date of commercial operation / Date of Acquisition:
 - 400 kV D/C Bawana-Mandaula Transmission Line: 01.07.2002
 - 400 kV D/C Bannauli-Ballabhgarh Transmission Line: 10.03.2004
- Capital cost on the date of commercial operation (Rs. in lakh): NA
- Details of tariff (Rs. in Lakh):
 - Truing up of Transmission Tariff for period 2019-24

Assets	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
400 kV D/C Bawana-Mandaula Transmission Line	598.36	578.91	557.27	564.78	557.13
400 kV D/C Bannauli-Ballabhgarh Transmission Line	931.34	911.26	880.32	897.36	889.78

(b) Determination of Transmission Tariff for period 2024-29

Assets	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
400 kV D/C Bawana-Mandaula Transmission Line	649.68	719.71	702.93	686.25	669.70
400 kV D/C Bannauli-Ballabhgarh Transmission Line	1137.44	1234.16	1211.04	1188.14	1165.51

9. A copy of the petition made for determination of tariff is posted on the website www.dtl.gov.in.

10. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the petition may be filed by any person, including the beneficiaries through the e-filing portal of the Commission, with a copy to the Petitioner within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Sd/-
K. K. Verma
General Manager (C&RA)
Delhi Transco Limited

Place: New Delhi
Date: 05.12.2024