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Govt unveils consortium to operate global ports

Move to streamline logistics, strengthen supply chain: Sonowal

DHANYAKSH SABA
New Delhi, 27 February

Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Thursday unveiled the ambitious Bharat Ports Global — a consortium of public sector companies that will bid for international opportunities and increase India's left in the global maritime economy.

"By developing robust port infrastructure, the Bharat Ports Global consortium initiative will streamline logistics, strengthen supply chains and support the 'Make in India' initiative by boosting exports. Bringing together India Ports Global (IPGL), Sagamala Development Corporation (SDC), Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corp (IPRL), the consortium will drive port expansion, operations, and financing to position India as a key player in international trade and logistics," Sonowal said.

IPRL is a joint venture between 11 central government-owned ports and railways PSU Raji Vikas Nigam Ltd, which will look at infrastructure development. IPGL, the 50:50 joint venture from Chabahar Port — will handle operations, while SDC, which is on its route to become a maritime-dedicated NBFC,



will facilitate the financing needs for the consortium.

According to officials, the focus will be on potential development opportunities along the proposed 7,000 km-long International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC). The Eastern Maritime Corridor with Russia will provide opportunities for India to develop infrastructure that further facilitates cargo movement along global trade routes.

"By focusing on efficiency, innovation, and global collaboration, the consortium aims to improve trade connectivity and enhance India's economic footprint. This initiative underscores India's commitment to maritime excellence and economic resili-

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ence on the global stage," Sonowal said. The government also launched an interface to facilitate the operationalisation of the IMEC. Master (Master Application for International Trade and Regulatory Interface).

According to the ministry, this will play a crucial role in operationalising the Virtual Trade Corridor between India and the UAE.

Currently aimed at IMEC, it is expected to expand to BIMSTEC and ASEAN nations, leveraging AI and Blockchain for efficiency and security.

"By standardising trade documentation and integrating digital solutions, MATRI will reduce processing time, optimise trade flows, and contribute to sustainable development," the minister said.

India to sign MoU with Israel, Saudi Arabia for critical minerals

India is set to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Israel and Saudi Arabia to explore and process critical minerals, with an aim to strengthen New Delhi's domestic supply and reduce dependence on imports, Union Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy said on Thursday. The agreement with Israel involves a technology transfer that will enable the extraction of potassium from seawater, as well as the incorporation of AI in mining processes. The minister said that the Union Cabinet approved the agreement during its last meeting and the policy framework is expected in the coming months. **RUBAS**

Waqf Bill may be taken up during second half of Budget Session

The Waqf Bill is likely to come up before Parliament during the second half of the Budget Session after the Union Cabinet approved the amendments proposed by the joint committee of Parliament, sources said. During its meeting on February 27, the Cabinet is learnt to have given its nod to the bill amendments proposed by the panel examining the Bill, they said.

The report of the panel, headed by BJP MP Jagdishbach Pal, was tabled in Parliament on February 13 and upon approval and approval by the joint committee of Parliament, the Bill is expected to be introduced in the second half of the Budget Session, sources said. The registration of Waqf properties, besides preventing misuse, **PI**

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Climate change effects don't have borders: Environment minister

Technology and talent also had Sathnaman's attention. "India's leadership in technology will place us at the high table," she said, underlining the importance of investing in both technology and the people who drive it. Regarding talent, she said India needs to become a magnet for global talent and adopt a more open-minded approach. Apart from these, debt management and fiscal prudence must remain priorities, she said while urging states to actively participate in these reforms.

Amid the push for bilateralism, there were conversations about the need for multilateralism, specifically when tackling climate change. Highlighting this, environment minister Sathnaman spoke at length on initiatives such as the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. Climate change, he said, is not just about the earth's temperature rising. "It is also about loss of biodiversity, and the desertification of the planet," India, he said, is working on all these aspects — from recognising the strength of the circular economy to trying to make agriculture climate-resilient.

He underscored that climate change effects don't have borders and advocated for technology transfer and capacity building for developing countries or vulnerable nations, also known as Global South. He noted that India has made significant strides in tackling climate change, achieving a substantial reduction in its emissions intensity of 41.7 per cent compared to 2005 levels, significantly exceeding its 2030 target, and increasing its share of non-fossil fuel based electricity generation capacity to 45 per cent by 2027, well ahead of its 2030 goal.

Agriculture came up during a freestyle chat with Mishra as well. Speaking of its continued significance in India's economy, he said, "It is a myth that, as a country develops, agriculture becomes less important." While its share in GDP has declined, the proportion of the workforce engaged in agriculture remains significant, and agricultural exports continue to be crucial, said Mishra, who earlier held the post of Union agriculture secretary.

He also underscored the importance of creating systems that are not just resilient but "anti-fragile." And while *atmanirbhar* (self-reliance) is important, he clarified that it does not mean isolationism — that we cut ourselves off from the world — but rather the ability to supply in times of crisis. Science such as production-linked incentives (PLI), which are meant to encourage manufacturing in areas where India currently lags, such as technical textiles rather than conventional textiles.

When asked on a lighter note what he did to unwind, Mishra shared personal anecdotes about why he often seen

working seven days — "when work doesn't feel like work."

Amrit Kant also weighed in on the work-life balance debate. "Indians must work hard to deliver. In the name of work-life balance, we must not send the message that hard work is unnecessary," he said, adding that with good time management, one can make room for both hard work and leisure.

The G20 Sherpa made a strong case for free enterprise, advocating for a less interventionist government approach. "The government should get out of the way and let the private sector flourish," he said, stressing that reform and deregulation should be the guiding principles.

"Pushing for accelerating India's renewable energy sector, he proposed a shift away from fossil fuels, suggesting that both central and state governments should exclusively purchase electric vehicles.

On economic growth, Kant urged policymakers to push the pace of implementation, targeting an annual growth rate of 8.5-9 per cent. He also emphasised the importance of systemic urbanisation. Addressing the role of the G20, he predicted that it would gain greater significance given the dysfunction within the UN Security Council.

He also spoke up often during the deliberations was Donald Trump.

Yadu Kotak, founder and director of Kotak Mahindra Bank, acknowledged the uncertainties of the current global landscape, particularly the shift brought about by the Trump era. "US exceptionalism is now a reality," he said. He added that the answer to reducing the current account deficit lies in domestic competitiveness. He also urged the Indian industry to aspire for a global consumer brand out of India in the next five years.

He observed that post-World War II, economic relations were based on the principle of "enlightened self-interest," but today, short-term selfishness dominates. He advised Indian businesses to build robust defence mechanisms while also embracing the animal spirit.

Noting the trend of assets becoming investors, he said it was a positive development that banks need to be ready for. Chris Wood, global head of Equity Strategy at J.P. Morgan, also spoke at length on the matter of investing, and analysed India's market position compared to other economies. Expressing surprise at the level of foreign selling in Indian markets, he said that sustained domestic inflows into mutual funds through various positive long-term signs.

Despite his structural bullishness on Indian equities, Wood remained cautious in the short term due to foreign investor (FI) outflows and valuation concerns. Nevertheless, he expected the Sensex and Nifty to deliver a 10-15 per cent return over the next 12 months. **PI**

"If someone has no response to Indian stocks, they should start buying it. When the tide turns, the rally will be very sharp," he predicted. However, he categorised India as still being in a "sell or rise" market rather than a "buy the dips" one.

A panel discussion on India's economy in a changing world had Lavesh Bhandari, president of the Centre for Social and Economic Progress, saying that India will have to become stronger internally. "The government needs to invest in itself... in the form of a stronger regulatory framework," he said, while also making a strong case for primary school education. On the matter of regulation, he said one issue is that regulators work in silos and do not talk to one another.

A panel discussion on G20 and country head India, Madhoo, drew attention to the opportunities — India's trade partnership with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) being one. This relationship, he said, will only get stronger with the UAE becoming an important pivot for India. Dhamakirti Joshi, chief economist, Crisis, spoke of the helplessness in dealing with food inflation given the kind of climate shifts taking place. Inflation, added Sundeep Sikka, executive director and CEO, Nippon Mutual Fund, is also changing the way people perceive things. "People, even in smaller towns, are beginning to understand the impact of inflation, cost awareness, and are reinvesting accordingly," Sikka said.

As the evening progressed, the defence and private sector's collaboration came up for discussion. Samir V. Kamat, secretary, defence ministry's Department of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), spoke of how that collaboration of the private sector was essential. India were to meet its defence goals. "By 2047, we will become an armaments force for not earlier. All we need to do is harness the available talent and energy," added Admiral (R) Ravi Kumar, former chief of naval staff.

Adding to those thoughts, Rajinder Singh Bhatia, chairman, Defence Business, Kalyani Group, and president of the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers, said, "India cannot be a net importer of defence. Defence needs a whole-of-the-nation approach... Break down the silos." The funding issue was also raised as was the matter of having a level playing field. The day concluded with a frosty chat with Jay Bhattacharya, NPSA chairperson, who discussed the new paradigms in financial reporting, including the need to have an independent body to audit the auditors.

As India navigates a shifting global order, the discussions at Manoj underscored the importance of strategic reallocation, leveraging technological advancements, and fostering an environment that balances policy-driven reforms with private sector dynamism. Friday, the 28th day of the summit, promises to be an equally vibrant one.

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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY
Shareholders of the Company are hereby informed that pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory amendments), applications and Regulations for the time being in force, the Company has completed the dispatch of Postal Ballot Notice on February 27, 2025, to all the members whose names appear in the Register of Members/ List of Beneficial Owners as on cut-off date being Friday, the 22nd day of February, 2025. The said Postal Ballot Notice is being sent by e-mail through MUFIS Intime India Pvt. Ltd., who have registered e-mail id with the Depositories or with the Company's e-mail contains the details of Login ID and password to the shareholders, for seeking approval of the shareholders in the Postal Ballot Notice i.e., 1) Re-appointment of Shri Vinod Balmukund Agarwala (BSE: 547222), as Independent Director, and 2) Re-appointment of Shri Vinod Balmukund Agarwala (BSE: 547222), as Independent Director, and 3) Re-appointment of Shri Vinod Balmukund Agarwala (BSE: 547222), as Independent Director, and 4) Re-appointment of Shri Vinod Balmukund Agarwala (BSE: 547222), as Independent Director, and 5) Re-appointment of Shri Vinod Balmukund Agarwala (BSE: 547222), as Independent Director, and 6) Re-appointment of Shri Vinod Balmukund Agarwala (BSE: 547222), as Independent Director, and 7) Re-appointment of Shri Vinod Balmukund Agarwala (BSE: 547222), as Independent Director, and 8) Re-appointment of Shri Vinod Balmukund Agarwala (BSE: 547222), as Independent Director, and 9) 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Port investments consortium to operate global ports

Move to streamline logistics, strengthen supply chain: Sonowal

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Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Thursday unveiled the ambitious Bharat Ports Global — a consortium of public sector companies that will bid for international opportunities and increase India's left in the global maritime economy.

"By developing robust port infrastructure, the Bharat Ports Global consortium initiative will streamline logistics, strengthen supply chains and support the 'Make in India' initiative by boosting exports. Bringing together India Ports Global (IPGL), Sagamala Development Corporation (SDCL), and Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corp (IPRCL), the consortium will drive port expansion, operations, and financing to position India as a key player in international trade and logistics," Sonowal said.

IPRCL is a joint venture between 12 central government-owned ports and railways PSU Raji Vikas Nigam Ltd, which will look at infrastructure development.

ITCL, the 67th state-owned firm's Chabahar Port — will handle operations, while SDCL, which is on its route to become a maritime-dedicated NBFC,



will facilitate the financing needs for the consortium.

According to officials, the focus will be on potential development opportunities along the proposed 7,000 km-long International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC). The Eastern Maritime Corridor with Russia will provide opportunities for India to develop infrastructure that further facilitates cargo movement along global trade routes.

"By focusing on efficiency, innovation, and global collaboration, the consortium aims to improve trade connectivity and enhance India's economic footprint. This initiative underscores India's commitment to maritime excellence and economic resili-

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ence on the global stage," Sonowal said. The government also launched an interface to facilitate the operationalisation of the IMEC. Naiti (Master Application for International Trade and Regulatory Interface).

According to the ministry, this will play a crucial role in operationalising the Virtual Trade Corridor between India and the UAE.

Currently aimed at IMEC, it is expected to expand to BIMSTEC and ASEAN nations, leveraging AI and Blockchain for efficiency and security.

"By standardising trade documentation and integrating digital solutions, Naiti will reduce processing time, optimise trade flows, and contribute to sustainable development," the minister said.

Waqf Bill may be taken up during second half of Budget Session

The Waqf Bill is likely to come up before Parliament during the second half of the Budget Session after the Union Cabinet approved the amendments proposed by the joint committee of Parliament, sources said. During its meeting on February 19, the Cabinet is learnt to have given its nod to the bill amendments proposed by the panel examining the Bill, they said.

The report of the panel, headed by BJP MP Jagdishbhai Pal, was tabled in Parliament on February 13 and the Union Cabinet approved the amendments proposed by the joint committee of Parliament, sources said. During its meeting on February 19, the Cabinet is learnt to have given its nod to the bill amendments proposed by the panel examining the Bill, they said.

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India to sign MoU with Israel, Saudi Arabia for critical minerals

India is set to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Israel and Saudi Arabia to explore and process critical minerals, with an aim to strengthen New Delhi's domestic supply and reduce dependence on imports, Union Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy said on Thursday. The agreement with Israel involves a technology transfer that will enable the extraction of potassium from seawater, as well as the incorporation of AI in mining processes. The minister said that the Union Cabinet approved the agreement during its last meeting and that a policy framework is expected in the coming months. **RUBAS**

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Climate change effects don't have borders: Environment minister

Technology and talent also had Sathianathan's attention. "India's leadership in technology will place us at the high table," she said, underlining the importance of investing in both technology and the people who drive it. Regarding talent, she said, "We need to become a magnet for global talent and adopt a more open-minded approach. Apart from these, debt management and fiscal prudence must remain priorities, she said while urging states to actively participate in these reforms.

Amid the push for bilateralism, there were conversations about the need for multilateralism, specifically when tackling climate change. Highlighting this, environment minister Jayaprakash Narayan on initiatives such as the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. Climate change, he said, is not just about the earth's temperature rising. "It is also about loss of biodiversity, and the desertification of the planet," India, he said, is working on all these aspects — from recognising the strength of the circular economy to trying to make agriculture climate-resilient.

He underscored that climate change effects don't have borders and advocated for technology transfer and capacity building for developing countries or vulnerable nations, also known as Global South. He noted that India has made significant strides in tackling climate change, achieving a substantial reduction in its emissions intensity of 41 per cent compared to 2005 levels, significantly exceeding its 2030 target, and increasing its share of non-fossil fuel based electricity generation capacity to 45 per cent by 2021, well ahead of its 2030 goal.

Agriculture came up during a freestyle chat with Mishra as well. Speaking of its continued significance in India's economy, he said, "It is a myth that, as a country develops, agriculture becomes less important." While its share in GDP has declined, the proportion of the workforce engaged in agriculture remains significant, and agricultural experts continue to be crucial, said Mishra, who earlier held the post of Union agriculture secretary.

He also underscored the importance of creating systems that are not just resilient but "anti-fragile." And while *antifragile* (self-reliance is important, he clarified that it does not mean isolationism — that we cut ourselves off from the world — but rather the ability to supply in times of crisis. Science such as production-linked incentives (PLI), which are meant to encourage manufacturing in areas where India currently lags, such as technical textiles rather than conventional textiles.

When asked on a lighter note what he did to harvest, Mishra shared personal anecdotes about why he often seen

working seven days — "when work doesn't feel like work."

Amritabai Kant also weighed in on the work-life balance debate. "Indians must work hard to deliver. In the name of work-life balance, we must not send the message that hard work is unnecessary," he said, adding that with good time management, one can make room for both hard work and leisure.

The G20 Sherpa made a strong case for free enterprise, advocating for a less interventionist government approach. "The government should get out of the way and let the private sector flourish," he said, stressing that reform and deregulation should be the guiding principles.

"Pushing for accelerating India's renewable energy sector, he advocated a shift away from fossil fuels, suggesting that both central and state governments should exclusively purchase electric vehicles.

On economic growth, Kant urged policymakers to push the pace of implementation of the annual growth rate of 8.5-9 per cent. He also emphasised the importance of systematic urbanisation. Addressing the role of the G20, he predicted that it would gain greater significance during the dysfunction within the UN Security Council.

At a time that came up often during the deliberations was Donald Trump.

Yadav Kotak, founder and director of Kotak Mahindra Bank, acknowledged the uncertainties of the current global landscape, particularly the shift brought about by the Trump era. "US exceptionalism is now a reality," he said. He added that the answer to reducing the current account deficit is domestic competitiveness.

He also urged the Indian industry to aspire for a global consumer brand out of India in the next five years.

He observed that post-World War II, economic relations were operated on the principle of "enlightened self-interest," but today, short-term selfishness dominates. He advised Indian businesses to build robust defence mechanisms while also unshackling the animal spirit.

Meaning the trend of savings becoming investors, he said it was a positive development that banks need to be ready for.

Chris Wood, global head of Equity Strategy at J.P. Morgan, also spoke at length on the matter of investing, and analysed India's market position compared to other economies. Expressing surprise at the level of foreign selling in Indian markets, he said that sustained domestic inflows into mutual funds though, were positive long-term sign.

Despite his structural bullishness on Indian equities, Wood remained cautious in the short term due to foreign investor (FII) outflows and valuation concerns. Nevertheless, he expected the Sensex and Nifty to deliver a 10-15 per cent return over the next 12 months (FII return).

"If someone has no response to Indian stocks, they should start buying now. When the tide turns, the rally will be very sharp," he predicted. However, he categorised India as still being in a "sell or rise" market rather than a "buy the dips" one.

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CEO, Nippon Mutual Fund, is also changing the way people invest. "People, even in smaller towns, are beginning to understand the impact of inflation, courtesy awareness, and reinvesting accordingly," Sikka said.

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As India navigates a shifting global order, the discussions at Manthan underscored the importance of strategic reallocation, leveraging technological advancements, and fostering an environment that balances policy-driven reforms with private sector dynamism. Friday, the 28th of February, promises to be an equally vibrant one.

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Shareholders of the Company are hereby informed that pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory amendments), applicable and Regulations for the time being in force, the Company has completed the dispatch of Postal Ballot Notice on February 27, 2025, to all the members whose names appear in the Register of Members / List of Beneficial Owners as on cut-off date being Friday, the 22nd of February, 2025, at 11:00 AM (IST). 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Govt unveils consortium to operate global ports

Move to streamline logistics, strengthen supply chain: Sonowal

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Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Thursday unveiled the ambitious Bharat Ports Global — a consortium of public sector companies that will bid for international opportunities and increase India's role in the global maritime economy.

"By developing robust port infrastructure, the Bharat Ports Global consortium initiative will streamline logistics, strengthen supply chains and support the 'Make in India' initiative by boosting exports. Bringing together India Ports Global (IPGL), Sagamala Development Corporation (SDCL), Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corp (IPRL), the consortium will drive port expansion, operations, and financing to position India as a key player in international trade and logistics," Sonowal said.

IPRL is a joint venture between 11 central government-owned ports and railways PSU Raji Vikas Nigam Ltd, which will look at infrastructure development.

IPGL, the 50:50 joint venture from Chabahar Port — will handle operations, while SDCL, which is on its route to become a maritime-dedicated NBFC,



will facilitate the financing needs for the consortium.

According to officials, the focus will be on potential development opportunities along the proposed 7,000 km-long International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC). The Eastern Maritime Corridor with Russia will provide opportunities for India to develop infrastructure that further facilitates cargo movement along global trade routes.

"By focusing on efficiency, innovation, and global collaboration, the consortium aims to improve trade connectivity and enhance India's economic footprint. This initiative underscores India's commitment to maritime excellence and economic resili-

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ence on the global stage," Sonowal said. The government also launched an interface to facilitate the operationalisation of the IMEC. Master (Master Application for International Trade and Regulatory Interface).

According to the ministry, this will play a crucial role in operationalising the Virtual Trade Corridor between India and the UAE.

Currently aimed at IMEC, it is expected to expand to BIMSTEC and ASEAN nations, leveraging AI and Blockchain for efficiency and security.

"By standardising trade documentation and integrating digital solutions, MATRI will reduce processing time, optimise trade flows, and contribute to sustainable development," the minister said.

India to sign MoU with Israel, Saudi Arabia for critical minerals

India is set to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Israel and Saudi Arabia to explore and process critical minerals, with an aim to strengthen New Delhi's domestic supply and reduce dependence on imports, Union Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy said on Thursday. The agreement with Israel involves a technology transfer that will enable the extraction of potassium from seawater, as well as the incorporation of AI in mining processes. The minister said that the Union Cabinet approved the agreement during its last meeting and the policy framework is expected in the coming months. **RUBA DAS**

Waqf Bill may be taken up during second half of Budget Session

The Waqf Bill is likely to come up before Parliament during the second half of the Budget Session after the Union Cabinet approved the amendments proposed by the joint committee of Parliament, sources said. During its meeting on February 19, the Cabinet is learnt to have given its nod to the bill amendments proposed by the panel examining the Bill, they said.

The report of the panel, headed by BJP MP Jagdishbach Patel, was tabled in Parliament on February 13 and upon approval and passage of the Bill, the bill will be sent to the President for signature. The bill, which seeks to streamline the registration of Waqf properties, besides preventing misuse, **PTI**

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Climate change effects don't have borders: Environment minister

Technology and talent also had Sathianathan's attention. "India's leadership in technology will place us at the high table," she said, underlining the importance of investing in both technology and the people who drive it. Regarding talent, she said India needs to become a magnet for global talent and adopt a more open-minded approach. Apart from these, debt management and fiscal prudence must remain priorities, she said while urging states to actively participate in these reforms.

Amid the push for bilateralism, there were conversations about the need for multilateralism, specifically when tackling climate change. Highlighting this, environment minister Sathianathan spoke at length on initiatives such as the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure. Climate change, he said, is not just about the earth's temperature rising. "It is also about loss of biodiversity, and the desertification of the planet," India, he said, is working on all these aspects — from recognising the strength of the circular economy to trying to make agriculture climate-resilient.

He underscored that climate change effects don't have borders and advocated for technology transfer and capacity building for developing countries or vulnerable nations, also known as Global South. He noted that India has made significant strides in tackling climate change, achieving a substantial reduction in its emissions intensity of 41.7 per cent compared to 2005 levels, significantly exceeding its 2030 target, and increasing its share of non-fossil fuel based electricity generation capacity to 45 per cent by 2027, well ahead of its 2030 goal.

Agriculture came up during a freestyle chat with Mishra as well. Speaking of its continued significance in India's economy, he said, "It is a myth that, as a country develops, agriculture becomes less important." While its share in GDP has declined, the proportion of the workforce engaged in agriculture remains significant, and agricultural exports continue to be crucial, said Mishra, who earlier held the post of Union agriculture secretary.

He also underscored the importance of creating systems that are not just resilient but "anti-fragile." And while *antifragile* (self-reliance) is important, he clarified that it does not mean isolationism — that we cut ourselves off from the world — but rather the ability to supply in times of crisis. Science such as production-linked incentives (PLI), which are meant to encourage manufacturing in areas where India currently lags, such as technical textiles rather than conventional textiles.

When asked on a lighter note what he did to unwind, Mishra shared personal anecdotes about why he often seen

working seven days — "when work doesn't feel like work."

Amithab Kant also weighed in on the work-life balance debate. "Indians must work hard to deliver. In the name of work-life balance, we must not send the message that hard work is unnecessary," he said, adding that with good time management, one can make room for both hard work and leisure.

The G20 Sherpa made a strong case for free enterprise, advocating for a less interventionist government approach. "The government should get out of the way and let the private sector flourish," he said, stressing that reform and deregulation should be the guiding principles.

"Pushing for accelerating India's renewable energy sector, he advocated a shift away from fossil fuels, suggesting that both central and state governments should exclusively purchase electric vehicles.

On economic growth, Kant urged policymakers to push the pace of implementation, targeting an annual growth rate of 8.5-9 per cent. He also emphasised the importance of systemic urbanisation. Addressing the role of the G20, he predicted that it would gain greater significance during the dysfunction within the UN Security Council.

He also spoke up often during the deliberations was Donald Trump.

Yadu Kotak, founder and director of Kotak Mahindra Bank, acknowledged the uncertainties of the current global landscape, particularly the shift brought about by the Trump era. "US exceptionalism is now a reality," he said. He added that the answer to reducing the current account deficit lies in domestic competitiveness. He also urged the Indian industry to aspire for a global consumer brand out of India in the next five years.

He observed that post-World War II, economic relations were shaped and operated on the principle of "enlightened self-interest," but today, short-term selfishness dominates. He advised Indian businesses to build robust defence mechanisms while embracing the animal spirit.

Noting the trend of assets becoming investors, he said it was a positive development that banks need to be ready for. Chris Wood, global head of Equity Strategy at J.P. Morgan, also spoke at length on the matter of investing, and analysed India's market position compared to other economies. Expressing surprise at the level of foreign selling in Indian markets, he said that sustained domestic inflows into mutual funds though were positive long-term sign.

Despite his structural bullishness on Indian equities, Wood remained cautious in the short term due to foreign investor (FII) outflows and valuation concerns. Nevertheless, he expected the Sensex and Nifty to deliver a 10-15 per cent return over the next 12 months. **PTI**

"If someone has no response to Indian stocks, they should start buying now. When the tide turns, the rally will be very sharp," he predicted. However, he categorised India as still being in a "sell or rise" market rather than a "buy the dips" one.

A panel discussion on India's economy in a changing world had Lavesh Bhandari, president of the Centre for Social and Economic Progress, saying that India will have to become stronger internally. "The government needs to invest in itself... in the form of a stronger regulatory framework," he said, while also making a strong case for primary school education. On the matter of regulation, he said one issue is that regulators work in silos and do not talk to one another.

A panel discussion on G20 and country head India, Madhoo, drew attention to the opportunities — India's trade partnership with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) being one. This relationship, he said, will only get stronger with the UAE becoming an important pivot for India. Dhamakirti Joshi, chief economist, Crisis, spoke of the helplessness in dealing with food inflation given the kind of climate shifts taking place. Inflation, added Sundeep Sikka, executive director and CEO, Nippon Mutual Fund, is also changing the way people perceive things. "People, even in smaller towns, are beginning to understand the impact of inflation, cost awareness, and are reinvesting accordingly," Sikka said.

As the evening progressed, the defence and private sector's collaboration came up for discussion. Samir V. Kamat, secretary, defence ministry's Department of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), was of the view that participation of the private sector was essential. It had, he said, been his defence goal. "By 2047, we will become an armaments force if not earlier. All we need to do is harness the available talent and energy," added Kamat. He also mentioned that the defence and private sector's collaboration came up for discussion. Samir V. Kamat, secretary, defence ministry's Department of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), was of the view that participation of the private sector was essential. It had, he said, been his defence goal. "By 2047, we will become an armaments force if not earlier. All we need to do is harness the available talent and energy," added Kamat. 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ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ ಪತ್ರ ಸೂಚನೆ

ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಕೇರುದಾರರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಕಂಪನಿಗಳ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ-2013 ರ ಕೆಲಸ 110 ಹಾಗೂ ಕಂಪನಿಗಳ (ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆಡಳಿತ) ನಿಯಮಗಳು, 2014 ರ ನಿಯಮ 22 (ಯಾವುದೇ ಶಾಸನಬದ್ಧ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಳು, ಚಾರ್ಟರ್ಡ್‌ಡುಮ್ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವ ನಿಯಮಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ) ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ ಪತ್ರ ಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದಂತೆ: 1) ಶ್ರೀ ವಿನೋದ ಬಾಲಮುಕುಂದ ಆಗರವಾಲ (ದಿನ್:01725158) ರನ್ನು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮರು ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮಾಡಲು; ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿಯನ್ನು, ಅಂಚೆ ಮತದಾನ ಪತ್ರ ಇ-ಮತದಾನ (ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಮತದಾನ) ದ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೊರಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಿಗದಿತ ಕಟ್-ಆಫ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಅಂದರೆ ಕುಕ್ಕವಾರ, 21ನೇ ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ 2025 ರಂದು ಯಾರ ಹೆಸರು ಕಂಪನಿಯ ರಜಿಸ್ಟ್ರಾರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದೆಯೋ ಆ ಎಲ್ಲ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೆ / ಲಾಭದಾಯಕ ಮಾರೀಕರಿಗೆ, ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ ಪತ್ರ ಇ-ಮತದಾನದ ಮೂಲಕ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ 27 ನೇ ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ 2025 ರಂದು ಯಾರು ಇ-ಮೇಲ್‌ನ್ನು ಡಿವೈಸಿಟರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕಂಪನಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಅವರಿಗೆ ಎಮ್‌ಯುಎಫ್‌ಜಿ ಇನ್ ಟ್ರೈಮ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿ. ನ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಸದರಿ ಅಂಚೆ ಮತದಾನ ಪತ್ರ / ಇ-ಮೇಲ್, ಲಾಗ್ ಇನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಸ್‌ವರ್ಡ್‌ಗಳ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕಂಪನಿಯ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಮತದಾನದ ಮೂಲಕ ಮತ ಚಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಎಮ್‌ಯುಎಫ್‌ಜಿ ಇನ್ ಟ್ರೈಮ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿ. ನ ಸೇವೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇ-ಮತದಾನ ಮಾಡುವ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ ಪತ್ರ ಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ ಪತ್ರ ಇ-ಮತದಾನದ ಮೂಲಕ ಮತಚಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯು ಮಂಗಳವಾರ ದಿನಾಂಕ 4 ನೇ ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 2025 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 9.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ ಆರಂಭವಾಗಿ, ಬುಧವಾರ ದಿನಾಂಕ 2ನೇ ಎಪ್ರಿಲ್ 2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾಗುವುದು. ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯದ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಮತದಾನ ಕೈ ಅವಕಾಶ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಟ್ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಾಲಯದ ಜನರಲ್ ಸರ್ಕ್ಯುಲರ್ ನಂ.09/2024, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19 ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್, 2024 ಮತ್ತು ಸಬ್ ಸರ್ಕ್ಯುಲರ್ ನಂ. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-POD-2/P/CIR/2024/133, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 3 ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ 2024 ರಂತೆ, ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ ಪತ್ರ ಇ-ಮತದಾನದ ಮೂಲಕ-ಮಾತ್ರ ನಡೆಯುವುದು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅಂಚೆ ಮತಪತ್ರದ ಮುದ್ರಿತ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೇರುದಾರರ ಮತ ಚಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಅವರು ಕಟ್-ಆಫ್ ದಿನದಂದು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಕೇರುಗಳ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು, ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು ಕಟ್-ಆಫ್ ದಿನದಂದು ಸದಸ್ಯನಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೋ ಅವರು ಈ ಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೇವಲ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ ಪತ್ರ ಸೂಚನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ-ಮತದಾನದ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯು ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಜಾಲತಾಣ www.westcoastpaper.com ಮತ್ತು ಎಮ್‌ಯುಎಫ್‌ಜಿ ಇನ್ ಟ್ರೈಮ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿ. ನ ಜಾಲತಾಣ <https://instavote.linkintime.co.in>, ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕೇರುದಾರರು ಮೇಲ್ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಜಾಲತಾಣಗಳಿಂದ ಡೌನ್ ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಅಥವಾ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳು co.sec@westcoastpaper.com ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್‌ಗೆ ಅಥವಾ enotices@in.mpms.muftg.com, ಎಮ್‌ಯುಎಫ್‌ಜಿ ಇನ್ ಟ್ರೈಮ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿ. ನ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್‌ಗೆ ವಿನಂತಿಸಿ ಓಡಿಎಫ್ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಅಂಚೆ ಮತ ಪತ್ರ ಇ-ಮತದಾನದ ಮೂಲಕ, ನ್ಯಾಯೋಚಿತ ಮತ್ತು ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಲು ಶ್ರೀ ನಮನ ಜಿ. ಜೋಶಿ, (ಸ.ನಂ.F8389) ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿನಿರತ ಕಂಪನಿ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಎನ್.ಜಿ.ಜೋಶಿ & ಕಂ., ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಅವರನ್ನು ಕಂಪನಿಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆಯಿಂದ ಎಂದು ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅಂಚೆ ಮತದಾನ ಸಂಭಂದ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಸಂದೇಹ, ದೂರುಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ enotices@in.mpms.muftg.com ಗೆ ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಫೋನ್ ನಂ. 022-49186000 ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳು <http://instavote.linkintime.co.in> ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಟ್ರಾಕಿಂಗ್‌ಲಿ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಕೊಡುವ (ಎಫ್‌ಎಕ್ಸ್) ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟಾ ಫೋಟ್ ಇ-ವೋಟಿಂಗ್ ಮ್ಯಾನುವಲ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಹ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀಕಾಂತ್ ಬಿ. ಸಿಂದಗೇಕರ, ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ (ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯ) ಅವರನ್ನು ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ co.sec@westcoastpaper.com ಫೋನ್ ನಂ. 08284-231391-395 ಮೂಲಕ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಅಂಚೆ ಮತದಾನದ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶವನ್ನು ಇ-ಮತದಾನ ಅಂತ್ಯಗೊಂಡು 2 (ಎರಡು) ಕೆಲಸದ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪನಿಯ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಕಛೇರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಟ್ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸೂಚನಾ ಫಲಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಮತ್ತು ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಕೇರುಗಳು ಲಿಕ್ವಿಡ್ ಆದಂತ ಬಿಎಸ್‌ಎ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ ಹಾಗೂ ನ್ಯಾಷನಲ್ ಸ್ಟಾಕ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್ಚೇಂಜ್ ಆಫ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ ಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸದರಿ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶವನ್ನು ಕಂಪನಿಯ ಜಾಲತಾಣ www.westcoastpaper.com ಮತ್ತು www.linkintime.co.in ಎಮ್‌ಯುಎಫ್‌ಜಿ ಇನ್ ಟ್ರೈಮ್ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಪ್ರೈವೇಟ್ ಲಿ. ನ ಜಾಲತಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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