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SP stitching alliances to take on BJP

Akhilesh meets AAP leader Sanjay Singh and Apna Dal leader Krishna Patel**BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW**

Shedding its Covid-period inertia, the Samajwadi Party is racing ahead with its plan to stitch up alliances with smaller parties to take on the BJP in the forthcoming Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh.

In an attempt to strengthen the caste alliance further, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav met senior Aam Adami Party (AAP) leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh and Apna Dal (Krishna Group) president Krishna Patel separately on Wednesday, fuelling speculation of further alliances.

Krishna Patel later declared that her party will share stage with the Samajwadi Party in near future but did not elaborate on the seat arrangement.

The meeting between Akhilesh and Singh took place at Janeshwar Mishra Trust building in Lucknow and lasted for about an hour. This was the third meeting of the AAP leader and Akhilesh.

"In an attempt to give respite to the people of UP from the BJP, we are trying to come together and talks regarding a possible alliance have been initiated," Singh said.



Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav meets AAP leader Sanjay Singh in Lucknow on Wednesday

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Recently Singh had visited the residence of SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav and greeted him on his birthday.

Political pundits believe that if the SP and the AAP forge an alliance, it will boost their chances in the urban areas where the BJP has stronghold.

Earlier in the day, Patel met Akhilesh. She claimed that her deal with the SP is final now and very soon leaders of both parties would share a common platform.

Another faction of Apna Dal led by Union Minister Anupriya Patel has an alliance with the ruling BJP.

Akhilesh has already forged alliance with Suheldeo Rajbhar Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) which has a strong base among Rajbhar community in east UP. Besides, the SP also has tied up with Mahan Dal, which has influence among the Maurya-Kachi and Kushwaha community in east and central UP. Last month, the

SP had entered into an alliance with the Jan Kranti Party dominated by Lonia community. Earlier on Tuesday, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Jayant Choudhury had met with Akhilesh regarding alliance for the coming UP Assembly elections.



Rebel Congress MLA Aditi Singh (L) and BSP MLA from Azamgarh Vandana Singh join the BJP at the party office in Lucknow on Wednesday

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Rebel Cong, BSP MLAs join BJP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Congress and the BSP received another setback in Uttar Pradesh before the crucial Assembly polls when rebel Congress MLA Aditi Singh from Rae Bareilly's Sadar seat joined the BJP; and rebel BSP MLA from Sagri seat of Azamgarh district Vandana Singh did the same.

Vandana was suspended by the BSP for anti-party activities. She said the BSP never heard her side and suspended her without any reason. "Thereafter I met Yogi Adityanath and he asked me to join BJP," she said.

Leaders of various political parties took the membership of the BJP in the presence of BJP State president Swatantra Dev

Singh in Lucknow.

Welcoming both the leaders, Singh said joining of these sitting MLAs gives a clear picture of what will happen in 2022 Assembly polls.

Aditi has been criticising the Congress and hailing the policies of the BJP Government for a long time. Recently, Aditi had said she wanted to be a part of Yogi's team and claimed Yogi is the most popular CM.

Aditi had even criticised Priyanka Gandhi saying she is only doing drama. "If she had been aware of women's pride, she would have first acted against her personal secretary Sandeep Singh, who has been booked for molesting a woman," Aditi had said.

Mamata meets PM; Swamy hogs limelight

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

TMC supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss a range of issues, including demand for withdrawal of the order extending the BSF's jurisdiction in the State. She also invited the PM to inaugurate the Global Business Meet scheduled in Kolkata for April 2022.

However, what caused more attention during the day was senior BJP leader Subramanian Swamy calling on the TMC chief a day after the regional party inducted several senior party members of the Congress and the JD(U).

Swamy, however, oblique-

Bengal CM urges Modi to withdraw order on extension of BSF jurisdiction

ly scotched the possibility of him joining the Trinamool Congress. "I was already with her (Mamata). There is no need for me to join the party," he told the media.

Swamy who has often praised Mamata on social media met her at TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's official residence in the national Capital. After meeting the Trinamool Congress chief, Swamy said they discussed the political scenario in Bengal.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in New Delhi on Wednesday

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CAPSULE

ISIS THREAT TO GAMBHIR: SECURITY AT RESIDENCE

New Delhi: Security has been beefed up outside the residence of BJP MP Gautam Gambhir here after he received an alleged death threat from "ISIS Kashmir", officials said on Wednesday.

3 TERRORISTS KILLED IN ENCOUNTER

Srinagar: Three unidentified terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Rambagh area of the city on Wednesday, officials said.

NITI AAYOG FLOATS IDEA OF FULL-STACK DIGITAL BANKS

New Delhi: Government think-tank Niti Aayog proposed setting up of full-stack 'digital banks', which would principally rely on the internet and other proximate channels to offer their services and not physical branches, to mitigate the financial deepening challenges being faced in the country.

NO BABIES IN PARLIAMENT: UK LAWMAKERS OUTRAGED

London: Several British politicians demanded a change in parliamentary rules on Wednesday after a lawmaker was told she couldn't bring her 3-month-old baby into the House of Commons.

JPSC chairperson meets Guv at Raj Bhawan

HINTS AT CUT-OFF MARKS RELEASE ON THURSDAY**PNS ■ RANCHI**

Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) chairperson Amitabh Chaudhary on Wednesday hinted that the commission may release the cut-off marks for the recently held preliminary exams on its official website by the end of Thursday.

Governor Ramesh Bais summoned the JPSC chief on Wednesday over the recent protests against alleged anomalies in the recently held JPSC 7, 8 and 10 exams. After meeting Bais at Raj Bhawan, Chaudhary assured necessary actions to clear all doubts and concerns of aspirants. Talking to media persons outside Raj Bhawan on Wednesday, Chaudhary said that there was nothing to worry about and the JPSC will come out clean.

"Everything is fine. Please check the official website of JPSC tomorrow (Thursday), and all your queries will be answered," Chaudhary told



Chairman JPSC Amitabh Chaudhary and SSP Surendra Kumar Jha meet Governor Ramesh Bais on JPSC issues at Raj Bhawan in Ranchi on Wednesday

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media persons, dodging questions asked by media persons.

Several thousand JPSC aspirants have been demanding cancellation of the recently conducted preliminary tests for JPSC 7 to 10 citing favouritism and anomalies in the system. The students have alleged that the JPSC has not issued a cut-off for the recently held exams, and demanded reexamination. The protesting aspirants have alleged that several aspirants whose roll numbers fell in sequence cleared the tests, while no aspirant under the specially-

abled category made it to the list of successful candidates. Besides, some aspirants did not clear the exam despite scoring more than other candidates who cleared the test, the protestors have said. This movement has also gained the support of some political parties lately. On Tuesday, police personnel had to lathi-charge protesting students and a few BJP leaders while they were on their way to meet the JPSC chief in Ranchi. The incident hogged the attention of higher authorities and also led to the

Governor summoning the JPSC chairperson.

JPSC exams have been riddled with controversies since 2016. The prelims test for JPSC 6 was conducted way back on December 18, 2016 and its result was declared in February 2017. On June 7, 2021, The Jharkhand High Court cancelled the merit list of the 6th JPSC after years of protests by aspirants. The court also directed the state government to identify the officials responsible for the mistake in the merit list and take action against them.



Chief Minister Hemant Soren receives Guard of Honour on his arrival at Nemra, Ramgarh on Wednesday

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Jharkhand's rich culture, traditions on display at IITF

MINISTERS, SECRETARIES ATTEND IITF, NEW DELHI**PNS ■ RANCHI**

The State Government on Wednesday celebrated Jharkhand Day at the Jharkhand pavilion of the ongoing India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The speakers at the fair threw light on the State's nature and rich tribal culture. The speakers said that the social environment, living style, and folk culture of the State are incomparable. Folk artists from the State also displayed the folk culture of Jharkhand.

On the occasion, Jharkhand's Minister of

Drinking Water and Sanitation Mithilesh Kumar Thakur, Labour, Planning, Training and Skill Development Minister Satyanand Bhokta, Jharkhand Government's regional Commissioner Mast Ram Meena, Industries and Mines and Geology Department Secretary, Pooja Singhal, Secretary, Rural Development Department, Manish Ranjan, Secretary Information and Technology and E-Governance Kripanand Jha, Director SUDA Amit Kumar, Director Silk Divyanshu Jha, Managing Director Jharcraft Akanksha Ranjan, Managing Director Jharkhand Tourism Development Corporation R Ronita, Managing Director JSLPS Nancy Sahay along with other senior officials were present.

The programme started with speakers paying tributes to tribal freedom fighter Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa

Munda, followed by the guests visiting the state's pavilion at the trade fair. Appreciating the folk artists skill and work the Minister Mithilesh Thakur said that trade fair is a good platform to showcase the development taking place in the state.

He said that Jharkhand state is the land of Lord Birsa Munda, Sidho-Kanhu and other brave sons, who played an important role in India's freedom struggle. The state of Jharkhand is full of culture, tourism, art, minerals in all respects. We have 40 per cent of the total mineral wealth of the country, in which iron, gold, mica, uranium etc. are in abundance.

The minister also threw light on State's religious places such as Baba Baidyanath Dham, Rajrappa Temple, Itkhor Temple, Maluti Temple etc among other pilgrimage sites. The minister also said that as part of tourism desti-



Drinking Water and Sanitation Minister Mithilesh Kumar Thakur, Labour, Planning, Training and Skill Development Minister Satyanand Bhokta (not in the picture), Jharkhand Government's regional Commissioner Mast Ram Meena, Industries and Mines and Geology Department Secretary, Pooja Singhal, Secretary, Rural Development Department, Manish Ranjan among others during the inaugural programme of Jharkhand Day at IITF, New Delhi on Wednesday

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nations, there is immense potential in Jharkhand, such as Betla National Park, Netarhat, Hazaribagh as centres of attraction for tourists.

The new industrial policy of the Industries Department of the state is going to prove to be a milestone for micro, small and heavy industries. Jharkhand is also making a lot of progress in the field of sports, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Deepika Kumari, Nikki Pradhan and Salima Tete, who had shown their talent in the just held Olympics, are a source of inspiration for generations.

Secretary, Industries Department and Mines and Geology Department, Pooja Singhal said that Jharkhand is rich in religious places, tourism destinations and there is abundance of mines and minerals. The Industries Department of the state has formulated a new industrial

policy to promote industries, which will encourage all industries. In this policy, our Chief Minister has specially made a Rural Industrial Policy for the development of the villagers, so that the people living in rural areas would be provided incentives to set up industries. She further said that Jharkhand is a state of diversity. Its natural beauty is unique, which makes the state the best from the point of view of tourism. The tourism department is running ecotourism, rural tourism, adventure tourism etc. to make it more meaningful.

On Jharkhand State Day, Chhau dance by Prabhakar Kumar Mahato of Jharkhand, Paika dance by Ashok Kachhap, Oron dance by Jhinga Bhagat Manoranjan Kala Sangam, Mundri dance by RR Mehta, Nagpuri dance by Jhinga Bhagat and Santhali dance by Babita Murmu was attraction for visitors.

Maoists bandh: Security forces on alert in Kolhan

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

Security arrangements have been beefed up across Kolhan in view of bandh call given by the CPI (Maoist) ultras. The 72-hourJharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Odisha bandh has been called to protest the arrest of the outfit's top leader Prashant Bose. According to senior police officials, additional personnel have been deployed in naxal-affected and bordering areas of the State.

In view of the proposed bandh, the administration has taken necessary measures to ensure that the bandh is peaceful and no untoward incident may take place at the naxal-infested areas of the twin districts of Singhbhum and also in adjoining Seraikela-Kharsawan district during the bandh.

Prashant Bose (80), who is CPI-Maoist politburo member and second top naxal leader in the country was arrested along with five others including his wife from Kandra police station area in the Seraikela-Kharsawan district on November 12.

Police teams have been deployed at railway stations, bus stands and other crowded places. Besides, vehicles are



being searched to avoid any untoward incident, they said.

Anti-landmine vehicles will be patrolling through the NH 33 area along with deployment of forces of CRPF and RAF.

He went on to add that strict vigil on the bordering areas of Odisha and Bengal is being kept. Security forces have been deployed in large numbers at naxal-infested areas. Police patrolling on the Maoist infested areas of the Ghatshila sub division have also been increased.

Since in the past Railways have been the target of the ultras special focus is on to ensure strict security arrangements for Railways establishments

Railway authorities have sounded alert in Railway stations of CKP division. Special squads of RPF jawans and

gangmen would be pressed into service to trace out landmines along railway tracks in the vulnerable division. Pilot engines would also lead the trains running through naxal infested areas.

Seraikela-Kharsawan administration has deployed paramilitary forces on the Chandil-Chowka-Ichagarh stretch of NH-33.

"We are all set for meeting any eventuality from last midnight. The rebels are impulsive and they can resort to any strategic measure to show the administration in poor light," the police officer said.

Security forces have launched intensive operations against the ultras in the naxal infested areas too. The railways have also been advised to run train in naxal affected areas at slow speed to avoid possible sabotage of tracks and bridge.

‘Prerna’ Business quiz competition organised in BSL

RAHUL SHARMA ■ BOKARO

A business quiz competition named “Prerna” was organized separately for the officers and personnel at the Human Resource Development Center of BSL. On this occasion, Chief Guest Executive Director (Personnel and Administration) Sameer Swarup, CGM (HRD) Niranjan Kumar, GM (HRD) Neeta Ba along with contestants from various departments participating in the competition were present.

In the beginning of the programme, Neeta Ba welcomed the chief guest and the contestants and informed about the various rules related to the competition. 14 teams participated in the quiz competition organized for Officers grade. In the award winning team, Senior Manager (GU) S.W. Kispotta and Senior Manager (SIGS) Anand Raj got first prize and Manager (ERS) Subham Verma and Manager (Hot Strip Mill) RR Panda got second position. Manager (CRM-1.2) T.Jitesh Kumar and Manager (CRM-3) Md Sajjad stood third. The quiz master of

this round of the competition were General Manager (HRD) Neeta Baa and Senior Manager (HRD) Amit Anand. The role of scorer were played by Anita Kumari, Vinay Kumar, Shweta, and Atul Kumar Singh.

In the same series of Quiz also 18 teams took part in the competition organized for the workers. The first prize winners in this competition were OCT (CRM-1, 2) Mohan Kumar Patel and OCT (CRM-1,2) Manoj Kumar Soren. Sr. Operator Tech (ELTC) Shuvendra Kumar and Sr. Operator Tech (ETL) Priyank Raj got second position while Physiotherapy (Medical and Health Services) Ruplok Kumbhakar and Sr. Operative (Medical and Health Services) Prabhat Ranjan stood third. The Quiz Master of this round of the competition were the Senior Manager (SIGS) Anand Raj and Manager (ERS) Subham Verma. The role of scorer were played by RK Gupta and RR Panda and coordinator Senior Manager (HRD) Amit Anand. At the end of the competition the team members were honored by the chief guest.

Vegetable grower gets vaccine on fields in Latehar

M FAIYAZ AHMAD ■ DALTONGANJ

Take the job where you are and no matter what you are doing is the mantra of the health team in Latehar.

A vegetable grower busy watering his potato cultivation in his field at Hoorilong under the Barwadeeh block of Latehar district identified as Shyam Dayal Singh had a few strange visitors in his field today asking him if he has taken his Covid 19 vaccine or not.

Shyam Dayal Singh was honest enough to say none of the two doses he has taken so far and wanted to be spared for the day today as he said he is watering his potato cultivation.

The team that visited him, comprising community health officer Abha Kumari of Hehegara, ANM Sunina Kujur and Rohit, asked him to take the vaccine doing his work but Shyam Dayal Singh quipped that if he gets down with fever then who would look after his cultivation.

Rohit said he was assured of no such onset of the fever but if he has had a bout of fever then he was advised to take a



tablet of the PCM which is paracetamol.

Shyam was given two tablets of 500 mg PCM.

He got ready and took the vaccine right on the bund of his upcoming vegetable field today. He kept the PCM tablets with him too DC Latehar Abu Imran said he has asked the civil surgeon Haren Chandra Mahto and his teams to locate such unvaccinated eligibles and with their consent vaccinate them in what condition they are without asking them to come to the health centre etc.

Ved Prakash, a health official in Latehar district said our teams are vaccinating people across the railway lines, in the auto rickshaws, paddy fields, jungles etc and the response is good.

Miscreants chop off woman's head during road robbery

PANKAJ KUMAR ■ DHANBAD

Unidentified miscreants chopped off head of a lady Pratibha Dey during road robbery on Tuesday late night.

Resident of Sushnileve village under Baliapur police station, she was returning with her husband Uttam Dey and two year old son home on a two-wheeler after consulting a doctor in Dhanbad .

The incident took place near Brea forest while miscreants attacked the couple with sharp edged weapons in an attempt of loot but unfortunately murdered the lady .Uttam too sustained injuries while attempted to save his wife and son .

Sindri sub-divisional police officer Abhishek Kumar who reached on spot after receiving information said , Baliapur police is conducting raids for arrest of miscreants. Police patrolling in the area would be intensified, he added.

An Autopsy was conducted on Wednesday morning and the body was handed over to the victim's family.

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Details and list of materials are available on the above e-tender Portal. The Quotationer may download the documents from the website and quote their firm item rate excluding taxes for the Materials online from 26.11.2021 at 3.30 hrs. to 04.12.2021 at 2.00 hrs. The quotation will be opened on 06.12.2021 at 2.00 Hours.

The quotation is invited to ascertain and assess the Rate of Materials at par with lowest market rate for framing of Estimates under D. W. &.S. Mech. Division, Jamshedpur.

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6	निविदा प्राप्त कर तकनीकी बौद्ध खोलने की तिथि	दिनांक 04.12.2021 को 04:00 बजे अपराह्न तक			
7	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल सं०-2, धनबाद,			
8	निविदा खोलने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल सं०-2, धनबाद			
9	निविदा प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल (e-procurement Cell) का दूरभाष सं०	0651-2480345			
10	हेल्पलाइन न०	7992394524			

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धनबाद**

PR 257656 Drinking Water and Sanitation (21-22)_D

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(Procurement Cell)

Tender Notice No.05 Dated 24.11.2021

अति-अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

जिले में गैरकानूनी अवैध पोस्ता खेती के रोकथाम हेतु **Mini Power Tiller** मशीन/उपकरण की आपूर्ति निबंधित निर्माणकर्ता/प्रतिष्ठानों/प्राधिकृत एजेंसियों (जिनका वारंट सरकार अन्तर्गत/झारखण्ड राज्य में जी०एस०टी० निर्गत हो) से निविदा दिनांक 01.12.2021 के पुरवाह्न 11:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

क्र०	कार्य का विवरण	Details
1	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशित होने की तिथि	24.11.2021
2	निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि/समय	01.12.2021 till 11:00 AM
3	तकनीकी निविदा खुलने की तिथि/समय	01.12.2021 03:00 PM
4	अग्रघन की राशि (EMD) जो जिला नजारत उप समाहर्ता, समाहरणालय चतरा, के नाम से Banker cheque या Demand Draft देय होगा (Payable at Chatra)	Rs 2500
5	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले का नाम एवं पता	Head, Procurement Cell cum office of Director DRDA, Vikas Bhawan, Chatra
6	निविदाएं EMD का Hard Copy कार्यालय में हार्थो-हाथ अथवा रजि० पोस्ट से जमा करने की तिथि	24.11.2021at 11.00 A.M to 01.12.2021 till 11.00AM

Further details can be seen on website: chatra.nic.in or visit DMFT Cell, DRDA, Building, Nagwan Chowk Chatra 825401.

उक्त अंकित निहित समय तथा तिथि पर निविदाकर्ता द्वारा दो नजरबंद लिफाफों में तकनीकी एवं वित्तीय बिड जमा करना होगा। उक्त तिथि को क्रय समिति द्वारा तकनीकी भाग खोलते समय निविदाकर्ता अथवा उनके द्वारा प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधियों को उपस्थित रहना अनिवार्य है। निविदादाताओं के तकनीकी मूल्यांकन के पश्चात् ही सफल निविदादाताओं का वित्तीय बिड खोला जाएगा।

निदेशक,

PR 257653 Rural Development(21-22)D

**लेखा प्रशासन एवं स्व नियोजन,
जिला ग्रामीण विकास अधिकरण, Procurement Cell, चतरा झारखण्ड।**

कार्यालय प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, मुरहू (सूँटी)

(पंचायत शाखा)

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना वर्ष 2021-22

एतत् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि पंचायत समिति मुरहू के 15वें वित्त आयोग योजना अन्तर्गत 1. ग्राम डौगड़ा आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र में नल जल –सह– हैण्डवाश यूनिट योजना का निर्माण 2. ग्राम सियाकेल में आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र में नल जल –सह– हैण्डवाश यूनिट योजना का निर्माण 3. ग्राम इट्टी आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र में नल जल –सह– हैण्डवाश यूनिट योजना का निर्माण 4.छाता बरटोली में आंगनबाड़ी केन्द्र में नल जल –सह– हैण्डवाश यूनिट योजना प्रत्येक योजना का प्राक्कलित राशि 311427.00 (तीन लाख ग्यारह हजार चार सौ सताईस) रुपये मात्र है। आपूर्तिकर्ता को दो वर्ष तक रख-रखाव करना होगा इस हेतु 10 प्रतिशत राशि काट कर रखी जाएगी। उपरोक्त चार अदद योजना अधिष्ठापन हेतु इच्छुक आपूर्तिकर्ता से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्राप्तकर्ता को 30 दिनों के अन्दर योजना पूर्ण करना होगा।

➤ निविदा आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 03.12.2021 को अपराह्न 2:00 बजे तक होगी निविदा अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के कक्ष में 03.12.2021 अपराह्न 4:00 बजे खोली जाएगी। मापदंड से कम निविदा प्राप्त होने पर 5 दिन अतिरिक्त दी जाएगी। निविदा के समक्ष स्वयं निविदादाता अथवा उनके प्रतिनिधि रह सकते हैं।

➤ उपयुक्त निविदा बिना कारण बताए रद्द करने का अधिकार अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के पास सुरक्षित होगी तथा किसी भी न्यायालय में चुनौती नहीं दी जाएगी।

नोट :- निविदा के नियम एवं शर्तों की जानकारी प्रखण्ड कार्यालय के सूचनापट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

**प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी
मुरहू**

PR 257618 District (21-22)_D

झारखण्ड सरकार

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय

102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, राँची

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या:- **75/2021-22/RWD/DALTONGANJ** दिनांक :- **24.11.2021**

मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र० सं०	आईडेंट्री फिकेशन संख्या/पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)		कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि
			अंक में	अक्षर में	
1.	RWD/ DALTONGANJ/ 01/ 2021-22	सिक्की अमानत पुल से छोटकी सिक्की होते हुए बरसैता तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 1.650 कि०मी०)	1,35,22,300.00	एक करोड़ पैंतीस लाख बाईस हजार तीन सौ रू० मात्र	09 माह
2.	RWD/ DALTONGANJ/ 02/ 2021-22	चक्रउदरपुर पुल से रबदी सदाबह नदी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 1.680 कि०मी०)	1,18,67,300.00	एक करोड़ अठारह लाख सड़सठ हजार तीन सौ रू० मात्र	09 माह
3.	RWD/ DALTONGANJ/ 03/ 2021-22	मेन रोड से सुरेन्द्र मालाकार के घर होते हुए रेलवे स्टेशन तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 1.300 कि०मी०)	1,01,53,200.00	एक करोड़ एक लाख तिरपन हजार दो सौ रू० मात्र	09 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- **02.12.2021**

3. ई-निविदा प्राप्त की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- **16.12.2021** अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।

4. **(क)** मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी, राँची अथवा **(ख)** जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची अथवा **(ग)** जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, डालटनगंज में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:- **20.12.2021** पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।

5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- **21.12.2021** पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।

6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी चौक, राँची, झारखण्ड, पिन- 834001

7. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०- 0651-2207818

8. निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक/अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम/अकाउंट से ही निरत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, डालटनगंज के पक्ष में एवं डालटनगंज में जमापये होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

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**नोडल पदाधिकारी
ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल**

PR257652 (Rural Work Department)21-22'D

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अपरिहार्य कारणों से इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 1441 दिनांक 12.11.2021 द्वारा अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- 11/2021-22 जिसका पी०आर०(PR)सं०-256859 Rural Development (2021-22)D है, जिसमें परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि दिनांक 23.11.2021 के स्थान पर दिनांक 06.12.2021 को 10:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से अपराह्न 01:00 बजे तक एवं निविदा प्राप्त एवं खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 24.11.2021 के स्थान पर दिनांक 07.12.2021 अपराह्न 03:00 बजे तक पढ़ा जाय।

**कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गुमला**

PR 257647 Rural Development(21-22)#D

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एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि पूर्व प्रकाशित PR.No.256692 निविदा के क्रमांक संख्या UDD/ GMC/02/XVIII/2021-22 योजना का नाम वार्ड नं० 06 लखारी तालाब का विस्तारीकरण एवं गहरीकरण कार्य को अपरिहार्य कारणवश रद्द किया जाता है।

उप नगर आयुक्त,
गिरिडीह नगर निगम।

PR.NO.257695 Urban Development(21-22):D

वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय, राँची

सर्वसाधारण के लिए सूचना

नाम-कविता देवी, उय्र-26 वर्ष, रंग-सँवला, ऊँचाई-5 फीट, पहनावा-लाल रंग की साड़ी पहनी हुई है।

उपरोक्त लापता महिला कविता देवी, पति-मोती लाल महतो, सा०-पिरका खेरडीह, थाना-सिल्ली, जिला-राँची जो दिनांक-12.11.2021 से लापता है। जिसके संबंध में मुरी ओपी० सनडा सं०-11/2021, दिनांक-12.11.2021 दर्ज कर इनकी खोजबीन हेतु जनता का सहयोग अपेक्षित है।

अतः सभी जन्म साधारण से अनुरोध है कि यदि उपरोक्त लापता महिला कहीं मिलता है तो इसके संबंध में वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक के कार्यालय में या निम्नांकित फोन नम्बर पर संपर्क कर इसकी सूचना दें।

पुलिस उपाधीक्षक, सिल्ली, राँची। -943177066
थाना प्रभारी, सिल्ली, राँची। -9431706153

**वरीय पुलिस अधीक्षक,
राँची**

PR257686 (Police)21-22'D

झारखण्ड औद्योगिक क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकार

बोकारो प्रक्षेत्र, बियाड़ा भवन, बालीडीह, बी०एस०सीटी-14.

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Govt’s commitment reflects through ‘Aapke Adhikar Aapki Sarkar-Aapke Dwar’ campaign

After 8 Years of struggle, Divyang Bhekhraj Kumari got her Aadhar Card during the camp

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Aapke Adhikar Aapki Sarkar-Aapke Dwar’ campaign launched by Chief Minister Hemant Soren has started yielding results already. This flagship campaign is intended to cover every possible beneficiary under different government schemes. Under this campaign, every day multiple camps are being organized in different panchayats across the state. People deprived of the benefits of government schemes are now being covered with the benefits at their doorstep.

Divyang Bhekhraj Kumari is glad that the government has come to her doorstep to provide her benefits under various government schemes. Previously, there was a hurdle that was stopping her from accessing these benefits. Since the last 8 years, she was struggling to get her Aadhar card. After the launch of this campaign, she received her Aadhar

Card within a day.

Bhekhraj Kumari is a resident of Jharpo village in Tatijharia block of Hazaribagh. Since she did not have an Aadhar card, she was unable to get the benefits of government schemes. She sent her message to the camp organized in Tatijharia and informed officials about the issues faced by her in getting the Aadhar card. Upon listening to her plight, the District Welfare Officer and Block Development Officer came into action. A vehicle was arranged and she was brought to the camp from her residence. Here registration for the Aadhar card was done on-site and the Aadhar card was issued to her.

On getting her Aadhar, she expressed her happiness and said, “now I have my Aadhar card and I will be able to reap benefits of different government schemes. Thanks to Chief Minister Shri Hemant Soren, if this camp was not organized it would have been impossible for me to get Aadhar.”

Sajni Bala Mahto, a resident of Palashdih village of Madhavpur Panchayat located in Bodam block of East Singhbhum would earn her livelihood through selling Hadiya (Desi Liquor). She



Beneficiaries at a camp under ‘Aapke Adhikar Aapki Sarkar-Aapke Dwar’ campaign on Wednesday

wanted to do goat farming and earn her livelihood. In a camp organized in Madhavpur Panchayat under Aapke Adhikar Aapki Sarkar Aapke Dwar, Sajni Bala Mahto was given Rs 10,000 in the form of an interest-free loan under Phoolo Jhano Ashirwad Abhiyan. She always wanted to get rid of the compulsion to sell Hadiya and the evils associated to this work. With the loan provided to her through JSLPS, she will be able to lead a respectful life while earning livelihood for her family.

Shashi Devi; 79, a resident of Ranchi was struggling to get her Ration Card (PDS card) since the lockdown despite multiple attempts made by her.

RD Secy fiat to monitor timely completion of works under PMGY-Rural

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Rural Development Secretary Dr Manish Ranjan has written to all Deputy Commissioners and Deputy Development Commissioners of the State for monitoring of sanction, payment and completion of PMAY-Rural houses within 100 days at block, district and State levels.

“Providing homes to the homeless is the priority of the government. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna- Gramin and Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojna, approval of houses against the target set, timely payment of first/second/third installments to the beneficiaries and progress of completion of houses is not satisfactory. The current procedures and compliance status were reviewed. Action needs to be taken after review to implement these schemes more effectively,” he wrote to the DCs and DDCs.

“Keeping in view the high workload of the DCs and DDCs, Director, National Employment Programme or Director, Accounts Administration and Self-Employment has been nominated as nodal officer for day to day monitoring of PMAY-



Rural and Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas Yojana. In the districts where both these posts are vacant, the Deputy Commissioner will inform the department by appointing a senior officer as the nodal officer. In all the upcoming meetings, both these schemes will be reviewed along with these nodal officers. The nodal officer will also apprise the DC and DDC about the progress every day,” he further stated.

“In Latehar, Hazaribagh, Palamu, Pakur, Bokaro, Godda, Giridih, Dumka, Dhanbad, Chatra, Gumla, East Singhbhum, Lohardaga and Garhwa districts, PWL finali-

sation is still to be done, due to which the balance is yet to be done by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. The houses have not yet been released at the Panchayat level. The DCs, DDCs and Nodal Officers of these districts will ensure to finalise it by the end of this month in any case,” he said. Financial progress will be compulsorily reviewed in all subsequent meetings. Under this, the status of the payment of the first installment after the approval of the house, the payment of the second installment after the release of the first installment and the payment of the third installment on com-

pletion of the houses will be reviewed, he added.

“After the acceptance of the house, the time limit for completion of the house is fixed in 100 days. To ensure this, there is a need to provide all the necessary support to the beneficiaries in timely availability of installments and construction of houses from the Panchayat level to the district level. For this, there is also a need to monitor each and every house on a day-to-day basis. In place of those volunteers who are not taking interest in this work, work can be taken from employment servants or Sakhi Mandals,” said the Secretary.

‘Expedite works to provide employment to rural masses’

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Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Commissioner Rajeshwari B reviewed the implementation of MNREGA scheme and RURBAN mission schemes through video conferencing with all Deputy Development Commissioners (DDC) on Wednesday. She directed to expedite the work to provide employment among rural masses of the State.

In the meeting, the works being done under the MGNREGA scheme were reviewed in detail by the MGNREGA commissioner, district wise. In the course of review, the DDC of the districts making relatively less progress were directed by the MGNREGA Commissioner to expedite the work. The MGNREGA Commissioner, clearly stated that the purpose of MGNREGA work is to provide employment to the villagers.

She said that there should be no migration from the village, ensure it and if it is not done, action will be taken by fixing the accountability. MGNREGA commissioner directed to complete all pending schemes within one week.

In the course of review, Rajeshwari directed the Block Development Officers (BDO) to ensure timely payment of wages to the workers working under MGNREGA and directed to provide employment to maximum workers for one hundred days.

During the meeting, many other directions were given regarding employment generation in the village from MNREGA. All the BDOs were directed by MGNREGA Commissioner Rajeshwari that there should be no negligence in MGNREGA work. She gave



MGNREGA Commissioner Rajeshwari B holding a meeting with DDCs of all districts on Wednesday

many other directions including inspecting the site of the schemes being made under MGNREGA. Rejected transaction, directed through PFMS to improve the rejected account of MGNREGA workers without delay, geo-tagging of hundred per cent scheme and generating man-days by operating the scheme in the village as per the target. In the meeting, all the BDO were instructed to ensure 50 per cent participation of women in MGNREGA.

JMM, BJP gear up for Panchayat polls in State

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The three-tier Panchayat elections will be held next year in the month of February/March with announcement of election dates by December-end this year. As the elections will be held in February/March, ruling party Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) has intensified preparations for the panchayat elections. The ruling party before the election has focused on completion of government pending works especially in rural areas.

At the JMM working committee meeting held at JMM chief Shibu Soren's residence being attended by JMM executive president and Chief Minister Hemant Soren and other lawmakers it was decided that welfare work started by the state government will be spread.

At the JMM meet, Chief Minister Hemant Soren said that welfare measures started by the State government will be intensified. Pending works will be completed so that people can know about the vari-

ous welfare measures of the State Government. JMM general secretary, Supriyo Bhattacharaya said, “Though the panchayat elections will not be held on party lines, but we want to highlight the work done by state government along with completion of pending works so that large number of panchayat representatives who supports JMM ideology wins the election.”

Even the BJP has started preparations for panchayat elections. Senior party leaders have directed party workers regarding the expansion of the organisation. State BJP president Deepak Prakash has directed BJP cadres to organise training classes among party functionaries.

BJP national general secretary cum state in-charge Dilip Saikia had stressed on strengthening the party at booth level. Saikia said that the BJP working committee meeting said that BJP is a vibrant organization, so there is a need to make its lowest unit booth also alive. He directed party leaders to organise booth level func-

tions to strengthen the party.

He said that it should be the responsibility of the workers to take the schemes of the Centre to the people. He said that the organization has to work with team spirit. All workers should have one goal, common aspiration. He asked the BJP cadres to highlight the welfare works of Centre.

The tenure of gram panchayats, panchayat samitis and zilla parishads in Jharkhand was completed in November-December 2020 itself. Due to the unforeseen circumstances arising due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the state government has given extension to Panchayati Raj system twice.

Earlier, it was planned that elections under the three-tier Panchayati Raj system was to be held in five phases from the second week of December to the first week of January and the Parliamentary affairs minister Alamgir Alam had even talked about holding panchayat election by end on this year, but now it appears that election will be held next year.

Marandi questions sand ghat settlement process

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The former chief minister and BJP leader, Babulal Marandi has shot a letter to chief minister Hemant Soren to stop the recruitment of mining developers cum operators (MDO) for the bandobast (settlement) and operation of sand mining in Jharkhand. Marandi said that Jharkhand State Mineral Development Corporation Limited (JSMDC-CL) has violated the order of

the Jharkhand High Court and the guidelines of Forest Environment and Climate Change by making appointments of MDO.

“This matter has been brought to my notice by many citizens and social outfits that JSMDC has appointed MDO for the bandobast of sand ghats and clusters by violating rules and regulations including the National Green Tribunal (NGT). Notably, NGT has made many new rules and

regulations for the mining sands which Jharkhand has accepted to implement,” Marandi has said. He added that under the existing rules the notification of sand ghats, details of the topography of the area, and environmental issues will have to be seen. He said that the JSMDC without furnishing reports started the appointment process of MDO.

Marandi alleged that the way the government had



adopted the process during the bandobast of liquor shops to help the liquor cartel the same process is being adopted in sand mining.

He alleged the Hemant Soren government was making arrangements to hand out all 540 sand ghat of Jharkhand to outsiders. Marandi said that terms and conditions of tender for sand ghats have been framed in such a way that it is nearly impossible for local people to compete with

outsiders. He wondered how CM allowed such an injustice with residents of Jharkhand.

He expressed surprise over the fact that the secretary of the mining department was also the chief director of JSMDC. Hence in the case of anomalies in the JSMDC any probe will be impossible. He questioned why a permanent appointment of director of JSMDC was not done despite the High Court's order.

XISS inks MoU with PHIA Foundation for gender equality

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Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, and Partnering Hope Into Action (PHIA) Foundation, Ranchi, have signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for a partnership of one year for cooperation in areas of gender equality and engaging students as Change Makers.

This partnership is in time to amplify the involvement of the budding graduates passing out from XISS to become Changer Maker of this initiative, where they become individuals who are willing to delve deeper and critically question beliefs and values which perpetuates inequality. Students/Change Makers will start meaningful and engaging conversation to bring about a change in self and others.

Change Makers will also act as Campaign Ambassadors in the educational Institutes of the state and will be felicitated with Change Maker certification. As a knowledge partner, PHIA Foundation will help in organizing

workshops/thought-shops and awareness programs on gender issues for the students. The partnership also will help in creating a safe space (online or offline) like Gender Adda to encourage students to share their experience, question, debate, interact and challenge current gender stereotypes in society and particularly in their surroundings.

Dr Joseph Marianus Kujur, Director, XISS, Ranchi; Johnson Topno, Regional Head of Programme, PHIA Foundation; Dr Raj Shree Verma, Assistant Professor, XISS; Aayurshi Sahay, Brand Officer, XISS; Ranjan, Manager, Partnerships and Shristi Shankar, PHIA Foundation were present during the signing of the MoU.

Dr Kujur said, “XISS is elated on this collaboration with PHIA Foundation with a vision to effectively increase student participation in areas of gender equality as they will train to become Change Makers of the society. Starting a dialogue on gender equality and student sharing their views, organising debate and interacting on such



XISS Director Dr Joseph Marianus Kujur and Regional Head of Programme, PHIA Foundation, Johnson Topno along with others during the MoU signing programme at XISS in Ranchi on Wednesday

important issue, I am sure will widen their horizon as they are ready to step into the professional world. I am hopeful that this association will immensely benefit the student's community in enhancing their practical skills and knowledge.”

“The partnership between

XISS and PHIA aims at co-creating a facilitative platform where young leaders of tomorrow can get an immersive experience to understand the nuances around the issue of gender through the lens of masculinity and help create a new narrative around gender

justice. Under this partnership, PHIA will train XISS students to become ChangeMakers where they shall come out with creative content to reach out to masses and create awareness on the issue,” highlighted Ranjan, Manager, Partnerships, PHIA.

Street vendors hold strike against encroachment drive

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Street vendors of the State Capital kept their shops closed on Wednesday in protest against the encroachment drive of the Ranchi Municipal Corporation (RMC). Around 200 shops in the entire Morhabadi area were closed and the shopkeepers in the procession reached near Morhabadi Maidan Gate Number Three and the procession turned into a meeting.

In the meeting, the shopkeepers decided that they should meet the Municipal Commissioner and submit a memorandum so that they can get any solution of the day-to-day problem.

They said that in the name of encroachment the municipal corporation encroachment team of the often tortoise shopkeepers of the area, sometimes they lift the shopkeepers' chair-table and their stall forcibly and sometimes they misbehave with women.

SAIL'S IRON ORE MINES RECEIVE 5-STAR RATED AWARDS

Two iron ore mines of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines and Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines, received 5-star rated awards for sustainable mining practices and all round performance in the Iron Ore category at the 5th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals held in New Delhi on November 23. Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi presented the awards to Soma Mondal, Chairman, SAIL in a glittering award ceremony. Chairman, SAIL was accompanied by Kamlesh Rai, CGM, Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines and RP Selvam, CGM, Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines while receiving the awards. SAIL's Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines was awarded for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 while Meghahatuburu Iron ore Mines was awarded for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. Both these SAIL mines are under the Jharkhand Group of Mines of SAIL, Bokaro Steel Plant.

DIPANVITA WINS BRIDAL MAKEUP EXPERT AWARD

Bokaro's makeup artist Dipanvita Kumar has been honored with the Creative Bridal Makeup Expert, Jharkhand Award. Dipanvita is a resident of Sector-3E; she runs Golden Touch Beauty Parlor located in Sector-4 City Center. She participated in the Beauty and the Best Mr., Miss and Mrs. India-2021 contest held at New Delhi. Around 80 participants from across the country participated in this event. Dipanvita got a chance to do the makeup of all the participants there and she won the Creative Bridal Makeup Expert, Jharkhand Award. Dipanvita was honoured by Dr Aditi Govitrikar, a film actress and India World.



YOUTH KIDNAPPED IN GIRIDIH

Six criminals opened fire and kidnapped a youth in Bagodar police station area of Giridih. It is said about the incident that Shamsher Alam, resident of Gaida of Vishnugarh police station area of Hazaribagh district, was taken away by criminals sitting in a Bolero and Apache bike. During this, the criminals also opened fire; the incident was captured in the CCTV camera. Administration searched the CCTV camera installed in the house under construction of Shamsher Alam. The Bagodar administration has started an investigation. Shamsher works as a land trader.

INTER DEPARTMENTAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Inter-departmental Badminton Championship-2021 is being organized in the Indoor Badminton Hall of the Sports Complex operated by Bokaro Steel Plant. The competition was inaugurated by Sameer Swarup, Executive Director (Personnel and Administration). On this occasion, CGM IN (Finance & Accounts) Suresh Rangani, CGM (CED) Shaligram Singh, General Manager (TA Water Supply) and Senior Manager (S&CA) Subhash Rajak, along with a large number of spectators and participants were present. A total of 17 teams will participate in the championship. Four teams played eight matches on the first day. The final match of the championship will be held on November 27.

Pak allows India to send wheat to Af via its land



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Two days after Prime Minister Imran Khan announced that Indian humanitarian aid of 50,000 metric ton of wheat can be transported to Afghanistan through his country, Islamabad on Wednesday formally conveyed the decision to New Delhi in this regard. Pakistan also said it has allowed transportation of life-saving medicines from India to Afghanistan via Attari-Wagah border on an "exceptional basis for humanitarian purposes."

The decision came weeks after India urged Pakistan to allow the land route to ferry humanitarian aid. So far, Pakistan allows only Afghanistan to ferry goods to India through road but exports from Indian through land is not permitted.

Meanwhile, India on Wednesday reaffirmed the need for an inclusive negotiated political settlement to the Afghan crisis and said the territory of Afghanistan should not be used to the detriment of any other country.

Making this assertion here, Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla said New Delhi is in

touch with all countries concerned over is in touch with all countries concerned on the Afghan issue, noting that it will have to see how best to protect its interests and "make the best" of a difficult situation. He made these observations in a virtual interactive session at the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

As regards permission to India to ferry aid, "The decision of the government of Pakistan to this effect was formally conveyed to the Charge d' Affaires of India at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs," the Foreign Office (FO) said in a statement in Islamabad on Wednesday.

The FO said wheat and medicines to Afghanistan would be allowed to enter through "Wagah Border on an exceptional basis for humanitarian purposes."

Last month, India announced 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat for Afghanistan as humanitarian assistance and requested Pakistan to ship the food grain via the Wagah border.

India has contributed to the humanitarian requirements of the Afghan people. This included providing more than 1 million metric tonnes

of wheat to Afghanistan over the past decade.

Last year too India assisted Afghanistan with 75,000 metric tonnes of wheat, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had said at the United Nations High-Level Meeting on the Humanitarian situation in Afghanistan in September.

Imran Khan on Monday announced the decision as soon as modalities are finalised with the Indian side. He said this while approving a humanitarian assistance package for Afghanistan.

He visited the new Afghanistan Inter-Ministerial Coordination Cell (AICC) in Islamabad and chaired the first apex committee meeting of the cell. The meeting was also attended by Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and National Security Adviser (NSA) Moeed Yousaf.

An official statement said "Pakistan will also facilitate the return of Afghan patients who had gone to India for medical treatment and are stuck there, the Prime Minister announced."

Resumption of regular international flights likely by end of year: DGCA



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Regular international flight operations, which have remained suspended owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, is expected to return to normal soon. Civil Aviation Ministry Secretary Rajiv Bansal on Wednesday said that international passenger flight services are expected to be normalised soon and possibly by the end of this year.

As per the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the international flight operations have been suspended till November 30. The government has been allowing commercial international flights on a case-to-case basis.

Scheduled international passenger flights to and from India were suspended in March 2020 due to the covid-19 pandemic. However, the restrictions will not apply to international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), a circular added.

Currently, India has formed air-bubble pacts with

around 28 countries, including the US, the UK, the UAE, Kenya, Bhutan and France. Under an air-bubble pact between two countries, special international flights can be operated by their airlines between their territories with specific restrictions.

After the first wave of COVID-19 subsided, a lot of countries opened their borders for tourists from India, especially Dubai, Maldives and Seychelles. However, we the arrival of second-wave and increasing cases, almost every country put India on a red list of international arrivals. Things, now, are again going back to normal and with India managing to reduce infection rate drastically, international travellers from India holding tourist visas are being allowed by many countries. With the vaccination meted out and countries allowing international travel, there is a great relief.

On the other hand, domestic air passenger traffic has seen an uptick, almost reaching pre-Covid levels. On November 23, over 3.59 lakh

domestic air passengers travelled via 2743 flights across India. Last weekend, 3.94 lakh domestic air passengers travelled, which is highest since the pandemic.

Last week, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said the government was evaluating the process for normalising international operations and asserted that it wants to return to normalcy while keeping in mind the coronavirus pandemic situation in certain parts of the world.

Speaking about its loss-making carrier Air India, Bansal said it is likely to be handed over to the Tata group by the end of the year. "We are making efforts to handover all operations of Air India by the end of December". Air India has been incurring a monthly loss of more than ₹600 crore, he noted. On October 25, the Government signed the share purchase agreement with Tata Sons for the sale of the airline for ₹18,000 crore. The amount includes payment of ₹2,700 crore in cash and take over ₹15,300 crore of the carrier's debt.

States slacken Covid testing momentum

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI



At a time when States should have been closely monitoring prevalence of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) & influenza-like illness (ILI)/ respiratory distress symptoms for early hotspot identification as winter sets in and pollution level increases, many of them have slowed the pace of conducting Covid-19 tests.

Fearing that this poor pace could undermine the actual infection spread within the community, the Centre has taken exception to this disturbing and casual approach, particularly in the backdrop of multiple surges in the Covid-19 cases in a majority of countries in recent times and a few developed nations reporting even fourth and fifth wave despite high levels of Covid vaccination.

The Union Health Ministry on Wednesday wrote to at least 13 states including the populated one like Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal and those in Northeast such as Nagaland, Sikkim, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram to increase the pace of testing. The other three States are Goa, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh.

The Ministry said that in the absence of sustained levels of sufficient testing, it is very difficult to determine the true level of infection spread in a geography.

"Nagaland has reported 342 average daily tests as of the week ending 22nd November. This is in a stark contrast to a high of 1,250 average daily tests conducted in the week of August 23-29. It is also worrying to note that the state has recorded a positivity of 1.5 per cent in the

week ending 22nd November, having stagnated over the past 4 weeks, with an abysmally low share of RT-PCR tests i.e., 8.2 per cent," the Ministry cited the status to the States.

"Further, worrying trends with regards to tests, tests per million, positivity rate and higher dependence on Rapid Antigen tests have been observed in various districts of the State... The positivity in districts such as Mokukchong and Peren has been above 2.5 per cent, with RT-PCR share falling below a decent proportion of the total tests."

The Ministry has directed these states to maintain the momentum and build on the progress made so far to bring the pandemic situation under control.

"While there has been a significant decline in the new cases with 10,195, average daily cases reported in the week ending 22nd November, it has been observed that there has also been a decline in weekly testing rates," wrote Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan to these states and territories.

The letter said in the absence of sustained levels of sufficient testing, it is very difficult to determine the true level of infection spread. "With a majority of countries seeing multiple surges in Covid cases in recent times and a few developed countries facing even fourth and fifth waves despite high levels of Covid vaccination, there is a need for continued vigil given the unpredictable and contagious nature of the disease..."

Naravane praises Bangladesh's efforts to deny space to terrorist groups

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Army Chief General M M Naravane on Wednesday lauded the people of Bangladesh for standing up for their right to liberty and independence in 1971. He also appreciated Bangladesh's efforts to deny space to terrorist groups who are trying to carry out subversive activities against India.

In a message played out during an event here on Wednesday to mark 50 years of India-Bangladesh ties, he also asserted that "the historic Land Boundary Agreement" (LBA) between the two countries has shown how an issue related to border can be "resolved with mutual negotiations and a constructive outlook".

This, at a time when "certain countries" have been trying

to "alter the status quo by force, and bypassing traditional rules and protocols, with complete disregard to territorial integrity of others," Naravane said, without naming any country.

The LBA epitomises the 3Ms — "mutual respect, mutual trust and mutual commitment — to a rules-based order," the Army chief said. He also said the two countries share an important strategic space in the Indian subcontinent with a land boundary spanning over 4,000 km.

Marking a new high in bilateral ties, India and

Bangladesh in 2015 had sealed a historic deal to settle the old land boundary dispute through exchange of territories, removing a major irritant in bilateral ties.

"We are conscious of Bangladesh's efforts to deny space to terror groups that are carrying out subversive activities against India," the Army chief said. In turn, India "continues to prevent any terror outfit" from using Indian soil to undermine the interests of Bangladesh, he said.

The event was attended by Bangladesh High Commissioner Muhammad Imran, former Army chief of Bangladesh and 1971 war veteran Lt General (ret'd) Harunar-Rashid, a few 1971 India-Pakistan war veterans from Indian armed forces, and a number of senior defence officials, among others.

Rahul seeks credible data on Covid deaths

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Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday demanded that the government provide credible data on Covid deaths in the country and pay a compensation of ₹4 lakh each to families of those who lost their lives due to coronavirus. Stepping up its campaign against the BJP in Gujarat, which goes to polls late next year, the Congress leader also attacked the "Gujarat model" which the BJP has projected as the best in the country. Rahul Gandhi shared a video in which families, who lost their dear ones due to Covid in Gujarat, alleged that they did not receive timely help from the government. "The Congress party has two demands that credible data on Covid deaths be disclosed and compensation of Rs four lakh be given to the families of those who lost their kin due to Covid-19. The Government will have to ease the pain of people and they should get com-

pensation," he said in a tweet in Hindi, using the hashtag "#4LakhDenaHoga".

In the 4:31 minute video as part of "Congress Nyay campaign", Rahul said the Gujarat model is much talked about but the families whom they talked to said that during Covid times they neither got a hospital bed nor a ventilator.

"When you had to help them in the hospital, you were not there and when they lost Rs 10-15 lakh in hospital and also their family members, you were still not there to provide compensation. What type of Government is this," he asked.

The former Congress chief said while the Gujarat government claims that only 10,000 people died due to Covid, the truth is that three lakh people have died due to Covid. He claimed that Congress workers have gone house to house to ascertain this. "The official tally says 10,000 people died due to Covid, but the truth is three lakh," he claimed.

CRPF enhances ex-gratia payment for its personnel

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The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has enhanced the ex gratia payment from ₹21.5 lakh to ₹35 lakh for troops killed in combat action and from ₹16.5 lakh to ₹25 lakh for casualties due to other causes like accident, suicide or illness while in service. The ex-gratia amount is payable to the next of kin of the deceased personnel.

The decision to enhance the ex gratia payment was taken during the annual governing body meeting of the paramilitary force held in September, a senior official said on Wednesday.

These ex-gratia payments will be drawn from the voluntary contribution made by the personnel of the force under two heads — risk fund and central welfare fund.

The officials said a similar

decision is being taken in other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) or paramilitary forces on the directions of the Union Home Ministry.

The CRPF has also enhanced the financial assistance given to the family members of its deceased personnel for the wedding of the daughter or the sister of the slain trooper. The financial assistance has been enhanced from

₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh, they said.

The CRPF is the world's biggest paramilitary force with about 3.25 lakh personnel in its ranks and is designated as the lead internal security force for counter-terrorist and anti-Naxal operations. It is extensively deployed for counter-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir and anti-insurgency role Naxal-hit States and the Northeast.

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Anaemia among women, kids remains a concern

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

From a replacement-level fertility rate, rise in women operating bank accounts from 53 per cent to 79 per cent at all-India level to disturbing anaemia prevalence as well as obesity and C-section deliveries, the latest round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS 5) has presented extreme picture of India's health status across the States.

In spite of the substantial increase in the composition of iron folic acid (IFA) tablets by pregnant women for 180 days or more, anaemia among children and women continues to be a cause of concern. More than half of them, including pregnant women, are anemic nationwide, as per the survey.

In the key indicators of the survey, exclusive breastfeeding to children under age six months has shown an improvement in all-India level from 55 per cent in 2015-16 to 64 per cent in 2019-21.

The child nutrition indicators have also shown a slight improvement at the all-India level as stunting has declined from 38 per cent to 36 per cent and underweight from 36 per cent to 32 per cent at the all-India level. In all phase-II States/UTs, the situation has improved in respect of child nutrition, but the change is not significant as drastic changes in respect of these indicators are unlikely in a short span period.

The survey has found that the institutional births have increased substantially from 79 per cent to 89 per cent at the all-India Level. However, the institutional delivery is 100 per cent in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu and more than 90 per cent in 7 States/UTs out of 12 Phase II States/UTs.



GAJENDRA SINGH

‘Cost-effective meditation can help reverse grey matter loss’

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI



A simple, easy to follow, cost-effective meditation routine, when practised daily for several months, can help reverse grey matter loss in patients with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or those with mild Alzheimer's disease — a neurological progressive degenerative condition — researchers have claimed.

Dr Amitabha Ghosh, Director and Head Department of Neurology, Apollo Multispeciality Hospital Kolkata, together with Dr S Bapi Raju {Cognitive Science lab at IIIT Hyderabad}, in collaboration with other researchers had allocated patients with MCI or mild Alzheimer's disease to meditation or control groups.

The meditation group practised 30 minutes of silent, sitting meditation daily for 6 months. They did MRI scans at baseline and after 6 months all patients also underwent neuropsychological assessment. The meditation group showed significantly increased grey

matter over the frontal brain regions that are responsible for control of attention and goal-directed decision-making and reduced grey matter posteriorly.

"The left hippocampus (memory) and the right thalamus also showed an increase in grey matter volume. The team found a trend towards improved attention among the meditators," said the researchers. The study supported under the SATYAM program by the Department of Science & Technology is published in journal 'Frontiers in Human Neuroscience'.

However, the researchers said that the meditation research in MCI and Alzheimer's disease is still very young.

"Much of our waking state is spent on mind wandering. Excessive mind wandering, especially when loaded with persistent negative thoughts, damages the brain, predisposing one to early aging or even Alzheimer's disease. Meditation teaches non-judgmental and non-reactive awareness of appearing thoughts and improves one's ability to disengage and focus on intended goals," Dr Ghosh explained.

Teachers’ killers among 3 terrorists neutralised

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Three terrorists, including one of the commanders of The Resistance Front (TRF), believed to be involved in the killing of two minority school teachers, were gunned down by the jawans of the Jammu and Kashmir police in a brief encounter near Rambagh area of Srinagar late Wednesday evening.

According to the preliminary reports the terrorists were travelling in a private car when they were intercepted by the police teams in the middle of the road. In the brief exchange of fire all three terrorists were neutralised.

The vehicular movement also remained suspended till

the time police authorities cleared the area. Several local residents stepped out of their homes and shouted pro-Azadi slogans while the security forces shifted the dead bodies to the police control room for an identification parade.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir range Vijay Kumar told a Delhi based news agency, "one of the three terrorists killed in the encounter has been identified as Mehran. The identities of two others was yet to be established". Kumar said Mehran, a 'C' category terrorist, was involved in the killing of a school principal and a teacher in the month of October in Srinagar.

Highly placed sources in the Jammu and Kashmir police

also revealed the name of TRF terrorist commander Mehran Yaseen Shalla had surfaced during a high level security review meeting chaired by the Union Home Minister. While briefing the Union Home Minister senior police officers had named Mehran as one of the TRF commanders behind the targeted killings. Directions were given to the security forces to identify and neutralise perpetrators of terrorist violence involved in the targeted killings of minorities in the Kashmir valley.

Till the time of filing the report the police had not released any official statement as the identities of two other slain terrorists were yet to be ascertained.

CBI PROBE INTO SSC RECRUITMENT SCAM

HC interim relief for Bengal Govt

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Much to the relief of the Mamata Banerjee Government, a Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court on Wednesday granted an interim stay on the CBI investigation — into the School Service Commission recruitment scam — ordered earlier by a single bench of the same Court.

Granting an interim stay of three weeks the Division Bench directed the SSC to submit before it all the documents related to the matter in a sealed envelope which would be kept with the Registrar General of the Court.

Earlier in a damning order the single bench of Justice Abhijit Banerjee had ordered a CBI investigation into the alleged irregularities in the appointment of the Group C

and D (non-teaching) staff in the Government aided schools that function under the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education.

The appointments were made upon purported recommendations coming from unspecified sources in the SSC. While the Commission later said that no such recommendation had been made after May 4, 2019 the WBSEE which had directed the schools to provide appointment letters to the recruited persons said in an affidavit that it had done so following the stated recommendations vouching to produce such letters before the Court if asked to.

Subsequently the Court directed a CBI investigation into the irregularities asking the investigating agency to probe the money trail too if that had

taken place. While the case related to the appointment of 25 people, the subsequent revelations suggested that more than 500 such people could have been appointed through the backdoor.

The SSC is already under the court scanner regarding another recruitment scandal related to the appointment of teaching staff. Justice Banerjee in his order had earlier directed the CBI to constitution a committee headed by an officer “not below the rank of a Joint Director with officers not below the rank of DIG to initiate the enquiry,” adding it was expected that “no person will be left out of the enquiry ... the CBI should also enquire ... as to whether there is any money trail in issuance of such recommendation letters and subsequent issuance of appoint-

ment letters...”

Meanwhile, a moribund Left Front descended on the streets of Kolkata after many months with hundreds of its cadres storming the SSC headquarters seeking removal of the top officials of the Commission and sacking of the State Education Minister.

Following a two-hour skirmish a dozen of Left supporters were injured and at least 250 members of CPI(M)’s students and youth arms Students Federation of India and Democratic Youth Federation of India were arrested and the streets they had blockaded cleared by the police. Presently the SFI and the DYFI cadres were protesting in front of the Bidhannagar and Rajarhat Police Stations seeking the release of the arrested people.

Do more Corona tests, Centre tells Bengal

PNS ■ KOLKATA

With Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee out in Delhi State ministers and senior officials on Wednesday preferred to maintain a studied silence on the Centre’s letter asking the State Government to augment weekly corona tests in view of the increasing number of cases in many parts of the world.

“A letter has come from Delhi and a decision would be taken at an appropriate time,” a senior official of the State Health Department said adding the State Government had been following guidelines given by the Centre from time to time.

A Minister on the other hand said Bengal was one of the pioneer states in maintaining steady vaccination record despite non-cooperation from the Centre adding New Delhi had “no right to lecture the States without itself doing nothing on the issue.”

Earlier, the Centre wrote letters to thirteen states including Bengal expressing its concern over the decline in the number weekly testing for corona virus.

A letter from the Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that there should be high testing rates considering the fact that international traveling had increased in the recent weeks.

“A decrease in testing would undermine the actual infection spread within the community,” the letter said.

Pointing out to the fact that many other countries were “seeing multiple surges in Covid cases ...” the letter reminded how a few developed countries were facing even fourth and fifth waves despite high levels of vaccination suggesting there was need for continued vigil.

BSF lodges protest with Pak for border violation

Jammu: Indian border guards on Wednesday lodged a strong protest with their Pakistani counterparts during a commandant level border meeting held at the Octroi post along the International border in RS Pura sector of Jammu frontier. According to a Public Relations Officer of BSF, Jammu frontier, "A strong protest was lodged by BSF regarding violation of IB by Pakistan based drones and also apprised the Pak commander to refrain from such activities".

The BSF delegation was led by Ajay Suryavanshi, Commandant and the Pakistan delegation was led by Wing commander Lt. Col Aquil of 13 Wing Chenab Rangers.

"During the meeting commanders of both border guarding forces discussed various issues including maintenance of border pillars and latest infrastructure activities on the border, Pakistan Drone operations and other activities", BSF PRO said in a written statement.

During the meeting both the commanders also agreed to resolve all the operational matters and border issues with a mutual understanding. "The meeting was held in a cordial & constructive atmosphere and both commanders agreed to work for maintaining a peaceful atmosphere on the border", spokesman added.

Fadnavis meets Raj Thackeray, sparks buzz about BJP-MNS ties for BMC polls

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Amid speculation about the changing political equations in the metropolis ahead of the crucial February 2022 Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections, Maharashtra’s former chief minister and senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis met MNS chief Raj Thackeray at the latter’s new residence “Shiv Thirth” at Dadar in north-central Mumbai on Wednesday afternoon.

Fadnavis, who was accompanied by his banker-wife Amruta, spent nearly two hours at “Shiv Thirth” interacting with the MNS chief and his wife Sharmila over lunch.

As the speculation over the import of the luncheon meeting between Raj and senior BJP leader, MNS Spokesperson Sandeep Deshpande said that Thackerays had invited the Fadnavis couple to their new house for lunch. Notwithstanding the clarification issued by Deshpande, the speculation was rift that the BJP and MNS may try to forge an alliance for the

crucial BMC polls scheduled to be held in February 2022.

For many years since they formed an alliance in the late eighties, the Shiv Sena used to rule the BMC in alliance with the BJP. However, after the Shiv Sena broke its alliance with the BJP at the state and national levels and formed the government in alliance with the NCP and Congress in the state in the last week of November 2019, the saffron alliance broke at the BMC. Currently, the Shiv Sena rules the BMC on its own.

It may be recalled that the BMC polls held in 2017 had thrown up a hung house. The Shiv Sena had emerged as the single largest party with 84 seats in the 227-member BMC, followed by BJP- 82, Congress- 31, NCP- 9, MNS- 7 and others-- 14. During the first two and a half years in power, the Shiv Sena increased its strength to 94, by inducting among others seven corporators from the Raj Thackeray-led NCP.

However, after it aligned with the NCP and Congress in the state in November 2019, the ruling Shiv Sena

has been enjoying the support of the two parties for the past two years

Given that all the three constituents of the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) nurse the ambition of expanding their base in Mumbai, it is not clear as yet whether the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress will contest the 2022 BMC polls as an alliance.

Despite the fact that it had won as many as 92 seats in the 227-member civic body in the 2017 polls, the BJP – which is the principal Opposition party in the state – will have a tough time in the 2022 BMC polls. No wonder, ahead of the 2022 civic polls, the BJP is cosying up to the MNS, which had won seven seats in the 2017 polls.

BJP leaders Ashish Shelar and Prasad Lad had earlier met the MNS chief at the latter’s residence.

On his part, the MNS spokesperson reiterated that not much should be read into the MNS chief’s meeting with Fadnavis. He said that every legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar had met Raj Thackeray at the latter’s residence a few days back.

Construction of 3.61 lakh houses under PMAY(U) approved

New Delhi: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has approved the construction of 3.61 lakh houses in 17 States and Union Territories under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), taking the total number of houses sanctioned under the scheme to 1.14 crore. This includes construction of 19,535 units, for urban migrants/poor, involving Technology Innovation Grant of ₹39.11 crore in Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

The approval was given by the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) chaired by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra on Tuesday. These houses would be constructed under Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC), In-Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) verticals of PMAY-U. In the statement, the Ministry said that out of the 1.14 crore sanctioned houses, over 89 lakh have been grounded for construction and 52.5 lakh completed and delivered to the beneficiaries. It stated that the secretary has asked states and union territories to resolve the issues without delay so that construction of houses can be expedited.

The total investment under the Mission is ₹7.52 lakh crore, with a central assistance of ₹1.85 lakh crore, the ministry said, adding that so far, ₹1.13 lakh crore has already been released. In the meeting, Mishra also laid renewed emphasis to accelerate housing construction and completion across the country within stipulated time under PMAY-U so that the goal of ‘Housing for All’ by 2022 can be achieved, the statement stated. At the CSMC meeting, an e-Finance module was also launched by the HUA Secretary.

The e-Finance module has been integrated with all modules of the PMAY-U MIS system and designed, developed with-in PMAY-U MIS System with the objective to provide unique platform to all stakeholders for disbursement of funds through direct benefit transfer mode and to validate beneficiaries, it also stated.

MSRTC EMPLOYEES’ STRIKE

Maha announces hefty hikes in employees’ basic pay

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In an effort to end nearly a month-long agitation by the employees of the State run Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC), State Transport Minister Anil Parab on Wednesday announced hefty hikes in the employees’ basic salaries ranging from ₹2,500 per month to ₹7,000 per month, pending a decision on inclusion of the MSRTC employees in its state government’s payt rolls.

After holding day-long discussions with the leaders of the agitating MSRTC employee, Parab made a formal announcement about the hikes in the basic salaries of the agitating employees.

Talking to media persons after holding talks with the representatives of agitating MSRTC employees, Parab said: “The hikes announced in the basic salaries of employees

works out to nearly 41 per cent which is the highest-ever salary increase in the history of the MSRTC employees. The high-level committee is expected to give its reports within 12 weeks”.

“As far as the inclusion of the MSRTC employees in the state government’s employment roll, we will accept whatever the Bombay High Court suggests in the matter. If the HC-appointed three-member high-level committee recommends the inclusion of the MSRTC employees in the rolls of state government, we will do so,” Parab said.

The Minister appealed to the striking employees to resume work by 8 am on Thursday.

As per the decision to effect hikes in the basis salaries of the MSRTC employees, the employees with one to 10 years’ experience will get a monthly hike of ₹5,000 hike in their basic salaries.

For instance, those who have hitherto been getting a basic salary of ₹12,080 will now get ₹17,395 per month. Similarly, those with a basic salary of ₹17,070 will now get a basic salary of ₹24,584 per month.

In the case of employees with an experience ranging from 10 to 20 years, there will be ₹4,000 increase in the basic salaries.

As a consequence, their basic salaries will go up from ₹23,040 to ₹28,800 per month.

The employees with an experience of more than 20 years will get an increase of Rs 2,500 in basic salary every month.

As a result, the employees who are currently earning a basic of 26,000 per month and total salary of ₹37,440 will henceforth get a total salary of ₹41,040. Similarly, those getting a basic of ₹36,000 and total salary of 53,280 will now basic

salary of Rs 39,500 basic and a tota salary of Rs 56,880 per month.

Parab said that the MSRTC had suffered huge revenue losses during the Covid-19 period and the State Government had extended a financial assistance of ₹2,700 crore. “Owing to some reasons, the disbursal of salaries to the MSRRRC was getting delayed earlier. Henceforth the MSRTC will get salaries within 10th of every month,” the Minister said.

It may be recalled that the MSRTC workers went on an indefinite strike from October 28 to press for their various demands. The striking employees intensified their agitation from November 9 when all the MSRTC depots were shut down.

Before holding talks with the striking MSRTC employees, Parab had met chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, Ajit Pawar and NCP chief Sharad Pawar.

Andhra seeks ₹1,000 crore interim grant for flood relief

Amaravati: Pegging the overall damage caused by the recent heavy rains and floods at ₹6,054.29 crore, the Andhra Pradesh Government on Wednesday requested the Centre to immediately release ₹1,000 crore as interim relief towards flood relief and restoration works.

Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy wrote an identical letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, detailing the havoc caused by heavy rains and floods between November 13 and 20, mainly in Anantapuramu, Kadapa, Chittoor and SPS Nellore districts.

"Despite arranging teams well in advance and serious efforts by the government to save the lives of people, 40, including a State Disaster Response Force constable, died and 25 others were reported missing. As many as 324 relief

camps have been arranged, accommodating 69,616 persons in the affected districts and they are still continuing," the Chief Minister said.

He said several high-ways, irrigation tanks and canals have breached in Kadapa, Chittoor, Anantapuramu and SPS Nellore districts.

"The worst affected were the farmers as crops (like paddy, Bengal gram, cotton, black gram, groundnut and sugarcane) ready for harvesting were damaged," Jagan added.

Agricultural crops in 1.42 lakh hectares suffered damage, with the estimated monetary loss being ₹1,353.82 crore. Horticultural crops in 42,299 hectares, worth ₹48.06 crore, were damaged.

Roads and irrigation systems were the worst hit, with the deluge causing a loss of ₹1,756.43 crore and ₹556.96 crore respectively, the Chief

Minister pointed out in the letter. Civic infrastructure like roads, pipelines, drains, school buildings and community centres in municipalities suffered a loss of ₹1,252 crore.

Panchayat Raj roads to a length of 2,254.32 km were battered, inflicting a loss of Rs 381.65 crore.

Rural Water Supply schemes worth Rs 453.33 crore were also damaged, the Chief Minister said. Hundreds of electricity feeders, substations and distribution lines were also damaged, causing a loss of ₹252 crore.

"Heavy rains caused inundation of low-lying areas and disrupted normal life. The gravity was such that 17 teams of NDRF and SDRF and two helicopters had to be deployed for undertaking search and rescue operations. In all, 1,402 villages in 196 mandals and four towns were affected," the Chief Minister said.



Women farmers harvest cauliflower on the outskirts of Jammu on Wednesday

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Woes continue

The Taliban may get aid but not recognition unless they start recognising women’s rights

The Taliban are making it difficult for the world community to recognise their interim Government in Afghanistan. Their fresh diktat against women being the latest reason. They have a Ministry that seeks to regulate and control the lives of Afghan women – Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice. The Ministry has banned women from appearing in television dramas and entertainment shows. Women news presenters have to wear headscarves. These are part of the eight directives in the first tranche of restrictions imposed on the media. Films in opposition to Islamic law and “Afghan values” cannot be broadcast. Foreign films that promote “foreign values” are banned. Comedy shows cannot insult anybody. Shows depicting the “prophets and companions” are disallowed. Cynics would say the people have escaped with only a few restrictions because last time the Taliban were around, they had totally banned television and other forms of media. However, it is the Taliban’s attitude to women that needs to be repeatedly highlighted. However much they profess to have moderated and modernised themselves, it is sadly true that at their core, they have not changed a bit since their rein between 1996-2001. That it is the Ministry on virtue and vice that deals with women’s issues is a dead giveaway. Is that why the Taliban also did not find the need for a minister for women and child welfare?

It was only three months ago, on August 17, two days after the Taliban grabbed power, that Beheshta Arghand became the first-ever female television host to conduct a sit-in interview with a Taliban leader. There would be no second time as the Taliban’s moderate make-up wore off fast. Women employees in the private and public sectors have since been asked to go home. Women-oriented jobs are under review. Girls were told they could attend segregated classes in universities. Some women, used to relative freedom in the last two decades, tried to protest but they were beaten and even whipped by Taliban enforcers. Contrary to the Taliban assurances that women’s rights would be respected, women are being increasingly left out of the public sphere. The world should know that women would be worse off in the rural areas where the Taliban fighters and tribal heads hold sway and who alone have decided for decades how women ought to live. Many of the far-flung provinces have different rules for women depending on how radical the local Taliban chiefs are. Women’s groups want the international community to leverage financial aid to Afghanistan to improve the women’s lot. But that is a Catch-22 situation because the lack of aid can lead to mass hunger and deaths in the country. The United Nations has collected over \$600 million as distress aid. With the onset of winter, the supply of food and medicine is crucial. Ironically, most of the aid workers are women and one wonders if the Taliban have anything to say about that.



An anti-smog gun sprays water droplets to curb air pollution, in Gurugram

Gaining muscle

The TMC has been successful in nagging the BJP unlike the Congress ahead of the Assembly polls

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has started cementing her aspirations of a national footprint for the Trinamool Congress in the coming months, especially in the first quarter of 2022. Both Mamata and her nephew Abhishek, an official of the party’s national organ, had declared soon after crushing the BJP in the State Assembly election that the Trinamool wouldn’t contest a number of upcoming Assembly elections not just to mark presence but also to win the States and form a Government there, the Chief Minister has now declared that the “march to the Centre cannot be possible without the support of States”. The Trinamool Congress supremo sent out this message after a number of prominent leaders from different political parties joined the TMC recently. Ever since her party bagged an undisputed victory against the BJP in Bengal, the TMC has been on the front foot against the ruling party at the Centre. It has courageously been staking its claim to the Chief Minister’s chair even as far as in Goa. It’s been signing up and roping in newer regional leaders, mostly at the cost of the Congress and possible dent in the fortunes of the BJP.

In the latest addition to its political and electoral arsenal, Ashok Tanwar, who had quit the Congress a couple of years back, has joined the TMC in New Delhi in Banerjee’s presence. Tanwar, a former Haryana Congress chief, was considered to have had Rahul Gandhi’s ears but later fell out with the party over his rivalry with other State leaders, including former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Tanwar had floated Apna Bharat Morcha after quitting the Congress but has now come out in strong support of the TMC supremo and has been throwing his weight in support of her party “across the entire country” and against the “misgovernance of the BJP”. Tanwar’s entry is sure to have given a shot in the arm to the TMC in Haryana, which is a State, apart from Punjab and regions in Uttar Pradesh, that played a major role in the farmers’ unflinching demand against the BJP-led Union Government for the withdrawal of the three farm laws. However, that threat staring in the face of the BJP is still not over, what with the Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait warning the Centre of a prolonged agitation if it didn’t agree of “all the demands” of the protesting farmers, including those involving the Minimum Support Price and punishing the Union State Minister Teni for the Lakhimpur Kheri incident.

The legacy of the division of India

Hindus and Muslims derive their inspiration from different sources of history. Very often, the hero of one is a foe of the other

There were two sides to the coin of Partition. One was that the Muslim community was well behind the Hindus as well as the other minorities. They were about a third in population or one-third in numbers compared to the Hindus. Therefore, if Independent India adopted a universal adult franchise, they would be out-membered by lengths. Secondly, the Muslims were less educated. As a matter of long-term strategy, Islam had played down education from its early days of the seventh century. For the last thousand years, Hejaz as well as Caliphs had prohibited *ijtihad* (reinterpretation or change) and enforced *taqlid* (orthodoxy). The less educated a person, the fewer the questions he/she is likely to think up and ask. Thus, ensuring the perpetuity of the religion. Incidentally, women’s education was restricted to reading the Quran, especially the prayers.

When the British came to India, instead of using English, the clergy exhorted their followers to avoid the study of English and Western science. Sir William Hunter has made a lucid analysis of how and where the Muslim students fell back in the 19th century and even earlier. Then came the decision of Lt Governor of UP to make English the court language, Hindi and Persian was abolished. Such measures, although rational, put the Muslims back. Their fear was of diluting their identity which was dearer to them than their development.

The other difficulty was that very few Muslims took to business and industry; the only exceptions were the Khojas, the Memons and the Bohras, all based in Bombay. The Muslim elites of the rest of India were land based, whether agricultural, farming vegetables or cultivating orchards but had very few factories. In short, cultivating the Hindus had the economic lead. Timur Kuran, Professor at the University of Duke, has explained at length the financial disadvantage of Islamic communities. He has focused on West Asia and how Islamic ordainments have kept the common folk econom-



ically back. Imagine West Asia without petroleum! And imagine a business without banking and lending without interest!

The Viceroy had called an all-India election in December 1945 to January 1946. By that time, Jinnah’s speech preceding the passing of the Pakistan resolution on, March 23, 1940, at the Lahore session of the Muslim League was humming to virtually all Muslim ears in India. Incidentally, Jinnah deliberately made Fazlur Rahman of Bengal sign the resolution. Rahman was a popular, prominent peasant leader of the eastern wing of what eventually became Pakistan and now Bangladesh. His Two Nation Theory is very briefly stated here: the Hindus and Muslims have different religious philosophies, social customs and literatures. They neither intermarry nor inter-dine and, indeed, they belong to two different civilisations which are based mainly on conflicting ideas and conceptions. Their views on life and of life are different. It is also quite clear that Hindus and Muslims derive their inspiration from different sources of history. They have different epics, different heroes in different episodes. Very often the hero of one is a foe of the other and likewise, their victories and defeats overlap.



MUSLIM INDIA CANNOT ACCEPT ANY CONSTITUTION WHICH MUST NECESSARILY RESULT IN HINDU MAJORITY. IF HINDUS AND MUSLIMS ARE BROUGHT UNDER A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, IT CAN ONLY MEAN HINDU RAJ

History has presented to us many examples, such as the union of Great Britain and Ireland. We know that the history of the last 1,200 years has failed to achieve unity and we have witnessed, during the ages, India was always divided into Hindu India and Muslim India. The termination of the British regime will be a worse disaster. Muslim India cannot accept any Constitution which must necessarily result in a Hindu majority Government. If Hindus and Muslims are brought together under a democratic system, it can only mean Hindu Raj. Muslims are not a minority; Muslims are a nation according to any definition and they must have their homelands, their territory and their State.

Indeed, Jinnah argued as if one is prepared to ignore the other. As Dr Rafiq Zakaria has put it: all throughout his younger years, Jinnah showed no interest in Muslims. He was, then, all for the Congress; its non-communal, nationalistic principle which enthused him.

When he was a young man, Jinnah worked for Hindu-Muslim unity and made every attempt to see that the Congress and the League presented a united front. He assured the British that they need not be unduly perturbed



PRAFULL GORADIA

as its terms of the Lucknow Pact if implemented would help them as well. He welcomed the declaration made by the British Government on August 20, 1917, which assured Indians that “the policy of His Majesty’s Government, with which the Government of India are in complete accord, is that of the increasing association of self-governing institutions with a view to the progressive realisation of responsible Government in India as an integral part of the British Empire.” To give effect to it, the new Secretary of State Edward Montague visited India in the winter of that year. He along with Viceroy Lord Chelmsford conferred with the leaders of different schools of political thought to try and find a consensus on the future constitutional advance. Of all the politicians whom Montague met, he was most impressed by Jinnah. He recorded this in his diary: “Young, perfectly mannered, impressive looking, armed to the teeth with dialectics, and insistent upon the whole of his scheme...”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FITNESS SHOULD BE GIVEN DUE IMPORTANCE

Sir — I strongly believe that every individual has the right to healthy living. Healthy living is not a privilege, but a right. Sadly, however, in our country, healthy living is more like a right in the pocket of people who are able and willing to pay for it. Therefore, a chain of health clubs needs to be opened and made accessible — to make fitness a part of every Indian’s lifestyle. To provide easy access to superior quality and affordable fitness regimens that will be an integral part of every Indian.

Unlike the US, we do not have special cycling lanes; our offices are not equipped with lockers and shower-rooms that we can freshen up after walking or cycling our way to work. Also, the Indian weather does not permit exercise all year around — the summers are bad, the rainy season has its own woes and the winter is practically nonexistent. Such scenarios don’t leave much scope for exercise. We haven’t given due importance to fitness and working out and it’s high time that we realised the benefit of a brisk walk or a jog in the morning so that we wake up fresh and sleep well.

MR Jayanthi Subramaniam | Mumbai

WHERE DID WE REACH AFTER 26/11?

Sir — Even though Mumbai’s lauded as a business hub, the 26/11 terror attack tells a different story. No commercial Capital of a country would be so ill equipped as to not be able to detect and prevent such attacks on time. While some may argue that Manhattan was a victim of 9/11, too, I point out that Mumbai has been a soft target since times immemorial. Terror has sneaked up on us not once but thrice — the 1992 riots, 2006 blasts and 2008 attacks; all caught Mumbai unawares. In short, for Mumbai to truly become India’s commercial hub, the quality of life, quality of infrastructure, quality of security and attitude — all need improvement.

The 26/11 attacks saw the world in a state of disbelief at one of the most audacious acts of terrorism ever committed. Although we have lived with terrorism

Tigers are shy, but they kill



A 10-year-old tigress called Maya attacked and killed a 45-year-old Swati Dumane, a forest guard at the Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra. The guard was on beat duty for the All India Tiger Estimation survey at the TATR. Generally, tigers are nocturnal hunters. Attack on Swati took place early — at around 8 am. The slain Swati and three of her colleagues are said to have waited, for half an hour or so, for Maya to move away after spotting her a mere 200 metres away. When the tigress did not

budge, the workers, instead of returning to their base, explored a detour only to be ambushed by the big cat.

Tigers are introverted and moody animals. They do not hunt human beings for food. Also, tigers are wary of possible injuries that can incapacitate them. The big cats love hunting — for food and sport. However, injured tigers are frustrated: such tigers can attack humans without provocation. Intrusion of a tiger’s territory can be lethal for human beings. Though a tourist crowd can instigate a tiger, generally they are not known to turn hostile in such situations. It is not known whether the tigress was separated from her cubs because these big cats are known to be provoked at the slightest pretext. It is unknown whether guards like Swati, who dangerously venture into the forest, sport some type of protective gear. It is appropriate for them to be armed with some type of weapons or tranquilliser guns to save themselves.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

for decades, the attacks were frightening as we learned what that these terror outfits were capable of. However, over the last few years, India has significantly improved its intelligence network and anti-terror measures. It’s the need of the hour to save the youth from being influenced and brain-washed by these outfits. Every Indian can contribute to national security just by staying vigilant.

CK Ramani | Pune

THE GOVT SHOULD RECONSIDER THE CAA, TOO

Sir — The repeal of the three farm laws has inclined many people into thinking that the repeal of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is not beyond the realms of possibility. The anti-CAA movement could not (and did not have to) go ahead despite gathering momentum each day in the face of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Government’s preoccupation with the fight against the pandemic including national lockdowns and its lukewarm approach to its implementa-

tion due to the unprecedented public health crisis and opposition to the legislation from unanticipated quarters. Even though no rules have been framed to implement the law, the CAA is ominously still there on the statute book.

The Government cannot be unaware of what the implementation of the CAA will signal to the outside world — India’s retreat from secularism. No amount of rationalisation can justify CAA’s enactment or validate its discriminatory provisions. The CAA is wholly unacceptable and it has to go for the simple reason that it does not jibe with secularism and the equality of religions guaranteed in the Constitution. The legacy of the freedom movement and the Constitution do not discriminate between the religions that ‘originated’ in India and that did not.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

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SOUNDBITE

In Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s rule, there is nothing left that hasn’t been made expensive.

Congress leader —Rahul Gandhi

There is also a time for the Government to step back, so Australians can move forward.

Australian Prime Minister —Scott Morrison

Thank you all for your prayers for my father’s health. He is recovering well and looking forward to interacting with all of you soon.

Actor —Shruti Haasan

As long as I keep batting well and keep contributing to the team’s total, I am happy.

Indian batsman —Cheteshwar Pujara


There used to be riots every third or fourth day in UP, but now the State has a ‘riot-free’ identity.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister —Yogi Adityanath

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UNIFORM CODE FOR EDUCATIONAL BODIES

In private colleges, there are no uniform rules in salary structure or promotions



BIJU DHARMAPALAN

The so-called quality maintained by private schools is only in physical infrastructure and English communication promotion and not at the intellectual level. Good quality education can be provided even in open spaces. The digital revolution in education that happened during the pandemic has made the physical structure of schools irrelevant. It is the willpower and dedication of teachers that matter. However, teachers are not paid well in most private schools and the COVID situation has made things worse for them as they have to do extra duty without additional pay. Across the country, private school teachers are the lowest-paid. There is no job security also as any time managements can dismiss teachers if they are not complying with the management rules. The situation in the higher education sector is no different. During the pandemic time, hundreds of teachers were made to resign from private colleges and universities. Even otherwise in private colleges, there are no uniform rules in salary structure or promotions. Many private institutions are recruiting people who do not meet required qualifications. These private institutions just need a workforce that would just obey them. There are also private aided colleges that take hefty donations for the recruitment process. Teachers working in all private higher education centers are not satisfied and their dissatisfaction is transferred to the students through their teaching. Recently, the Kerala legislative assembly passed a landmark Kerala Self-Financing College Teaching and Non-Teaching Employees (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 2021, that puts in place a law to guarantee service conditions for employees in private colleges. The legislation, which had been recommended by the Kerala State Higher Education Council, is being viewed as one that would standardize rules to ensure service conditions for those employed in the unaided sector. Even though this is a progressive step in removing the perils of higher education, one area of concern is the special privilege mooted for minority institutions. In Kerala, most of the private colleges are managed by minority communities and over-exploitation of teachers happens in these centers. As per the privileges enjoyed by the minority institutions, government cannot completely control them. The private medical and dental colleges run by these agencies rarely provide a full stipend for students as per government norms. In some cases, PG students have to return the stipend that is credited into their account, fearing backlashes by management. The staff members from the management side, usually from the same community, get undue favours and members from other communities are harassed mentally and curtail their professional advancement. The unhealthy atmosphere prevailing among the teachers is transferred to students and the whole system gets vitiated.

When an educational institution is managed by the fees and donations from students and teachers belonging to other communities, how can an institution claim special minority status? If they want to enjoy that status they should teach students from their community alone, and also recruit teachers from the same community. Even in private government-aided educational institutions managed by minority communities (even non-minority also) teachers are recruited after taking lakhs of rupees as donations. This is an open secret and none of the political parties have the courage to take on these managements, fearing backlash in elections. In such a situation we have to appreciate the effort taken by the government of Kerala. However, it would be hard to see how the government will implement the new bill effectively in institutions enjoying minority status. It is high time we develop a nation-wide common law controlling the functioning of private schools and colleges, for education is common for everyone, irrespective of class, gender, or racial discrimination.

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Interests of Indian fishermen in danger



ASHWANI MAHAJAN

If the problems of overfishing and depleting marine resources continue, it can badly impact the catch by small fishermen and their livelihood

For some time, a round of negotiations has been going on in the WTO, in which an agreement is expected to be made aiming to ending subsidies to curb alleged illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. These talks are said to be the part of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which seek to end subsidies for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing while ensuring special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries. But if this agreement is reached, it may adversely affect the livelihood of small fishermen in India and other developing and underdeveloped countries.


It is true that the world is facing the problem of overfishing and depleting marine resources. If this situation continues, this can impact catch by small fishermen and their livelihood. The idea of the United Nations that overfishing will affect sustainable development is always justified. But the big question is, who is responsible for overfishing in the ocean? At least the small fishermen of India or other developing countries having very low fishing capacity are nowhere to blame for this.

Fishing is done in two ways. One, by small fishermen who catch fish in their boats; and second by trawlers and large ships of large companies. Over the past few decades, the evidence of fishing by large ships and trawlers in a mechanized manner by large companies has increased significantly.

Small fishermen in India do not catch fish in the ocean during the rainy season. Know why? Because it is the breeding season for fish. But the big trawlers do not mind fishing during the same period. However, since the big trawlers come under the organized sector, the small fishermen will be considered as illegal, unreported and unregulated; and the subsidy given to them by the governments will end but the big trawlers and ships will continue to be entitled to catch fish from the sea by mechanical processes and also the government subsidies. In such a situation, the livelihood of small fishermen of India and other developing countries will be adversely affected while big companies will benefit at their cost.

Unfortunately, under pressure from developed countries and big corporates, in the WTO, the exercise is going on to push the agreement on this subject. Director General of the World Trade Organization, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, says that completing these negotiations on fisheries subsidy is the top priority of WTO, not only for fisheries but also for the WTO system. And this is being done under the guise of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

It is noteworthy that after the grant of fishing licenses to large trawlers in India in the early 1990s, due to excessive fishing by them, the availability of fish from the sea was getting depleted. As a



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result, the livelihood of small fishermen was getting adversely affected. At that time there were major agitations to highlight this problem of fishermen, including those led by Swadeshi Jagran Manch and Fr Thomas Kochery, due to which the then government had to stop the renewal of licenses to large trawlers.

After some time, the trawlers again started getting permission. Once again, the demand for re-banning of trawlers by environmentalists is gaining momentum. A committee of the Government of India is working towards regulating these trawlers. Environmentalists say that banning these trawlers is the appropriate solution to the problem of overfishing. Although these trawlers have not been outrightly banned, many states including Kerala and Orissa have been banning trawlers in monsoon (rainy season) on the demand of traditional fishermen so that the breeding of fish is not affected.

It is being argued that the agreement on fishing subsidy will ensure the availability of fish and the protection of marine resources for the future generations. In this regard, if at all any international organization can ban subsidies for fishing, it is the World Trade Organization. The exercise to make rules in this regard has been going on since the year 2001, with the start of Doha Rounds of Negotiations. However, the interesting thing is that though all the remaining provisions of the Doha development Round, under have already been rejected outright by the developed countries, surprisingly,

ly, exercise is going on to end the fishing subsidy.

It is true that today 34 percent overfishing is taking place, whereas in 1974 it was only 10 percent. Due to overfishing, the availability of fish is gradually reducing, due to which the livelihood of the people living in the coastal areas is getting adversely affected and their poverty is increasing. Today, about 40 million people in the world depend on the fishing, so the security of their lives is linked with the protection of marine resources.

Although the current negotiations are focused on eliminating subsidies for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, these efforts are being strongly opposed by developing countries. Developing countries, including India, believe that ending subsidies on fishing will adversely affect the livelihood and rights of their small fishermen. Although it has been said in the resolution that special and differential treatment for developing and less developed countries is part of the proposals, but it seems that the small fishermen of developing countries will suffer the most from this agreement.

Surprisingly, while everything was stand still during, these talks continued unabated. Therefore, due to restrictions on movements, views of small countries whose missions are not in Geneva could not be appropriately incorporated in this document. For this reason, also, there is anger in this context amongst developing countries. Recently, when the Director General of the World Trade Organization came to India, India had clearly stated that although

due to the irrational subsidies given by various countries for fishing, India's small fishermen have been suffering the most, due to overfishing by developed countries. Therefore, it is necessary to eliminate the subsidy being given to big vessels in these developed countries. Therefore, India has clearly stated in this context, that the draft text is not balanced. In this regard, special treatment will be required for developing countries and this agreement can be balanced only by incorporating India's suggestions.

India's demand is that developed countries stop subsidizing fisheries that go beyond their natural geographical boundaries. Industrial fishing countries are not ready to concede this. India wants that the provision of subsidies should continue to protect the interests of its poor and small fishermen. There is no illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in India. India maintains that since the creation of the WTO, developed countries received special concessions, and their agricultural subsidies continued unabated, while the rights of developing countries were restricted. That mistake should not be repeated in this agreement on fisheries subsidies.

Today, the need of the hour is that India and other developing and least developed countries should face this bigotry of rich countries and there should be no unbalanced and irrational agreement in respect of fisheries subsidies, so that we can protect the interests of our small and poor fishermen.

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NEITHER YOU HELPED THE COVID PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS, NOR PROVIDED ANY COMPENSATION. WHAT TYPE OF GOVERNMENT IS THIS? —CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI



COMPENSATIONS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. THE CENTRE HAS DONE MORE THAN WHAT ANY GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY IMAGINED. —BJP SPOKESMAN TOM VADAKKAN

Farm laws to be repealed in upcoming Parliament session

The burning question, however, remains: Why were these legislations enacted in the first place if they were to be repealed without implementation?



DEVENDER SINGH ASWAL

During the protracted farmers agitation against the three farm laws, a view was advanced especially by those in support of the impugned legislation that it is not easy to suspend operation of a parliamentary enactment or that it is not constitutionally permissible to repeal a law by issuing an ordinance. Such an argument, besides ex facie specious, stands completely annihilated with the announcement of the Prime Minister to repeal them.

Article 73 of the Constitution says that the executive power of the Union is co-extensive with the legislative powers of parliament. The Government, in exercise of its executive power, can suspend, amend or repeal an Act

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of parliament as long as it commands parliamentary majority. Any subsequent statute may repeal any Act in whole or in part, either expressly or impliedly by enacting a new legislation. Clause 6 of the General clauses Act, 1897 provides that any Act or Regulation can be repealed by the legislature. Unless a different intention appears, the repealing Act cannot revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the repeal takes effect; or affect the previous operation of any enactment so repealed or anything duly done or suffered thereunder; etc.

The executive power of the Union extends (a) to the matters with respect to which Parliament has power to make laws; and (b) to the exercise of

course of time or in case there is a ground swell of public opinion against them.

The three farm laws were originally promulgated as ordinances by the government and later replaced by the duly passed Acts of parliament. Since the winter session of parliament will convene in a week, it is not an edifying parliamentary practice to promulgate an Ordinance for the repeal. The Government will bring a Bill to repeal the three laws during the ensuing session. There will be a fierce debate and the opposition would leave no stone unturned to show that they were right in their opposition to the original Bills and the government palpably wrong. The government, in turn, would say that they were unable to convince

the misguided agitating farmers. Once passed by both the Houses of parliament, and assented to by the President, the three laws would stand repealed.

The burning question, however, remains: why were these legislations enacted in the first place if they were to be repealed without implementation? It needs to be borne in mind that in a robust democracy, public opinion, likened to a rope of multiple fibers capable of taming even an elephant, matters. It is for the government to discern whether the opposition is orchestrated by vested interest or it is genuine, broad-based and the real voice of all the farmers of the country.

The Union Government could not have remained

impervious to the farmers' agitation for long especially when elections are round the corner in the largely affected States. But it is also a fact that agro-economists continue to be divided over the proposed repeal. Many nonpartisan experts consider it a setback to agrarian reforms. Incontestably, the fear of losing the impending election is a great deterrent to reforms, regardless of the general perception of bold, visionary and transformative leadership.

It is in this context that the practice of referring the contentious legislation to the committees holds good as the committees crystallise different shades of opinions and help build consensus and unity out of plurality. The National Commission Bill and the

National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professionals Bill were referred to the Standing Committee, and based on the recommendations of the Committee, new Bills were introduced and passed by Parliament. So were many other legislations. The great hurry in which the farm laws were passed during the Covid-19 time without referring the Bills to the standing committee only added fuel to the fire. The lesson is clear and unmistakable that in a parliamentary democratic set up it is not possible to impose laws on an utterly hostile community despite the best of intention and the promise of long-term national gains, without due consultation, consensus and credible parliamentary scrutiny.

China slams US for inviting Taiwan for ‘Summit for Democracy’

Beijing: Furious over the Biden administration’s invitation to Taiwan to take part in the “Summit for Democracy”, China on Wednesday warned the US that it will get “hurt” by giving Taipei the world stage as Beijing slammed the summit itself saying the event was aimed at pursuing Washington’s “geopolitical games”.

Taiwan, a self-ruling island as its own territory to be annexed by force if necessary, is among 110 invitees to the Washington-led Summit for Democracy to be held December 9-10, the US State Department announced on Wednesday.

President Joe Biden is to host the summit bringing together leaders from governments and civil society and China was omitted from the list of invitees, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

Invitees from the Asia-Pacific region also include India, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Pakistan and the Philippines.

Most European countries are also invited, including Serbia, but not Bosnia and Herzegovina or Hungary. China for a some time has been attacking the democracy summit, saying that the US cannot hold a patent for it and the event is aimed at dividing the world.

But Beijing appears to have been surprised by the invitation to Taiwan to take part in the democracy meeting as it came in the backdrop of the recent virtual summit between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his US counterpart Biden.

Sharply criticising the US move, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here that China “firmly opposes the invita-

tion to Taiwan by the US authorities for Taiwan to take part in the Summit for Democracy.”

“There is only one China in the world and the government of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) is the sole legal government representing China,” he said.

Taiwan is an inalienable part of China and the One China principle is a widely-recognised norm of international relations, Zhao emphasised.

“Taiwan has no other international status in the international law than being part of China,” he said.

“We solemnly urge the US to abide by the One China principle, stop providing a platform for Taiwan independence forces, and stop emboldening them. Giving them the stage only makes the US hurt and puts it in a difficult situation. Playing with fire the pro-independence forces (of Taiwan) only getting themselves burnt,” he said.

He also attacked the Democracy summit, saying that the aim of the US in holding the meeting is to divide the world.

“Democracy is a common value of humanity and not a patent of a few countries. What the US did was that the so-called democracy is just an excuse for the US to pursue its geopolitical goals, suppress other countries, divide the world and serve its own selfish interests of maintaining its hegemony in the world,” Zhao said.

“In the name of democracy, the US is creating bloc politics and stoking confrontation. This is a revisit to the Cold War mentality. It is questioned and opposed by people holding fair views in the world,” he said.

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Germany set for new Govt that will end Merkel’s rule

AP ■ BERLIN

The three parties negotiating to form Germany’s next Government will finalise and present their coalition agreement on Wednesday, two of the prospective partners said. The deal paves the way for center-left leader Olaf Scholz to replace longtime Chancellor Angela Merkel in the coming weeks.

The center-left Social Democrats have been negotiating with the environmentalist Green party and the pro-business Free Democrats since narrowly winning a national election on Sept. 26. The latter two parties said the agreement will be presented on Wednesday afternoon.

If party members sign off on it, the three-way alliance — which has never yet been tried in a national government — will replace the current “grand coalition” of the country’s traditional big parties. The Social Democrats have served as the junior partner to Merkel’s center-right Christian Democrats.

Merkel, who didn’t run for a fifth term, is expected to be succeeded by Scholz, 63, who has been her finance minister and vice chancellor since 2018.

The three would-be governing parties have said they hope parliament will elect Scholz as chancellor in the week beginning Dec. 6. Before that can happen, the coalition deal requires approval from a ballot of the Greens roughly 125,000-strong membership and from conventions of the other two parties.

News of the deal came as Merkel led what was likely to be her last Cabinet meeting. Scholz presented the 67-year-old, who has led Germany since 2005, with a bouquet of flowers.

The negotiations over the three-way alliance were relatively harmonious and speedy compared to previous coalition talks. But the political transition, with Merkel as a lame-duck caretaker, has hampered Germany’s response to the latest rise in coronavirus

cases.

Few details have emerged from the closed-doors talks, including how the parties will divide up the ministerial portfolios. The alliance is a potentially uneasy mixture because it brings together two traditionally left-leaning parties with one, the Free Democrats, that has tended to ally with the center-right.

A preliminary agreement last month indicated that Germany would bring forward its deadline for ending the use of coal-fueled power from 2038 to 2030, while expanding the rollout of renewable energy generation. At the Free Democrats’ insistence, the prospective partners said they won’t raise taxes or loosen curbs on running up debt, making financing a central issue.

Merkel’s Christian Democrats are currently preoccupied with a leadership contest over who will become their next leader and revive the party’s fortunes after it suffered its worst-ever election result.

Pakistani cultural capital is now world’s most polluted city

Lahore: A thick cloud of smog that enveloped Pakistan’s cultural capital on Wednesday has earned it the ignominious title of the world’s most polluted city, according to a Swiss air quality monitoring company.

Platform IQAir said that Lahore now stands at the top of its polluted cities ranking — with an air quality index of 203 on the US AQI scale, versus runner-up Delhi, India, with 183. That standing was at 0949 GMT; the two cities had traded places at least once over the course of the morning.

Increasing smog and particle-laden air has sickened thousands of people with respiratory and other illnesses, forcing

many to stay at home on particularly dirty days like Wednesday.

Dhaka, Bangladesh came in third, with an index of 169, and Kolkata, India at fourth, with a reading of 168. Lahore stood at third place a day earlier.

Lahore was once known as the city of gardens, which were ubiquitous during the Mughal era of the 16th to 19th centuries. Intense urbanisation and surging population growth have left little room for greenery across the city, Pakistan’s second largest after the capital Karachi.

Doctors are advising people to wear face masks to avoid respiratory related diseases. AP

No babies in Parl: UK lawmakers outraged by infant ban

London: Several British politicians demanded a change in parliamentary rules on Wednesday after a lawmaker was told she couldn’t bring her 3-month-old baby into the House of Commons.

Labour Party legislator Stella Creasy said she had received a letter from Commons authorities after she took her son Pip to a debate.

She said she had previously taken both Pip and her older daughter to Parliament without problems, but had been told the rules had changed in September.

Members of Parliament are now advised that they “should not take your seat in the chamber when accompanied by your child.” Creasy said the rule undermined efforts to make politics more family-friendly.

“There are barriers to getting mums involved in politics, and I think that damages our political debate,” she told the BBC.

Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab, a Conservative, said he has “a lot of sympathy” for Creasy, but said the decision is for the House authorities to make.

“I think we do need to make sure our profession is brought into the modern world, the 21st century, and can allow parents to juggle the jobs they do with the family time that they need,” Raab said.

Green Party lawmaker Caroline Lucas said the baby ban was “absurd.” She said babies were “far less disruptive than many braying backbenchers.”

House of Commons Speaker Lindsay Hoyle said he had asked Parliament’s procedure committee to review the rules, and noted that there were “differing views on this matter.”

“The advice given yesterday ... correctly reflects the current rules. However, rules have to be seen in context and they change with the times,” he said.

“It is extremely important that parents of babies and young children are able to participate fully in the work of this House.” AP

Putin tests experimental nasal vaccine against Covid-19

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday he has taken an experimental nasal vaccine against the coronavirus, three days after he received his booster shot, as Russia faces its worst surge of infections and deaths since the pandemic began.

Putin was vaccinated with Sputnik V, Russia’s domestically developed Covid-19 vaccine, in the spring. On Sunday, he said he received a booster shot of Sputnik Light, the one-dose version of the jab, and said he wanted to take part in testing the nasal version of Sputnik V.

Denis Logunov, deputy director of Russia’s state-funded Gamaleya Center that developed Sputnik V, told Putin on Sunday the nasal vaccine is yet to be tested on members of the public and is currently being studied “off-label mostly, as usual, we’re testing it on staff members, monitoring.”

In accordance with established scientific protocols, the vaccine

will need to go through several trial phases, including those involving thousands of people, to establish that it is safe and effective to use.

Putin told a Government meeting Wednesday that “exactly six months after vaccination my titers of protective (antibodies) have dropped, and specialists recommended the procedure of revaccination, which I did.”

He said he didn’t experience any unpleasant effects after taking the nasal vaccine. In recent weeks, Russia has been swept by its highest ever Covid-19 surge, with officials regularly registering record-high numbers of new infections and deaths.

The surge came amid low vaccination rates and lax public attitudes toward taking precautions. Fewer than 40 per cent of Russia’s nearly 146 million people have been fully vaccinated, even though the country approved a domestically developed Covid-19 vaccine months before most of the world. AP

Declining marriage numbers add to China’s demographic conundrum

Beijing: Fewer people are getting married in China in addition to the falling birth rates, hastening the demographic crisis in the world’s most populous country, according to official data.

The number of marriage registrations in China has fallen for seven consecutive years and hit a 17-year low last year, figures from the recently released China Statistical Yearbook 2021 showed.

A total of 5.87 million couples got married in China in the first three quarters of 2021, down slightly from the same period of last year, according to the data released by the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

It is expected that the number of marriage registrations in China will continue to decline in 2021, state-run China Daily reported on Wednesday.

This is in addition to the falling birth rates. The birth-rate in China last year was 0.852 per cent, falling below one percent for the first time since 1978, figures from the China Statistical Yearbook 2021 book revealed.

As the demographic crisis deepened, China has permitted all couples to have two children in 2016, scrapping the draconian decades-old one-child policy and revised it this year permitting three children, which however drew a poor response.

The decision to permit the third child came after the latest once-in-a-decade census showed that China’s population grew at the slowest pace to 1.412 billion amid official projections that the decline may begin as early as next year. Outlining the reasons for the falling marriage registrations, He Yafu, a demographic expert identified decline in the number of young people in China as one of the reasons.

The population of the post-80s, post-90s and post-2000s in China has been on the decline, he

said, citing the National Bureau of Statistics.

Also, the desire of young people to get married has generally fallen due to reasons such as high work pressure and great improvement in women’s education level and economic independence, he told the China Daily.

Another major reason is the unbalanced ratio of male and female population. In China, men outnumber women by 34.9 million as per the seventh National Census.

Among them, there are 17.52 million more men in their 20s than women of marriageable age.

In addition, the high cost of living, including soaring housing prices, is also a big obstacle to young people wanting to get married and have children, he said.

In China, marriage and childbirth are closely linked, and the proportion of children born out of wedlock is low, He said.

So the decline in marriage registration is bound to have a negative impact on the birth rate, he said.

Thus, remedial measures should be stepped up, He said. Local Governments’ reduction of housing costs for the young is one example. To encourage young people to get married and have children, marriage and maternity leave should also be extended, He said.

The falling fertility rate, relatively early retirement age and the three-child policy have become a major concern for China as the country is greying faster than earlier predictions.

The number of people aged 60 or above has already touched 264 million, accounting for 18.7 per cent of the total population.

The average annual elderly population growth has been about 6.3 million for 21 years, according to the latest census. PTI

Ethiopia says PM, a Nobel Peace laureate, is at battlefield

Nairobi: Ethiopia’s Nobel Peace Prize-winning Prime Minister has gone to the battlefield to take charge in a year-long war as rival fighters approach the capital, his Government announced Wednesday.

State media showed no images of Abiy Ahmed, a 45-year-old former soldier, and his spokeswoman Billene Seyoum dismissed a request for details on his location as “incredible.”

He arrived at the front Tuesday, according to a government spokesman.

Tens of thousands of people have died in the war between Ethiopian federal and allied troops and fighters from the country’s Tigray region. The prospect of the ancient nation breaking apart has alarmed both Ethiopians and observers who fear what would happen to the often turbulent Horn of Africa at large.

Countries including France, Germany and Turkey have told their citizens to leave immediately.

Abiy’s trajectory from winning the Nobel just two years ago to now potentially heading into battle has shocked many. AP

**Jal Shakti, Public Health Engineering, Department.**

Standard Bidding Document
For
Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian district for Execution of
Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e- NIT No.;CE/PHE/KMR/JSD/19 OF 2021-22, Dated: 06-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for **“Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian district for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works”,** details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. **Cover 1**” consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. **Cover 2**” shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No 1 Particular of the work :- Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian District for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of :-

a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains.

b. Drilling of production tube well.

c. SITC of pumping units along with associated electro-mechanical works for harnessing of tube well.

d. Retrofitting of electro-mechanical equipment/s at various Water Supply Schemes

Estimate Cost (Lacs) :- Work/scheme wise details given in Section II of tender document, **Cost of document/tender fee (In Rs) :-** 1000/-, **Earnest money (Lacs) :-** _____, **Bid Validity :-** 180 days, **Time of Completion of work (days) :-** _____

Particular of the work :- Group IV, **Estimated Cost (Lacs) :-** Above 1 crores upto 3 crores, **Cost of document/tender fee (In Rs) :-** _____, **Earnest money (Lacs) :-** 0.75, **Bid Validity :-** _____

Time of Completion of work (days) :- 120

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir/ Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Note :- In view of the fact, that this NIT for item rate contract has been framed for the first time in the Department, a helpdesk shall be established at the Direction office level as well as district level for encouraging and facilitating the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.

Key/critical Dates:

i. Publish Date :- 08.11.2021

ii. Document Download/sale start Date :- 08.11.2021

iii. Clarification start date :- 08.11.2021

iv. Bid submission start date :- 12.11.2021

v. Clarification end date :- 26.11.2021

vi. Pre-bid Meeting date :- 22.11.2021

vii. Document Download/sale end Date :- 26.11.2021

viii. Bid submission end date :- 26.11.2021

ix. Date and time of Bid opening :- 29.11.2021

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.

3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

4. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

6. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.

A. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti PHE Department. **Bid Security** will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.

B. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD /TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

7. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

8. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of **180 days** from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

10. Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com / phecejmu@gmail.com

Sd/- Chief Engineer,
Kashmir, Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

No. DIPK-13279/21 Dated: 23-11-2021

**UJVN LIMITED**
H.O.:- “UJJWAL”, Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephones:- 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135- 2763508,
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

Tender Notice **दि: 24.11.2021**

Office of Executive Engineer (M) Ramganga Power Station, UJVN Limited, Kalagarh, Distt. Pauri Garhwal invites sealed tender from interested parties. Detail of tenders is given below.

T.No. 17/EE(M)/Kg/2021-22

Name of work/supply/ services etc. :- Annual operation and upkeeping of Erector Hostel and Canteen.

Estimated cost :- Rs. 7.99,940/- GST Extra

Date of availability of bid document on website :25.11.2021

Last date for submission of tender :15.12.2021 up to 16:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam’s website **“www.ujvnl.com”**

Executive Engineer (M)

“Avoid wasteful use of Electricity”

उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, धारनौला, अल्मोड़ा चाय बागान सिंचाई हेतु सेवा प्रस्ताव आमंत्रण (Request for Proposal)

उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड द्वारा प्रधानमंत्री कृषि सिंचाई योजना के मानकों / दिशा-निर्देशों के अंतर्गत अपने चाय बागानों में ड्रिप एवं सिंक्रलर के माध्यम से सिंचाई कार्य किया जाना प्रस्तावित है, जिस हेतु इच्छुक अनुभवी / अधिकृत फर्म व कम्पनियों से ऑनलाइन प्रस्ताव उत्तराखण्ड शासन की वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in पर दिनांक 09.12.2021 को सायं 5.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। प्रस्ताव शुल्क रु. 3,000.00+18% जी.एस.टी. का बैंक ड्राफ्ट निदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, अल्मोड़ा के नाम देय एवं धरोहर धनराशि हेतु रु. 75,000 का बैंक ड्राफ्ट / एफ.डी.आर. निदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, अल्मोड़ा के पक्ष में हो, जमा करना होगा।

इच्छुक अनुभवी / अधिकृत फर्म व कम्पनियों द्वारा वेबसाइट में उल्लेखित प्रस्ताव के क्रम में अपने समस्त प्रपत्र वेब साईट में अपलोड करते हुए प्रस्ताव शुल्क व धरोहर धनराशि एवं अन्य प्रपत्रों की एक-एक प्रति, सीलबंद लिफाफे में (जिसमें Request for Proposal उल्लेखित हो) दिनांक 10.12.2021 को अपराह्न 1.00 बजे तक रजिस्टर्ड डाक अथवा स्वयं उपस्थित होकर अनिवार्य रूप से जमा की जानी होगी, उक्त प्रस्ताव उसी तिथि को अपराह्न 2.00 बजे उपस्थित फर्म व कम्पनी के स्वामी / प्रतिनिधियों के समुख अगोहस्ताक्षरी या मनोनीत अधिकारी द्वारा निदेशक उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड के कार्यालय धारनौला, अल्मोड़ा में ऑनलाईन खोले जायेंगे। प्रथम भाग में टैक्नीकल बिड खोली जायेगी, जो फर्म / कम्पनियां टैक्नीकल बिड में सफल / क्वालीफाई करेगे उन्हीं फर्म व कम्पनियों की वित्तीय बिड खोली जायेगी। प्रस्ताव के प्रस्तुतीकरण (Presentation) हेतु अलग से तिथि निर्धारित कर सम्बन्धित फर्मों को पत्र से अगगत कराया जायेगा।

निदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, अल्मोड़ा

पत्रांक : 490 /4-स्टोर/निविदा सूचना/2021-22 दि. 24.11.2021

फोन नं०: 05962-237746, 230606

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. VIII, Irrigation & Flood Control Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector- 15, Rohini, Delhi invites online E-tenders (Open Tender) DBO basis on behalf of the President of India from those bidder (proprietorship firms, partnership firms, companies, corporations, non indian (Overseas) firms/companies, consortia or joint ventures) who meet requisite eligibility criteria as prescribed in the NIT.

1. NIT No.:- EE/CD-VIII/NIT/W.B.2021-22/01

N.O.W.:- Rejuvenation of Mungeshpur water body in Kh. No. 22/34 in Distt. North West by installation of 150 KLD STP, Pooth Khurd Water body Kh. No. 157 in Distt. North West by installation of 400 KLD STP, Nizampur Rasidpur water body Kh. No. 505 in Distt. North West by installation of 150 KLD STP, Sultanpur Dabas water body Kh. No.96/1/1 in Distt. North West by installation of 400 KLD STP, Khera Khurd B water body Kh. No. 268 & 63/4/50/25/2 in Distt. North by installation of 150 KLD STP, Bakkarwala water body Kh. No. 91/2 in Distt. North West by installation of 150 KLD STP using ecologically sensitive and sustainable technology with O& M for 5 years on DBO basis.

H.O.A:- Rejuvenation of water bodies

Estimated Cost:- Rs 9,43,58,535

Earnest Money:- Rs 18,87,171

Period of completion:- 365 Days; Last date and time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 P.M. on 20.12.2021 (ID. No. 2021_IFC_211085_1)

- All the documents as stipulated in the NIT/bid documents should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-VIII, I&FC Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 before the last date and time of submission of technical bids.
- The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
- Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted.

DIP/SHABDARTH/0441/21-22

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER:CD-VIII

Indian GDP to grow 7.8 pc in Q2: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Official data print on the GDP will show a 7.8 per cent expansion on a year-on-year basis for the September 2021 quarter, according to a report.

Real GDP will grow 9.4 per cent in FY22 and decelerate to 7.5 per cent for FY23 as the base effects result in the higher growth in the ongoing fiscal wear-off, according to the report by economists at HDFC Bank released on Wednesday. In FY21, the GDP had contracted 7.3 per cent due to the pandemic. For FY22, the RBI expects GDP to clock a growth of 9.5 per cent, which will slow to 7.8 per cent in FY23. The GDP had expanded by over 20 per cent for the first

quarter on the lower base. The official data for the second quarter is set to be released on November 30.

The report by HDFC Bank said some part of the expected 7.8 per cent GDP growth in the second quarter will be due to a low base from a year when the economy contracted by 7.4 per cent but there is likely to be a sequential improvement in GDP growth in Q2FY22.

On a sequential basis, GDP is expected to grow 9.75 per cent in Q2 from a contraction of 16.9 per cent in the second wave-hit previous quarter, reflecting a revival in economic activity.

“With support from pent-up demand and easing of mobility restrictions in the

country, economic activity (as captured by a number of high frequency indicators) moved above pre-second wave levels in early

August and has remained robust since then,” the report said.

Agriculture, forestry and fishing growth will come at four per cent in Q2FY22, industry will be at 6.3 per cent and services at 8.6 per cent, it added.

When looked at from a gross value added (GVA) basis, the September 2021 quarter growth will come at 7.3 per cent, the bank estimated, explaining that the gap between GDP and GVA is likely to be driven by higher tax revenue collection and lower subsidy pay-outs in this quarter.

Markets tumble in late sell-off

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks resumed their decline on Wednesday after a day's gap, succumbing to a last-hour sell-off triggered by losses mainly in market heavyweights Reliance, Infosys and HDFC.

After trading in the green for most part of the session, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 323.34 points or 0.55 per cent lower at 58,340.99 -- marking its fifth decline in the last six days.

Likewise, the NSE Nifty fell 88.30 points or 0.5 per cent to end at 17,415.05.

On the Sensex chart, Maruti, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, ITC, Reliance Industries, L&T, UltraTech Cement and HDFC were the major losers, dropping as much as 2.62 per cent. On the other hand, Kotak Bank, NTPC, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance, PowerGrid and HCL Tech were among the gainers, climbing up

to 1.45 per cent. Of the Sensex constituents, 22 shares ended in the red. “Unable to hold onto its gains, domestic indices edged lower in today's tumultuous session amid mixed sentiments across global peers. Despite surging inflation, the Euro-zone business activity jumped to 55.8 in November from 54.2 in October, instilling hope in investors.

“On the domestic front, gains in banking and financial stocks were offset by losses in oil & gas and auto sectors. The banking sector was in the radar today as the government proposed to privatise two banks along with making banking amendments for the winter session to facilitate PSB privatisation” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Sectorally, BSE IT index fell 1.24 per cent, followed by auto, capital goods, FMCG and energy.

Rupee snaps 3-day losing streak

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee recovered its initial losses and settled 2 paise up at 74.40 against the greenback on Wednesday as exporters' dollar sales helped offset elevated crude oil prices. Investors also awaited the minutes of the latest Federal Reserve meeting, forex traders said. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened on a weak note at 74.53 against the US dollar and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.31 and a low of 74.54. Snapping its three-day losing run, the domestic currency finally ended at 74.40, registering a gain of just 2 paise over its previous close of 74.42.

‘Concept of Aadhaar data vault fallacious’

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

National Health Authority CEO and senior member of founding team of Aadhaar R S Sharma on Wednesday criticised some of the restrictions imposed by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) over use of the unique ID due to apprehensions around privacy. Sharma, who was the first Director General of the UIDAI, said that the concept of data vault is fallacious which is adversely impacting the purpose of Aadhaar. “Aadhaar Act says Aadhaar information should be safely kept. Aadhaar number is not an identity. It (data vault) is like putting all the numbers on the currency notes into some safe vault saying that these numbers will not be disclosed. This is a fallacious way. Once you start with a fallacious foundation then everything

Legal assistance services for homebuyers

New Delhi: Online real estate portal Housing.com has announced the launch of its legal assistance services for homebuyers. REA India-owned Housing.com has partnered with leading online legal assistance startups Legalkart, Lawrato, Vidhikarya and Vakil Search to assist homebuyers or investors in their property buying journey. Consumer surveys have shown that this is a major pain point for consumers and this offering will go a long way in addressing that need.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of ICICI Bank Ltd. that Mr. Brij Kishan Gupta is owner of 1/5 share of under mention property by virtue of conveyance deed dated 06.05.2020 registration No. 1959, and therein remaining 1/5 share of the said property as legal heir on the basis of SMC dated 12.11.2021, after demise of his mother late Mrs. Pushpa Gurati who was also the owner of retaining 1/5 share on the basis of above mentioned conveyance deed, of Flat No. 661, on 6th Floor, Category-B, in Block No.6, situated in the layout plan of Karunag Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd. known as Karunag Apartment, built on Plot No. 71 / P Extension, Patparganj, Delhi. All persons including other legal heirs, if any are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell the said property to Mr. Amit Gupta who is taking Loan from ICICI Bank Ltd. for purchase of the said property, if anybody has any objections upon the ownership of Mr. Brij Kishan Gurati (as sale/Mortgagee) litigation, and any kind of objections kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants)
230, Ind Road-23, Shriya Marg, Mayapuri, N. Delhi-110 028
Ph:- 31411252/28, kumarassociatesadvocates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that Mrs. Aparna Thayarajan D/o Bhawani Thayarajan has approached Jahaz CGHS Ltd. for transfer of flat No. 118 in her name as she was appointed/nominated as her legal heir/nominee by her Grand Mother Late Mrs. Visalam Natarajan who was bonafide member of the Jahaz CGHS Ltd. Who had since died on 7.3.21. The flat No. 118, had been allotted to her name. The M.C. of Jahaz CGHS Ltd. has now decided to transfer the said flat in her name, The Share Certificate and possession letter also has been lost. If any one has any objection for transfer flat in her name should intimate the Jahaz CGHS Ltd. New Delhi-87 within 30 days from the publication of the advertisement.

For Jahaz CGHS Ltd. (President)

MAX Healthcare

PUBLIC NOTICE

DESTRUCTION OF MEDICAL RECORD OF PATIENTS

Notice is hereby given that Max Super Speciality Hospital Patparganj (A Unit of Max Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre) will be destroying medical records related to the treatment and/or test performed of its patients at the Hospital pertaining to the period January/ 2013 to December-2016. Any patient who wishes to acquire Certified True Copy of his/her Medical Records pertaining to above stated period may request in writing to the contact person mentioned in the table below, between 10AM to 5PM (Monday to Saturday). All such request applications must reach the concerned person as mentioned in the below, within 3 (three) month from the date of publication of this notice. The request for medical records should be submitted in the prescribed format along with the self-attested copy of the photo identity proof of the patient. The patient can also authorize any other person to apply for and/or collect the Medical Records on his/her behalf with a valid authority letter/power of attorney for the same along with the self-attested copy of the photo identity and signature proof of the Patient and authorized person. In case of deceased patients, the attendant recorded in the Medical Records may apply/authorize someone to apply for the same. Please note that standard charges shall be applicable for supplying such records.

Name & Address of the Hospital	Contact Person's detail
Max Super Speciality Hospital, Patparganj (A Unit of Max Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre)	Ms. Rasalamma Jacob Email: Rasalamma.jacob@maxhealthcare.com Mobile: 9971685759 Office: 011-43032437
For Max Super Speciality Hospital, Patparganj (A Unit of Max Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre)	Sd/- Authorized Signatory Date: 25/11/2021

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कार्यालय वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक मेगा फूड पार्क, बहेड़ी उ०प्र० राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण, ए-1/4 हरखनपुर, कानपुर

अत्यकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण के विभिन्न जनपदों में स्थित औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में विद्युत विकास और अनुसंधान एवं रख-रखाव कार्य हेतु सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों/नगर निगमों में अर्ह ए० श्रेणी में विद्युत लाईसेन्सीकरण / डीएनवी निविदा / सार्वजनिक डेकेटरी से अत्यकालीन ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। जो निविदांक 27.11.2021 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 04.12.2021 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक अपनोड की जा सकती हैं। निम्न निनांक 06.12.2021 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे खोला जायेगा। निविदादालाओं द्वारा शपथ पत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ निनांक 09.12.2021 को सायं 5:00 बजे तक कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती हैं। ई-निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदा सम्बन्धी विवरण निम्नवत हैं-

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत राशि ₹००(लाख में)
1.	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street lights and High Mast Lighting System at I.A. Firozabad & Etah.	13.15
2.	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street lights and High Mast Lighting system at I.A. Kosi Kanan, Kosi Kotwan & Mathura Site-B Distt. Mathura.	20.21

नोट:-

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Rajesh Devi W/o Sh. Shishpal R/o H.No. A-99, Rama Vihar, Delhi** has been missing since 29.09.2021 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No 93A dated 03.10.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Aman Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 55 Years, Height: 4'8", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Identification: Mentally Disturb, Wearing: Green Colour Suit & Green Colour Lower.

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, Aman Vihar, Delhi at E-mail **Id-cic@cbi.gov.in** or website: **<http://cbi.nic.in>**

Phone: SHO
011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi
Fax No. 011-24368639 Rohini Distt., Delhi
DP/1182/RD/2021 Ph. No. 011-27581812, 27581233

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Chandni, D/o- Manjeet, R/o Wz-590, Tihar Village, Delhi. Age : 14 years, Height : 5'1", Complexion-Fair, Face-Round, Wearing-Black high Neck Top & Black Jeans and Black Colour Shoes** in her feet has been reported missing/kidnapped from the area of PS-Rajouri Garden, Delhi, since **19.11.2021**. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 978/2021, u/s 363 IPC dated 19.11.2021** has been lodged at P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi
Fax : 011-23011334 Rohini Distt., Delhi
DP/636/WD/2021 Ph. : 011-25448885, 25453990

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड कोण्डगांव जिला-कोण्डगांव (छ०ग०)

(Phone no. 07786-296071, Email id - eecon-phe-cg@gov.in)

:- ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा सूचना :-

प्रत्तीसगद की राज्यपाल की ओर से जिला कोण्डगांव में एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली बंरपन सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत डेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

कार्य का नाम :- जल जीवन मिशन अंतर्गत विभिन्न ग्रामों में रेड्रोफिटिंग कार्य।


सं० क्र०	निविदा क्रमांक एवं दिनांक	सिस्टम निविदा क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (₹० लाख में)
1	2	3	4	5
01	80 / 16.11.2021	87281	संबलपुर रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	160.44
02	81 / 16.11.2021	87282	खर्वावा रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	73.34
03	82 / 16.11.2021	87283	माकडी रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	151.69
04	83 / 16.11.2021	87284	पल्ली रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	145.70
05	84 / 16.11.2021	87285	बोटिकनेरा रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	105.70
06	85 / 16.11.2021	87286	मालकोट रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	135.82
07	86 / 16.11.2021	87287	मुलमूला रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	108.03
08	87 / 16.11.2021	87288	मिरोला रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	94.56
09	88 / 16.11.2021	87289	चिलपूटी रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	137.87
10	89 / 16.11.2021	87290	महानगर रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	129.64

निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन अवधि में कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है, साथ ही यह जानकारी ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <http://ecprocurement.gov.in> पर तथा विभागीय वेबसाईट <http://phedcgprocurement.gov.in> से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है। डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 05.12.2021 है।

R.O. No. 65289/8
R.O. Date 23/11/2021

कार्यपालन अभियंता
लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड
कोण्डगांव (छ०ग०)

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below- mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Lakshmi Devi/ Amit Kumar/ LBGHZ00004250132	Flat No 654, 6th Floor Ganga Tower Mahagun Puram Nh 24 Village Mehrauli Ghaziabad/ November 20, 2021	July 06, 2021 Rs. 24,97,259/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Sunny Dutta/ Neena Datta / LBNOD00004581656	Flat No C 1023, Floor No 10, Block C, Gaursons Cascades, Village Noor Nagar, Ghaziabad/ November 20, 2021	June 25, 2021 Rs. 26,91,952/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Ashish Bajaj/ Lata Bajaj/ LBGUR00004931301	Flat No-b-1404 Tower-B 14th Floor, Skytech Mattrot Sector-76, Plot. No Gh-01/D, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 52,52,643/-	Delhi/ NCR
4.	Arvind Kumar/ Subhash Dhama/ LBNOD00000350615	Plot No 6/211, Sector No 6 Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad/ November 22, 2021	July 06, 2021 Rs. 9,88,114/-	Delhi/ NCR
5.	Vaid Awana/ Nisha Awana/ LBDEL00001413319	Flat No. 84-A, Block-C- Sec-62, Noida/ November 22, 2021	July 06, 2021 Rs. 10,39,998/-	Delhi/ NCR
6.	Ajay Srivastava/ Shobha Srivastava/ LBNOD00001925644	Flat No-1603, 15th Floor, Tower-12 A, Lotus Zing Plot No- Gh-01/A Sector 168, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 35,75,810/-	Delhi/ NCR
7.	Ashish Bajaj/ Lata Bajaj/ LBGUR00004916868	Flat No G-1604, Tower-G 16th Floor, Skytech Mattrot Plot No Gh-01/D Sector-76, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 53,25,673/-	Delhi/ NCR
8.	M/s Quaint Media Consultant Private Limited/ Basant Kumar Jha/ Tejashree Amar Jadhavi/ LBNOD00004776306	Flat No-603 & 604, 6th Floor, Tower A, Logix Technova Sector 132 Plot No-A4, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 1,09,44,131/-	Delhi/ NCR
9.	Saurabh Gupta/ Avaniash Kumar Dixit/ LBNOD00002137304	FLAT NO-1804, 18th Floor, Tower-F, "Pan Oasis", Plot No Gh-02, Sector-70 Noida- 201301/ November 22, 2021	June 25, 2021 Rs. 69,96,258/-	Delhi/ NCR

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : November 25, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown**. Age about 50-55 years, Height 5'1", Complexion Wheatish, Long Face, Thin Built, Wearing Black Jacket, Blue Checkdar Shirt & Grey Lower was found dead at K.M. Pole No.3/29, 3/31, Hallan Chowk, Old Seelampur, Delhi on 21.11.2021. In this regard a DD No. 5-A dated 21.11.2021 U/s 174 Cr.Pc has been lodged at PS Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The Dead Body has been preserved at GTB Hospital Mortuary.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

SHO
PS Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi
Ph. 011-23961522, 9968318499

DP/389/RLY/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 15.11.2021 at Lothiyar Road Near GPO Chatta Rail Pull, Kashmir Gate, Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 17 A, u/s 174 CrPC dated 15.11.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Kashmir Gate, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: Approx. 50 Years, Height: 5'5", Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Wearing: Mehndi Colour Sweater and Blue Colour Lower.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station Kashmir Gate, Delhi
DP/1730/N/2021 (UIDB) Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that this person **Name: Shivanand Manjhi, S/o Parmanand Manjhi, R/o Sec. 63, Chot pur Colony, Noida, UP. Age: 26 Years, Height: 168 cm, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Shirt, Brown Color Pant and Black shoes in feet, has been missing since 28.09.2021 from HDFC Bank,**

In this regard a DD No. 53A, dated 29.09.2021 has been lodged at P.S. CR Park, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. CR Park, New Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-26271374, 8750870830
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/788/SD/2021

A NEW ECONOMY

‘We wanted to take people back to that time (of demonetisation) and remind them that we all got past this together’, director RISHAB SETH and producer VISHESH BHATT define the thought behind their recent drama-comedy, *Cash*, in a tête-à-tête with KHUSHBU KIRTI

With the recent release of the film *Cash*, my mind was transported to the time of demonetisation in 2016, and how we had toiled in long lines in front of ATMS under scorching heat. The memory might be a bitter-sweet experience etched in our brains forever, but *Cash* definitely held my attention with its relatable and humorous take on it.

Cash, starring Amol Parashar, Smriti Kalra, Swanand Kirkire, Kevin Dave, and Gulshan Grover, started streaming on Disney+Hotstar. The light-hearted dramedy that centers around the period of demonetisation and entrepreneurship in India, is directed by Rishab Seth and produced by Vishesh Bhatt.

Read on for excerpts from a heart-to-heart with Vishesh and Rishab.

■Demonetisation was a very serious event, something that has been lodged in the recent history of India. What is your vision of the film? What do you wish to convey?

Rishab: Demonetisation was, obviously, a very important event in our recent history that we’ve all dealt with — I think we all have memories of that period — which we, sort of, wanted to laugh at to create some kind of catharsis or nostalgia. Many might say it was a terrible time, many people feel that it was a very petulant move by the government. Ah, so, we never really wanted to pass judgement on it and our stance on it, even today, remains very neutral. But, we thought that there is an opportunity here to take people back to that time and remind them that we all got past this together and these are the things that unfolded around us. And when you go back in time — even if you thought that it was dark time then — you can always, in retrospect, laugh it off. So, I think the

idea here was to use collective consciousness and evoke laughter instead of pain.

Vishesh: Like Rishab added, it was an important event and every important event always has certain serious takeaways, but the subject itself, or any serious event, for that matter, can have a humorous take-away, too. Personally, we have to take things in a stride. Humour is an important part of life and I feel more than demonetisation, this is a journey of a serious entrepreneur and how strong the resilience of the medium and small enterprises in India, even today, during the pandemic is. They are extremely agile, take up challenges and manage to survive. We wanted to give that kind of a message that India is able to withstand the obstacles that come their way. It is, in a manner, inspirational, and also relevant to the time of the pandemic. So, we mixed the themes up. We wanted to highlight the new digital economy. Thus, this is a positive, upwards-looking, kind-of a narrative.

■Was there a personal incident/tragedy related to it that you know of? That you have built the story on?

Rishab: I know that there were neighbours giving money to their house helps to deposit it to their banks and so, a lot of what is happening in the film has been derived from real life incidents but the thing is, it had turned into a bit of a circus, hadn’t it? (everyone chuckles)

So even if you don’t know someone personally, someone knew someone who had to do something sketchy at the time to find some kind of solution to save their black money. And you will see reflections of that in the film, too.

■Because there are so many innovative ways of money laundering shown in the film that one wonders what the



inspiration behind the same was.

Vishesh: So this term, ‘money laundering’ which came in — I think what demonetisation did is — it made people, who had just general petty expenses as cash, try to figure out what black or white even mean. For most of the country, it was a term that political figures or quintessential villains would have and when demonetisation came about, people were like, ‘okay, cash by itself is a problem’. After that, there were debates over what really would fall under black or white cash. We have a digital economy now, it was completely new, then. So this ‘cash’ was termed as toxic.

Rishab: Even people who did not have illegal money with them at that time, that is, unaccounted for money, some had cash withdrawal systems sitting at home, you know? And even they had to go stand in the line and they thought, ‘what does this

ultimately entail?’ ‘Does this cash have any real value or not?’

Vishesh: Exactly. People got scared. Their savings would become zero.

Rishab: However, I must add, Vishesh and I were trying to make a film about entrepreneurship even before the demonetisation happened. A film about entrepreneurship, ambitions and dreams, specifically because Vishesh’s company stands for youth-oriented content. It so happened that we got this idea and we married entrepreneurship with demonetisation. It is not just about scams that we all have heard of, it’s actually about a guy who uses adversity and turns it into opportunity — that’s the core of the film.

■The shift to home viewing through OTT, has it given an impetus to stories based on real events? Whether it’s entrepreneurship or demonetisation.

All About Love

Award-winning documentary filmmaker ARCHANA PHADKE, in a conversation with CHRISTY VARGHESE, reveals what made her train the camera on her family for her directorial debut



Born in 1986 in Mumbai, India, Archana Phadke is a is an alumna of the Berlinale Talent campus and a National award winner. Her short film as a Director, *Uski Baarish* (2013) was screened at various international film festivals including Clermont-Ferrand International Film Festival, Aspen Shorts Fest, Toronto International Film Festival (KIDS), Seattle International Film Festival and 34 others. She has produced and edited, feature-length documentary *Placebo*. Placebo was an Indo-Finnish co-production that premiered at the International Documentary Film Festival of Amsterdam (IDFA), 2014, where it won the jury nomination for Best Film in First Appearance Category. She has co-edited the film *Raghu Rai, An Unframed Portrait* — winner of IDFA Europe fund and winner of Best International Pitch at Asian Side of the Doc and premiered at IDFA 2017 (mid-length competition).

Her debut as a director of the feature-length documentary, *About Love*, premiered at the Sheffield Doc fest in June 2019, where it won the New Talent Award. The film also won the Best film Asian Perspective award at DMZ Docs 2019, and Best film at the Hainan Island International Film Festival.

About Love is in the news since it is up for viewing on MUBI, the globally curated film streaming platform. The film is a story which underlines the place of a woman in Indian society. You can say that the film is super feminist, but in a non-preachy way. But it reflects the reality that exists in society today.

For the film, Phadke trains the camera on her household, making what’s extremely personal at times, public. The film revolves around the daily happening, and conversations of three couples living alongside the director. Keep reading for excerpts of the interview with Phadke.

■Dealing with your own family members for *About Love*, start to finish, was it easy or difficult?

It’s always a very difficult decision. I was filming there for around two and a half years and everyday I was wondering whether I was doing the right thing. Exposing my family to the world was a very difficult decision to take because I was able to capture not just the comfortable but the uncomfortable moments also of family life. It was quite a difficult process for me.

■Would your family members play nice in front of the camera?

Like every documentary, this is one of the first processes that one goes through — that you have to break that act in front of the camera. Sometimes it takes days, sometimes it take months, sometimes it takes years for that to happen. But i was very fortunate that this never happened to me and this is probably because I was the one shooting them. When this was going on, they did not know this was going to be a film. But when this kept going on for an year or two, they were wondering, ‘Oh, she is still shooting us maybe she is just collecting random footage.” Fortunately they never ever put up an act in front of the camera. They were always themselves in both comfortable as well as uncomfortable situations. I actually shot my grandfather’s death on camera which was quite difficult for me to show. But both my family and I were honest, with respect to everything shown in the film.

■How long did filming take?

I started shooting the film in June 2015 but the film premiered in the 2019 edition of the Sheffield Doc Fest. Initially my lens was trained on my grandparents, but my brother actually decided to get married halfway through shooting and that’s when I decided to make that a part of my story as well. But then I expanded the scope of my story and I started shooting my parents as well. It became an interesting landscape — three generations of couples and how love changes over time. And, oh, just for context, my *bhabhi* and my brother had a love



marriage. They met in IIM Lucknow. He was just following the example set by his ancestors; my grandparents and my parents also had a love marriage.

■While you were behind the camera, you were also an integral part of the household. You can’t help unknowingly influence what happens in front of the camera, we get it. But did you ever knowingly influence the course of the film?

I made certain rules. When I would start filming, I would anticipate the flavour of what it was going to be. So, I would make certain rules as a filmmaker which were sacred and unbreakable since that would not be good for the film. I wanted complete honesty in the film where I would not drive the narrative. I also knew that for a film like this the essence is important, which is why I was shooting for three and a half years, whereas I could have easily wrapped up shooting in three months since it was my family and I had easy access to them. But I knew that to get into the depth of the characters, I would have to spend a lot of time. So, I took my time to do it, but I did not make anything happen at all.

■While everyone is aware of the

process, ie. What happens ahead of a wedding in India, you trained the camera on your own family members. What led you to do so?

This is my first feature documentary as a director, I have produced a film before this, *Placebo*, and a filmmaker’s first film is always about a subject that they hold dear. For me, I have always been obsessed with my family. We are very close, we tell each other everything. This film is sort of a love letter to them. I wanted to understand the workings of love in my family and that is exactly what I wanted to make a film on. It’s a tragi-comedy that looks at the dysfunctionality of families and I tried to capture this in a sensitive and dignified manner.

With every film I make, I hope I learn something about myself. Part of the reason why I did this film is because I don’t want to get married, I don’t believe in the constitution of marriage. There have been numerous love marriages in my family, but how come I don’t believe in marriage, that was my enquiry. So I wanted to observe my own family members to get to the bottom of it. My grandparents, for that matter, regularly pass snide comments at each other, but are very much in love, this is evident from what I could capture for the film. But back then, in the initial stages of the

home as good an experience.

So, opportunities are more now. Where we can make films with fresher talent without having to rely entirely on big stars to carry your film. There are more stories than there are stars. So, we have to find a way to tell these stories and we’re now getting more opportunities to do so.

■The actors completely adored the script, they said it was a perfectly written one. Can you give a background on that? What were some challenges you faced?

Rishab: Actually, we had a lot of fun, you know. There was a ton of anecdotal stuff available in newspapers and news articles, and stories from friends. The challenge was basically that we wanted to present everything in a comic light. The question we kept asking ourselves was ‘how do we make this funny and entertaining?’ It was a great and fun process.

Vishesh: There was an ocean of information and experiences that we all discussed. There was a wealth of data and we knew what was our take was our take on it. So, according to me, the challenge was to filter out. To streamline it, put it in an entertaining manner, have fun with it and communicate it without getting too indulgent or boring was the task at hand. Humour weaved in something that is engaging and fast-paced was the main challenge.

■Very excited for the film. What is one thing audience should look for when it releases?

Rishab: Um, this is two hours of pure fun. I would suggest you to watch it with your friends, enjoy it, revel in the nostalgia and just come out feeling good.

Vishesh: Agreed, comedy is community experience. Watch it with company, while having popcorn and perhaps, chilled beer. Everyone has a different interpretation of humour, so people might have different experiences.

Rishab: But I would like to mention, that this is not the comedy, hopefully, where we would advice people to leave their brains at home. So, keep your brains intact, watch it and enjoy the experience.

Vishesh: Adding to it, I’d like to request the audience to watch and support films with fresh talent and new narratives. If you want quality, you want new and fresh content, you have to support it yourself to see the change you’re asking for.

shooting, I wasn’t sure this would turn out to be a film.

■What is it about love that fascinates you?

You can call me a total romantic. I have grown up on all these Yash Chopra films, and I absolutely adore them. I don’t think those type of films are made anywhere, where the romance is evidently there. I am talking about films like *Chandni* and *Dil Toh Paagal Hai*. That is the essence I am trying to capture, not through a Bollywood film but through life itself. It is so difficult to understand love, through my film I have come to makes sense of so many things about love. As an artist, it is natural to try and try again to understand the mysteries of life; love being one of them. I am trying to understand past notions I had of love while growing up.

■We are sure you had some solid ideas about this film when you started shooting. Did the final product match what you had in mind?

Well I did have some ideas in mind but documentary films are all about observing.

There is a very cool saying which one can read as you enter SRFTI (Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute), “In fiction films, the director is God and in documentaries, God is the director.”

At certain points during the film, you have to be ready to receive, instead of trying to implement your notions. That is the magic of documentary cinema, it springs a surprise every now and then. You cannot be in control all the time, at times you have to let go of control and watch the magic unfold.

■Do you have any other projects, or thoughts about any projects in the pipeline?

Yes, of course! I am writing for two projects, one is a feature-fiction that revolves around farmer suicides. I hope I am able to make the project a reality within the next year.

LAWRENCE ADDS TO PAY DISPARITY DEBATE

JENNIFER LAWRENCE reveals there was a pay disparity between her and DiCaprio in the film, *Don’t Look Up*.

“Look, Leo brings in more box office than I do. I’m fortunate and happy with my deal,” she states.

“But in other situations, I’ve seen it’s uncomfortable to inquire about equal pay. If you do question something that appears unequal, you’re told it’s not gender disparity but they can’t tell you what exactly it is,” Lawrence shares.



JERSEY IS SHAHID KAPOOR’S BEST

At the trailer launch of his upcoming film *Jersey*, SHAHID KAPOOR opened up about his film *Kabir Singh*’s success at the box office.

“I went like a beggar to everybody who has made these 200-250 crore films. It was completely new to me. Having spent 15-16 years in the industry, I never had such a huge grosser. So, when it finally happened, I didn’t know where to go,” he confessed.

“Credit goes to Gowtam Tinnanuri, the director, for still working with me, waiting for me. I’m so happy I did this and can safely say this is my best film yet,” Kapoor added.

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RANI MUKHERJEE



‘My daughter is growing up and she is growing every day. She has become a very responsible child and understands the fact that I go to work, her father goes to work and that’s what grown-up people do — they go out and make a living for themselves. It is important to understand that as a grown-up, you have to go out there and work to earn your place in the society.’

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RONNIE LAHIRI



‘Even now, almost after 70 years, the Jews who survived make sure that nobody in the world forgets what the Germans did to them. Somehow, the Britishers for 100+ years colonised half of the world and I think they were worse than what the Nazis had done. But they are the ones with very good PR machinery, and that’s the reason even today nobody talks about any of the massacres.’

BEING VOCAL FOR LOCAL

Taste the unique flavours of tribal cuisine at the Tribes India Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat. The event puts the spotlight on some exquisite GI-tagged products

One of the most interesting aspects of tribal life is the array of authentic dishes, unique to the different tribes. Authentic tribal cuisine is a major attraction of the ongoing Tribes India Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat in New Delhi. The National Tribal Festival, an annual affair, showcases interesting dishes from across the country. Crowds visiting Dilli Haat have been thronging to the Aadi Vyanjan section, where food stalls from across the country, from states such as Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland and Chhattisgarh have been put up.

Tribal communities have a close connection with nature; their simplicity and reverence towards nature is carried over to the food. The same reverence is reflected in their cuisine; the tribals consider their food to be sacred. Tribal cuisine is not only interesting, but also nutritious and balanced. Be it the *daal baati churma* from Rajasthan or the *litti chokha* or Thapdi roti from Jharkhand, or the kadhi from Uttarakhand, tribal food is simple, nutritious and edible. There seems to be a preference of different types of millets among the tribals, hence dishes made out of major and minor millets are available such as ragi pakodas and *madwa* rotis from Jharkhand, ragi idlis and dosas from Tamil Nadu.

Over the past few days it has been observed that some dishes attracted more attention than the others. Chapda chutney or red ant chutney had many takers. Chapda



chutney, made from red ants, is said to be not only tasty but also helps keep diseases at bay. Mahua dishes also garnered much interest. Mahua trees are commonly available all over the forests of central and western India.

One can also enjoy other exotic, tasty foods such as dhuska (deep fried snack made of powdered rice), banjara biryani, thapdi roti, herbal teas and arakku coffee from different parts of the country.

GI products came to a special focus in the ongoing Tribes India Aadi Mahotsav, when Bhaskar Khulbe, Advisor to the Prime Minister of India visited the Aadi Mahotsav.

GI products occupy a prominent place in this edition of the Aadi Mahotsav, and more than 50



such identified products are displayed in stalls across the venue by the tribals. Many visitors have been visiting these stalls with much interest. Apart from this seven new GI-tagged products from Uttarakhand consisting of Aipan craft, Tamta product, Ringal craft, Thulma, Bhutiya Daan Carpet, Chyura oil and Munshiyari rajma, was launched at Aadi Mahotsav taking the tally of TRIFED promoted tribal GI products to 66.

Speaking on the occasion, Khulbe remarked, "I am pleased to

note that TRIFED has actively taken up the cause to promote GI Tagged products and transform into a brand, thus empowering tribal artisans. This Aadi Mahotsav is an excellent way to bring all tribal artisans from across the country in a single place. I urge all Delhiites to visit this unique fair."

The GI products featured at the Tribes India Aadi Mahotsav include renowned, exquisite items such as Rajasthan's blue pottery, the Kota Dariya fabric, Madhya Pradesh's Chanderi and Maheshwari silk, Bagh print, Odisha's Pattachitra, Karnataka's Bidriware, Banarasi silk from Uttar Pradesh, Darjeeling tea from West Bengal, Kala jeera from Himachal Pradesh, the extremely spicy Naga chilli, and the large cardamom from the North-east.

Geographical indication tagging has acquired a greater significance ever since the focus has shifted towards Vocal for Local and building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been facilitating the promotion of GI Tagged products along with tribal products and transform them into a brand, symbolising empowerment of tribal artisans. These initiatives are aimed help recognise and promote age-old tribal traditions and methods that in danger of being lost due to urbanization and industrialization.

The Geographical Indication technology, which has been recognized by the World Trade Organization, is used to denote the geographical territory from where

a product, be it an agricultural produce, natural product or manufactured, and also conveys assurance of qualities or attributes that are unique to that specific geographic region. India became a signatory to this convention, when, as a member of the WTO, it enacted the Geographical Indications (Registration and Protection Act), 1999, which came into effect from September 15, 2003.

The Aadi Mahotsav festival is TRIFED's attempt to familiarise the people with the rich and diverse craft, culture and cuisine of tribal communities across the country in one place.

Besides these GI products, one can also find other ethnic tribal handicrafts and products and organic items — from the natural and immunity-boosting tribal produce such as virgin coconut oil, organic haldi, dry amla, wild honey, black pepper, ragi, *triphal*, and lentil mixes such as moong dal, urad dal, white beans, and dalia to artefacts such as paintings be it in the Warli style or Patachitra; from jewellery handcrafted in the Dokra style to bead necklaces from the Wancho and Konyak tribes of the North-East.

The Aadi Mahotsav- A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture and Commerce is on at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi till the 30th November, 2021 from 11 am to 9 pm.

Visit Aadi Mahotsav and support the "Vocal for Local" movement and help in building a self-reliant India!

Working for the people

Rajasthan's Water and Groundwater Minister Dr Mahesh Joshi says that his focus would be on uninterrupted, regular and adequate supply to the public

Water Supply and Ground Water Minister Dr Mahesh Joshi has said that the department's full focus will be on uninterrupted, regular and adequate supply of clean drinking water to the public in the state. Along with this, vigorous efforts will be made at every level with the help of common people to prevent wastage of water.

Dr Joshi was interacting with the media persons after taking charge as the new Water Supply and Ground Water Minister of the State at the Government Secretariat on Wednesday. Appealing to the common people to save water, he said that water is priceless, people should understand its value and make maximum use of it their habit.

Work will be done according to the needs of the people

The Minister said that the time is changing rapidly and with this the priorities of the people have also changed, in such a situation, departmental projects and programs will be speeded up according to the needs of the people in daily life. He said that in the last three years, historical works of public interest have been done in all the departments including the water supply department in the state. During this, despite the circumstances arising due to Corona, the works of other drinking water projects including Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) have been taken forward in the state. Work in JJM has progressed very rapidly in the recent past. Under the department, the work of all the projects including JJM will be speeded up with the thought that the money being spent on them should be fully

benefited by the common man.

Stop wastage of drinking water
Dr Joshi said that at many places water gets wasted due to leakage in the pipeline. For this, wherever the pipelines have become obsolete in the state, they will be replaced and work will be done with a concrete strategy to prevent wastage of drinking water. He said that the entire team of the department would leave no stone unturned in the service of the public with the co-ordination of administrative officers, engineers and technical and subordinate personnel.

Dr Joshi was welcomed by senior officers under the leadership of Additional Chief Secretary, Water Supply and Ground Water Department, Sudhanshu Pant by presenting a bunch of flowers. Dignitaries including Dr. Joshi's son Mr. Rohit Joshi and other well wishers, fans and supporters were also present on this occasion.

Dr Joshi's Joint Secretary of Government of Water Supply Department — First Pratap Singh, Joint Secretary, then Pushpa Satyani, Chief Engineer (Urban and NRW) CM Chouhan, Chief Engineer (Administration), Rakesh Luhadia, Chief Engineer (JJM), Dinesh Goyal, Chief Engineer (Special Projects) Dalip Kumar Gaur, Chief Engineer (Technical), Sandeep Sharma, Additional Chief Engineer (Rural) Devraj Solanki, Additional Chief Engineer (Urban), Amitabh Sharma, WSSO Director, Hukamchand Verma, Additional Chief Engineer (Jaipur-II), Manish Beniwal and Additional Chief Engineer (Jaipur-I) Arun Srivastava.

Railways to increase its freight basket DDA meeting updates

PHDCCI-Rajasthan chapter organised a Webinar on "Freight Incentives by Railways for Industries with North Western Railways" on November 24.

In his welcome address Shri Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter informed that PHD Chamber has been taking numerous initiative and pol-

icy advocacy measures for improving Ease of Doing Business, Reduction in cost of Doing Business and providing a level playing field for the industry so that Indian Economy can grow and achieve the target of USD 5 trillion given by our Hon'ble Prime Minister. He observed that logistic cost in India is over 14 per cent as com-

pare to 3-4 per cent in China adversely affecting the industry and exports from India. There is a need to reduce to logistic cost and transportation through Railway network can help reducing the freight cost with the proactive approach and incentive schemes offered by Railways.

Speaking as Chief Guest Narendra,

Divisional Railway Manager, North Western Railway outlined the various measures being taken by Railways for increasing its freight basket with focus on service and providing competitive freight solutions to trade and industry with the ultimate objective of facilitating growth of Indian economy.

Delhi Development Authority held its meeting on November 24 through video conferencing under the chairmanship of Anil Baijal, Lt Governor of Delhi and the chairman of DDA attended by Manish Kumar Gupta, IAS, Vice Chairman, DDA, and other members of the Authority including Vijender Gupta MLA, Sonm Nath Bhatti MLA, O P Sharma MLA, Adesh Kumar Gupta Municipal Councillor, North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Kailash Sankla, Municipal Councillor, South Delhi Municipal Corporation.

Following major decisions were taken:

Launching of Housing Scheme: The Authority has approved launching of Online Special Housing Scheme for approximately 15,000 flats of different categories at various locations such as Dwarka, Narela, Rohini, Jasola etc. DDA will soon share the further details of the scheme on its website and leading Newspapers / Social media. The scheme has the following main features:-

The flats offered under this scheme are those which remain unsold in previous Housing schemes of DDA.

The flats are being offered at the old rates/cost in relaxation of the costing policy of DDA which is updated every finan-

cial year based on the appreciation/depreciation of land cost/building as the case may be.

The flats at Narela sub-city are being offered after taking several remedial measures in terms of improvement of infrastructure, security and connectivity on the basis of suggestions/feedback of the allottees/residents of the area.

The allottees will be eligible for subsidy under PMAY scheme of the central govt. if they avail home loan from the bank/financial institution.

The entire process from application to allotment and possession is being done through online mode.



Back to the old ways

With 40 token sanitiser machines installed in all metro stations, the smart token-system has been restored by Kolkata Metro

Tokens are going to be re-introduced in North-South and East-West Metro from today. For that, elaborate

arrangements have already been made to restore the old token system in the Metro. For the safety of Metro commuters, 40 token

sanitiser machines have already been installed at all stations.

Collected tokens will be sanitised in these machines with

the help of ultra-violet ray for about four minutes at each North-South and East-West Metro station. After U-V sanitization, these tokens will again be issued.

In each of the big stations two token sanitiser machines will be kept for use. In each of the small stations one token sanitiser machine will be kept.

Lady Irwin College to host National Conference on Learning

Department of Education, Lady Irwin College, a constituent college of University of Delhi, is organising the National Conference on Learning (NCL 2021) through virtual mode on November 26, 2021. The theme of the conference is gender and education.

Education plays a crucial role in spreading awareness and providing advocacy to all sections of society. This conference on 'Gender & Education' explores gender related issues and considers a broader vision of how investing in education can promote gender equality, gender equity as well as sensitivity and empathy.

The conference will start with the inaugural session at 9:30 am. The welcome address will be delivered by the Director of the College, Dr Anupa Siddhu. The chief guest of the conference is Prof Dr Asha Shukla, Vice-Chancellor of Dr B R Ambedkar Social Science University, Indore, who will reflect on 'Gender & Education'. The guest of honour, is Dr Poonam Aggarwal, NCERT. The guest speaker, Anuradha Krishnan, gender resource person, will also give valuable input on the theme. After that, tribute will be paid to Ms Kamla Bhasin (Indian feminist).

Educationalists, researchers, teacher educators from various universities and colleges will participate and give their presentations on the subthemes.

NRWWO president inaugurates refreshment counter at Central Hospital

Shikha Gangal, the president of Northern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (NRWWO) inaugurated a beverage/refreshment counter run by NRWWO at Central Hospital, New Delhi on November 18.

On this occasion the vice-president of NRWWO, Anjali Gulati, the treasurer, Anjana Kumar, and other members of the committee and Medical Director of Northern Railway, Central Hospital, New Delhi, Dr Amita Jain, doctors and railway personnel were also present. The NRWWO is a vol-



untary organisation, which runs various welfare activities for the benefit of railway workers and their families.

With the inauguration of the beverage/refreshment counter operated by NRWWO there has been a further increase in the facility of beverages/catering facilities to the patients and their relatives/relatives visiting this hospital.

SAIL's iron ore mines receive national awards

Two iron ore mines of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines and Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines, received five-star rated awards for sustainable mining practices and all round performance in the Iron Ore category at the 5th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals held in New



Delhi on November 23. The Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi presented the awards to Soma

Mondal, Chairman, SAIL, in a glittering award ceremony. She was accompanied by Kamlesh Rai, Chief General Manager, Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines and Shri RP Selvam, Chief General Manager, Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines while receiving the awards.

SAIL's Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines was awarded for the year

2017-18 and 2018-19 while Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines was awarded for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. Both these SAIL mines are under the Jharkhand Group of Mines of SAIL, Bokaro Steel Plant.

SAIL fulfils its entire requirement of iron ore from its captive iron mines.

A helping hand

POWERGRID provides financial aid to Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority



restoration work shall be looked after by the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority.

Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, RK Singh handed over a joint cheque amounting to ₹22.31 crores to

Dhan Singh Rawat, Minister of State for Disaster Management, Uttarakhand on behalf of Power Sector CPSE's in the presence of the Uttarakhand's CM, Pushkar Singh Dhami, Minister of State for Power, Krishan Pal and other senior dignitaries from the Ministry of Power. The event was attended virtually by K Sreekanth, CMD, POWERGRID and other senior officials of POWERGRID.

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World-class handball court inaugurated in Odisha

Inaugurated by Odisha CM on November 18, Keonjhar Handball Ground, located in Kendujhargarh Municipality, is first of its kind with provision of outdoor synthetic court in Odisha. The synthetic handball court has been built as per international standards (as per IHF - International Handball Federation). Additionally, the handball ground campus, with an area of around 1.6 acres, has been developed with best-in-class landscaping and provision of play areas.

Dual handball courts (with a synthetic pro-cushion surface), covering an area of 0.5 acres, were built with a seating capacity of around 200. The material used for preparation of the synthetic court has been certified under 'category 4-medium-fast' by the International



Tennis Federation (ITF).

The ground is armed with the ability to ensure play at night, with the installation of sports standard 'high mast lights'. In addition to the world-class handball courts, the campus has been developed for multi-disciplinary public use with the provision of walking pathways, acupressure track, children's play area, open-air gym, gymnasium, yoga platform, toilet block, seating arena and drinking water.

Northern Railway GM meets Delhi MPs

Ashutosh Gangal, the general manager of Northern Railway held a meeting with ministers and MPs of constituencies that come under the jurisdiction of Delhi division in New Delhi. This is in accordance with the directives given by the Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnav, advising GMs of Zonal Railways to increase public outreach to get feedback for providing better service to the nation. Railway related issues in each constituency falling under Northern Railway were discussed with the public representatives to find solutions for the benefit of the passengers.

Dimpy Garg, the divisional Railway Manager, Delhi Division presented a report regarding the completed, ongoing & planned works relating to passenger amenities, infrastructure and services at stations and trains over 22 constituencies in the states of UP, Haryana, Punjab and Delhi NCR, serviced by Delhi Division.

Gen VK Singh (ret'd), the Union Minister of State, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation, MPs from Lok Sabha — Dr Harsh Vardhan, Dr Satya Pal Singh, Rajendra Agarwal, Ramesh Bidhuri, Ramesh Chander Kaushik, Sunita Duggal, Sanjay Bhatia, Brijendra Singh, Pradeep Kumar Choudhary and MPs



from Rajya Sabha — Sardar Balvinder Singh Bhunder, Ram Chander Jangra and Narayan Das Gupta put forward their views in the meeting.

The MPs highly appreciated the good work done by Northern Railway in their constituencies. They collectively thanked the Railways for helping the nation overcome the adversities of the corona pandemic in the last two years. They also put forward various demands, requirements and aspirations of the rail users of their respective areas. They also volunteered to help wherever there was any co-ordination required with the state administration for timely completion of the projects.

Gangal, assured the MPs that Northern Railway would resolve the public grievances and issues put forward by them as early as possible. He further said that Northern Railway would always remain committed to the passengers and rail users.

Lieutenant General Pradeep Chandran Nair awarded by President

Lieutenant General Pradeep Chandran Nair, Yudh Seva Medal (YSM), the 21st Director General of the Assam Rifles received the prestigious Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) from the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind at an investiture ceremony held at New Delhi on November 22. He has been bestowed with this prestigious award for his successful command as the Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North) in Nagaland. He has also been decorated with the Yudh Seva Medal during his Command of a Brigade in Manipur and has also been



commended with the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card on three occasions.

Lieutenant General Nair, AVSM, YSM holds vast combat experience in the North East. He Commanded his battalion (18 SIKH) in Assam, has been a brigade commander in Manipur. His vast experience in the North East especially as the Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North) has brought in peace and tranquility in the region as well as controlled the insurgency. In his present appointment as the Director General of Assam Rifles, the Northeast region is to benefit tremendously.

Eyes on Rahane as ‘second string’ India take on gutsy Black Caps



PTI ■ KANPUR

A captain battling existential crisis, a veteran pacer about to be phased out and a white-ball maverick trying to earn his red-ball stripes makes for a heady combination as Ajinkya Rahane's second-string India aim to size up a gritty New Zealand in first Test starting Thursday.

Rahane, with his career on line, gets to lead India may be one last time while 100-Test veteran Ishant Sharma will be praying that young turk Mohammed Siraj doesn't nudge him out.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER
e-Tender Notice No. : DRMEGGRNC-66-70-2021, dated 23.11.2021. Tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), S.E.Railway, Ranchi for and on behalf of The President of India for the following works : **Sl. No. & Tender Notice No.;** **Name of work; Tender value :** (1) **DRMEGGRNC-66-2021;** Construction of additional loop line at Piska (PIS) station; ₹ 1,10,86,955.60. (2) **DRM ENGGRNC-67-2021;** Provision of Limited Height Subways (i) at km 354/7-8 in lieu of manned interlocked LC No. MB-1 at km 354/2-3 and shunting line between Muri-Bartanga of Muri-Barkakana section (ii) at km 354/14-15 (UP) in lieu of LC No. MK-1 (UP) at km 354/6-7 between Muri-Tulin and (iii) at km 354/14-16 (DN) in lieu of LC no. MK-1 (DN) at km 354/6-7 between Muri-Tulin of Muri-Kotshila section; ₹ 10,75,67,840.10. (3) **DRMEGGRNC-68-2021;** Lohardaga : Construction of new island platform along with necessary FOB, PF shelter and other amenities; ₹ 3,37,18,206.17. (4) **DRM ENGGRNC-69-2021;** Misc. Bridge Zonal work for the period ending upto 30.09.2023 under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Muri; ₹ 99,66,659.26. (5) **DRMEGGRNC-70-2021;** Construction of water tank in connection with fire safety measures catering to Rail club & transit accommodation at Hatia Railway settlement; ₹ 1,12,51,747.96. **Tender Closing Date & Time :** 17.12.2021 at 15.00 hrs. for each. Tenderers can visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for online tendering. e-Tender Notice is available on notice board in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Engg), S.E.Railway, DRM Building, Ranchi-834003. (PR-439)

Shreyas Iyer is set for Test debut and would like to reaffirm 'Bombay (not Mumbai) School of Batmanship' whose philosophy transcends beyond the white-ball riches of Indian Premier League.

"Shreyas Iyer will be making his debut but I can't reveal anything about combination," skipper Rahane confirmed ahead of the match.

It is indeed a rarity to find an Indian Test team that is without its hit opening pair of Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul. Also missing from line-up is skipper Virat Kohli and a genuine match-winning keeper-batter Rishabh Pant.

But this also gives head coach Rahul Dravid a chance to check out what his back-up bench strength is before the away tour of South Africa which starts in less than a month's time.

In the batting line-up for the first Test, only Rahane,

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Cheteshwar Pujara and Mayank Agarwal have played more than 10 Tests.

If Agarwal does well, that will keep KL Rahul on his toes and a good show from Shubman Gill will keep the team management interested in slotting him in the middle-order when the two regular openers come back.

In any sport, leader of the side is considered to have a secured slot in the side but in this Indian team, the skipper will be batting to save his career after an average of 19 in 11 Test matches in the current season.

Two more failures in two home games could effectively mean end of the road for Rahane. Even Dravid will also find it difficult to justify the Mumbaikar's inclusion in the

Johannesburg-bound flight next month.

A look at Rahane's net session doesn't inspire much confidence. He tried an ugly hoick off Jayant Yadav's off break and was clean bowled. Prasidh Krishna induced an outside edge which would have been regulation catch.

But it was scary to see net bowler Shivam Mavi bowling a perfect bouncer and hitting him on the chest.

It is never easy to lead a side when your own batting form has deserted you. How Rahane strikes a balance in this Test between being a ruthless captain and also the batter his team expects him to be will decide in which direction his career goes from here.

If he plays the game of survival against a Tim Southee or bumper-happy Neil Wagner, it might bring about downfall but as Pujara said, "being a bit fear-



less" will relieve him a bit from the gigantic pressure that's on his shoulders to save his career.

Similarly, for Ishant, the senior-most player in the current set-up with 100 plus games and 300 plus wickets, the situation is getting bleak by the day.

He didn't look in good rhythm during the net session and if Siraj is dropped from the eleven, the lanky pacer will once again need to prove that team management's decision isn't a travesty.

Umesh Yadav however remains the first-choice new ball bowler. Shreyas, who has a had a decent red ball record but has not played a long format game since 2019, will have his task cut-out.

Dravid made him negotiate short ball throw-downs from left-arm specialist Nuwan in order to simulate Neil Wagner's round the wicket tactic. A solid debut with an aggressive mind-set might give them a shot at permanent middle-order place

in future.

If one goes by cues from nets, the sequence of batters appears to be Gill and Mayank, followed by Pujara and Rahane. Next in line was Shreyas, which confirmed that Surya will have to wait for his Test debut.

While it's not known if Axar Patel's workload is being managed but Jayant Yadav had an extended run in the nets under watchful eyes of Dravid.

A middle-order with three defensive players like Pujara, Rahane and supposedly Hanuma Vihari, won't be a great proposition when India plays away from home in coming days.

But one man, itching to go out there and reaffirm his status as world's number one spinner will be Ravichandran Ashwin, who had been licking his wounds for the past few

INDIA-NEW ZEALAND IN TESTS				
Venue	Played	Ind won	NZ won	Drawn
In India	34	16	2	16
In New Zealand	25	5	10	10
In England	1	-	1	-
Total	60	21	13	26
Last five matches:	5	2	3	-
At Kanpur	3	2	-	1
HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS				
India:	583-7 dec at Ahmedabad			1999-00
NZ:	680- 8 dec at Wellington			2013-14
LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS				
India:	81 in 26.3 (8- ball) overs at Wellington			1975-76
NZ:	94 in 38.2 overs at Hamilton			2002-03
HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES				
India:	231 Vinoo Mankad at Chennai			1955-56
NZ:	302 Brendon McCullum at Wellington			2013-14
BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE IN AN INNING				
India:	8-72 S. Venkatraghavan at Delhi			1964-65
NZ:	7-23 Richard Hadlee at Wellington			1975-76

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TEAMS	
INDIA Ajinkya Rahane (captain), Mayank Agarwal, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Wriddhiman Saha (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Axar Patel, Umesh Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Mohammed Siraj, Jayant Yadav, Srikanth Bharat (2nd wk) and Prasidh Krishna	NEW ZEALAND Kane Williamson (captain), Tom Latham (wk), Ross Taylor, Henry Nicholls, Tom Blundell (wk), Will Young, Glenn Phillips (wk), Daryl Mitchell, Tim Southee, Neil Wagner, Kyle Jamieson, William Somerville, Ajaz Patel, Mitchell Santner and Rachin Ravindra

months after a royal snub by regular captain Kohli during the last series.

The third spinner is likely to be Axar Patel, who had a brilliant debut home series against England (27 wickets) when he last donned the whites even though Jayant

looked in good rhythm.

For Black Caps, Tim Southee and Neil Wagner will be the two pacers with left-arm spin duo of Ajaz Patel and Mitchell Santner along with off-spinner William Somerville likely to complete the attack.

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e-Procurement Notice
Tender Reference No.-BCD/SECNC/14/BCD, Building Div. No.-1, Ranchi/2021-22 Date:-24-11-2021

क्र०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु०)	कार्य पूरा करने की अवधि	वेबसाइट में निविदा दाखल की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	वेबसाइट में निविदा खोलने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	प्रोक््योरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	ई-प्रोक््योरमेंट ट सेल का हेल्पलाइन संख्या।
1.	Renovation of Boundary Wall With Gate and Construction of Toilet Block for Agriculture in the Campus of RINPAS, Ranchi For the Year- 2021-22	Rs. 69,58,600.00	6 (Six) Months	06.12-2021	14.12.2021 11:00 AM	15.12.2021 11:30 AM	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Building Construction Department, Chotanagpur Circle, Line Tank Road, Ranchi	0651-2200049	0651-2200049

○ इस निविदा से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना/बदलाव/संशोधन का अवलोकन <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर किया जा सकता है।

Note : New Updated UCAN Registration is mandatory for the Bidders. नोडल पदाधिकारी
PR 257703 (Building Construction Dept Chotanagpur Circle)21-22*D भवन निर्माण विभाग, छोटानागपुर अंचल, राँची

राष्ट्रीय पंचायत पुरस्कार 2022
पंचायती राज विभाग
झारखण्ड सरकार
झारखण्ड राज्य में मूल्यांकन वर्ष 2020-21 में उत्कृष्ट कार्य करने वाले त्रिस्तरीय पंचायती राज संस्थाओं को वर्ष 2022 में राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर चार श्रेणियों में पंचायत पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया जायगा

पुरस्कार श्रेणी

- दीन दयाल उपाध्याय पंचायत सशक्तिकरण पुरस्कार
- नानाजी देशमुख राष्ट्रीय गौरव ग्राम सभा पुरस्कार
- ग्राम पंचायत विकास योजना पुरस्कार
- बाल हितैषी ग्राम पंचायत पुरस्कार

पुरस्कार के लिय सभी त्रिस्तरीय पंचायती राज संस्थाएँ दिनांक 15दिसंबर 2021 तक [online पंचायती राज संस्थाओं को पंचायती राज मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, दिनांक 24 अप्रैल 2022 को राष्ट्रीय पंचायती राज दिवस के अवसर पर प्रशस्ति पत्र प्रदान करेगा | पुरस्कार से संबंधित विस्तृत जानकारी तथा आवेदन में सहयोग हेतु ज़िला पंचायत राज पदाधिकारी कार्यालय से संपर्क स्थापित किया जा सकता है](http://online.panchayataward.gov.in)

P.R. 257564 (Panchayati Raj) 21-22

Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Co-operative, Government of Jharkhand
DISTRICT HORTICULTURE OFFICE, JAMTARA
ADDRESS- COMBINED AGRICULTURE BUILDING SARKHELDIH, JAMTARA.
Email Id – atmajmt@gmail.com

EOI Notice No – 02/2021
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (VERY SHORT)

S. NO	INFORMATION	DETAILS
1	Name of the Work	Renovation of Plant Resource Centre At Sub. Horticulture Nursery Campus Jamtara.
2	Date of Publication of Bid on website	Date: 24.11.2021
3	Tender Cost	Rs. 5000 in the form of DD, in Favour of District Horticulture Officer, Jamtara payable at, Jamtara.
4	EMD	Rs. 68,000 in form of DD in Favour of District Horticulture Officer, Jamtara, payable at Jamtara.
5	Last date and time of receipt of BID	Date: 07.12.2021 Time : 02:00 pm
6	Date of time of opening of BID	Date: 07.12.2021 Time : 04:00 pm
7	Bid Submission Place	District Horticulture Office, Combined Agriculture Building, Sarkheldih, Jamtara. Pin Code – 815351 (E.O.) bid document can be sent by post/courier/or by hand)
8	Bid Opening Place	District Horticulture Office, Combined Agriculture Building, Sarkheldih, Jamtara. Pin Code – 815351
9	Contact No:	9199458754, 7992234027

Note :- Details are available at Website : www.atmajamtara.org.in

District Horticulture Officer, Jamtara
PR 257622 (Agriculture,Animal Husbandry And Co-opretive Department) 21-22 (D)

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
(CIN No. U40108JH2013SGC001702)
ELECTRIC SUPPLY CIRCLE, KODERMA
PIN – 825409/ Ese.esc.koderma@gmail.com

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders in two parts (Part-I Technical & commercial and Part –II price part) subscribed on sealed envelope are invited from the reputed firms/agencies having good experience of following same type of Civil Works and having sound financial status:-

Sl. No.	S.T.N. No .	Name of work	Estimate Cost (In Rs.)	Cost of B.O.Q Including GST in Rs (Non-refundable)	Earnest money To be deposited in Rs.	Time of completion of the work
1	192/PR/JBVNL/ 21-22	R/M of Control room building at 33/11 KV PSS Markachho under Electric Supply Circle, Koderma	390690.00	885/-	7900/-	Three Months
2	193/PR/JBVNL/ 21-22	R/M of sewer system and water supply system at 33/11 KV PSS Markachho under Electric Supply Circle , Koderma.	175710.00	590/-	3600/-	Three Months

- Last date for sale of tender documents up to. 13.12.2021 up to 5:00 PM
- Last date & time for submission of Tender- 14.12.2021 upto 1:00 P.M.
- Date & time for opening of Tender (Part-1) – 14.12.2021 At 1:30 P.M.

Tender documents can be purchased from the office of the undersigned from any working day till one day before the last date of submission of tender in working hours on depositing cost of B.O.Q. with Accounts Officer, Electric Supply Circle Koderma in shape of Cash/Demand Draft.

Sd/-
Electrical Superintending Engineer
स्वहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को 18003456570 (कॉल सेंटर) पर दर्ज करावें।
ELECTRIC SUPPLY CIRCLE, KODERMA

PR 257712 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(21-22)D

जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, हजारीबाग द्वारा आयोजित राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत

(दिनांक 11 वी दिसम्बर 2021 शनिवार पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे से कार्य समाप्ति तक)

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, हजारीबाग द्वारा दिनांक 11.12.2021 को 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत का आयोजन PHYSICAL MODE द्वारा किया जायेगा।

अतः आप सभी पक्षकारों से निवेदन है कि आप सभी अपने-अपने वादों का निस्तारण PHYSICAL MODE से राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत के माध्यम से करावें एवं इस अवसर का लाभ उठावें।

(यहाँ यह उल्लेखनीय है कि दिनांक 06 दिसम्बर 2021 से 10 दिसम्बर 2021 तक न्यायालय एवं स्थाई लोक अदालत के समक्ष समझौता पूर्व बैठक के लिए PHYSICAL MODE या अपने अधिवक्ता के माध्यम से अपने मामले को सूचीबद्ध करा सकते हैं।)

उक्त राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत में निस्तारण योग्य वाद निम्नवत है:-

न्यायालय में लंबित मामले	श्री-लिटिगेशन मामले
चेक बाउन्स से संबंधित मामले	नन बैंकिंग फाईनेंस कंपनी के मामले
सुलहनीय प्रकृति के फौजदारी मामले	भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड के मामले
सभी प्रकार के दीवानी मामले	वाटर एवं होल्डिंग टैक्स के मामले
विद्युत अधिनियम के वाद	बिजली से संबंधित मामले
विवाहोत्तर प्रताड़ना के वाद	बौमा कंपनी के दावों से संबंधित मामले
राजस्व न्यायालय में लंबित मामले उपनोक्ता संरक्षण फोर एवं सर्टिफिकेट के लंबित मामले	श्रम न्यायालय के मामले
अतिम प्रपत्र से संबंधित वाद	भूमि अधिग्रहण के मामले
श्रम वाद एवं न्यूनतम मजदूरी वाद	मोटरवाहन दुर्घटना मुआवजा के मामले
छोटे आपराधिक वाद (माप-तौल), वन विभाग, उत्पाद विभाग, ट्रेडिक चालान के मामले	पारिवारिक विवाद के मामले
बैंक, ऋण के मामले	सर्विस से संबंधित मामले एवं अन्य सभी प्रकार के श्री-लिटिगेशन मामले।

इस संबंध में अधिक जानकारी हेतु मो 0 सं- 9939201624 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं एवं विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु कार्यालय: जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, व्यवहार न्यायालय, हजारीबाग से संपर्क करें।

पुलिस अधीक्षक सह सदस्य, जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, हजारीबाग	उपायुक्त सह उपाध्यक्ष, जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, हजारीबाग	प्रधान जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश सह अध्यक्ष जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, प्रमारी हजारीबाग
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