

Short Takes

No Middlemen, Farmers Still Selling Below MSP

NEW DELHI The nationwide lockdown has prompted states to allow farmers to sell their produce directly without any middlemen, but they are not getting the desired price for their produce, officials said. "Direct marketing initiatives have helped government to decongest mandis but farmers are selling their produce below minimum support price (MSP)," said an agriculture department official. However, agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar maintained that farmers are getting fair prices. "We have increased the procurement centres by 50% from 14,836 centres to help farmers get MSP. Not only that, we are striving to help them get fair prices for chana, oilseeds and other pulses as well," he said.

In a First, Nagaland Puts Covid Cess on Petrol, Diesel

NEW DELHI Nagaland has imposed a Covid-19 cess on petrol and diesel sales, the first state to introduce such a levy. Experts say the move could coax other states to impose a similar levy, which will benefit the fragile economy. Nagaland, which does not have any novel coronavirus case, imposed a Covid-19 cess of ₹5 per litre on diesel and ₹6 per litre on petrol and other motor spirits through a notification issued on April 28. States are facing revenue constraints with all economic activity coming to a halt following the nationwide lockdown since March 24. Petrol and diesel taxes have significant share in total revenues.

FM: Banks Writing Off ₹68.6k Cr Debt Per RBI Rules

NEW DELHI Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said banks have written off ₹68,600 crore of non-performing assets (NPAs), rebuffing Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegation that the government was trying to shield wilful defaulters. In a series of tweets late on Tuesday, Sitharaman instead accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of sensationalising facts by taking them out of context. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had on Tuesday accused the government of trying to hide the names of "friends of BJP" who were among the wilful defaulters of bank loans after the RBI released a list of 50 such defaulters in response to an RTI query. Sitharaman said banks write-off NPAs after they are fully provisioned for, but that does not amount to waiving off the loans.

Farm Growth Will Prop Up Economy: Niti Member

NEW DELHI Strong agricultural growth will prop up the Indian economy, widely forecast to be gloomy by Indian and foreign economists, despite setbacks from the lockdown, Niti Aayog member Ramesh Chand said. Expectation of normal monsoon rainfall, adequate water in reservoirs, higher planting of summer crops and smooth progress of harvesting and procurement of winter-sown crops will help the farm sector grow 2%, Chand told reporters. "During the time of distress agriculture, as always, will rise to the occasion and play an important role in giving normal growth to Indian economy," he said. Chand added that almost 60% of India's economy had closed down.

Kharif Seed Sales to Fall

NEW DELHI Sale of rice, maize, cotton, bajra and vegetable seeds may drop 20% this kharif season because many seed processing units are running at 50% capacity, and logistics remains a challenge. Seed companies are also worried about falling exports of seeds. There may be a decline in seed sales due to labour shortage and other factors connected to utilisation of plant capacity, leading to lower seed availability.

India Maps Out Next-Gen Export Plan to Take On China

To focus aggressively on substitution and quality goods to gain global market share

Revival Tactics

Bring exports, export markets, import substitution, market dominance key



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New Delhi: India has begun work on a continuity plan to kick-start exports once the country emerges from the shadows of the Covid-19 pandemic. The plan includes cutting down import dependencies, especially from China, by focusing aggressively on substitution while improving safety compliance and quality goods to gain global market share. The commerce and industry ministry is mulling setting up groups to draw up strategies for sectors where China has vated space and countries are looking to diversify suppliers.

PHASED EXPORT PROMOTION

Electronics, medical textiles in Phase-1 plan

Phase-1 exports to be promoted in 3 months

Phase-2 export marketing in 6 months

Gems & Jewellery, auto components, Pharma in Phase-2 plan

Rapid Rail Tender Under Review for Ignoring Make in India Cause

Indian cos say deal favours foreign cos which resorted to predatory pricing

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New Delhi: The government is reviewing a ₹100 crore tender for design, manufacture, supply and testing of a regional rapid transit system (RRTS) after Indian rail coach manufacturers Tirath Wagons Limited and BEML complained that it does not support the government's 'Make in India' initiative. The National Capital Region Transport Co (NCRTC) under the housing and urban affairs ministry had floated the tender for the project last year.

Derailed

Domestic rail coach makers Tirath Wagons, BEML, complain to DPIIT

Claim it favours foreign firms, says against 'Make in India'

NCRTE floated tender, lays 160 kmph speed criterion

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has taken up the issue following the complaint. These manufacturers have also alleged the tender was biased towards foreign firms who in turn have resorted to predatory pricing.

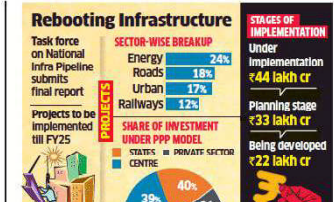
1.6b Informal Workers to Lose Jobs: ILO

New Delhi: Nearly 1.6 billion informal workers, representing almost half of the global labour force, are in immediate danger of losing their livelihoods due to the coronavirus pandemic, the International Labour Organization (ILO) said on Wednesday. "Total working hours in the second quarter are expected to be 10.5% lower, equivalent to 305 million full-time jobs, than the last pre-crisis quarter, the ILO said. — Our Bureau

Rebooting Infrastructure

Task force on infra pipeline submits final report

Projects to be implemented till FY25



Panel Projects ₹111 Cr Infra Investments

FIVE-YEAR PLAN moots development fin institution, speedy asset monetisation

Our Bureau 40%, with the rest 21% coming from the private sector. From the total estimated capital expenditure, projects worth ₹44 lakh crore are under implementation while projects amounting to ₹3 lakh crore are in the planning stage.

Sectors like energy, roads, railways and urban infrastructure account for 71% of total planned investment.

Each ministry and state government would add new projects and update their projects details at regular intervals so that updated data is available to prospective investors, the panel said.

To boost fund flow, the NIP task force is suggesting to create a separate bond market.

The panel also suggested creating three committees to monitor NIP progress and eliminate delays, another at the ministry level to monitor project completion, and a third in the finance ministry for raising financial resources for NIP projects.

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As per the task force's proposal, the Centre would invest 38% of the projected expenditure for NIP projects while states' share would be over five years.

MNCs, Startups Want 2% Google Tax Postponed

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New Delhi: Nine associations representing global MNCs and start-ups, including the India Business Council, DigitalTrends and Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association, have sought a 6-month delay in the implementation of equalisation levy. In a letter to finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the associations have sought formal consultations with stakeholders on the expansion of the levy. They said the limited timeframe within which the government approved and effected the levy left no time for dialogue with the impacted firms. "These are exceptionally challenging times... a delayed implementation would permit such a dialogue to take place," the associations said.

Northern Coalfields Limited (A Miniratna Company)

TENDER NOTICE

All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Limited www.coalindia.com and its respective subsidiary Company. CIL e-procurement portal <http://coalindia.tenders.ncl.in> & central public procurement portal <http://eprc.gov.in>. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal <http://gem.gov.in>.

Central Bank of India

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Central Bank of India invites e-bid for procurement of Network 308 RFP for Involvement of Augmentation/Supply, Installation, Implementation, Integration & Maintenance of SDR-x8 Hardware. Last date & time for bid submission is 26th May 2020. For details, please visit our website: www.centralbankofindia.co.in

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM

Addendum and corrigendum slip No. 02 of e-Tender Notice No. 87 of 2019-20 (Open-Engg/DDU)

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Divisional Railway Manager, East Central Railway, DDU, PR/0084/DDU/Engg./C/20-21/16

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Addendum and corrigendum slip No. 01 of e-Tender Notice No. 87 of 2019-20 (Open-Engg/DDU)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR (FINANCE) IN INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRIES LIMITED (ITI)

Last date of receipt of application in Department of Telecommunications is now extended upto 15.00 hours on 20.04.2020.

For details begin to website <http://www.dot.gov.in>

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

On behalf of the President of India, Office of the Chief Engineer, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur

Notice Inviting Tender No. 01/2020

1. Supply, Installation and Maintenance of SDR-x8 Hardware for Cheque Transaction System

2. Supply, Installation, Implementation and Maintenance of Assets and Vendor Management Solution

3. Supply, Installation, Implementation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Hardware Solution for Application, Service and Network Devices

For details please visit the Bank's website: www.nerail.co.in

Interested parties may request, Appointment will be granted on a retunable basis.

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

BHARAT COKING COAL LIMITED

(A Miniratna Company) (A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

NOTICE

All the tenders issued by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCL) for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of BCCL www.bccweb.in, Coal India Limited (CIL) e-procurement portal coalindia.com and Central Public Procurement Portal <http://eprc.gov.in>. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal <http://gem.gov.in>.

This is applicable to all Open (Domestic/Global) Tenders issued through e-procurement portal of CIL.

REMICL Railway Energy Management Company Limited (REMICL)

(A Joint Venture of Indian Railways and RITES Limited)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

REMICL/RM/Sec/16/2020

Date of Pre-Bid: 28.05.2020

Date of submission of bid: 30.06.2020

Interested parties may request, Appointment will be granted on a retunable basis.

DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER

Open Tender Notice No. SP/ST-S-03-2020

DRM (S&T)Samprajit invites e-tender on behalf of president of India for following work.

Name of work with its location: Reliability Improvement of BAPCs in DBG-VJ and DBG-SMRX, section of SFJ Division.

Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 43,62,334/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Four Only).

Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 87,300/- (Rupees Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Only).

Divisional Railway Manager (S&T) East Central Railway, DDU, PR/0094/SP/SJ/ST/20-21/32

KSK Mahanadi Power Company Limited

(Under Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process)

Extension of Timeline for Submission of Expression of Interest

Notice for inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective Resolution Applicants for Submitting Resolution Plans in the matter of KSK Mahanadi Power Company Limited ("KSKMPL") was published in "The Economic Times" and other regional newspapers, on 8th January 2020, in terms of provisions of Section 25(2)(b) of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and Notice for extension of the date of submission of EOI till 30th April 2020 was published on 31st March and 1st April 2020.

Last date of receipt of EOIs from the prospective resolution applicants is hereby extended till 09 PM on 11th May 2020.

The updated Form G and "EOI process document" has been uploaded on the Company website (<http://KSK.com.in/kmpcd>). Updated Form G shall also be published on the IBI website (<https://ibi.gov.in/information-plans>).

For any clarification or further information, kindly write to [ip.msk@ksp.in](mailto:mailto:ip.msk@ksp.in)

Mahender Kumar Khadkwal Interim Resolution Professional KSK Mahanadi Power Company Limited Reg. No.: IBI/PA-001/NP-P00033/2016-2017/10086 B-2A, Sunny Valley G.S.H.S., Dewara Sector 12, New Delhi-110078

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI

Chief Engineer (Bridges Department) No. Ch.E./2007/Bridges/GMR dated - 28/04/2020

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

Honourable Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai invites "Request for Qualification (RFQ)" from eligible and experienced bidders through e-tendering as detailed below.

Department: Ch.Eng./Bridges

e-RFQ/Bid No. 710017476

Subject: "Request for Qualification (RFQ)" for the work of "Design and construction of Twin Tunnel below SGMP from Amar Nagar, Mulund to Fringy Goregaon along with Cut & cover Box Tunnel in Fringy area, Goregaon under the Goregaon Mulund Link Road Project"

Sale of e-RFQ Start Date: 29.04.2020 upto 11.00 hrs

Pre-bid meeting Last Date: 11.06.2020 upto 13.00 hrs

Address-Conference room of AMC (P), 2nd floor, Anandkhari, MCGM Head Office, Mahapalika Marg, Fort, Mumbai-400001, Maharashtra, India.

Contact Person Assistant Engineer (GMLR)

a. Name 1. Shri. Ashok Mal (Mob no. 91 9820487944)

b. Telephone No. 022-25962001, Ext. 2006

c. Email che.mtk@mcm.gov.in

RFQ documents are available on MCGM portal <http://portal.mcm.gov.in> under e-tender tab. Any queries about the work can be sent on Email address: che.mtk@mcm.gov.in on or before 08.05.2020.

MCGM HELPLINE NUMBER 1800221292 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. FOR Homeless/Stranded Migrants/Workers for food & shelters

PRO/S/ADV/20-21