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Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde with Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar flashes victory sign during a press conference as the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance secures victory. PTI

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Stunning a united Opposition that was confident of unseating the ruling alliance from power, the Bharatiya Janata Party-led MahaYuti on Saturday scored a historic victory over the Congress-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), by winning an astounding 233 seats out of the total 288 seats in the Maharashtra Assembly polls.

superlative feat than is far better than its own earlier stupendous wins in the 2014 and 2019 Assembly polls when 122 and 105 seats respectively. The BJP's allies, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-headed NCP — that won 57 and 41 seats respectively, also contributed to the MahaYuti's thumping victory. With 133 seats in its kitty, the ruling BJP has become a natural claimant for the Chief Minister's post. Notwithstanding Eknath Shinde's lobbying to retain the CM's post, it is quite likely that the BJP's central leadership will choose the current Dy CM as the new CM. The new CM will be

sworn into office on Monday. On the other hand, the Opposition MVA, comprising Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (Sharad Pawar), put up a pathetic performance by winning a meagre 45 seats. While the Shiv Sena (UBT) secured 20 seats, the Congress and NCP (SP) won 15 and 10 seats respectively. Such is the rout of the MVA in the polls that there will be no Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the State Assembly. Because, none of the MVA constituents, Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (Sharad Pawar), has won 10 per cent of the total 288 seats in the House to stake a claim for the LoP's post. Chief Minister Eknath

Shinde, his deputies Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar attributed a large share of the MahaYuti victory to its 'Mukhya Mantri Ladki Bahin Yojana' (Chief Minister's Beloved Sister Scheme) which was announced in the State Budget 2024-25. Under the scheme, the MahaYuti government had doled out an assistance of Rs 1,500 per month to all women (age 21-65 years) across state. Launched in August this year, a total assistance of Rs 7,500 reached 2.34 crore women across the state during the last five months at the rate of Rs 1,500 per woman per month. "I salute women across the state. The Mukhya Mantri Ladki Bahin Yojana proved to be a game-changer for us... Remember everyone wrote us off after the Lok Sabha polls. If the people, especially women across the state, have given us resounding victory, it is because of the development work and welfare schemes like the Ladki Bahin scheme, which helped us script an unprecedented win in the polls," Shinde said. One of the biggest takeaways from the polls that the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar-headed NCP, which are off-shoots of the vertical splits that took place in the united parties in June 2022 and July 2023 respectively — have proved electorally that they are better parties than the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena and Sharad Pawar-led NCP in terms of strength in the State Assembly.



Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren with his wife and JMM leader Kalpana Soren, and Congress Jharkhand in-charge Ghulam Ahmad Mir during a press conference after JMM-led INDIA Bloc won PTI

PRANAV PRATYUSH ■ RANCHI

In contrast to its Maharashtra Miracle, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) led by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) faced a huge setback in Jharkhand with the INDIA Bloc coming back with a resounding victory in the Assembly polls, results of which were announced on Saturday. The INDIA Bloc led by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) in Jharkhand registered victory in 56 constituencies. The JMM won 34 seats, four more than its 2019 polls tally, while the Congress managed to win 16 seats in the 81 member Assembly. The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), two other members of the coalition, also performed well by clinching four and two seats respectively. Both the parties had won just one seat in the 2019 Assembly polls. On the other hand, the BJP could barely secure 21 seats, which are four less than that of its 2019 performance. The NDA's major partner All Jharkhand Students Union

Party (AJSU), which contested on 10 seats, could only win one. AJSU Party president Sudesh Mahto was also defeated from his traditional seat Silli. Two other partners of NDA, Janata Dal (United), and Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), won one seat each making the NDA reach a tally of 24. Jharkhand Krantikari Lok Morcha (JKLM), a new political party formed by youth leader Jairam Mahto, won only one seat, but it made a significant dent into the traditional vote bank of both BJP and AJSU party, said political experts. Chief Minister Hemant Soren's wife, and MLA, Kalpana Murmu Soren, and his brother and MLA Basant Soren won their seats from Gande and Dumka respectively, while his sister in law Sita Murmu Soren, who contested on a BJP ticket from Jamtara had to face defeat. State BJP president Babul Marandi retained his seat, while former CM Champai Soren also won from Saraikela. However, former CM Arjun Munda's wife Meera Munda and former CM Madhu Koda's wife Geeta Koda had to face defeat in the polls.

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra began her parliamentary career in style by registering an impressive win in the by-poll held from Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency in Kerala, the results of which were announced on Saturday. When reports last came, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was leading by a mammoth majority of 4,10, 931 over her rivals Sathyan Mokeri Communist Party of India (CPI) and Navya Haridas Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The election of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was a foregone conclusion from the word go, and the only question asked was whether she would overtake the brute majority bagged by her brother Rahul Gandhi in the constituency. Priyanka Gandhi created a record by polling 6,22, 338 breaking the tally of Rahul Gandhi in the 2024 Lok Sabha poll from the constituency. Rahul Gandhi had won the seat by a majority of 3,64,422 votes and he quit Wayanad seat in favour of the family fiefdom of Rae Bareilly from where he had contested. Rahul Mamkoottathil of the Congress retained the Palakkad Assembly constituency by a thumping majority of 18,840 votes, defeating his nearest rival C Krishnakumar of the BJP. While Mamkoottathil polled 58, 389 votes, the BJP candidate had to contend with 39, 549 votes. The Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M) supported independent P Sarin, who had crossed over to the Left Democratic Front (LDF) from the Congress, was relegated to the third position as he polled 37, 298 votes. What made the victory sweeter for the Congress candidate was the majority with which he won the by-poll.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, and state BJP President Bhuwendra Singh Chaudhary addresses a press conference after the party won at least five of the state bypolls at party headquarters, in Lucknow PTI

BJP dominates by-polls across 15 diverse states

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its allies emerged victorious in by-elections across 15 states, securing 28 of the 48 Assembly seats contested. Among the most significant results were those from Uttar Pradesh, where Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's slogan "Bantenge Toh Katenge" (Division leads to defeat) delivered a decisive 7-2 victory over the Samajwadi Party (SP), dealing a blow to Akhilesh Yadav's PDA (Pichchra, Dalit, Apsankhyak) caste-based alliance. The by-polls, held shortly after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, were viewed as a crucial test of political strategies ahead of the 2027 Assembly polls in UP. The BJP's victory in Uttar Pradesh

reinforced the party's recovery after its diminished performance in the general elections, where the NDA won only 36 of the state's 80 parliamentary seats, a significant drop from 66 in 2019. For Adityanath, the by-elections were a matter of prestige, and the results showcased his ability to consolidate voter support across caste and community lines. The BJP's triumph in the Muslim-dominated Kundarki constituency in Moradabad was particularly striking. Despite the constituency's 65 per cent Muslim voter base, BJP candidate Ramveer Singh defeated SP's Mohammad Rizwan by over 96,000 votes. The SP retained its strongholds of Karhal and Sisamau, constituencies it has held for over three decades, but struggled to expand beyond these bastions.

The lotus blooms yet again

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is back with vengeance, crushed the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) to retain power, with an outstanding strike rate of over 86 per cent with 133 seats in Maharashtra indicates a tactical shift in the backdrop of the stunning victory in Haryana as its lacklustre show in Lok Sabha elections in the two states. This is the best ever performance of the BJP in the state. With 26.57 percent vote share, the BJP got votes of 16, 642, 993 which is more than the vote's shares of Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT). The stunning victory for the Mahayuti in Maharashtra clearly suggests that the brand of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is still the most powerful ammo that the BJP has in its armoury, which trounced the Opposition alliance that was clearly a frontrunner in the battle at the hustings in India's wealthiest state just about five months back. The victory has again put a seal of approval on Home Minister Amit Shah's tag as a "modern-day Chanakya and master strategist". The extent of BJP's dominance in this election can be gauged by the fact that the saffron party's projected score is more than double the tally of the opposition's MVA, which includes the Congress, Shiv Sena(UBT) and NCP(SP). But the million dollar question that arises in



PM Narendra Modi during the celebration of BJP's victory in the Maharashtra Assembly, several bypoll elections, at BJP headquarters in New Delhi PTI

Maharashtra now is who will be the chief minister of the state. Will Eknath Shinde continue to be the CM or his deputy and BJP's Devendra Fadnavis, who played a pivotal role in ensuring the saffron party's resounding win? The BJP-Shiv Sena alliance won the majority in 2019 assembly elections. The BJP won 105 seats, while the Shiv Sena (undivided) grabbed 56 seats. Overall, the two parties won 151 seats in 2019. The BJP had won 122 seats in 2014 assembly elections and 46 seats in 2009 and 54 in 2004. The BJP's strike rate is way ahead of all the other five players in the fray, including two of its allies. While the Shiv Sena is ahead in 56 of the 81 seats it contested, the NCP is leading in 38 out of 59 seats. There are other reasons which worked in favour of the BJP. It was also Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's "Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana" launched in

June that turned the tide in favour of the three-party ruling dispensation. Under the scheme, women in the state got five instalments of Rs 1,500 each till the elections. The impact was visible during polls as women came out in large numbers to cast ballots in the state, apparently helping the Mahayuti to register a landslide. The BJP also revisited its roots by working closely with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The RSS has held over 60,000 small meetings in the state and mobilised the BJP voters to come out and vote. The RSS, through special 65 friendly organisations, launched a campaign called 'Sajag Raho' - be vigilant, be awake, bolstering BJP's push in the assembly polls. The RSS had not been as much on ground in Lok Sabha elections with the BJP reportedly deciding not to field Sangh-recommended candidates in some seats. Worse, BJP

Cong now back in analysis mode, Third Front on anvil?



DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

In less than six months of improving its 'resounding' tally in the Lok Sabha as an elder brother of its alliance partners, Congress is back to its 'introspection' war room to analyse the electoral losses starting with Haryana followed by Jammu and Kashmir and now in Maharashtra and certain bypolls to give ammunition to its younger brothers of the INDIA Bloc to rethink of a Third Front to lead the show. "The results of Maharashtra are unexpected and we will analyse those in detail," said party's chief strategist Rahul Gandhi, who shall be again in the scanner after giving a face saving performance in this year's Lok Sabha where he managed to get a Leader of Opposition status which was deprived in the last two Lok

Sabhas. The poll results have further diminished the grand old party's role in the Opposition bloc as compared to its regional alliance partners. The party's strength in Lok Sabha also got reduced to 98 seats after it lost the Nanded Lok Sabha to the BJP in the bypolls. Congress however attempted to put up a brave front, and celebrate the expected massive Lok Sabha by-election win for Priyanka Gandhi in Wayanad. "Enough of coalition politics, I think the voters are looking only to the Congress and they are confused with too many cooks in the broth. Near future I also understand the way our electorates are behaving, very soon we will see only Congress and the BJP playing on the electoral turf," said a senior Congress MP on the latest poll results when asked what went wrong again after Haryana. In Jammu and Kashmir where the polls were held recently and now in Haryana and Maharashtra the grand old party continued losing space as it posted a worst-ever show in Maharashtra and ending up a distant junior partner to the in Jharkhand. Losing a big state like Maharashtra after the upset in Haryana is likely to weaken the grand old party's broad bargaining power in this era of coalition politics.

Ummidon Ke Geetkar Shailendra... Yunus Khan's tribute to a titan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Popular radio personality and writer Yunus Khan on Saturday said his book "Ummidon Ke Geetkar Shailendra" was born out of his desire to honour the legacy of one of India's most celebrated lyricists. The book, published by Rajkamal Prakashan, is an ode to Shailendra, who wrote the lyrics of many classic songs that remain iconic to this day, including "Awar Hoon" from Raj Kapoor's "Awaraz"; "Mera Joota Hai Japani" and "Pyar Hua Ikkraar Hua" from "Shree 420"; and "Gaata Rahe Mera Dil"

from "Guide". "The year 2023 marked the 100th birth anniversary of Shailendra. At the beginning of 2022, I thought about paying tribute to my favourite musician. Then the question arose, what would be the format of this project? "After much thought, I decided to pick some films and explore how Shailendra's songs reflected his times and the struggles of the 'little man' who had nobody on his side," Khan said. He was speaking at an event at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium. Khan said Shailendra's lyrics always carried hope, even in the face of adversity, and that



was the reason why he titled the book "Ummidon Ke Geetkar Shailendra". "He is one songwriter who never let

go of hope in any circumstance," he added. There are 21 chapters in the book, including one that details the role Shailendra played in Bhojpuri cinema. "He wrote the songs for 'Ganga Maiyya Tohe Piyari Chadhaibo', the first Bhojpuri movie, released in 1963," Khan said. Khan was joined by Sahar Khan, granddaughter of Talat Mahmood and author of "Talat Mahmood: The Definitive Biography". Zaman said the All India Radio played a huge role in the career of Mehmood, the legendary playback singer and ghazal maestro known

for songs such as "Hamse Aaya Na Gaya" (From "Dekh Kabira Roya"), "Sab Kuchh Loota Ke" (From "Ek Saal"), "Har Sham Sham-E-Gham" (From "Mera Salaam") and "Raat Ne Kya Kya Khwab Dikhaye" (From "Ek Gaon Ki Kahani"). "There is a whole section in the book that delves into the significance of radio. In the 1930s, Lucknow AIR was launched after Delhi, Lahore, Karachi, and Kolkata. He was 16 at the time and had always aspired to become a singer. He graduated in music, but his career began with Lucknow AIR, and that became his voice," she said.

A weekend of wheezing in NCR

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Residents of Delhi faced heavy smog and poor visibility on Saturday morning as air quality plummeted back to the 'severe' category, with an AQI of 412, while the maximum temperature was recorded at 29.4 degrees Celsius. Meanwhile, a thick layer of mist and smog blanketed the city during the morning and evening hours, reducing visibility. This decline in air quality comes after a brief respite on November 22, when the AQI was recorded at 371, categorised as "very poor." The National Capital has been logging hazardous air quality for over 20 days. According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), which provides hourly AQI updates, 20 monitoring stations, including Alipur, Anand Vihar, Ashok Vihar, Bawana, Chandni Chowk, DTU, Dwarka, Jahangirpuri, Mandir Marg, Narela, Nehru Nagar,



Patparganj, Rohini, Punjabi Bagh, Wazirpur, and Mundka, registered readings above 400, placing them in the 'severe' category. Nine recorded the city's air quality in the 'severe plus' category with AQI exceeding 450. At the same time, IQ Air data showed AQI at 464. PM2.5 concentration recorded 59.9 times the World Health Organization (WHO) annual PM2.5 guideline value.

AAP gets distinction in Punjab with 3 seats, Congress wins 1

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Reversing the trend of the Lok Sabha polls, the ruling AAP in Punjab won the Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, and Chabbewal Assembly segments while the Congress won the Barnala seat in the bypolls, the results of which were declared on Saturday.

Punjab bypolls were necessitated after the incumbent legislators were elected to the Lok Sabha earlier this year.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) managed to breach the Congress bastion in Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak, however, it lost its own stronghold of Barnala to the main opposition party. The BJP drew a blank in the bypolls as its candidates remained at a distant third spot in the four seats. Three of its candidates in Dera Baba Nanak, Gidderbaha and Chabbewal lost their security deposits. However, its candidate in Barnala put up a good fight.

The other main contender in Punjab politics—Shiromani Akali Dal—had stayed away from the bypolls.

With this victory, the AAP will have 94 seats and the Congress will have 16 in the 117-member Assembly. The Shiromani Akali Dal has three MLAs, the BJP two, and the Bahujan Samaj Party one. One seat is held by an Independent.

As the results came in, AAP leaders and workers burst firecrackers, distributed sweets and danced to the beats of 'dhol' while victory marches were taken out by the successful candidates in their respective constituencies. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann congratulated the people of Punjab for the "spectacular" victory in the bypolls. "We are working day and night honestly and without any discrimination for the progress and prosperity of Punjab. We will fulfil every promise made to Punjabis during the by-elections on a priority basis. Best wishes to everyone," he said.

In Gidderbaha, AAP candidate Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon defeated his nearest

rival Congress nominee Amrita Warring, who is the wife of Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring. In a keenly-watched contest, Dhillon defeated Amrita Warring by a margin of 21,969 votes. Dhillon secured 71,644 votes while Amrita, who was contesting for the first time, got 49,675 votes. BJP candidate and former finance minister Manpreet Singh Badal secured 12,227 votes while Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) candidate Sukhraj Singh got only 715 votes. Raja Warring represented this seat in 2012, 2017 and 2022.

AAP candidate Gurdeep Singh Randhawa won the Dera Baba Nanak seat after he defeated Congress nominee Jatinder Kaur by a margin of 5,699 votes. In the fierce contest between the Congress and the AAP, Randhawa secured 59,104 votes while Kaur polled 53,405 votes. BJP candidate Ravi Karan Singh Kahlon could manage just 6,505 votes as he trailed at third spot.

In the neck-and-neck contest, Kaur was leading from the third to the eighth round of counting. But later, Randhawa maintained the lead in the following rounds. Kaur is the wife of Congress MP from Gurdaspur Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, who represented this seat in 2002, 2012, 2017 and 2022.

Speaking to reporters later, Raja Warring claimed that the "diversion" of votes of Shiromani Akali Dal to the AAP in Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak seats was one of the reasons behind their defeats.

AAP nominee Ishank Kumar Chabbewal won the Chabbewal segment in Hoshiarpur. He defeated his nearest rival and Congress nominee Ranjit Kumar by a margin of 28,690 votes. Ishank polled 51,904 votes while Congress party candidate Kumar secured 23,214 votes. BJP's Sohan Singh Thandal was at the third spot with 8,692 votes. The Chabbewal bypoll was necessitated after Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal, who

was a Congress MLA but later joined the AAP, was elected to the Lok Sabha from Hoshiarpur. Ishank, a doctor by profession, is the son of Raj Kumar Chabbewal who represented the Chabbewal segment in 2017 and 2022 on Congress tickets.

However, the Barnala seat sprang a surprise for the ruling party as it lost to the Congress. Congress candidate Kuldeep Singh Dhillon defeated AAP nominee Harinder Singh Dhaliwal by 2,157 votes. In the multi-cornered contest, Dhillon secured 28,254 votes while Dhaliwal got 26,097 votes. BJP candidate Kewal Singh Dhillon secured 17,958 votes while AAP rebel and independent candidate Gurdeep Singh Bath secured 16,899 votes. Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) candidate Govind Singh Sandhu got 7,900 votes, as per the result. The AAP's chances in the Barnala seat appeared to have been dented by party rebel Gurdeep Singh Bath, who fought as an Independent after he was denied ticket. Bath secured

more than 16,000 votes. Barnala seat was seen as the AAP's citadel. AAP's Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, who is now Sangrur MP, represented the Barnala segment in 2017 and 2022.

AAP leader Harjot Bains said the "arrogance" of the Congress in Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak has been shattered. "This is a victory of public welfare work of the AAP government," he said.

The bypolls were seen as a litmus test for Chief Minister Mann as a victory was important for him because the AAP faced a drubbing in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls in which it could win just three of the 13 parliamentary constituencies in Punjab. The stakes were also high for the main opposition Congress as the wives of its MPs Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and Sukhjinder Randhawa contested the bypolls from Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak seats. The BJP was also looking to put up a strong show after it drew a blank in the general elections from the state.

Hry Govt to commemorate Constitution Day on November 26 with year-long celebrations

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Haryana Government has decided to commemorate Constitution Day on November 26 with year-long celebrations, marking the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution. A state-level function will be organised in Kurukshetra on November 26 to celebrate the Constitution Day in which Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will be the Chief Guest.

Haryana Chief Secretary Vivek Joshi on Saturday chaired a meeting with Deputy Commissioners, Vice Chancellors and senior officials of universities via video-conferencing and directed them to organise events on November 26 to celebrate the Constitution Day. Highlighting the significance of this historic milestone, Joshi said the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution is a fitting occasion to honour and acknowledge the contributions of the founding fathers of our Constitution. The commemoration aims to reiterate the core values enshrined in the Constitution of India and inspire citizens to play their rightful role in strengthening democracy, he added.

The Deputy Commissioners and Vice Chancellors informed the meeting that various events like quiz competitions, debates, poster-making contests, guest lectures, film screenings, wall paintings on Preamble etc. have been planned to celebrate the Constitution Day. Gram panchayats will also be involved in the initiative and mass reading of the Preamble in panchayats and Amrit Sarovar sites in rural areas will be organised. 'Samvidhan Swabhimaan Yatras' will be carried out in the state from April 14, 2025 to April 28, 2025 to propagate the contribution of Baba Saheb Dr. BR Ambedkar. The Chief Secretary emphasised that the events must involve NGOs, students, faculty members, Constitutional experts and prominent people of society for greater public participation and outreach on the anniversary of 75 years of adoption of the Constitution. He said the celebration would also raise awareness about the efforts behind the drafting of the



Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini greeting Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at his residence in Chandigarh on Saturday. Pioneer Photo

Constitution and highlight its key provisions. The year-long initiative will be conducted under the tagline 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhimaan' and revolve around four central themes: Preamble of the Constitution, Know Your Constitution, Making of the Constitution and Celebrating the Glory of the Constitution. Common citizens are also encouraged to participate in this campaign and they can upload their selfie on the website constitution75.com.

Punjab minister kicks off 21st Livestock census in state

PNS ■ Chandigarh

Punjab Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Minister Gurmeet Singh Khudian, on Saturday, kicked off the 21st Livestock Census in the state from Sri Muktsar Sahib district and said a total of 16 different species of animals and poultry will be counted during this census.

For the first time, census will also take into account the role of women in animal husbandry. This is for the second time, following 2019, that the Census will be conducted digitally, using mobile App for the collection of data regarding the animals, including their breed and other characteristics.

The minister said the department has designated one state nodal officer, five zonal nodal officers, 23 district nodal officers, 392 supervisors and 1962 enumerators to accomplish this extensive field survey. The enumerators will visit

around 65 lakh households to record the number of animals according to their breeds and other characteristics.

This would be for the first time that pet dogs will also be counted according to their breeds. Additionally, it will be for the first time that cattle in Gaushalas and those reared by nomadic tribes will be counted separately. During the census, information about farmers' dependence on the livestock sector will be collected, along with data on poultry and animal husbandry implements. The census is expected to be completed by February 2025. Director Animal Husbandry Gursharanjit Singh Bedi apprised the cabinet minister that all the officers concerned have been trained to conduct this census, while assuring that all arrangements have been made for smooth and impeccable census. The census will be helpful in framing the new policies for the welfare of livestock farmers of the state.

Himachal govt to consider ranking colleges, says CM Sukhu

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday said that the government is considering ranking the colleges of the state and a formula is also being prepared for it.


Presiding over a programme of the Alumni Association at Government Degree College in Sanjauli, he said that there are about 138 colleges in the state. He said, "We want to strengthen the facilities in the colleges and all other government educational institutions. The state government is emphasising providing quality education to the students and there is no dearth of funds for this work."

He said that an arts block, girls hostel and parking will be built in the college complex in two years. He also announced Rs 50 lakh to the Alumni Association. Many changes would be seen in the next budget where special emphasis would be laid on the field of education. He said that the previous governments looted the resources of the state but the present govern-

ment is making efforts to provide the benefits to the people.

Recalling the old days, the chief minister said, "I will always remember the time spent in this college. My media advisor Naresh Chauhan contested elections against me in college, but I won. All student organisations used to go on strike for their demands to strengthen the institution", he added. He said that the students of Sanjauli College used to come on the merit list and many students passed the PMT examination from this college. He said that the students should stay away from drugs and the state government was taking strict action against the drug mafia.

Sukhu said that new courses would be started for the students to build on their skills and get better opportunities for employment and self-employment. Justice Sandeep Sharma of Himachal Pradesh High Court said that it was good to meet his old college friends. He said that this institute has contributed significantly in giving a new direction to his career, for which he will always be indebted to the institute.



Nation Remembers
Hind Di Chaadar
Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji
on his
Shaheedi Diwas

November 24, 2024

“गुरु तेग बहादुर जी के बलिदान ने भारत की अनेक पीढ़ियों को अपनी संस्कृति के मान-सम्मान के लिए जीने और मर-मित जाने की प्रेरणा दी है।”
- नरेन्द्र मोदी

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NHRC notice to Telangana chief secretary, police head

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Taking cognisance of a complaint from the residents of Lagacharla village of Vikarabad district in Telangana, alleging police harassment, physical abuse, and false criminal charges, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued notices to the Chief Secretary and Director General of Police of the Southern State, calling for a detailed report in the matter within two weeks. In a statement issued here, the commission has observed that the contents of the complaint, if true, raise a serious issue of violation of human rights, which is indeed a matter of concern. The report is expected to include the status of the FIRs, persons in judicial custody and the villagers who, out of fear, are allegedly hiding in the forest areas without basic amenities. Citing media reports, the NHRC said that these actions allegedly occurred after the villagers protested the state's land acquisition for a proposed "Pharma Village" without following proper procedures. Most of the victims of the alleged atrocities claim to be from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities. The complaint has been submitted by at least 12 victims who visited the Commission praying for its intervention to save them from starvation in the matter.

SC panel on farmers protests suggests MSP, income support

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court (SC)-appointed panel on farmers' grievances and protests has filed its interim report, listing reasons for agrarian distress, which among others include stagnant yield, rising costs and debts and inadequate marketing system. The high-powered committee, constituted on September 2 under former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Nawab Singh to resolve the grievances of farmers agitating at the Shambhu border, also suggested solutions including examining the possibility of giving legal sanctity to Minimum Support Price and offering direct income support. While forming the committee, the SC had observed farmers' protest should not be politicised. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan on Friday took the interim report on record and praised the committee for its efforts and framing of the issues to be examined and defuse the agitation. In its 11-page interim report, the panel said, "It is a well-known fact that the farming community in the country in general and that of Punjab and Haryana in particular has been facing an ever-increasing crisis over the last more than two decades." The stagnation in yield and production growth since the mid-1990s, after the initial higher gains of the Green Revolution, marked the beginning of the crisis, said the report. The panel said the debt



on farmers and farm workers increased manifold in recent decades. "In 2022-23, institutional debt of farmers in Punjab was Rs 73,673 crore, while in Haryana it was even higher at Rs 76,630 crore as per National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in 2023. In addition, there is a significant burden of non-institutional debt on farmers, which is estimated to be 21.3 per cent of total outstanding debt on farmers in Punjab and 32 per cent in Haryana, according to 2019 report of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO)," the committee flagged. The committee also comprised retired IPS officer BS Sandhu, Mohali resident Devinder Sharma, professor Ranjit Singh Ghuman and Punjab Agriculture University agricultural economist Dr Sukhpal Singh. It said that declining net farm productivity, rising production costs, inadequate marketing system and shrinking farm employment have contributed to the deceleration in

farm income growth. Small and marginal farmers along with farm workers are the most affected and vulnerable segments of this economic squeeze, it said. "As a matter of fact, rural society as a whole is under severe economic stress. At the national level, 46 per cent of total workers are absorbed in agriculture whose share in income is only 15 per cent," it said. "Not only this, there is a very high rate of disguised unemployment and a large number of unpaid family workers. A significant proportion among them is working-poor." The panel also said climate catastrophe and the resulting severity of the environmental changes, including depleting water table, frequent dry spells, excess rainfall pattern in some regions, heat waves etc., are impacting the farm sector and the food security in a big way. Management of crop-residue too has become a serious challenge in agriculture, it said. In its 11-page interim report, the panel said that additional-

ly, the farming community across the country is struggling with a suicide epidemic. "In India, more than 4 lakh farmers and farm workers have committed suicides since 1995 when the National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB) began collecting the data. In Punjab, a house-to-house survey conducted by three public sector universities recorded a total of 16,606 suicides among farmers and farm workers in 15 years, between 2000 and 2015. The study has revealed that most of the suicides were committed by small and marginal farmers and landless farm workers, high indebtedness being the major reason," it said. The panel formulated 11 issues for the consideration of the apex court in pursuant to its September 2 order. Among the major issues include measures to revitalise agriculture, examining the systemic and fundamental reasons for increasing indebtedness which is aggravating the agrarian crisis, farmers' distress and the causes behind growing unrest among the farmers and rural society. "This will help in rebuilding trust between farmers and the government," it said, and added that the growing debt crisis needs special attention in order to provide relief to debt-stricken farmers and farm workers. The panel said there is a need to examine "the profitability of farm sector through the mechanism of assuring remunerative prices that includes inter alia Minimum Support Price (MSP), direct income support and other viable approaches.

AAP wrests Congress seats in Punjab by-poll

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI, CHANDIGARH



In a boost to the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab, the party wrested three Assembly by-polls in Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak and Chabbewal, all three of which were vacated by Congress MLAs who were elected to the Lok Sabha while the Congress won the Barnala seat in the by-polls. With this victory, the AAP will have 94 seats and the Congress will have 16 in the 117-member Assembly. The AAP managed to breach the Congress bastion in Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak segments, however, it lost its own stronghold of Barnala Assembly segment to the main Opposition party. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) drew a blank in the by-polls as its candidates remained at a distant third spot in the four seats. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) had stayed away from the by-polls. The by-polls, which took place on November 20, were necessitated after the incumbent legislators were elected to the Lok Sabha earlier this year. The by-polls were seen as a litmus test for Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann, as a victory was important for him because his party faced a drubbing in the 2024 Lok Sabha election, in which it could win just three of the 13 Parliamentary constituencies in Punjab. The stakes were also high for the main opposition, Congress. Prestige was at stake for its MPs, Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and Sukhjinder Randhawa, whose wives contested the by-polls from Gidderbaha and Dera Baba Nanak seats, respectively. The BJP was also looking to put up a strong show in the by-polls after it drew a blank in the General Election from the state. As the results came in, AAP leaders and workers burst fire-crackers, distributed sweets and danced to the beats of dhol, while victory marches were

taken out by the successful candidates in their respective constituencies. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann congratulated the people of Punjab for the "spectacular" victory in the by-polls. "Under the leadership of @ArvindKejriwal ji, Aam Aadmi Party is touching new heights day by day across the country. We are working day and night honestly and without any discrimination for the progress and prosperity of Punjab. We will fulfil every promise made to Punjabis during the by-elections on a priority basis. Best wishes to everyone," he posted on X. AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal, posted on X, the people of Punjab have once again expressed their faith in the ideology of the AAP and the work of the state government by giving three out of four seats to his party in the by-polls. In Gidderbaha, AAP candidate Hardeep Singh Dhillon defeated his nearest rival Congress nominee Amrita Warring, who is the wife of Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring. In a three-cornered contest, Dhillon defeated Congress nominee Amrita Warring by a margin of 21,969 votes. Dhillon secured 71,644 votes while Amrita got 49,675 votes. BJP candidate and former finance minister Manpreet Singh Badal secured 12,227 votes while SAD candidate Sukhraj Singh got only 715 votes.

AAP nominee Ishank Kumar Chabbewal won the Chabbewal segment in Hoshiarpur. He defeated his nearest rival and Congress nominee Ranjit Kumar by a margin of 28,690 votes. Ishank polled 51,904 votes while Congress party candidate Kumar secured 23,214 votes. BJP's Sohan Singh Thandal was on the third spot with 8,692 votes. The Chabbewal by-poll was necessitated after Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal, who was a Congress MLA but later joined the AAP, was elected to the Lok Sabha from Hoshiarpur. Ishank, who is the son of Raj Kumar Chabbewal who represented the Chabbewal segment in 2017 and 2022 on Congress tickets. AAP candidate Gurdeep Singh Randhawa won the Dera Baba Nanak seat after he defeated Congress nominee Jatinder Kaur by a margin of 5,699 votes. In the fierce contest between the Congress and the AAP, Randhawa secured 59,104 votes while Kaur polled 53,405 votes. BJP candidate Ravi Karan Singh Kahlon could manage just 6,505 votes as he trailed at third spot. In the neck-and-neck contest, Kaur was leading from the third to the eighth round of counting. But later, Randhawa maintained the lead in the following rounds. Kaur is the wife of Congress MP from Gurdaspur Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, who represented this seat in 2002, 2012, 2017 and 2022.

Campaign against gender-based violence by Shivraj

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Rural Development and Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will launch the third edition of Nayi Chetna-Pahal Badlaav Ki, a national campaign against gender-based violence on November 25, an official statement said. Minister of Women and Child Development Annpurna Devi will also be present at the event in "a collective effort of the government to eliminate gender-based violence," a statement from the Rural Development Ministry said. The month-long campaign, organised by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) under the aegis of the Ministry of Rural Development, will run across the country until December 23. This initiative, led by DAY-NRLM's extensive Self-Help Group (SHG) network, embodies the spirit of Jan Andolan. The campaign is a collaborative effort and will witness participation of nine ministries and departments, including Ministry of Women and Child Development;

Health and Family Welfare; Department of School Education and Literacy; Home Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Social Justice and Empowerment and Information and Broadcasting. The Nayi Chetna campaign aims to amplify awareness and drive informed action against gender-based violence through grassroots initiatives. Since its inception, Nayi Chetna has mobilized millions nationwide, fostering a significant movement for gender equality and women's empowerment. "Rural Development Ministry said in the statement. They said the first edition reached 3.5 crore people, supported by multiple ministries, while Nayi Chetna 2.0 engaged 5.5 crore participants across 31 States and Union Territories, with over nine lakh awareness activities on gender-based violence conducted nationwide. "The objectives of the campaign include raising awareness of all forms of gender-based violence, encouraging communities to speak out and demand action, providing access to support systems for timely assistance and empowering local institutions to act decisively against violence," the Ministry said.

National Cadet Corps completes 76 years today

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) has completed 76 years of its existence and made commendable efforts in increasing the strength of cadets, the defence ministry said on Saturday asserting that the Corps will touch the strength of 20 lakh in coming years. The largest uniformed youth organisation in the world, the NCC was raised in 1948. The Corps celebrate its 76th Raising Day on Sunday, November 24, 2024 the ministry said in a statement. The NCC has made commendable "efforts in increasing the strength of cadets by 3 lakh and will be touching the strength of 20 lakh in coming years", Rajesh Kumar Singh, defence secretary was quoted. He laid a wreath and paid homage to the fallen heroes on behalf of the entire NCC fraternity at the National War Memorial in New Delhi. On the 76th Raising Day, cadets are participating in march past at various cities and are involved in various cultural activities. As per tradition, pan-India blood donation camps are being organised.

Ex-MLA files defamation case against complainant

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ SHIMLA

Chaitanya Sharma, a former MLA from Gagret in Himachal Pradesh's Una district, has filed a criminal defamation case against a contractor for accusing him and two others of cheating. Addressing a press conference in Gagret, Sharma said he has filed a criminal defamation case against Surendra Kumar who should be booked for offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act. On November 18, police filed a case of cheating and criminal conspiracy against Sharma based on a complaint lodged by Kumar accusing the BJP leader of cheating to the tune of Rs 8 lakh on the pretext of securing work in the Public Works Department (PWD). In his complaint, the builder alleged that Sharma's aides, Mahesh Yadav and Harshit Tiwari, got him to deposit Rs 6

lakh in an account besides taking Rs 2 lakh in cash from him for securing a contract in the PWD. However, he did not get the contract nor was the money refunded, Kumar claimed. Responding to the charges, Sharma said, "I did not receive any money and no amount was deposited in any of my accounts. I don't even know the person in whose account the money was supposedly deposited. If someone took money (for securing a contract), action should be taken against that person as per the law." "This is a political conspiracy against me, but I will fight against it," he added. Sharma was among six Congress MLAs who along with three Independents voted in favour of BJP nominee Harsh Mahajan in the Rajya Sabha elections held in February this year. Later, he joined the BJP and unsuccessfully contested the Assembly bypoll in Gagret necessitated by his disqualification from the Congress.

We are all minorities: Justice KV Vishwanath

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI



Supreme Court judge Justice SKV Viswanathan on Saturday said lot of misinformation is spread through mobile apps such as WhatsApp University. "Nowadays a lot of misconception is there. We have this WhatsApp University. We should not get carried away by such messages. Lot of truth decay is happening," Justice Viswanathan said. The judge was speaking at an event at OP Jindal Global Law University. In his speech, the judge spoke about the importance of defending the rights of minorities. He

encompassed with religion; but it includes linguistic minorities also. It is very important to protect these rights also. Whether we are judges, legislature or executive, have to defend to hilt," he said. Justice Viswanathan said that the performance of India's Constitution can be seen in its smooth functioning and greatness of its citizens. "There has never been any threat of secession and that shows the greatness of our people. Because our Constitution recognised equality, diversity and guarantees rights. We have course corrected on ADM Jabalpur," Justice Viswanathan added.

Kerala CM assures no one will be evicted from Munambam

PTI ■ THIRUVANATHAPURAM



Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday assured that no one would be evicted from Munambam village, emphasizing his government's commitment to resolving the issues in the coastal hamlet without causing any hardship to its residents. The Chief Minister gave this assurance during an online discussion with the Munambam Struggle Committee (Munambam Samara Samiti). He also said that the government is working to find a permanent solution to the land issue and assured that no one with proper documents will be evicted. In order to ensure this, Vijayan informed the committee that the government has decided to form a judicial commission. In the villages of Cherai and Munambam in Ernakulam district, residents have alleged the Waqf Board was unlawfully claiming their land

and properties, despite the people holding registered deeds and land tax payment receipts. The state government has requested the Waqf Board not to take any action, including issuing notices, and the Board has agreed to this. The residents of the land will have the opportunity to present their claims and concerns before the commission, he said. Vijayan assured that his government will clarify its stance in the case currently pending before the court. The government will implead itself as a party in the ongoing cases of the residents before the High

Court on this matter, he stated. The government will initiate all possible steps to vacate the stay order by High Court preventing the residents from paying the land tax, CM added. The concerns of the residents will be presented before the court, he assured. The CM also requested the full cooperation of the residents to expedite the functioning of the commission. Revenue Minister K Rajan, Law Minister P Rajeev, Waqf and Minority Welfare Minister V Abdurahiman, Chief Secretary Saradha Muralidharan, Ernakulam District Collector N S K Umesh and Yypin MLA K N Unnikrishnan, Varappuzha Archbishop Joseph Kalathiparambil, Kottapuram Bishop Ambrose Puthenveetil, Munambam Samara Samiti Chairman Joseph Sebastian, Convener Joseph Benny, K N Murugan (SNDP Yogam), and P J Joseph (local resident) also took part in the discussion.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, including Union ministers Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, on Saturday hailed the party's grand win in Maharashtra as people's faith in the "double-engine" government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Thinking people for the "historic victory" of the Mahayuti alliance, Shah said that by giving such a "huge mandate amidst illusion and lies," people have shut shops of "fake well-wishers" of the Constitution -- a swipe at the opposition-led alliance, which had flagged the alleged threat to the Constitution from the saffron party and used claim as its main call to voters. BJP president JP Nadra said the landslide victory of the alliance was a reflection of the people's unwavering faith in the welfare policies and good governance of the double-engine government under Modi's able leadership. Rajnath Singh said the mandate underscored the people's trust in the BJP's commitment to good governance and development, and the credibility of the PM's stewardship. Amit Shah on X said, "Jai Maharashtra! Heartfelt gratitude to the people of Maharashtra for this historic



mandate." Maharashtra, the holy land of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, B R Ambedkar, Jyotiba Phule and Veer Savarkar, has always kept culture and nation supreme along with development, the BJP leader said. By giving such a huge mandate amidst illusion and lies, people have shut down shops of those who are fake well-wishers of the Constitution. This is the victory of every Maharashtra resident," he said. Mahayuti alliance's victory is the victory of "politics of performance" of the double-engine government, he added. Nadra said people of the state completely rejected the dynas-

tic, appeasement and divisive politics of the opposition, including the Congress. The BJP president said his party accepted the mandate received in the Jharkhand assembly elections, where it suffered a big defeat from the incumbent Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-led alliance. In a democracy, people's mandate is paramount, he said. Shah praised the BJP workers in Jharkhand and asserted that fulfilling the aspirations of tribal society and protecting their identity was the top priority for his party. "The NDA's central government is committed to the development, progress and

protection of tribal heritage of the people of Jharkhand and under the leadership of Modi ji, we will continue to work in this direction. The BJP will play the role of a positive opposition in Jharkhand," he said. Union minister Nitin Gadkari said the BJP-led alliance consistently prioritised development. "I firmly believe that the double-engine government, inspired by PM Modi's vision, will accelerate the state's growth to greater heights," he said. The former BJP president also expressed sincere gratitude to the voluntary organisations that worked "tirelessly" to raise voters' awareness, a likely reference to the RSS and other

Hindutva organisations. AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal termed his party's win in three out of four seats in the Punjab by-polls a "semifinal", asserting that the party is on course for another historic mandate in Delhi. "Over the past decade, we have established the Delhi model of governance that focuses on making life easier for the common man," he said. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, referring to the AAP's election symbol broom, said the party, which "used to clean homes and shops with a broom", was now cleaning "all of India" under Arvind Kejriwal's leadership.

Dole and polarisation carry the day for Didi in by-polls

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA
The post RG Kar narrative failed to move the Trinamool Congress an inch from its place of strength even as the Bengal ruling outfit on Saturday clinched all the six Assembly seats that went to by-elections on November 13 by a bigger margin than what was recorded in 2021 Assembly elections. Elections were held to six Assembly seats of Sitai, Madarihat, Naihati, Haroa --- in Coochbehar, Alipurduar and North 24 Parganas districts and Medinipur and Taldangra in West Midnapore and Bankura districts respectively. The by-elections tended to underscore the big point that

rural and urban Bengal thought differently when it came to social-political issues and hardcore economics, experts said marveling at how Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's electoral strategies once again got the better of a burning woman-centric issue like post rape and murder of a lady doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital that led to Statewide stir for more than three months. This, even as TMC's Sangita Roy won the Sitai seat by defeating BJP's Dipak Kumar Roy by a margin of 1,30,156 votes. In 201 the TMC won the seat by a margin of about 10,000. In neighbouring Madarihat also in North Bengal TMC's JP Toppo too

won by a big margin winning the seat for the first time since its formation in 2000 and wresting it from the sitting BJP MLA. In Haroa, TMC's Sk Rabul Islam won by defeating ISF nominee Piyarul Islam by 1,31,388 votes, The BJP's Bimal Das here got 13,570 votes. In Naihati, Sanat Dey defeated BJP's Rupak Mitra by a landslide margin of 48,912 votes, surpassing the 18,675-vote. Similarly TMC's Falguni Singha Roy won the Taldangra seat in Bankura district by a margin of 34,000 votes. Medinipur seat in the neighbouring West Midnapore district was also won by the TMC by a whopping margin of



1.15 lakh votes. With the Saturday's results the BJP's strength in Bengal Assembly came down to 67 in comparison to TMC's 226. The ISF has one seat and Left and Congress have none.

Thanking the people for the victory the Chief Minister said, "we are not zamindars but watchmen of people adding "this is the victory of the people ... I would like to thank the 'Maa, Mati, Manush... Your

blessings will help us continue working for the people... I will preserve this blessings in the core of my heart." "We told you that the TMC will win all the six seats by sweeping margins and we proved that... this is because there is no leader who can challenge Mamata Banerjee's charisma and development works... in fact Narendra Modi is imitating Mamata Banerjee by instituting Laadli Behna and such other schemes which are just PR and advertisement exercises... but here in Bengal the Chief Minister is doing things from the core of her heart and the people are loving and appreciating it." TMC leader Kunla Ghosh said adding, "some people thought that the

disinformation campaign post RG Kar would go against the TMC... but such stray movements I urban centres do not impact rural India." Dismissing the victory Bengal Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari said that his party was not worried about such results. "Don't worry we will win in 2026... such by-elections are conducted with money and muscle-power and often the ruling party wins so this will not have any impact on 2026 Assembly elections," he said. Union Minister and State BJP president said that his party would definitely form the Government in 2026. "In Kaliaganj by-elections we lost to BJP but in subsequent Assembly election in 2021 we

won and even in the parliamentary elections we secured lead from there... so these by-elections do not matter much for us," he said. Meanwhile, in a related development the TMC congratulated the Congress candidate from Wayanad Priyanka Gandhi for winning the Kerala seat by a record margin. "They are a different party... I must not comment much on them but Priyanka Gandhi is the descendant of a historical family... she is the son of Rajiv Gandhi and granddaughter of Indira Gandhi... her victory demands congratulations... we congratulate her... there is not much to say," TMC leader Kunal Ghosh said.

Gujarat: BJP wrestles Vav Assembly seat from Congress in close contest

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ AHMEDABAD
BJP leader Swarupji Thakor on Saturday defeated his nearest Congress rival, Gulabsinh Rajput, by 2,442 votes in the bypoll to the Vav Assembly constituency in Gujarat, as per the ECI. Thakor surged past Rajput in the last two rounds. He bagged 92,176 votes, restricting Rajput to 89,734. Independent candidate Mavji Patel finished third with 27,195 votes. A total of 10 candidates were in the fray. The by-poll to the Vav assembly segment was necessitated following the resignation of Congress MLA Geniben Thakor after her victory from the Banaskantha Lok Sabha constituency. With the Vav victory, the BJP's tally in the



182-member Gujarat Assembly went up to 162. While Rajput maintained his lead by 370 votes over Thakor in 21 rounds, the latter took pole position by a margin of 1,099 votes in the 22nd round and then consolidated it further to win. There were 24 rounds of vote counting. The voter turnout in the by-poll held on November 13 was 70.55 per cent. Thakor said his win was due to the BJP's central and state leadership as well as the

work put in by party workers. He had lost to Geniben Thakor in the 2022 assembly polls, which the BJP had swept. The seat is a Congress stronghold that had been won by Geniben Thakor in 2017 as well, and the presence of Mavji Patel, from the dominant Chaudhary community, was a cause of concern for the ruling party. Patel was suspended from the BJP for going against the party directives and contesting as an independent. Geniben Thakor won the Banaskantha Lok Sabha seat in June by defeating BJP's Rekhaben Chaudhary by more than 30,000 votes. Her win was the sole won for the Congress from the state in the 2024 general elections. The BJP won the remaining 25.

Karnataka by-poll results: Have won in people's court, says CM Siddaramaiah

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BENGALURU
Buoyed by the assembly election by-polls, which saw the ruling Congress sweeping in all the three seats, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday said he won in the 'people's court'. He gave credit to the guarantee schemes for the party's victory in the Assembly by-polls in Sandur, Shiggaon and Channapatna. "You know what Mahatma Gandhi said. He said people's court is better than the courts. Now people's court has given me its verdict," Siddaramaiah told reporters. This victory was significant for the Congress as the BJP and JD(S) formed an alliance, he explained. "We won from Kalyana Karnataka (Sandur), Kittur



Karnataka region (Shiggaon), and old Mysuru region (Channapatna). In all the places we won. So, this is very significant." "After our government came to power about one and half years ago, the BJP made false allegations on me and my government. They also spread lies about our schemes," Siddaramaiah said. The CM is an accused in the MUDA site allotment

scam where 14 sites in upmarket of Mysuru was allotted to his wife, Parvathi. After the controversy broke out, Parvathi returned the sites to MUDA. He also came down heavily on the opposition BJP and JD(S) for their lies and 'baseless allegations'. The Chief Minister also took a swipe at JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda and his son Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy for "crying" in public during elections. "Deve Gowda and his sons cry, but didn't their heart melt when several women cried in the Prajwal Revanna case in Hassan?" he asked. Former JD(S) MP and grandson of former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, Prajwal Revanna is in jail for allegedly sexually assaulting several women and filming them.

Bizzare twist: MP BJP Minister loses by-election



GIRISH SHARMA ■ BHOPAL
In a bizarre turn of events in Madhya Pradesh, the minister Ramniwas Rawat lost by-election. Rawat's defeat is an embarrassment not to himself but to the entire BJP at State and national levels, and to Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. It is learnt that Rawat had insisted upon becoming a minister before getting himself elected as MLA. Rawat had contested the by-election being a

Forest Minister in the State Government. Rawat lost the by-election from his Vijaypur constituency by more than 7,300 votes. He was five-term MLA from Congress and before 2024 Lok Sabha elections, he has quit Congress and joined the BJP. Soon after the Lok Sabha elections, he was inducted in the State cabinet as Forest Minister. This outcome is a severe blow to Rawat himself and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in the State.

BJP-led Mahayuti's massive victory in Maharashtra to bolster Adani's Dharavi redevelopment project

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MUMBAI
The massive victory for ruling BJP-led Mahayuti in Maharashtra will bolster billionaire Gautam Adani-led group's more than Rs 26,000 crore project to redevelop Mumbai slum of Dharavi into a "world-class" district. Opposition Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) had pledged to reclaim all land given to the Adani group for redeveloping Asia's largest slum and promised to scrap the project altogether, if voted to power. For Adani, who is facing bribery charge and warrant in a US court, the scrapping of his pet Dharavi project would have been a big setback. With election results showing the BJP and its allies Shiv Sena and

Nationalist Congress Party factions led by Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar, winning more than three-fourths of the 288 seats in the Maharashtra assembly, those anxieties have now been set to rest. Adani plans to turn 620 acres of prime land, about three quarters of the size of New York's Central Park, into a glitzy urban hub. About seven lakh living in rickety shanties with open sewers and shared toilets in the densely populated slums located close to Mumbai's international airport, are to be given flats of up to 350 sq ft free of cost. The redevelopment had become a political hot potato with the opposition alleging that that group received undue favours from the state government in awarding the contract. The group has

denied benefiting from the government's favouritism. Project supporters in the ruling dispensation say the project holds out promise to make it a global model for slum redevelopment. While an estimated 1 million (10 lakh) reside in Dharavi, about 700,000 are thought to be eligible because of the resident definition of ones having proof of living in the area prior to January 1, 2000. The rest will get homes in other parts of the city, a proposal some locals opposed as they want no resident or business owner to be uprooted. Adani had in 2022 won a contract to remake the slum, which sits on prime real estate in the overcrowded financial capital, in seven years. Weeks before the poll, the Maharashtra Government had approved



the acquisition of 256 acres of salt-pan land for the Dharavi redevelopment. The salt-pan land is to be acquired from the central government and leased to the government of Maharashtra, which is redeveloping the 620-acre slum, the largest in Asia. The Dharavi Redevelopment

Project Pvt, in which the Adani Group holds an 80 per cent stake, along with the state government, is implementing the project. The land will be used to build low-cost and affordable housing for residents of Dharavi. A survey of existing residents and businesses is being done

to determine who would be rehoused in Dharavi or be relocated. The slums -- key backdrop in Oscar winner Slumdog Millionaire -- houses shanties where often eight people are squeezed in a 100-sq ft tenement and ten times that number sharing a toilet. Dharavi is also a massive hub for small-scale businesses ranging from leather goods to pottery and textiles. The Maharashtra Government in 2022 issued a new tender to redevelop Dharavi after an earlier remake deal was cancelled. Adani Group, which also runs Mumbai's airport and distributes electricity in the city, had in 2022 won the project by offering to pay Rs 5,070 crore -- more than 2.5 times the sum quoted by the next highest bidder -- to provide houses, with a

kitchen and a toilet, to eligible slum dwellers in revamped Dharavi. The group has an 80 per cent stake in the firm executing the project, with the remainder held by the state. Starting from the 1950s, the several state Governments had floated tenders to redevelop Dharavi, but none took off. The redevelopment essentially required acquiring large tracts of land, attracting investors to build modern utilities and resettlement of local residents. The current redevelopment plan -- the state government's fourth attempt via a global tender -- has made the most progress. The project aims to transform the slum, which is around the size of Monaco, into modern apartments, offices, and malls. Dharavi started as an

informal settlement for Muslim leather tanners but soon turned into a cosmopolitan melting pot with migrants from across India making it their home. As Mumbai expanded, the slum was no longer on the fringes of the city and is now home to a large collection of cottage industries. The Adani-led redevelopment project includes initiatives like sustainable transportation systems and modern infrastructure utilities. It includes vocational training to empower youth and aspiring workers in Dharavi, helping them secure eco-friendly jobs and improve their earning capabilities. These efforts are designed to create a more prosperous and environmentally friendly future for the community.

Externed Meerut gangster ties knot in Bulandshahr, to miss wedding reception

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MEERUT (UP)
A notorious gangster recently externed from Meerut district, tied the knot in Sikandrabad, a neighbouring town in Bulandshahr. However, Salman who got married on Friday night will miss his own wedding reception, scheduled for November 26 in Meerut, due to the district ban imposed just a day before the 'nikah' (wedding). Externment is the prohibition of a prisoner from residing in any specified area or locality for a specified period. Sikandrabad Station House Officer (SHO) Ravi Ratan Singh, when asked about the wedding in Bulandshahr district, feigned ignorance. "We have no information about Salman's marriage," he said. Salman's brother, Aamir, however told PTI that the 'nikah' happened on Friday around 11 PM. "The walima (wedding reception) will take place at Castle View Mandap in Meerut, but Salman will not attend because of the district ban. The bride's family will bring her to the reception," he said. Aamir also alleged that



police and administrative officials arrived at their home on Thursday to deliver from the district ban notice, leaving the family no time to respond. "We were not given any prior notice about Salman's expulsion. Had we been informed earlier, we could have presented our case in court. But this sudden action has left us helpless," he said. The brother added that Salman has been living in Delhi for the past six months, working in the crockery business. "Over the last five years, no new cases have been registered against Salman. Despite this, the administration took a harsh action," Aamir claimed. Circle Officer (Kotwali Meerut) Ashutosh Kumar said,

booked under the Goonda Act by the district administration. On Thursday, the administration banned him from entering Meerut for six months. The Kotwali police pasted the notice at his home the same day. Salman had been released on bail six months ago and had since shifted to Delhi. However, he managed to reach the bride's house in Sikandrabad quietly before the wedding. Meanwhile, police have upped vigilance for the reception ceremony. "Police teams in uniform and plain clothes will monitor the walima and Salman's activities. If he enters Meerut, further action will be taken," Circle Officer (Kotwali Meerut) Ashutosh Kumar said.

Congress sweeps by-polls to three Assembly segments in Karnataka

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ BENGALURU
In a boost to the ruling Congress in Karnataka, the party on Saturday swept the by-polls to three Assembly segments, causing a major setback to the BJP-JD(S) alliance in the state. The Congress has retained Sandur, the seat considered to be its strong hold, and has also bagged Shiggaon and Channapatna segments, which were earlier held by BJP and JD(S) respectively. The November 13 by-polls to Sandur, Shiggaon and Channapatna Assembly segments had witnessed a fierce fight between the ruling Congress and a combative BJP-JD(S) alliance. The by-polls to Sandur, Shiggaon and Channapatna were necessitated as the seats fell vacant following the election of their respective representatives -- E Tukaram of Congress, former CM Basavaraj Bommai of BJP, and Union Minister Kumaraswamy of JD(S) to Lok Sabha in May elections. The by-polls witnessed a straight fight between the ruling Congress and BJP in Sandur and Shiggaon segments, while in Channapatna, JD(S) which is part of the NDA alliance took

on the grand old party. Congress' C P Yogeeshwara won the Channapatna segment, defeating JD(S) candidate and Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil Kumaraswamy, by a margin of 25,413 votes. Former CM Basavaraj Bommai's son Bharath Bommai of BJP faced defeat against Congress' Yasir Ahmed Khan Pathan in Shiggaon Assembly segment by a margin of 13,448 votes. In Sandur, Congress candidate E Annappa, the wife of Bellary MP E Tukaram, won the seat vacated by her husband, by a margin of 9,649 votes. Congress' win in the by-poll is seen as an endorsement of both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar's leadership, and the government's programmes, especially the five guarantee schemes. Nikhil Kumaraswamy and Bharath Bommai, the third generation of Gowda and Bommai family respectively, who contested this bypolls, have lost. Their fathers and grandfathers had served as Karnataka's Chief Ministers in the past. While for Bharath Bommai this was his electoral debut, for Nikhil it was his third electoral loss. Among the three segments, Channapatna was considered to be a high profile battle, where the

contest was between C P Yogeeshwara and actor-turned-politician Nikhil Kumaraswamy. A five-time MLA from the segment and a former Minister, Yogeeshwara had joined the Congress after quitting BJP ahead of nomination. There were plans to field Yogeeshwara on a JD(S) ticket, but he was not interested in it, and instead wanted Kumaraswamy to support him as BJP candidate. This was not acceptable to Kumaraswamy and his party, following which Yogeeshwara jumped ship. However, Kumaraswamy had subsequently said he had agreed to Yogeeshwara contesting from BJP, and despite that he jumped ship to Congress, under the influence of Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and his brother and former MP D K Suresh. Nikhil had faced defeat in 2019 Lok Sabha and 2023 Assembly polls. It is seen as a setback for Kumaraswamy too, as he could not ensure son's win from the Channapatna, the seat he had twice represented in the past. Congress' win is crucial for Shivakumar, who is also the state Congress chief and his brother Suresh to strengthen their position in their home district of Ramanagara, a Vokkaliga heartland.

Defamation case against Rahul Gandhi: Hearing postponed to December 4

PTI ■ SULTANPUR (UP)
The hearing in a defamation case against Congress leader and Rae Bareilly MP Rahul Gandhi was postponed on Saturday due to a legal workshop being organised at the civil court here, according to a lawyer. The special MP-MLA court has now scheduled the next hearing for December 4, said Santosh Kumar Pandey, the legal counsel of the plaintiff Vijay Mishra. The case was filed in 2018 by Mishra, a local BJP politician, who alleged that during the Karnataka assembly election campaign, Gandhi had made objectionable remarks against BJP leader Amit Shah. Over the past five years, the case has seen significant delays. In December 2023, the presiding judge issued a warrant for Rahul Gandhi after he failed to appear in court. In February 2024, he finally appeared and was granted bail on two bonds of Rs 25,000 each. The court later summoned him to record his statement. After multiple adjournments, Rahul Gandhi appeared on July 26, 2024, where he recorded his statement, declared his innocence, and called the case a "political



conspiracy." Following this, the court instructed the complainant to submit evidence. Since then, the case has been repeatedly postponed for various reasons, including the absence of judges, health issues of the complainant, and administrative reasons such as a medical camp organised by the Bar Association and Diwali vacations. The complainant had previously submitted an application citing his ill health on multiple occasions, leading to adjournments on several hearing dates, including October 1 and October 9. On October 9, Gandhi's lawyer Kashi Prasad Shukla cross-examined Mishra, during which he also submitted evidence. However, further hearings were delayed as the presiding judge was on leave on October 17, and October 31 was a holiday for Diwali.

At least 11 killed, dozens injured in Israeli strikes in Beirut

Diplomats push for ceasefire

AP ■ BEIRUT

Israeli airstrikes Saturday killed at least 11 people and injured dozens in central Beirut, officials said, as diplomats scrambled to broker a ceasefire. Lebanon's Health Ministry said the death toll could rise as emergency responders dug through the rubble looking for survivors. DNA tests are being used to identify the victims, it said, adding that 63 people were wounded. The strikes were the fourth in the Lebanese capital in less than a week. The escalation comes after US envoy Amos Hochstein traveled to the region this week in an attempt to broker a cease-fire deal to end the more than 13 months of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, which has erupted into full-on war in the past two months. Israeli bombardment has killed more than 3,500 people in Lebanon and wounded more than 15,000, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry. The fighting has displaced about 1.2 million, or a quarter of

Lebanon's population. On the Israeli side, about 90 soldiers and nearly 50 civilians have been killed by rockets, drones and missiles in northern Israel and in fighting in Lebanon.

AIRSTRIKES REDUCE A BUILDING INTO RUBBLE
The strikes at 4 am destroyed an eight-story building and left a crater in the ground. Also on Saturday, a drone strike killed one person and injured another in the southern port city of Tyre, according to the state-run National News Agency. The agency said the victims were fishermen. An Associated Press journalist, who saw the strike from a nearby hotel overlooking the beach, said he had watched the fishermen set up nets beforehand and both appeared to be young teenagers. Israel's military did not issue a warning for residents prior to the strikes in central Beirut and did not comment on the casualties. It warned residents Saturday in parts of Beirut's southern suburbs that they were residing near Hezbollah facilities, which the army would target in the near future. The warning, posted on X, told people to evacuate at least 500 metres (yards) away. The army said that over the past day it had conducted intelligence-based strikes on Hezbollah targets in Dahiyeh, in Beirut's

southern suburbs, where Hezbollah has a strong presence. It said it hit several command centres and weapons storage facilities.

AT LEAST 6, INCLUDING CHILDREN, DEAD IN GAZA
Strikes also continued in Gaza on Saturday. At least six people, half of them children and including two women, were killed in the southern city of Khan Younis, according to AP reporters and staff at Nasser Hospital. The death toll from the 13-month-long war in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Hamas has surpassed 44,000 this week, according to local health officials. The Gaza Health Ministry does not distinguish between civilians and combatants in its count, but it has said that more than half of the fatalities are women and children. The Israeli military says it has killed over 17,000 militants, without providing evidence. The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel on October 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting another 250. Around 100 hostages are still inside Gaza, at least a third of whom are believed to be dead. Most of the rest were released during a cease-fire last year. The Israeli offensive in Gaza



Rescue workers and people search for victims at the site of an Israeli airstrike in Beirut, Lebanon, early Saturday morning AP/PTI

has caused heavy destruction across wide areas of the coastal territory, leading many to wonder when or how it will ever be rebuilt. Around 90 per cent of the population of 2.3 million people has been displaced, often multiple times, and hundreds of thousands are living in squalid tent camps with little food, water or basic services. The United Nations humanitarian office warned of a "stark increase" in the number of households experiencing severe hunger in central and southern Gaza. In Deir al-Balah, local bakeries shut down for five days this week and the price of a bag of bread climbed above USD 13, as bread and flour vanished from shelves before more supplies arrived. At least two women were fatally shot on Saturday while waiting in a line for bread in the city, relatives and witnesses told the AP.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is to inform the public at large that Mr. Ashok Khanna wishes to purchase a plot of land bearing no. 1224, area measuring 48,375 Sq. Meters, Situated at Sector-7 Extn., Residential Colony to be known as Urban Estate, Tehsil and Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana from Mr. Narendra Kumar owner vide Sale Deed dated 14.10.2004 (vide Doc. No.14693) executed by Mr. Sanjay Arya and same to be financed & mortgaged by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Ltd. Thru. (1) Original Possession Certificate in favour of Mr. Kulbir Mohan, (2) Original ATS in favour of Mr. Sanjay Dudeja, (3) Original WILL in favour of Mr. Sanjay Dudeja, (4) Original Conveyance Deed dated 17.11.2003 (Vide Document No.11029) in favour of Mr. Kulbir Mohan through GPA Mr. Sanjay Dudeja, (5) Original Transfer Letter in favour of Mr. Sanjay Arya are lost/not available. If any person having any type of claim/right/interest 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. Lucern Legal & Co. Sector 2, Noida, U.P. 201301 Contact No. 9120-4299379

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mohd Idrees Qureshi S/o. Haji Shabbir Ahmad, R/o. D-01, 1st floor, Pocket 9-A, DDA (HIG) Flats, Jasola Heights, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 have declared that my name is mentioned as Mohammad Idrees Qureshi in my passport No.M6528586 but my correct name is Mohd Idrees Qureshi.
PD(961)A

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The General Public is hereby informed through this notice that I, Indrajit Sharma S/O. Vaidh Shri Mulakh Raj Sharma R/O. 524, Pocket No 2 Paschim Puri, Madipur, Delhi and Gauri Puri Shri Ghanasham Singh S/O. Shri Asa Ram R/O. 525, Pocket No 2 Paschim Puri, Madipur, Delhi, has lost the original documents i.e. the original title, confirmation letter and the possession slip, handed over to me by Sh. Ghanasham Singh on account of sale of L.P. Flat to me in the year 1977. Anybody who find or gets to locate or trace the said documents is requested to please deliver/send them at my above name and address.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that my client Ram Ji Gupta is in process to purchase the property bearing No. 113, area measuring 100 Sq. Yds., Situated in the area of Village Sirodhra Khurd, in the abadi known as Gali No. 10, Sector No. 1036, in Block B, Amritsar Nagar (having loan from PCHFL from Nagpur Singh having acquired the said property vide Relinquishment Deed dated 15/10/2024. (Document No. 112080) by way Sale Deed executed by Virender Kumar Singh Malik, Jitender Singh Malik, Sarita Dhary and Anita. All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said property, or any part thereof, in any way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise whatsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us within 7 days from the date of receipt of the said notice mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned. Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate) Unit No. FF-2, First Floor, Mahalaxmi Metro Tower Sec-4, Vashishti, Gzb., U.P., Mob. 9811009355

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform general public that Mrs. Sonika has acquired Portion bearing Pvt. No. G-4, on Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to deal with the property and any dealings with the property which is measuring 900 sq. fts., but on Old Property bearing nos. 659 and New No. 659/3, area measuring 350 sq. yds., comprising of Khassra No. 659, situated at Village Devli, New Delhi 110040 by way Sale Deed dated 27.08.2021, Docno. 5983. Documents related to the above said property has been misplaced i.e. Original Sale Deed dated 27.08.2021 executed by Mr. Sanjay Kaushik in favour of Mrs. Sonika in respect of the above said Property, registered as Document No. 5983, anyone who find the said documents shall handover the same to the Manager of Khassra No. 659, situated at Village Devli, New Delhi Office No. 167-169, 3rd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015 or handover the same to Mrs. Sonika W/o. Deepak Kumar R/o. H-10, Block B, Amritsar Nagar, Sector 1036, Pitap Colony, Faridabad, Haryana - 121003. Contact: +91-8860334483 or +91-9882727587.
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I, hitherto known as Chandra Kanta W/o- Late Shri Manohar Lal, R/o- Near Hanuman Mandir, D - 11, Maya Vihar Nangal Raya, Janak Puri South West Delhi-110046, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rani Chander Kanta.
PD(964)C

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Farhat Rahman W/o. Tafsir Mohammad Khurshid Uzzaman, R/o. E-154/4, 2nd Floor, Shaheen Bagh, AFE Part-2, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 declare that my husband's name has been wrongly mentioned in my old Passport Application form as Mohammad Tafsir Uzzaman instead of Tafsir Mohammad Khurshid Uzzaman.
PD(965)A

PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer/Akasa Finance Limited (formerly known as Pooja Finance Ltd.), under the (Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest) Act, 2002 (S&REI Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 10th October 2023, calling upon the addressees to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being Rs.7,07,45,808/- (Rupees Seven Crore Seven Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Only) due as on 18th October, 2023 along with future interest at contractual rate with 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The said borrower, co-borrower/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (2) of the S&REI Act, 2002 read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 21st Day of November of the year 2024. The attention of borrower, co-borrower and mortgagor is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets within 30 days from the date of the present possession notice. The borrower/mortgagor/Guarantor in particular and public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property which is subject to the charge of Akasa Finance Limited, for the amount of Rs.7,07,45,808/- (Rupees Seven Crore Seven Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eight Only) due as on 18th October, 2023, subject to the deduction of the amount of Rs.52,50,000/- paid on 9th Feb 2024, 9th Feb 2024 & 10th Feb 2024 with future interest at contractual rate with future costs and charges thereon. **DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SECURED ASSET WITH OTHER DETAILS:**

1. Shri Rajnish Kanti S/o Shri J.S. Kanti (Borrower/Mortgagor)	2. Smt. Manisha Rajnish Kanti (Co-borrower/Mortgagor)	3. Smt. Manisha Rajnish Kanti (Co-borrower/Mortgagor)	4. Smt. Manisha Rajnish Kanti (Co-borrower/Mortgagor)
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5-Ground Floor erected on L.P. No. 1-1/13, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi-110016	5-Ground Floor erected on L.P. No. 1-1/13, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi-110016	5-Ground Floor erected on L.P. No. 1-1/13, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi-110016	5-Ground Floor erected on L.P. No. 1-1/13, Hauz Khas Enclave, New Delhi-110016
Area: 625 sq. yds.	Area: 625 sq. yds.	Area: 625 sq. yds.	Area: 625 sq. yds.
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Date: 21 NOV, 2024
Place: Delhi
for Akasa Finance Limited Authorised Officer

37 killed in Pak's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

At least 37 people have been killed and over two dozen others injured in tribal sectarian violence in northwest Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province during the last 24 hours, police said on Saturday. The clashes between Alizai and Bagan tribes in Kurram district, bordering Afghanistan, took place following Thursday's attack on a convoy of passenger vans near Parachinar in which 47 people were killed. Top ranking officials from the administration and police have rushed to the area in a helicopter. "At least 37 are dead as at now (but) the death toll is still rising," an official tasked with collecting details of the carnage told the media here. More than 30 people are injured, he added. The tribes are targeting each other with heavy and automatic weapons, police said. Homes and shops have been

damaged in the fighting and people from various villages have fled to safer locations. All educational institutions in the district remained closed on Saturday, confirmed Muhammad Hayat Hassan, chairman of the Private Education Network. Videos shared from the area showed at least six bodies of the attackers and some charred bodies of the victims. Police also said that there were reports of six women taken as captives but "due to limited connectivity, information and communication is scant to ascertain anything more." Gunfire continued in Balishkhal, Khar Kali, Kunj Alizai and Maqbal through the day, police said, adding, currently there is intermittent firing from at least three areas in the district, while the Thall-Sada-Parachinar Highway remained closed from traffic towards Kohat district. As officials struggled to reinforce peace in the volatile region, communication from

the elders of both the tribal sects suggested further intensified attacks. A high-level government delegation comprising Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Law Minister, Chief Secretary and Inspector General of Police, has departed for Kurram tribal district by helicopter, officials said. The delegation aims to calm the security situation in the district which has been marred by extreme sectarian violence. Tribal leaders have expressed deep concerns as for the past one and a half months, they had been demanding the government to ensure safe travel for common citizens. Two weeks ago, more than 1,00,000 people participated in a peace march to reopen and secure the main highway, after which the government assured them of safe convoys. In September, more than 50 people were killed and 120 others injured in clashes spread over eight days between Shia and Sunni tribes over a piece of land in Kurram district.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, ABDUL BASAR son of Sameeruddin R/o House No. CN-262, Meerdard Lane, Near G4 Khamba Basti, Takiya Kie Khan I P Estate, Delhi-110002 that I am the owner of some valuable, immovable and movable properties in which all my family members have the right to inheritance. Due to some reasons, I consequently will fully and willingly without any pressure disown my son Shuhab and his wife Umm Mahima and his family from the right of inheritance and sale of valuable, immovable and movable properties that with immediate effect and other family members does not have any relation with Shuhab and his wife Umm Mahima and his family.

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ICC issues arrest warrant for Netanyahu over 'war crimes'

Nottingham (The Conversation): The International Criminal Court (ICC) has issued arrest warrants for Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, his former defence minister, Yoav Gallant, and Hamas leader, Mohammed Deif. The court claims both sides have committed crimes against humanity and war crimes from the day Hamas attacked Israel on October 7 onwards. Although a warrant was issued for Deif, Israel has said he was killed in an air strike in July. But Hamas has neither confirmed nor denied this claim. If they were ever to be judged at the ICC, a conviction is conceivable. The charges of the court against Netanyahu are severe. The three-judge panel unanimously said that he and Gallant are "co-perpetrators for committing the war crime of starvation as a method of warfare, and the crimes against humanity of murder, persecution, and other inhumane acts". The judges also "found reasonable grounds to believe that they bear criminal responsibility" ... "for the war crime of intentionally directing an attack against the civilian popula-

tion". The charges are also backed by the work of the International Court of Justice, which has found that it is "plausible" that Israel has committed acts in Gaza that violate the Genocide Convention. If arrested, Netanyahu would go through a trial, and he could then be acquitted, or convicted. In the latter case, Netanyahu would join the ranks of leaders considered perpetrators of crimes against humanity, such as Charles Taylor of Liberia, Hissène Habré of Chad, Saddam Hussein of Iraq, Augusto Pinochet of Chile, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, Radovan Karadžić of Serbia, Idi Amin of Uganda, Pol Pot of Cambodia, Joseph Stalin of the former Soviet Union, Mao Zedong of China, and Adolf Hitler of Germany.

NEXT STEPS

The arrest warrants rely on ICC member states carrying them out. And this is by no means a foregone conclusion. Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, has been wanted by the court since 2023 for his role in directing attacks at civilians in Ukraine and illegal deporta-

tion of Ukrainian children. But Putin was not arrested on a recent visit to Mongolia, a state that is party to the ICC, after the Mongolian authorities had assured him he would be safe. That said, he was unable to travel to South Africa when leaders from the Brics economic bloc of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa met in Johannesburg in 2023. This was due to the experience in South Africa of former Sudanese president, Omar Al-Bashir. Bashir, for whom the ICC granted arrest warrants in 2009 and 2010 for allegedly directing a campaign of mass killing, rape and pillage against civilians in Darfur, travelled to South Africa in 2015 to attend an African Union summit. But he had to leave abruptly for fear of arrest. South Africa's Supreme Court of Appeal ruled in 2016 that the government's failure to arrest him was unlawful. And the ICC ruled against South Africa on its "shameful failure" to arrest Bashir the following year. He was also able to travel freely to other ICC member states, including Chad, Kenya and Jordan.

Multiple cases against Bushra for remarks on Saudi Arabia

PTI ■ LAHORE

Multiple cases have been registered in Punjab province of Pakistan against jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's wife Bushra Bibi for allegedly speaking against Saudi Arabia, officials said here on Saturday. At least four cases were registered against Bushra Bibi under the Telegraph Act of 1885 and other provisions on the complaint of citizens who blamed her for inciting religious hatred, misleading the public and attacking a brotherly country, Saudi Arabia, officials said. In a video statement, Bushra Bibi said Khan's problems began when he visited Medina and was seen coming out of his plane without shoes. She claimed then army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa received calls after the incident. "Soon after Khan's return, Bajwa started getting calls 'Ye tum kya utra key laa aaye ho (whom have you brought)? We are ending the Sharia system in this country and you have brought promoters of Sharia," she said, referring to

Khan's September 2018 visit, in the video released on Thursday. Incarcerated at the Adiala Jail since last year, Khan, 72, however, defended his wife on Friday and said she "did not mention Saudi Arabia at all" in the video hours after Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, and former army chief Qamar Javed Bajwa flayed Bushra Bibi over her comments. These multiple cases were registered in Dera Ghazi Khan, Gujranwala, Multan, Rajanpur and Muzaffargarh districts of Punjab after Prime Minister Sharif criticised Bushra Bibi on Friday. As the controversy heated up the political atmosphere in the country, Sharif and many other leaders and ministers from the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PMLN) said strong action will be taken against those trying to sabotage Pakistan-Saudi relationship. The video was meant to motivate supporters of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party to join the protest on Sunday in Islamabad but instead kicked up

controversy due to the indirect reference towards Saudi Arabia's alleged role in his ouster from power. Saudi Arabia and China have been two of Pakistan's biggest supporters helping it tide over the economic crisis. However, in the 9:27-minute video, which is also available on PTI's official X handle, Bushra Biwi did not name any country. Apart from defending his wife, Khan - in a post on PTI's official X account, also asserted that his government's downfall was orchestrated by Bajwa and accused him of preventing investigations into the alleged conspiracy. Prime Minister Sharif, while addressing a ceremony at Islamabad on Friday, warned the propaganda targeting Saudi Arabia was against the national interest. "A statement has come out yesterday, which I think there can be no greater enmity against Pakistan than this that you spew venom against the country that has never demanded anything in return and always opened its doors for Pakistan," he said in an apparent reference to Bushra Bibi's remarks.

Philippine vice president threatens to have president assassinated

AP ■ MANILA

Philippine Vice President Sara Duterte said Saturday she has contracted an assassin to kill the president, his wife and the House of Representatives speaker if she herself is killed, in a brazen public threat that she warned was not a joke. Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin referred the "active threat" against President Ferdinand Marcos Jr to an elite presidential guards force "for immediate proper action". It was not immediately clear what actions would be taken against the vice president. The Presidential Security Command immediately boosted Marcos' security and said it considered the vice president's threat, which was "made so

brazenly in public," a national security issue. The security force said it was "coordinating with law enforcement agencies to detect, deter, and defend against any and all threats to the president and the first family". Marcos ran with Duterte as his vice-presidential running mate in the May 2022 elections and both won with landslide victories on a campaign call of national unity. The two leaders and their camps, however, rapidly had a bitter falling-out over key differences, including in their approaches to China's aggressive actions in the disputed South China Sea. Duterte resigned from the Marcos Cabinet in June as education secretary and head of an anti-insurgency body. Like her equally outspoken

Pak's spl coin to mark Guru Nanak's 555th birth anniv

Lahore (PTI): Pakistan has issued a commemorative coin to mark Guru Nanak's 555th birth anniversary as more than 2,500 Indian Sikhs pilgrims who were here to attend the special occasion departed for their homes on Saturday. The celebrations to mark the 555th birth anniversary - which was on November 14 - started last week at the Gurdwara Janam Asthan Nankana Sahib, where the founder of Sikh religion was born. Sikh pilgrims from all over the world, including from India, participated in the religious rituals at the gurdwara, about 100-odd km from here. The special commemorative coin of PKR 55 denomination has on one side a picture of Gurdwara Janam Asthan Nankana Sahib and '555th Birthday Celebrations' and 'SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI 1469-2024' written above and below it respectively. "On the obverse side, there is the crescent moon and five-pointed star facing north-west in a rising position in the centre. Along the periphery on the top are inscribed 'Islami Jamhuriya Pakistan' in Urdu (Islamic Republic of Pakistan) and below the crescent are two springs of wheat with arms curved upward." According to the State Bank of Pakistan, the coin - released on Friday - consists of 79 per cent brass, 20 per cent zinc and 1 per cent nickel; measures 30mm in diameter and weighs 13.5 grams. This commemorative coin will be available at exchange counters across all branches of State Bank of Pakistan, the bank said.

UN motion paves way for first-ever treaty on crimes against humanity

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

A key UN General Assembly committee adopted a resolution late Friday paving the way for negotiations on a first-ever treaty on preventing and punishing crimes against humanity after Russia dropped amendments that would have derailed the effort. The resolution was approved by consensus by the assembly's legal committee, which includes all 193-member UN nations, after tense last-minute negotiations between its supporters and Russia that dragged through the day. There was loud applause when the chair-

bound process with preparatory sessions in 2026 and 2027, and three-week negotiating sessions in 2028 and 2029 to finalize a treaty on crimes against humanity. Dicker said Russia's proposed amendments left in question whether treaty negotiations would have been completed. Russia's deputy UN ambassador Maria Zabolotskaya said Russia withdrew the amendments "in a spirit of compromise." But she said Russia "dissociates itself from consensus". "This, of course, does not mean that we are not ready to work on this crucial convention," Zabolotskaya told the committee.

man of the committee gavelled the resolution's approval. It is virtually certain to be adopted when the General Assembly meets on Dec 4. "Today's agreement to start up negotiations on a much-needed international treaty is an historic achievement that was a long time coming," Richard Dicker, Human Rights Watch's senior legal adviser for advocacy, told The Associated Press. "It sends a crucial message that impunity for the kinds of crimes inflicted on civilians in Ethiopia, Sudan, Ukraine, southern Israel, Gaza and Myanmar will not go unheeded," he said. The resolution calls for a time-

Team India take commanding 218-run lead against Australia



PTI ■ PERTH

Yashasvi Jaiswal combined game awareness with perfect shot selection while KL Rahul remained technically unflappable in an unbroken opening stand of 172 as India looked set to bat Australia out of the match with an overall lead of 218 runs on the second day of the opening Test here.

After skipper Jasprit Bumrah's game-changing 11th five-wicket haul decimated Australia for 104, young Jaiswal (90 batting, 193 balls) and seasoned Rahul (62 batting, 154 balls) decided to grind it out with some old fashioned Test match batting by waiting for the loose deliveries and respecting good fast bowling.

The Indians showed their compact defense by scoring 88 runs in 31 overs during the post-tea session as Jaiswal inched towards a coveted ton on his maiden outing on Australian soil. With enough time at their disposal and signs of cracks appearing on the surface,

this is going to be India's Test match to lose. The way Rahul wore down the Australian attack was a sight to behold. There was no chatter from the slip cordon and at one point, the stitches of the Kookaburra came out.

The live grass died by the second afternoon and the seam movement also went out of equation making batting easier.

But no one can take away any credit from the two who were hardly troubled except for a mix-up that could have led to Rahul's run-out. Jaiswal also showed that he had learnt his lessons from the first innings and curbed his urge to drive on the up initially, which was the best part about his batting. Each of his seven fours and two sixes were well-executed shots.

Once he had defended enough deliveries, the Australian pacers didn't have any option but to try either short or full length which he utilised well. The whip over mid-wicket to hit Starc for one-bounce four and then induce a grin

from the pacer by telling him "you are slow," spoke volumes about how fearless the current generation of Indian cricketers is.

In the final session, he flicked him for good measure for a maximum. Rahul's back-drive off Pat Cummins can easily be called the shot of the match but it was heartening to see Jaiswal put in a big stride forward while driving Mitchell Starc through covers apart from getting under the bounce and playing the ramp shot.

In case of Rahul, he kept a very loose bottom-hand and that helped with the deliveries, even the ones that took the thickish edge only to fall way in front of the slip cordon.

There was a spell of play in the post-tea session when Indians were kept quiet by Nathan Lyon but neither Jaiswal nor Rahul ran out of patience. Jaiswal's half-century came off 123 balls, his slowest in 15 Tests and spoke volumes about his adaptability.

For Rahul, it was about forgetting the unfortunate

dismissal on Friday and concentrate, which he did splendidly.

Any target above 300 would be very difficult to chase on this track and Washington Sundar can come into play if those cracks open up, not to forget the three quicks who can use the variable bounce

to good effect.

In the morning, India captain Bumrah deservedly got his 11th five-wicket haul while debutant Harshit Rana bowled a fiery opening spell to dismiss the hosts for 104 at the stroke of lunch despite a stiff last-wicket resistance from Mitchell Starc and Josh

Hazlewood.

Starc (26 off 113 balls) shielded Hazlewood (7 not out off 31 balls) admirably during their 25-run last-wicket stand that lasted 18 overs.

The day began with Bumrah (5/30 in 18 overs) getting one to rear up from back of

the length and Carey's edge carried at a good height to Rishabh Pant behind stumps.

The skipper's celebration was understated as he purposefully strode back to his bowling mark even before Nathan Lyon had arrived. At the other end, the

burly Harshit Rana (3/48 in 15.2 overs) carried on from where he had left off on the opening day.

The rookie speedster used more short balls, and one such well-directed delivery accounted for Lyon, who was pounced at gully by KL Rahul.



Bureau of Indian Standards Manak Manthan programme

Bureau of Indian Standards, Northern Regional Office, organised a Manak Manthan programme on Unalloyed And Alloyed Steel Ingot And Semi-Finished Products For Re-Rolling Purposes - Specification (First Revision as per IS 14650:2023) on 23 November 2024 at Regal Blu Hotel, Ludhiana. Shri Harsh Sonkar, Scientist-C/Dy. Director, Chandigarh Branch Office welcomed all the participants present in the meeting and apprised about the programme objectives. He apprised the delegates about significance of Standards and quality in improving the quality of consumers. He also informed that Standards are formulated by taking inputs from Manufacturers, Testing Laboratories, Regulatory bodies and users and as per Latest National and International practices. He also gave a presentation on IS 14650:2023 (First Revision as per IS 14650:2023) and informed how to use Manak portal after grant of licence for renewal, inclusion.



Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs visits 45 MW NHP NimooBazgo Power Station

Shri Manohar Lal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs visited 45 MW NHP NimooBazgo Power Station situated in Leh District (UT of Ladakh) on 22nd November 2024. Shri R.K. Chaudhary, CMD, NHP was present on the occasion. Shri Ram Swaroop, Executive Director, NHP Regional Office Jammu, Shri Suprakash Adhikari, Executive Director, O&M, NHP, and Head of Power Station (HOP) of NimooBazgo&Chutak Power Station Shri Jitendra Kumar were also present along with other senior officers and employees of NHP NimooBazgo Power Station. During his visit, the Hon'ble Union Minister visited various sites of the power station. Shri R.K. Chaudhary, CMD, NHP apprised the Hon'ble Union Minister about the various activities of the power station not only in terms of power generation but also about the various welfare activities being undertaken for the local population under CSR.



Foundation Day Celebration At Sacred Heart Sr. Sec. School

Mandi Gobindgarh: Sacred Heart Sr. Sec. School, Jalalpur, celebrated its 24th Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and fervor. The event was graced by Managing Director, Mr. J.P.S. Jolly, Deputy Managing Director, Mrs. Satinderjit Jolly, President Mrs. Navera Jolly and Principal, Mrs. Divya Mehta. The celebration included Japji Sahib Path recitation and Shabad Kirtan by students. A community lunch was organized, where students, teachers, and staff voluntarily participated. The event promoted unity and camaraderie among the school community. These cultural programmes showcased the students' spiritual and cultural heritage. "We are proud of our school's legacy and commitment to excellence," said Mr. J.P.S. Jolly, Managing Director. "We pledge to continue providing quality education and community service."



I'll make Deepika world's best drag-flicker: Harendra

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian women's hockey team's chief coach Harendra Singh says fast-rising striker Deepika has the potential to be a brilliant drag-flicker as well and helping her realise that potential will be one of his primary targets along with ensuring that the team's fitness levels never fall on his watch.

Unlike most dragflickers in the world, who are defenders, Deepika is a striker and showed her brilliance with field goals in the recently-concluded Asian Champions Trophy in Rajgir, Bihar.

She emerged as the highest goal-scorer in the tournament with 11 strikes, mostly field efforts.

"I am not concerned about PCs because I know we are working and we are going to eradicate this problem very soon. I know we are looking at instant coffee from Deepika but I am sure I will make her one of the best drag-flickers of the world in women's hockey just like I made

Harman," Harendra told PTI in an exclusive interview referring to his stint with men's team and the work done with its star captain Harmanpreet Singh.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Manita wife of Suresh Kumar son of Indraj Singh Riva Village Bakranwal Tehsil Nathusari Chopla Distt. Sira is owner of A House bearing Property Tax ID No. SRSB/11/0285 new Property ID no. 3R9QLZ1 area measuring 48 sq. yards; situated at area of Grewal Basti, Sira within municipal limit of Sira vide Sale deed no. 8296 dated 04.11.2024 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Sira. I have lost previous Original sale deed no. 358 dated 20.04.2005 somewhere which is related to this House. If found please contact no. 75378-47777 and if this deeds found mortgaged any bank I am fully responsible for this.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to general public that Virek Yadav son of Mohar Singh son of Chandgi Ram Riva Virekanand School, near Khata Shyam Mandi, Rania Road Sira is owner of A plot, 203.56 sq. yards; situated at Mohalla Dhoiban Wala near Virekanand School Sira within municipal limit of Sira vide Transfer deed no. 7991 dated 24.10.2024 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Sira. He has lost his previous Original Sale deed no. 7256 dated 11.03.2002 and Original sale deed no. 47 dated 03.04.1997 somewhere. If any person have any objection regarding mortgage of said property or have claim any right in said deed, may lodge a written claim to the undersigned with 14 day of the publication of this notice. Manjit Singh Sethi, Advocate T17, F-Block, Sira Mob No. 98121-19993

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kama Rani wife of Sushil Kumar son of Tek Chand Riva Dhani Bachan Singh, Ellanabad Distt. Sira is owner of A House bearing Property ID No. 6M055J72 area measuring 0 kanal 3 marla; situated at Ward no. 17, Ellanabad within revenue estate and municipal limit of Ellanabad Distt. Sira vide Sale deed no. 3052 dated 13.12.2012 duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Ellanabad. I have lost previous Original sale deed no. 6921 dated 28.03.2012 somewhere which is related to this House. If found please contact no. 99960-88343 and if this deeds found mortgaged any bank I am fully responsible for this.

AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED
(CIN:L65922RJ2011PLCO34297) Regd. & Corp. Office: 201-202, 2nd Floor, South End Square, Mansarovar Industrial Area, Jaipur. 302020

AUCTION NOTICE

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis. The details of the cases are as under.

Name of Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgors	Dues As on	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time of Auction	Place of Tender Submission, Tender Open & Auction at Aavas Financiers Ltd.
MEENA RANI, MR. JAI BHAGWAN SHARMA (AC NO.) LNKRR02219-200108814	Rs. 30,12,790.00/- DUES AS ON 18 NOV 2024	10 MAY 23 DUES AS ON 8 MAY 23	5 DEC 23	A HOUSE COMPRISED IN KHEWAT NO-518/502, KHATONI NO-694, SITUATED AT PATTI CHAUDHARY, KATHAL, TEH. & DIST. KATHAL, HARYANA ADMEASURING 239 SQ. YARD	Rs. 2109808.8/-	Rs. 210981/-	11.00 AM TO 01.00 PM 26 DEC 2024	2ND FLOOR, SCO-4, SECTOR-17, KURUKSHETRA-136118, HARYANA-INDIA

Terms & Conditions:

- The person, taking part in the tender, will have to deposit his offer in the tender form provided by the AFL which is to be collected from the above branch offices during working hours of any working day, super scribing "Tender Offer for name of the property" on the sealed envelope along with the Cheque/DD/pay order of 10% of the Reserve Price as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in favour of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED payable at Jaipur on/before time of auction during office hours at the above mentioned offices. The sealed envelopes will be opened in the presence of the available interested parties at above mentioned office of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED. The inter-se bidding, if necessary will also take place among the available bidders. The EMD is refundable if the bid is not successful. 2) The successful bidder will deposit 25% of the bidding amount adjusting the EMD amount as initial deposit immediately or within 24hrs after the fall of the hammer towards the purchase of the asset. The successful bidder failing to deposit the said 25% towards initial payment, the entire EMD deposited will be forfeited & balance amount of the sale price will have to be deposited within 30 days after the confirmation of the sale by the secured creditor; otherwise his initial payment deposited amount will be forfeited. 3) The authorised officer has absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone the sale process without assigning any reason therefore. If the date of tender depositing or the date of tender opening is declared as holiday by Government, then the auction will be held on next working day. 4) For inspection and interested parties who want to know about the procedure of tender may contact AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED 201, 202, 1Ind Floor, South End Square, Mansarovar Industrial Area, jaipur-302020 or Manoj Kumar - 8130291423 or respective branch during office hours. Note: This is also a 15/30 days notice under Rule 9(1)(b) of the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagor of the above said loan accounts about tender inter se bidding sale on the above mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full.

Place : Jaipur Date : 24-11-2024 Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned as below. The borrower and Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED for an amount mentioned as below and further interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower	Date & Amount of Demand Notice	Description of Property	Date & Type of Possession
AMIT KUMAR, MRS. SHEETAL, MR. SHIKUMAR, MRS. VIJLA (A/C NO.) LNYMN03621-220212605	11 JUL 23 Rs. 1024421/- 6 JUL 23	PROPERTY SITUATED AT HOUSE AT NORTHERN PART OF PLOT NO. 37, PROPERTY ID NO. 189C42U48, KHEWAT/KHATONI NO. 342/389, KHASRA NO. 140(9-12), MOUJA GARHI MUNDO (RAM NAGAR), JAGADHRI, YAMUNA NAGAR, HARYANA ADM. 96 SQ. YARD	PHYSICAL POSSESSION TAKEN ON 22 NOV 24

Place : Jaipur Date: 24-11-2024 Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: - KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai- 600031.
Tel : +91 44 4564 4000 | Fax: +91 44 4564 4022

Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) The loans of the below-mentioned borrowers and co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loan were classified as NPA as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) are mentioned as per respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates.

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice
1	103862049	LOAN AGAINST PROPERTY	1.VIKRAM SINGH, 2.BALA DEVI 3.VIRENDER SINGH	28.10.2024	10,60,834.60/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS : ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING ADMEASURING 10 MARLE I.E. 302 SQ. YDS., BEING 1/369 SHARE OF KITE 31, RAKBA 184 KANAL 10 MARLE, COMPRISED BYKHEWAT NO. 1, JAMABANDI YEAR 2021-22, MURABA NO.31, KILA NO. 22, SITUATED AT RAKBA VILLAGE SINH, TEHSIL GUHLA, DISTRICT KATHAL, HARYANA-136034, AND, BOUNDED AS: EAST: PROPERTY OF SHAMSHER, WEST: PROPERTY OF DALBIR SINGH NORTH:GALI, SOUTH: PROPERTY OF RAMPHAL

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited) as per the details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc. within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings, under Section 13 (4) and section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereinabove to realize the amount due to IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited). Further you are prohibited under Section 13 (13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured assets either by way of sale/lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
Date : 24.11.2024 IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited, amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited and presently known as IDFC FIRST Bank Limited)
Place : KATHAL

No.KGT-Tender 2024-1136
O/O The Secretary, N.P. Kandaghat, Distt. Solan. (HP)
Date: Kandaghat, The 22nd November, 2024

Corrigendum

The offline tenders were invited by the undersigned vide No. No. KGT-Tender-2024-1105-1107 dated 08-11-2024 which was published in "The Pioneer" in Chandigarh Editions (English newspaper) on dated 20-11-2024. The revised tender notice is as follows

No. KGT-Tender-2024-1139-1141
O/O The Nagar Panchayat, Kandaghat, Distt. Solan H.P.
Dated: 22-11-2024

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed items rate tenders are hereby invited from the registered contractors /firms of appropriate class (class "C&D") enlisted with HP Govt./HPPWD/ IPH /N.P. KANDAGHAT on prescribed tender form MW-4 which can be obtained from O/O the undersigned on cash payment mentioned below. The application for tender form will be received in any working day till 05-12-2024 up to 3 00 PM & the tender form will be sold on same day up to 5.00 PM. & will be received in the O/O undersigned on 06-12-2024 at 2.30 P.M. The tender will be opened on the same day at 3.00 PM. In the presence of the contractors or their authorized representatives who wish to attend the same.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest money (Rs.)	Cost of tender form	Time limit
1	C/O Ambulance road from Pushpender's house towards Smt. Rani's house in ward no.4 at Dolog, Kandaghat Dist. Solan (SH: Providing and Laying Cement Concrete and Cement Conc. Pavers from RD 0/0 to 0/120 m in first phase)	4,97,816/-	12,000/-	300/-	Three months
2	Removal of slips, desilting of drains, repair of toe wall near SBI bank and painting on steel railing over N.P. office slab stair etc. at Kandaghat, Distt. Solan.	82,042/-	2100/-	300/-	Three months
3	M/O Drain from HDFC bank towards HIMUDA Colony in ward no.2 at Kandaghat (SH: -Providing C.C flooring on existing damaged portion of drain from RD 0/0 to 0/70 m)	82,170/-	2000/-	300/-	Three months
4	C/O Childr en park cum self ie point near HDFC bank in ward no.2 at Kandaghat, Distt. Solan. (SH: - Providing civil works like Tiles flooring, Railing, grating and supply of benches etc. in first phase)	1,94,194/-	4900/-	300/-	Three months
5	C/O Children park cum self ie point near Badi Baori in ward no.5 at Kandaghat, Distt. Solan. (SH: - Providing civil works like Tiles flooring, Railing and supply of benches etc in first phase)	1,97,257/-	4900/-	300/-	Three months
6	C/O Maintenance & Repair of SDM residence Kandaghat, work of plaster and patches, wood work in frames of doors, windows, putty white wash, distemping etc., Distt. Solan.	2,56,651/-	6400/-	300/-	Three months

Terms & conditions:

- Conditional & telegraphic/ fax / without earnest money & without prescribed tender form will be rejected.
- Earnest money will be deposited in shape of FDR/ Call deposit in favor of Secretary N. P. Kandaghat along with the tender form.
- The N.P. Kandaghat reserves the right to reject/ accept any tender.
- The validity of tender will be 90 days from the date of opening the tenders.
- Copy of registration, GST no., EPF no, PAN no. from the concerning authority be produced to the undersigned at the time of sale of tender form.
- The rate should be quoted in words as in figures.
- The DNIT/ tender form can be obtained on any working day during the office hours from the O/O the undersigned.
- Separate envelop should be used for separate work & envelop shall be endorsed with concerned tender work.
- No tender form will not be issued to the defaulter contractor dealers/ suppliers.
- Only two tenders form will be issued to each contractor.

Sd/-
Secretary,
Nagar Panchayat,
Kandaghat, Distt. Solan (HP)



THE SABARMATI REPORT



THE FILM UNVEILS THE INFLUENCE OF POLITICAL CLOUT AND JOURNALISTIC INTEGRITY IN THE WAKE OF A HISTORICAL TRAGEDY, SAYS **ABHI SINGHAL**

Directed initially by *Ranjan Chandel* and later helmed by *Dheeraj Sarna*, *The Sabarmati Report* intricately explores the interplay of political dominance and media influence against the backdrop of one of India's most contentious events—the *Godhra train* burning incident of February 27, 2002. This film, inspired by real-life events surrounding the *Sabarmati Express* tragedy, delivers a compelling narrative steeped in investigative journalism, political

dynamics, and the moral dilemmas of media reporting. The movie begins with an electrifying depiction of the bustling newsroom environment, immediately pulling viewers into the heart of the journalistic world. The talented cast, led by *Vikrant Massey* as *Samar Kumar*, *Raashii Khanna* as *Amrita Gill*, and *Riddhi Dogra* as *Manika Rajpurohit*, along with *Barkha Singh's* impactful cameo as *Shloka*, infuses life into the gripping storyline. The plot meticulously recreates the harrowing events of the

Godhra train incident, where 59 individuals, predominantly Hindu pilgrims and karsevaks returning from Ayodhya, tragically perished in a devastating fire. With a meticulous portrayal of the horrific aftermath, the movie confronts viewers with the sheer magnitude of the tragedy while shedding light on the media's struggle to strike a balance between truth and sensationalism. *Riddhi Dogra's* portrayal of *Manika Rajpurohit*, an English news anchor with an air of arrogance and confidence in her abilities,

adds depth to the media-focused narrative. The first half captivates audiences with its vivid storytelling and intricate character development. However, it is post-intermission where the film takes a gripping turn, delving into the core of the investigative efforts to uncover the truth behind the train-burning case. *Vikrant Massey* delivers a masterful performance as *Samar Kumar*, transitioning from an idealistic journalist to a relentless investigator with remarkable ease. His character's transformation is

riveting, offering a nuanced look at the challenges faced by those who dare to question authority. *Raashii Khanna* shines as *Amrita Gill*, a determined intern navigating the salted waters of media politics. Her journey alongside *Samar* not only drives the narrative forward but also marks a significant milestone in her acting career. While the film boasts strong performances and a compelling storyline, it does falter slightly in its attempt to inject humour into serious moments, which at times feels forced and disrupts the

intensity. The background score, however, compensates by effectively amplifying the gravity of each investigative sequence, adding a layer of immersion for the audience. *The Sabarmati Report* follows in the footsteps of recent titles like *The Kashmir Files* and *The Kerala Story* of having hits and more profits. The film has a crafting a fiery and provocative narrative designed to resonate with viewers on an emotional level. However, it stands apart by striving to present a nuanced perspective on media

ethics, to take out the truth and the complex interplay of truth and political agendas. With good performances which could have been improved while playing the characters, a thought-provoking storyline, and a reflection on the moral quandaries of journalism, *The Sabarmati Report* is a cinematic endeavour that not only entertains but also compels viewers to question the very fabric of truth and power in today's world. **RATING: 4/5**



By **SAKSHI PRIYA**

Shoppers Stop, one of India's premier destinations for fashion and lifestyle, recently unveiled its much-anticipated wedding collection with a show-stopping fashion event at Ambience Mall in Delhi. Choreographed by the renowned *Marc Robinson*, the runway was set ablaze with a stunning display of elegance, tradition and contemporary glamour, making it a night to remember for fashion enthusiasts and wedding planners alike. The fashion show was a celebration of the multifaceted world of Indian weddings. With each look carefully curated to reflect the different stages of a wedding celebration, the show presented a variety of styles, from vibrant Haldi attire to intricate Mehendi looks. There were regal Wedding ensembles, striking Reception pieces and chic Cocktail attire that perfectly balanced tradition with modern aesthetics. The collection also included sophisticated outfits for Destination weddings, catering to the growing trend of weddings in exotic locales.

What truly stood out was the sheer attention to detail in every outfit. The models strutted down the runway in exquisitely crafted garments, flamboyant lehengas, royal sherwanis, and embellished sarees, each reflecting the intricacy of Indian craftsmanship. Rich fabrics such as silks, velvet and brocade were paired with delicate embroidery, beadwork and sequins, making the outfits feel both luxurious and timeless. The Haldi outfits in shades of yellow were a burst of joy, while the Wedding and Reception ensembles in regal reds and golds exuded grandeur and sophistication. The choreography of the show also played a crucial role in enhancing the storytelling of the

SHOWCASING THE FUTURE OF WEDDING FASHION



evening. Each segment flowed effortlessly into the next, with the models movements reflecting the celebratory mood of the wedding journey. The beauty of the outfits was complemented by the elegant styling, with hair and makeup that ranged from soft, natural looks for Mehendi to bold and glamorous statements for the Reception. Adding to the grandeur were the accessories statement jewellery, intricately designed clutches and shoes that perfectly matched the bridal looks. These final touches elevated the overall aesthetic, making each ensemble feel complete. The show wasn't just about clothes; it was about showcasing the essence of Indian wedding traditions with a modern twist. *Shoppers Stop's* new wedding collection, available across its stores and online, is more than just a display of luxury fashion; it is a celebration of every aspect of Indian weddings. From the first haldi ceremony to the grand reception, the collection offers something for every moment, ensuring that customers can find the perfect ensemble for every wedding occasion.

With over 500 premium brands to choose from, it has positioned itself as the ultimate destination for wedding shopping, combining high-quality craftsmanship with contemporary flair. The fashion show was an impressive showcase of the brand's dedication to providing stylish, accessible and diverse options for wedding wear.

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Preserving India's Constitutional Legacy

O.P. Jindal Global University inaugurates India's first Constitution Museum, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**



India's political history is a tapestry of landmark events, judicial milestones, and moments that merit broader recognition. Yet, a significant portion of the population, including children, remains unaware of the profound influence the Constitution has on their lives. To bridge this gap, *O.P. Jindal Global University* (JGU) has established India's *First Constitution Museum*, inaugurated on Saturday, at its *Sonapat* campus. The museum aims to deepen the understanding of the Constitution through diverse sections that highlight its historical significance and the pivotal debates shaping its formation. Designed to be a hub for education and reflection, the museum employs innovative approaches to engage visitors, offering a vivid narrative of the Constitution's 75-year journey. Through interactive installations, cutting-edge

technology, and AI-driven displays, the museum will bring history to life. Visitors will get to experience 3D installations, progressive displays, and guided tours powered by the S.A.M.V.I.D. Project, a collaboration between JGU and IIT Madras. This advanced language model enhances the visitor experience by providing in-depth insights into every exhibit, including profiles of Constituent Assembly members and their contributions. The museum will integrate textual, audio-visual, and experiential formats, ensuring an engaging and immersive experience for all. Visitors can explore sections dedicated to each part of the Constitution, its evolution, and its enduring significance. *The Constitution Gardens* would add an artistic dimension, with sculptures symbolising the core principles of liberty, equality, justice, and fraternity.

Drawing inspiration from illustrated manuscripts and original excerpts, these artworks also celebrate India's geographical diversity while reflecting the unifying ethos of the Constitution. A highlight of the museum is the art display featuring pieces from the original handcrafted document and artworks inspired by it. The museum will also house an archive of expert interviews exploring various aspects of the Constitution, making it an invaluable resource for scholars and enthusiasts alike. As the first initiative of its kind at an educational institution, the *Constitution Museum* underscores JGU's commitment to integrating education, culture, and technology. Open to the public with free entry via app-based pre-registration, it promises to be a transformative space for growing constitutional awareness and pride in India's democratic heritage.

FOOD, IN THE END, IN OUR OWN TRADITION, IS SOMETHING HOLY. IT'S NOT ABOUT NUTRIENTS AND CALORIES. IT'S ABOUT SHARING. IT'S ABOUT HONESTY. IT'S ABOUT IDENTITY
— LOUISE FRESCO



Step into Melt House for a warm ambiance with culinary delights, from cheesy grilled sandwiches to delightful desserts, writes **ABHI SINGHAL**

Tucked on a road full of cafés and eateries, between the streets of Greater Kailash II, the *Melt House* café invites you to step inside and have the essence of a cozy vibes like you feel on the mountains while enjoying inside. The warm yellow colour mixed with brown, with bulbs hanging above the wooden tables, while the aroma of fresh ground coffee and wine mingles with the soft humming of acoustic music. *Melt House* is the kind of place where time seems to slow, promising a cozy experience with posters of coffee and scenic beauty giving you a beautiful time. From the dishes to the bar menu to *malting milkshakes* the *Melt House* caters everyone for a quality time and quality treat. Beginning with the grilled cheese speciality of the café, the *Piri Piri Cottage Cheese Grilled Cheese sandwich* is zesty containing pulled cottage cheese with onions, peppers, cheddar, mozzarella and American cheese. The *Piri Piri Cottage Cheese Grilled Cheese sandwich* gave a texture of firm and crunchy on the outside but the cheese enhanced the taste of the same. After the mouth-watering sandwich, you can embrace yourself and order the flavourful *Smoky Cajun Penne Alfredo* under the Big Plates menu. Indulged with a luscious blend of butter, heavy cream, and freshly grated

Parmesan for that perfect creamy Alfredo sauce, the *pasta* with *garlic bread* will activate your taste buds. If you are a pizza lover and a vegetarian, trying *Burrata Margherita* will be a delicious one. Bursting with vibrant, tangy flavour, balancing richness with just the right amount of acidity, *Burrata Margherita* is filled with Burrata cheese, red and yellow cherry tomato and fresh basil which will not be very visually appealing but is tasty and soft. Jumping into the small plates menu, *Pink Garlic Aioli Parmesan Truffle Fries* with *russet potatoes* cut into matchsticks with freshly grated Parmesan cheese, black truffle oil and mayonnaise for the aioli are moreish. Reflecting on the history and the aura of the café Chef Rohit Negi said, “The Melt House basically started from Gurugram itself as an artisanal sandwich shop and then we have opened to big places having the speciality of cheese. There is the melted cheese concept we infuse in our dishes. Now, after we have all the totally cheesy flavours in our food, and we have differentiated it from any other restaurant you get on to. We have some Italian cuisine in it, and we have mixed it with cheese for the cheese lovers.” The café also has different offerings in *Vodka, Tequila, Red Wines, White Wines, Gin* and more. For the milkshake enthusiasts and the



hot chocolate connoisseurs, the *Classic Hot Chocolate* at the *Melt House* is a must try beverage. The *Cold coffee* at the *Melt House* is a refreshing blend of smooth, chilled coffee, served with ice for an invigorating lift. Its rich, bold flavour comes alive with each sip, perfectly balanced between the sweetness and

COZY ESCAPE



the robust, aromatic essence of freshly brewed coffee for the caffeine kick. This signals a shift towards indulgence, setting the stage for dessert as the grand finale. So, Nutella lovers assemble as the *Chocochip Walnut Nutella* is a treat that combines the richness of Nutella with the satisfying crunch of toasted walnuts and the delight of chocolate chips. Each bite bursts with soft and nutty layers of flavour, balanced perfectly by the sugar content. The ones looking for mouth watery chocolate and high sugar *Melt's Matilda Cake* is a decadent masterpiece that promises to satisfy even the most discerning sweet tooth. With its spongy layers of chocolate sponge, every bite melts effortlessly in your mouth, leaving behind a trail of luxurious sweetness. In conclusion, the *Melt House Café* offers more than just a meal; it provides an experience. Whether you're seeking a cozy corner to unwind with a cup of freshly brewed coffee, wanting the cheesy delights, or treating yourself to decadent desserts, *Melt House* promises to deliver warmth and comfort with every visit.



Terrai attributes its inception to the terrain and rich historical culture and culinary legacy of the State of Telangana. Situated in the southern-central part of the Indian peninsula on the high Deccan Plateau, cuisine of Telangana is influenced by the region's rich history of Deccan and Telugu culture. Nizam culture is a blend of opulent traditions, art, and cuisine that reflects the historical grandeur and diverse heritage of Telangana. Founded by the visionary restaurateur, Rohit Kasuganti and the creative powerhouse, Anisha Deevakonda, Terrai derives its name from terrain defining the topography of the young-historical State. Reinventing traditional cuisine, propagating the culture and community is the ethos of this new restaurant, Terrai.



From terrain to table, Terrai presents the evolution of Telangana Cuisine, says **SHARMILA CHAND**



you step in Terrai, you are enveloped in an ambiance that exudes sophistication and warmth. Influenced by and representing the rich crafts of the State, the terracotta walls, adorned with intricate Ikkat mouldings and exquisite Dokra art, radiate an earthy elegance, while the captivating Bhatukamma-inspired ceiling lights create a mesmerising glow throughout the space. Crafted by the renowned *Sona Reddy Studio*, every detail - from the repurposed traditional doors to the stunning original artworks by *Narahari* invites guests on an enchanting journey through Telangana's rich cultural tapestry. “Terrai is a creative canvas where we weave the rich cultural and artistic elements of Telangana into every detail. From collaborating with local artisans on the stunning Dokra art to sourcing textiles for our Ikat-inspired decor, every partnership reflects the soul of Telangana, bringing its stories to life. Our mission is to ensure that every guest experiences the essence of our heritage through innovative and traditional cuisine”, adds Anisha Deevakonda, Creative Head and Partner, Terrai.



THE COMMUNITY NARRATIVE

Community is integral to the Terrai experience. The founders prioritise partnerships with local women farmers, artisans, and home cooks, ensuring that every ingredient is fresh, ethically sourced and imbued with the spirit of Telangana. This commitment to collaboration extends beyond the kitchen, celebrating the invaluable contributions these communities make to the state's culinary legacy, transforming each meal into a traditional story of connection. Terrai aspires to elevate Telangana's cuisine to its rightful place on the global gastronomic stage, offering a dining experience that transcends mere nourishment. It embodies a modern renaissance, a movement dedicated to establishing a



distinctive identity for Telangana's culinary traditions, free from the shadows of other Indian influences. Guests are invited to embark on a glorious culinary adventure, reconnecting with the land through an exquisite array of flavours.

A MELANGE OF FLAVOURS & TEXTURES

Picture indulging in the *Karim Nagar Fried Chicken Wings*, a fiery sensation complemented by tangy pickled onions, or experiencing the opulence of *Terrai Mutton Curry* paired with *spiced Masala Pooris*. The *Golichina Mamsam*, crowned with crispy fried curry leaves, is a flavour explosion, while the refreshing *Not So Mirchi Cocktail* adds a zesty flourish. Round off your culinary adventure on a sweet note with the delectable *Saffron Cheesecake*, *Kandha Doodh*, adorned with delicate saffron pearls, each a testament to the glory of Telangana's rich culinary heritage. Terrai is more than just a celebration of exquisite flavours; it is a cultural sanctuary where the stories of Telangana come alive. Each dish encapsulates the region's unique traditions and customs, inviting diners to embark on a journey that honours the past while embracing contemporary flair. Here, every bite is a narrative, woven from the intricate tapestry of spices and age-old recipes passed down through generations, all set against a backdrop that resonates with the soul of the Deccan. In a world brimming with dining options, Terrai emerges as a splendid celebration of Telangana's heritage, inviting food enthusiasts to partake in an unforgettable journey that captures the very essence of the region. It's not merely a meal; it's a resplendent experience that delights the senses and nourishes the soul.

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THE ART AND SPIRIT OF CAKE MIXING

TEAM AGENDA

AT CROWN PLAZA, MAYUR VIHAR

The *Crown Plaza Mayur Vihar* recently hosted its annual *Cake Mixing Ceremony*, embracing the charming theme of an *English Country Christmas*. This delightful event transformed the hotel into a festive wonderland, inviting guests to partake in a time-honoured tradition that has brought people together for centuries.

The roots of cake mixing trace back to 17th-century Britain, where this delightful ceremony marked the end of the harvest season. Farmers would gather to soak fruits and nuts in spirits, preserving them for the rich Christmas cakes that would grace tables during the cold winter months. This joyful gathering symbolised abundance, gratitude and the spirit of community, a celebration of nature's bounty and the warmth of togetherness.

At the *Crown Plaza*, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and laughter as guests rolled up their sleeves and joined in the festive fun. The delightful aromas of dried fruits, fragrant spices and rich spirits filled the air, creating an inviting and warm environment. This year's theme of an 'English Countryside Christmas' was beautifully reflected in the décor, featuring the traditional red, white and green colours that evoke feelings of warmth and festivity. The venue was adorned with charming elements reminiscent of the British countryside, where cosy cottages and snow-covered landscapes create a magical setting for the holiday season. This theme perfectly encapsulated the simplicity of nature, celebrating the spirit of family and community gatherings that are central to the festive season. As guests stirred the mixture, they shared stories and laughter, reinforcing the bonds of friendship and family. This camaraderie mirrored the gatherings of the past, where communities would unite to prepare for the joyous celebrations ahead. Once the mixing was complete, the cakes created during the ceremony would be set aside to mature in their rich blend of flavours, ready to be enjoyed during the Christmas festivities. The sharing of these cakes with the wider community reflects the



essence of the occasion, joy is amplified when shared with others. The *Cake Mixing Ceremony* at *Crown Plaza* embodies the essence of tradition, community and connection. In our fast-paced world, such events encourage us to pause, reflect and appreciate the simple pleasures that life offers. As attendees departed, they left not only with a sense of festivity but also with cherished memories of laughter and connection.

AT LE MERIDIEN, NEW DELHI

In recent years, *cake mixing* has become a much-anticipated ritual in the culinary calendar, where the joy of the holiday season is brought to life through the vibrant mixing of ingredients that will eventually turn into Christmas cakes. Traditionally marking the beginning of Christmas preparations, cake-mixing ceremonies have their roots in the mediaeval custom of feeding the Christmas cake with spirits and fruits, infusing it with rich flavours that are synonymous with the festive season. In hotels, restaurants and homes around the world, cake mixing symbolises warmth, joy, and a shared experience of holiday spirit. The *cake mixing* ceremony serves as a festive kick-off, celebrating togetherness and the joy of giving. This tradition often includes the blending of dried fruits, such as raisins, cherries, apricots, and

nuts, along with a blend of warming spices and a generous pour of spirits. The ingredients are then left to mature, allowing the fruits to soak in flavours, adding depth and complexity to the Christmas cakes and other holiday treats that will be shared with family and friends. Each year, *Le Meridien New Delhi* joins in this timeless tradition, creating a unique and memorable experience for guests and locals alike. This year, the hotel launched its '#WinterOfJoy' celebration with a magical cake mixing ceremony at their elegant venue, Longitude. The event drew food enthusiasts, media, and hotel guests together, where they witnessed the rhythmic blending of exotic fruits, spices, and luxurious ingredients, building anticipation for the holiday treats that await. *Meena Bhatia*, Vice President and General Manager of *Le Meridien New Delhi*, remarked on the occasion, “We are thrilled to embark on our '#WinterOfJoy' celebration with this heart-warming timeless tradition. We invite everyone to join us in experiencing a symphony of flavours, sights, and sounds as we embark on a festive journey.” The cake-mixing ceremony at *Le Meridien New Delhi* symbolises more than just the beginning of Christmas preparations; it represents a celebration of life, tradition and community.



ELEGANT WITH LOCAL CRAFTS

spanning in 12000 sq. ft., here is the dining destination, offering a luxurious experience with seating for 250 guests across four distinct dining halls, each designed to provide a unique ambiance. As

"A recipe has no soul. You, as the cook, must bring soul to the recipe"
- Thomas Keller



LOBSTERS TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT GRAPPA POP-UP



FOODFREAK



Pawan Soni
Food critic and founder of the Big F Awards



Exciting culinary happenings continue to enrich NCR's food scene, with innovative pop-ups and eateries introducing diverse menus. The latest buzz? The celebrated London-based chain *Burger & Lobster* has brought its famous flavours to Delhi with an exclusive pop-up at *Grappa, Shangri-La Eros Hotel*.
As a seafood enthusiast, I couldn't resist the allure of this pop-up, and I'm thrilled to say it didn't disappoint. These aren't the usual *lobsters* found locally, which primarily offer meat in the tail. Instead, these are exquisite *Atlantic lobsters flown* in from Canada, boasting sweet, chunky meat in both the claws and the tail. For the uninitiated, their texture and flavour might even be mistaken for crab—but one bite will make their unique charm unmistakable.
Served steamed or grilled, these *lobsters* are paired with a delightful *lemon butter garlic sauce* that compliments their natural sweetness without overpowering it. Every bite was pure indulgence. Priced at ₹5,800, they're a luxurious yet fairly priced treat, especially given the five-star ambiance. The European-style patio



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(Left to right): Abhishek Sadhoo, General Manager, Shangri-La Eros New Delhi; Chef Brian Chang, Corporate Development Chef, Burger and Lobster and Chef Gagandeep Singh Sawhney, Executive Chef, Shangri-La Eros New Delhi

seating overlooking lush greenery further elevates the experience. For those who crave a pasta twist, the *Lobster Mac & Cheese* is a must-try. Even as someone who typically steers clear of pasta, I found it irresistible. Rich with *lobster meat* and coated in a decadent three-cheese sauce blended with *lobster bisque*, the dish is creamy and perfectly balanced. At ₹1,800, it's a satisfying portion worth every rupee.
The menu also offers a variety of burgers. I shared the *Waffle Chicken Burger* with a friend, and it was a delightful surprise. A *crispy fried chicken thigh* nestled in a Belgian waffle and drizzled with ranch sauce, simple yet satisfying.
If you're intrigued, don't wait too long. Book your slot before this pop-up ends, or you might find yourself chasing these lobsters all the way to London!





Envision a captivating tale of luxury and sophistication in the heart of Hong Kong. This exquisite five-star harbour front gem has been a beacon of elegance since its inception over a decade ago, hosting a prestigious clientele of celebrities, dignitaries, and CEOs. Its allure knows no bounds, boasting flawless service, state-of-the-art amenities, and a culinary experience that is simply unparalleled.

LUXURY CONVERGE AT HONG KONG

HARBOUR VIEWS, URBAN VIBES

Nestled against the stunning backdrop of Victoria Harbour, with the vibrant pulse of Hong Kong Island at its core, Four Seasons Hong Kong effortlessly combines opulence with convenience. Step outside to breath-taking views of the harbour, while being seamlessly connected to the glamour of the IFC mall via air-conditioned walkways. Stroll along these pathways to access the Central Ferry and Star Ferry piers, the bustling Central business district, the Macau ferry terminal, as well as the Airport Express and Central MTR subway station. A flawless fusion of luxury and accessibility awaits at this unforgettable destination. As I approach the hotel's majestic entrance, I am immediately enveloped by the brilliance of its gleaming surfaces and soaring three-story windows, illuminated by the warm embrace of the sunlight. It feels as though I am stepping directly into the vibrant heart of the harbour itself. I find the hustle and bustle of people-watching utterly delightful—there are elegantly attired billionaires in Ferragamos gliding gracefully across the polished marble, while men in dark suits engage in hushed, intense negotiations, their powerful presence palpable. The air is rich with accents from around the globe, creating a symphony of cultures converging in this one place. Settling into



the Glass Room lobby lounge with a steaming cup of coffee in hand, I immerse myself in the spectacle of Hong Kong at its glamorous, cosmopolitan best.

INDULGE IN LUXURY

Stepping into my superior harbour front suite feels like entering a serene sanctuary bathed in natural light. The elegance of the space is unmistakable, with its clean, contemporary lines and a harmonious palette of neutral tones. I am instantly drawn to the inviting textures—the pale gold lozenge-patterned headboard, the sleek glossy lacquer cabinetry, and the softly striped carpeting that added warmth beneath my feet. The sumptuous bed beckons, flanked by high-tech panels equipped with sockets, USB ports, and intuitive touch-button controls for lighting and curtains, making it easy to transition from day to night. The bathroom is a lavish escape, adorned in rich honey marble that tempted me to



Experience an unparalleled luxury at the prestigious harbour front 'Four Seasons' hotel in Hong Kong, where elegance meets world-class amenities and panoramic views of Victoria Harbour, writes **AKANKSHA DEAN**



indulge in long, relaxing soaks. As a guest with access to a suite, I also enjoy the privilege of the Four Seasons remarkable 45th-floor Executive Club Lounge. It is an absolute delight, offering complimentary breakfast and afternoon tea, along with all-day refreshments, including beer, wine, soft drinks, and hot beverages. As evening approaches, the lounge transforms into a vibrant social space, serving champagne, cocktails, and a delightful array of both hot and cold buffet options—truly one of the city's best-kept secrets.

SIP, SAVOUR, CELEBRATE

The Four Seasons is an extraordinary culinary haven, boasting an impressive eight Michelin stars spread across three of its exceptional restaurants. I am fortunate enough to indulge in Lung King Heen, the first three-Michelin-star Chinese restaurant, delivering exceptional Cantonese cuisine through teamwork, quality ingredients, and outstanding hospitality, presenting

each dish as a masterpiece. Caprice, under Chef Guillaume Galliot, masterfully blends classic French cuisine with global influences, showcasing fresh ingredients, inventive techniques, and an exceptional wine and cheese selection for a remarkable dining experience. The French fine dining restaurant mesmerises me with a stunning visual and culinary symphony, also graced with three stars. Then there is the renowned Sushi Saito, where the expertise of Japanese seafood truly shines, earning its well-deserved two stars. Each morning, I savour a sumptuous international breakfast served in The Lounge on the ground floor. The offerings are nothing short of delightful: a vibrant selection of tropical fruits, delicate dim sum, eggs cooked to order, and an endless array of breads and pastries that set a luxurious tone for the day ahead. In the evenings, I discovered cocktail bar Argo, one of the world's best bars, presenting a new cocktail menu featuring 12 creations that celebrate familiar Hong Kong fruits and botanicals, showcasing their versatility. Its deco-inspired interior of glass and mirrors creates an enchanting atmosphere as I relish some sensational mixology. The Silver Fox, a remarkable concoction featuring Havana Club rum, fig leaf, oak lactone cordial, preserved lemon, and tonka, feels like drinking a piece of bliss. Each moment at The Four Seasons Hong Kong is a celebration of the finest flavours and experiences.



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Discovering the World's True Essence

In a landmark celebration, Mercure Hotels recently unveiled its 1,000th address worldwide at Mercure Dubai Deira last month. This flagship location introduced the innovative '1,000-Hours of Local Flavours,' a 42-day culinary experience designed to showcase the rich tapestry of local food and beverages. This initiative underscores Mercure's commitment to unveiling the authentic tastes of each destination.

By RUPALI DEAN

Since its inception in 1973, Mercure has been a champion of wanderlust, inviting globetrotters to embrace their inner local in every corner of the world. With a footprint spanning 65 countries and boasting 1,000 distinctive addresses, Mercure is dedicated to enveloping guests in a tapestry of local charm while upholding the highest hospitality standards.



EMBRACING COMMUNITY THROUGH CUISINE:

I was absolutely delighted to join the celebration at Mercure Dubai Deira for the grand occasion of their 1,000th hotel opening worldwide. With 1,000 locations under its belt, Mercure's mid-scale brand truly excels in forging authentic connections to local cultures around the globe. The evening's theme, 'Discover Local Elements,' set the stage for an exquisite culinary experience brimming with dishes crafted from locally sourced ingredients. The standout moment for me was savouring the cinnamon-infused UAE rack of lamb, clay-cooked to perfection, delivering unmatched tenderness and flavour. For dessert, we indulged in a delicious pistachio honey cake—a refreshing take on the beloved pistachio chocolate trend. To heighten the excitement, we got a sneak peek at the '1,000 Local Flavours' menu, launched on 1st November and delighting taste buds for 42 days. A highlight was

the desert salad, featuring the iconic ghaf leaves of the UAE, a beautiful homage to local culture and heritage. This gathering not only celebrated Mercure's unwavering commitment to showcasing local flavours but also strengthened community connections in a vibrant and fulfilling way. Paul Stevens, the chief operating wizard at Accor for the premium, mid-scale, and economy realms across the Middle East, Africa, and Türkiye, exclaimed, "Hitting the 1,000-address mark isn't just a number; it's a vibrant badge of Mercure's unwavering commitment to authentic, locally-inspired hospitality around the globe! The '1,000-Hours of Local Flavours' is a delightful dive into cultural richness and community bonds, whisking guests away on a culinary



adventure that truly captures the heart and soul of each destination. And the excitement doesn't stop there—Mercure is rolling out the welcome mat for over 200 new hotels by 2028!"

SUSTAINABLE LUXURY REDEFINED:

Julia Schamne, cluster general manager, has truly transformed Mercure Dubai Deira into a beacon of sustainability since its January opening. With an unwavering commitment to eco-friendly practices, the hotel has embraced compostable materials, bid farewell to plastics, and ensures guests enjoy unlimited, filtered water right in their rooms. The garden-to-table concept in the main restaurant beautifully showcases partnerships with local suppliers, including Hatta's Honeybee Farm, emphasising our dedication to sustainability. Nearly half of the menu is dedicated to delightful plant-based options, underlining our focus on health and environmental care. Moreover, Mercure's diverse team, representing 31 nationalities, embodies the 'heartiest' spirit, highlighted by strong female leadership in critical roles such as HR and rooms management. The changes instigated under Julia's guidance reflect a holistic approach to hospitality, integrating sustainability and inclusivity at every level.

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN FUTURE AHEAD:

Having learned about the hotel's future

plans, I am truly excited about what lies ahead! The focus remains firmly on members, ensuring their needs are never overlooked. "The fantastic feedback we've received from our loyal Accor members speaks volumes about our robust loyalty programme. In fact, we rank among the top contributors in terms of member stays and direct bookings, thanks to Mercure's well-recognised and widespread brand. As one of the largest and fastest-growing mid-scale brands, we thrive on strong storytelling and high standards. Looking forward, we're committed to enhancing our personalised approach for members, providing them with dedicated attention and individual spaces," shares Julia Schamne. Accor is also eager to increase their community contributions, which is essential for them as a group. Additionally, they are exploring ways to deepen their involvement in charity work, allowing them to give back in significant ways. Their vision is to become the go-to spot for the community, whether it's for a cosy cup of coffee or laundry services. They want to be a place where neighbours can comfortably connect to Wi-Fi or hold quick meetings. Ultimately, the goal is to be the neighbourhood hub where everyone feels at home, capturing the essence of 'Discover Local' for the community.

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The Chandigarh Chief Auditor Punjab Employees Coop. House Building (First) Society Ltd. Plot No. 1, Sector 50-B, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
 It is hereby notified for the information of general public and all the concerned that the following applicant/ WILL holder applied for transfer of Share/ Flat on account of death case/ WILL basis before the Managing Committee of the Society/ Registrar, Cooperative Societies, U.T., Chandigarh, as per notification issued by Finance Department, Chandigarh Administration:-

Name of Original Allottee	Name of Transferee/ Applicant	Flat No.	Category	Remarks
Lale Sh. Karnail Chand	Sh. Sukhwinder Lal S/o Late Sh. Karnail Chand	1013	A (Ground Floor)	On account of death case/ WILL basis

 If anybody has any objection upon the transfer of Title, Right or interest in above mentioned flat of the Society in favor of the applicant, then, he/she/they may submit the objections in writing along with relevant documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favor of the applicant. No further claim in any manner whatsoever shall be entertained later on.
 (President)

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRANCH OFFICE SHIFTING
 Bajaj Finance Limited having its Registered Office, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune 411 035 and Corporate office on 4 th Floor, Bajaj Finserv House, Viman Nagar, Off Pune - Ahmednagar Road, Pune, Maharashtra 411 014 hereby informs its customers and concerned that We are in the process of shifting our Gold Loan branch to Bajaj Finance Limited, Ground Floor, Above PWD Rest House, Opp Civil Hospital, Main Bazar Road, Shivaji Chowk, Bilaspur, Haryana, 135102. will be closing with effect from 20th December 2024. For better customer facility all the Gold Loan related services shall continue to be available at new branch shifted to Bajaj Finance Limited, Ground Floor, Khatatuni No.231/ 247 to 251, Kapal Mochan Road, Bilaspur, Dist - Yamunanagar, Pin Code - 135102.
 All customers and concerned are requested to take note of change of address and requested to contact our office at Bajaj Finance Limited, Ground Floor, Khatatuni No.231/ 247 to 251, Kapal Mochan Road, Bilaspur, Dist - Yamunanagar, Pin Code - 135102.
 Bajaj Finance Limited, 4th Floor, Bajaj Finserv House, Viman Nagar, Off Pune - Ahmednagar Road, Pune - 411 014 Maharashtra
 Date : 24-11-2024
 Tel : 020 3040 5060

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dated: 23-11-2022
Tenders are invited for purchase of spraying equipments for training in Haryana Agriculture Management & Extension Training Institute, Jind, Haryana. Last for receipt of tender is 5:00 p.m. on 30th November, 2024. For more details bidder may visit office of Haryana Agriculture Management & Extension Training Institute, Jind Haryana on working days or visit <https://etenders.hry.nic.in> Director HAMETI, Jind

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CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: Chola Crest, Super B, C54 & C55, 4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

DEMAND NOTICE

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 ("the Act") AND THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 ("the Rules")
 The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. (the Secured Creditor) under the Act and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the Act read with Rule 3 issued Demand Notice(s) under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice(s) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The undersigned reasonably believes that borrower(s) is/are avoiding the service of the Demand Notice(s), therefore the service of notice is being affected by affixation and publication as per Rules. The contents of Demand Notice(s) are extracted herein below :-

No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/s & Co-Borrower/s	Loan Amt.	Dt. of Demand Notice & Amt. O/s.	Description of the Property / Secured Asset
1.	Loan Account No. (s): HL25PLA000124436 1. Mr/Mrs. Surinder Singh 2. Mr/Mrs. Swaran Singh Both Are R/AI :- 1.1 Prem Nagar Hira Colony Bahadurgarh Kasba Rurki Patiala Punjab - 147002. Also At :- Vill. Kasba Urf Rurki Teh. And Dist. Patiala Gurdwara Punjab - 147002 3. Mr/Mrs. Harpreet Kaur R/AI :- Vill Kasba Urf Rurki Teh And Dist. Patiala Gurdwara Punjab - 147002.	Rs. 20,10,000/-	15.11.2024 Rs. 21,28,042/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Forty Two Only) as on 15.11.2024	Plot No. 1, Plot No. 2 situated at Prem Nagar Village Kasba urf Rurki, (Hadbast No. 112) Tehsil & District Patiala of area measuring 0K-5.50 Marla i.e. 165 sq. yds. Comprised in Khewat No. 228, Khatoni No. 623 to 640, Khasra No. 18/14/2(2-8), 18/17/3min(3-4), 18/4/2min(0-2-3), 18/18(8-0), 18/22/2(1-19), 18/23(7-2), 18/19/1(2-4), 18/19/2(2(4-3), 18/22/1(5-3), 18/19/2(1-13), 25/4/2min(0-3-4.50), 25/4/2min(0-10), 25/4/2min(0-10), 25/4/2min(0-3-3), 25/4/2min(0-9), 25/4/2min(0-5), 25/4/2min(0-5-4.50), 25/4/2min(0-12-4.50), 25/4/2min(0-3), 25/4/2min(0-11), 25/4/2min(0-6-4.50), 18/17/3min(3-8), 18/24/1(5-17), item 24, total area 49K-6M out of which 7/1044 share 0K-5.50 Marla i.e. 165 sq. yds. in the name of Surinder Singh S/o Sawarn Singh vide Transfer deed No. 1080 dated 20.04.2021 and as per jamabandi for the year 2021-2022. Boundaries as per Transfer deed of the property in question are as follow : East : Vacant Land, Side 33 feet, West : Road 20 feet wide, Side 33 feet, North : Vacant Plot of Daljit Singh, Side 45 feet, South : Shop's, Side 45 feet.

The borrower(s) are hereby advised to comply with the Demand Notice(s) and to pay the demand amount mentioned therein and herein above within 60 days from the date of this publication together with applicable interest, additional interest, bounce charges, cost and expenses till the date of realization of payment. The borrower(s) may note that Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. is a secured creditor and the loan facility availed by the Borrower(s) is a secured debt against the immovable property / properties being the secured asset(s) mortgaged by the borrower(s). In the event borrower(s) are failed to discharge their liabilities in full within the stipulated time, The Secured Creditor shall be entitled to exercise all the rights under section 13(4) of the Act to take possession of the secured asset(s) including but not limited to transfer the same by way of sale or by invoking any other remedy available under the Act and the Rules thereunder and realize payment. The Secured Creditor is also empowered to ATTACH AND / OR SEAL the secured assets(s) before enforcing the right to sale or transfer. Subsequent to the Sale of the secured assets(s), the Secured Creditor also has a right to initiate separate legal proceedings to recover the balance dues, in case the value of the mortgaged properties is insufficient to cover the dues payable to the Secured Creditor. This remedy is in addition and independent of all the other remedies available to the Secured Creditor under any other law. The attention of the borrower(s) is invited to Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets and further to Section 13(13) of the Act, whereby the borrower(s) are restrained / prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the secured asset(s) or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured asset(s), without prior written consent of the Secured Creditor and non-compliance with the above is an offence punishable under Section 29 of the said Act. The copy of the Demand Notice is available with the undersigned and the borrower(s) may, if they so desire, can collect the same from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
 Sd/-
 Authorized Officer,
 For Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited
 Place : Patiala, Punjab
 Date : 15.11.2024

HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED
"A State Government Undertaking"

DETAILED LIMITED TENDER NOTICE (e-Tendering Mode Only)
 Online tender is hereby invited on by the undersigned for & on behalf of Managing Director, HPSEB Ltd., Shimla-4 from the Bidders/Joint venture firms-Co-operative Societies of Retired Employees of HPSEB Ltd. having A-Class Electrical Contractor license from Chief Electrical Inspector HP Govt. Shimla, for the work:-

Sr. No	Tender No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of documents	Completion Period
1	PED-93/2024-25	Tender for Prov. SOP to GOVT. Polytechnic for Boys Hostel, Girls hostel, & Quarters, 2x250 KVA S/Str. TF Along HT & LT LINE, With CPT for metering (E)section Dhaualakuan UESD HPSEBL Dhaualakuan (SH: Prov and Fixing of LT AB Cable (3x90*70mm) at GOVT. Polytechnic College Dhaualakuan).	10.44 Lac	₹ 10,441	Rs.500+ GST	30 Days

Key Dates -
 1 Date of online publication 25.11.2024
 2 Start date and time of bid submission 25.11.2024 at 11:00 AM
 3 End date and time of bid submission 02.12.2024 up to 11:00 AM
 4 Date and time of opening of techno comm. bid 02.12.2024 at 12:30 PM

The bid document is available online and bid shall be submitted on line on website. <https://www.hptenders.gov.in> Bidders would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidders are required to have digital signature certificate DSC from one of the authorized certifying authority CA. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPSEBL may obtain the same from the website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>. DSC is mandatory to participate in e-tendering. Bidders already possessing valid DSC issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender. Detailed Terms and Condition may be seen on SBD on Volume I & II in online portal i.e. <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>
SAVE ENERGY FOR THE BENEFIT OF SELF & NATION"
 Sr. Executive Engineer,
 Electrical Division, HPSEBL., Paonta Sahib

PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

E-TENDER NOTICE
 Tenders are invited under two bid system for the under mentioned works from eligible Contractors/Agencies/L&C Societies enlisted with any PWD (B&D), CPWD, MES, PUDA, Improvement Trusts or any other Punjab Government Undertaking. For electrical work at serial number 1 to 3. All details and terms and conditions of tenders, please visit websites <https://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in> and www.pau.edu. Corrigendum/Addendum/Corrections, if any, will be published only on the above websites.
 Executive Engineer (Electrical)
 Punjab Agricultural University
 Ludhiana
 NA/12/26556/2023/39376 Dated CHD :- 11/22/2024

PUNJAB AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, LUDHIANA

e-Tender Notice
 Tenders are invited under two bid system for the under mentioned works from eligible L&C Societies enlisted with any of PWD (B&R), CPWD, MES, PUDA, Improvement Trusts or any other Punjab Government undertaking. For work at Sr. No. 1, eligibility criteria given in <https://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Sr. No.	Name of Division	Description	Tender Cost
1.	C-II	Renovation and Extension of Both hall including Changing room and locker room at indoor Gymnasium at DSW PAU, Ludhiana	Rs. 20,82,424/-

 Earnest money: 2% of the tender cost or as applicable.
 Tender form fee Rs. 1180/- each (Rs. 1000/- + GST @ 18%)
 For all details and Terms & Conditions of tenders, please visit websites <https://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in> and www.pau.edu. Corrigendum/Addendum/ Corrections, if any, will be published only on the above websites.
 Executive Engineer (C-II)
 PAU, Ludhiana
 NA/12/26555/2023/39375 Dated CHD :- 11/22/2024

Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department
HPPWD Division Bhawarna, Distt. Kangra (H.P)-176083
Tel:01894-247777, e-mail id: eepwd-bhaw-hp@gov.in

"SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS"

Sealed item rate tenders on form 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Bhawarna Division HPPWD, Bhawarna on behalf of the Governor of H.P. for the following works from the approved and eligible contractors enlisted in H.P.PWD, (B&R) whose registration stood renewed as per revised rules and also registered under the H.P. General Sales Tax Act 1968 so as to reach in his office on or before **07/12/2024 up to 11.00 AM**, and the same shall be opened on the same day at 11.30 A.M. in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The tender documents can be had from his office against cash payment (Non-refundable) on **06/12/2024 up to 4.00 P.M.** and the application for issue of tender form shall be received on **05/12/2024 up to 12.00 noon**. The earnest money in the shape of NSC/FDR/saving account of the Post office/Bank in H.P. duly pledged in favour of the XEN must accompany with each tender. Conditional/ incomplete tenders & tender without earnest money will be summarily rejected. The XEN reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or drop the proposal of tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of Tender form
1	C/o link road from Gharela to Uprla/Ghabela (SW: - Providing and laying Soling & Wearing in Km. 0/0 to 0/400)	4,41,440/-	8800/-	Two Months	350/-
2	A/R & M/O various roads under HPPWD Sub Division Dheera (SW:- Supply and stacking patch work material (Ready mix pot seal) packing of 25kg/bag for Sullah Section and Dheera Section)	4,99,500/-	10,000/-	Two Months	350/-
3	A/R & M/O various roads under HPPWD Sub Division Dheera (SW:- Supply and stacking patch work material (Ready mix pot seal) packing of 25kg/bag for Purba Section and Rajhoon Section)	4,98,825/-	10,000/-	Two Months	350/-
4	C/o link road to Village Bhadrol (SW: - C/o U-Shape Drain with Edge wall & CC Pavement work work in Km. 1/580 to 1/598)	1,11,833/-	2400/-	Two Months	350/-
5	C/o Link road from Panyali to Jhunga Devi Mandir Via Dhalaria, Kholi & Bhadrol Km. 0/000 to 7/000 (SW: - C/o RWall in Km. 6/015 to 6/048 LHS)	4,67,388/-	9400/-	Three Months	350/-

Terms & Conditions:-
 1. The contractor/firm should be registered as or dealer GST No.
 2. The intending contractor/firm have to produce the copy of latest enlistment and renewal enlisted in HPPWD.
 3. If any of the date mentioned above happened to be Gazetted Holiday the same shall be processed on next working day.
 4. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tender without assigning any reason.
 5. The contractor will have to submit affidavit along with application for issue of tender that he has not more than two works in hand.
 6. Next tender will be issued only after completion of previous works in hand.
HIM SUCHANA AVM JAN SAMPARK
 Executive Engineer
 Bhawarna Division
 HPPWD Bhawarna
 (On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh)
 RO NO. 3444/2024-2025 Dated: 23-11-2024

State Level Function
 in the memory of
Maharishi Valmiki Ji
 (Under Sant-Mahapurush Samman Avam Vichaar Prasara Yojana)

Chief Guest
Sh. Nayab Singh Saini
 Chief Minister, Haryana

Date:- 24th November, 2024
Time- 10 am
Venue- Eklavya Stadium
 Jind, Haryana

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- Mukhyamantri Vivah Shagun Yojana**
 Shagun of up to Rs. 71,000 on the marriage of daughters of beneficiaries with annual income up to Rs. 1.80 lakh
- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Awas Navinikarn Yojana**
 Financial assistance of up to Rs. 80,000 for house repair
- Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Chhattar Sansodhit Yojana**
 Scholarship up to Rs. 12,000 annually for higher education
- PM Yasasvi Yojana**
 Educational allowance and tuition fees of Rs. 5,000 to 20,000 to post-matric students

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