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## I-T dept in hunt for small evaders as deadline looms

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New Delhi: Suddenly, there has been a surge in reopening of returns of small-time tax evaders, with income tax authorities deploying investigation units to search and survey suspect cases of tax evasion of up to Rs 50 lakh. Cases are being reopened for assessment years 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 as no action will be possible beyond March 31 for these three years.

Changes proposed in the budget confined reopening of tax assessment to three years from the earlier six years. However, assessment can be re-opened for up to 10 years if there is concrete evidence of concealed income of Rs 50 lakh and above. The amendments are vet to be notified.

Tax officials, however, say the burden of reopening smaller tax evasion cases may lead to lack of focus on bigger evasions. Instructions have been issued to in-



The Budget presented by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said only those cases flagged by the system shall be reopened

vestigation units across the country to collate and disseminate all information related to suspect tax evasion cases flagged by assessing officers, particularly those getting time barred by March 31.

From the next financial year, starting April 1, assessing officers will only be allowed to reopen cases for assessment year 2018-19 for any tax evasion of up to Rs 50 lakh. Authorities in the finance ministry are worried about losing significant revenue coming from search and seizure cases on account of the new 'amnesty' granted to those evading tax up to Rs 50 lakh. Sources said central authorities have sought a compliance report by March 2 where data of reopening of cases of small-time evaders are to be furnished by field formations.

Investigation units have also been looking at all suspicious transactions data shared by the Financial Intelligence Unit, besides ongoing investigation into the Pana ma and Paradise papers leak and HSBC list of Indians having deposits in Swiss accounts. In the budget, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman had proposed "to completely remove discretion in reopening and henceforth reopening shall be made only in cases flagged by the system on the basis of data analytics, objection of CAG and in

search and survey cases".

## DHFL's fake branch used to siphon money, says ED

Mumbai: Promoters of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) had opened a fictitious branch in Bandra which boasted of over two lakh dummy homebuyers and had been created to siphon off Rs 12,000 crore, according to information obtained by the Enforcement Directorate from DHFL senior executives

The promoters diverted the money to around 80 shell construction companies after showing it as loans against the name of homebuyers under the subvention scheme. Under this scheme, the buyer pays the initial amount, and the bank pays the loan amount to the developer as the construction progresses, while the interest portion on the loan disbursed is paid by the developer. Buyers don't have to pay interest on home loan till the property remains under construction or for the

period agreed on. tives told ED that the Bandra branch, shell companies and dummy homebuyers existed only on paper. They also ex-

Wadhawans had a customised **FOXPRO** software, in which when they entered a disbursed loan amount, it would create thousands of bogus homebuyers with fake details to adjust the amount against their names

plained the modus operandi adopted by DHFL promoters Kapil Wadhawan and Dheeraj Wadhawan aka Baba Dewan to siphon off Rs 12.000 crore.

The ED documents stated that DHFL was using Synergy software to maintain its loan customers' records. DHFL CMD Kapil Wadhawan was using a different software (Tally) to maintain the loan disbursed to shell companies. The loan to these shell companies was dis-system for Bandra branch to bursed in bulk, but in DHFL create dummy homebuyers shown as loan to different structions. She told ED offihomebuyers (dummy).

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which when they entered a disbursed loan amount, it would create thousands of bogus homebuvers with fake details to adjust the amount against their names. Details of these bogus homebuvers were added into the DHFL's Synergy system which would maintain a record of lakhs of their genuine customers (homebuyers).

Jayesh Khona, vice-presi-

dent of special projects at Ka pil Wadhawan's office, told ED officials in his statement that accounts of 80 shell companies were mentioned in the Tally system, which had no link with the balance sheet of DHFL. Khannna told ED officials that in 2013, DHFL got an income-tax notice regarding TDS in respect of some shell companies and that the fictitious Bandra branch was controlled by CMD's (Kapil

Wadhawan) office. Priya Naik, senior manager at DHFL, told ED she was handling the FOXPRO cials that the Bandra branch Wadhawan also had a cusdid not exist physically but

### **Prime accused** in Godhra case held after 19 yrs

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Vadodara: One of the prime accused in the 2002 Sabarmati Express carnage case in Godhra was nabbed by the police on Friday. Rafik Bhatuk was arrested in Godhra town where he had returned after staying outside the state for quite some time. The special operations group of the Panchmahal district police and Godhra town police raided a house in the Signal Falia locality and nabbed Bhatuk.

Bhatuk, along with others, was accused of dousing the S-6 coach in the Sabarmati Express with petrol. The coach was then set ablaze by someone else. As many as 59 Ram se vaks who were returning from Avodhva were killed in the incident, triggering communal riots in the state. Bhatuk had escaped after being named as an accused in the case. On the run, he had gone to Delhi and other places. Sources said that three prime accused now remain to be arrested. These include Salim Panwala and Shaukat Charkha, who are believed to be in Pakistan.

### Main accused in goon's murder is gunned down

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Lucknow: Kanhaiya Vishwakarma alias Girdhari, the main accused in the murder of history-sheeter Ajit Singh, was killed in an encounter in Lucknow early on Monday morning after he allegedly attacked a sub-inspector and opened fire on the police team escorting him. According to police, Kanhaiya (40) tried to flee when he was being taken to Gomtinagar, where he had confessed to have hidden the pistol that he used to eliminate Singh on January 6.

Ajit (35) alias Ajit Langda of Mau, was a history-sheeter with 19 cases and was externed from his native district. Girdhari was arrested by Delhi police on January 11 and was later brought to Lucknow. A local court had on Feb ruary 13 extended the police custody of by three days. CJM Sushil Kumari constituted a medical board as per rules and ordered video recording of "Girdhari had eliminated Ajit on the direction of a don from east UP," SHO, Vibhuti Khand, Chandra Shekhar Singh said.

# **Govt makes fresh bid to rein** in pesky callers, phone frauds

### May Impose **Penalty On Tele-Marketers**

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New Delhi: With not much success in controlling pesky calls and financial frauds over mobile networks, the government is seeking to get stricter on the menace and has decided to impose penalty on the tele-marketers, while disconnecting resources in case of repeat violations.

The government is also setting up a Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU) to coordinate with various stakeholdwhen investigating fraudulent activities that are conducted using telecom recommunications and IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said on Monday. Concerned over the rising instances of unwanted calls. messages and frauds perpe-



home, there have been growing instances of mobile/internet subscribers being duped in the name of job portals, online shopping, digital banking, and coronavirus updates

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trated through mobile networks, even for those who have registered for the Do-Not Disturb (DND) service. Prasad chaired a high-level meeting to tackle the issue which has been difficult to control so far. Prasad directed his team

to take stern steps against erring telemarketers and individuals involved in harassment of telecom subscribers. In the meeting, it was also pointed out that even unregistered tele-marketers were sending commercial communication to the subscribers.

This is the government's latest attempt to regulate unwanted calls and messages, something it has failed to enforce along with the regulator for years. The minister directed

telecom ministry officials to

conduct a meeting with mobile operators and telemarketers to ensure their compliance with the laiddown rules and procedures. For effective handling of Commercial

Unsolicited Communication (UCC) and also tackle financial frauds, it was decided to develop a web/mobile application and SMS-based system for redressal mechanism. "This will enable telecom subscribers to lodge their complaints related to matters in-

ment said. Apart from the DIU, the government will also establish a Telecom Analytics for Fraud Management and Consumer Protection (TAFCOP) system in mobile service areas to tackle the problem.

As the country worked from home and businesses and offices conducted operations out of office, the cases of phishing attacks have been on the rise. Apart from pesky calls, there have been growing instances of mobile/internet subscribers being duped in the name of job portals, online shopping, digital banking, and coronavirus updates.

The government recently informed the Parliament that over 2.9 lakh cyber security incidents related to digital banking were reported in 2020. The cases grew from nearly 1.6 lakh incidents in 2018, to about 2.5 lakh in 2019, and thereafter to 2.9 lakh last year.

### 15 killed as papaya-laden truck overturns in Maha

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Nashik: Fifteen people, most of them labourers, were killed when their truck carrying a consignment of papayas overturned at Yawal taluka in Jalgaon district, around 275 kilometres from Nashik, around 1am on Monday. The dead, all from the Raver taluka in Jalgaon, included six women and two children. Five injured labourers were sent to the Jalgaon Medical College and Hospital.

The truck, carrying 20 people, had been to Dhule district to load the papayas and the labourers were returning home in the fruitladen vehicle. The steering rod of the truck snapped when it was passing through the Ankaleshwar Barhanpur highway, following which the driver lost control and the vehicle overturned. The occupants were trapped under the truck and heaps of papayas.

President Ram Nath Ko-

vind, PM Narendra Modi and Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray offered condolences through Twitter to the family members of the deceased. The PM approved ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the next of kin of each of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the seriously injured.

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### KIND ATTENTION: ENERGY USERS IN 13 NOTIFIED SECTORS

Submission of Report on the Status of Energy Consumption under Energy Conservation Act 2001 (52 of 2001)

All users/class of users of energy in the following energy intensive sectors having Annual Energy Consumption of and above the specified limit shown against the following energy intensive sectors are notified as designated consumers vide S.O. 394 (E) dated the 12 $^{
m th}$  March, 2007, S.O. 3542 (E) dated 29 $^{
m th}$  Dec. 2015, S.O. 1388(E) dated  $02^{\text{nd}}$  May, 2017 and 502147 (E) Dated 17th June, 2020, under clause (e) of section 14 of the Energy Conservation Act (52 of 2001).

3	Notified Sector	tonne of oil equivalent (mtoe) per year
1.	Aluminium	7,500
2.	Cement	
	(a) Integrated Cement Unit	30,000
	(b) Cement Grinding Unit	10,000
3.	Commercial Buildings or Establishments	
	(a) Hotels	500
	(b) Airports	500
4.	Chlor-Alkali	12,000
5.	Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOMs)*	-
6.	Fertilizer	30,000
7.	Iron & Steel	20,000
8.	Pulp & Paper	20,000
9.	Petroleum Refineries	90,000
10.	Petrochemical units having gas crackers or naphtha crackers or both	1,00,000
11.	Railways	
	(a) All Zonal Railways (Traction)	70,000
	(b) Workshops	750
	(C) 8 Production Factories of Railways namely, ICF,	<del>-</del>
	RCF, CLW, DLW, DCW, RWF, MCF & RWP	
12.	Textile	3,000
13.	Thermal Power Stations	30,000

\* All entities having issued distribution licence by State/Joint Electricity regulatory commission under electricity

Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) are Notified as Designated Consumers (DCs) vide S.O. 3445(E) dated 28.09.2020. All units/establishment consuming more than the listed threshold energy consumption under respective sectors,  $\,$  notified by the Central Government under S.O. 687 (E) dated the 30 $^{ ext{th}}$  March, 2012, S.O. 1264 (E) dated 31 $^{ ext{s}}$ March, 2016 and S.O. 998(E) dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, S.O. 1409(E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, S.O. 1473(E) dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, S.O. 1254(E) dated  $13^{ ext{th}}$  April, 2020 are requested to submit to the concerned designated agency, with a copy to the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, a report on the status of Annual Energy Consumption, together with their annual production, for the last two years, namely, 2018-19 and 2019-20 in Form 1 notified under clause (I) of Section 14 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (52 of 2001), duly authenticated by the Energy Manager/Chief Executive

A copy of the required sector applicable Pro-forma or Form-I could be downloaded from BEE website: https://beeindia.gov.in/content/pat-performa

If any person fails to submit a report on the status of annual consumption etc by  $31^{\circ}$  March, 2021, he shall be liable to a penalty under clause 26 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

For more information/query please contact us on 011-26766700 or send mail on newdc@beenet.in.

### JD(U) MLA named accused in ex-dist board member's killing

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Bagaha: JD(U) MLA Rinku Singh alias Dhirendra Pratap Singh has been named accused in the murder of former West Champaran district board member Dayanand Verma, who was gunned down late on Sunday. Rinku is the MLA from the district's Valmiki Nagar.

One Bablu Jaiswal was earlier caught by villagers when he was fleeing from the crime

> **Former West Champaran district** board member **Dayanand Verma was** gunned down late on **Sunday. Police said** that prima facie, it was a case of rivalry for contract work

scene and later arrested. He is being questioned, Bagaha SP Kiran Kumar Yadav said, adding that prima facie it was a case

of rivalry for contract works. In her FIR, Dayanand's wife Kumud said her husband and Shakeel Miyan of Valmiki Nagar had heated arguments and the latter had threatened to teach her husband a lesson. Around 7.15pm on Sunday, Shakeel and Rinku along with four-five others came in four four-wheelers and shot Dayanand in his left temple. He was rushed to Bagaha sub-divisional hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

On Monday, Verma's supporters demonstrated at the collectorate gate with the body, demanding the arrest of the accused named in the FIR

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INFORMATION REGARDING 9<sup>™</sup> EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING Notice is hereby given that the Ninth Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Company ("9th EGM") will be convened or Monday, 15th March, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, and other applicable circulars, if any, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/ CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular") (collectively referred to as "relevant circulars"), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue.

2. In compliance with the relevant circulars, the Notice of the 9th EGM alongwith relevant and other documents required to be attached thereto, will be sent to all the Members of the Company whose email addresses are registered with the Company Depositories / Depository Participant(s). The aforesaid documents will also be available on the Company's website at https://www.petronetIng.com and on the website of the Stock Exchange(s) i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at https://www.bseindia.com and https://www.nseindia.com, respectively.

. Manner of registering / updating email addresses:

(a) Members holding shares in physical mode, who have not registered / updated their email addresses with the Company are requested to register / update the same by writing to the Company with details of folio number and attaching a self-attested copy of PAN card at investors@petroneting.com.

(b) Members holding shares in dematerialised mode, who have not registered /updated their email addresses with their Depository Participants, are requested to register / update their email addresses with the Depository Participants with whom they maintain their demat account.

4. Manner of casting vote(s) through e-voting:

(1) Non acceptance of request

or transfer of shares in physical

be applicable to the request

received for transmission or

ansposition of physical shares.

(a) Members will have an opportunity to cast their vote(s) on the business as shall be set out in the Notice of the 9th EGM through electronic voting system ("e-voting").

(b) The manner of voting remotely ("remote e-voting") by members holding shares in dematerialised mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email addresses will be provided in the Notice of the 9th EGM. The details will also be available on the website of the Company at https://www.petronetlng.com.

(c) The facility for voting through electronic voting system will also be made available at the 9th EGM and Members attending the 9th EGM who have not cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting will be able to vote at the 9th EGM through electronically.

(d) The login credentials for casting votes through e-voting shall be made available to the members through email. Members who do not receive email or whose email addresses are not registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s), may follow the instructions given in the Notes to Notice of 9th EGM in this regard.

(e) The same login credentials may also be used for attending the 9th EGM through VC / OAVM For Petronet LNG Limited

Rajan Kapur Place: New Delhi CGM & VP - Company Secretary Date: 15th February, 2021 Attention Members Appeal to Members

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form with effect from Apri Shareholding Pursuant to SEBI circular dated 20th Pursuant to NSE circular no. NSE/CML/2018/38 dated April, 2018, shareholders, whose ledger folios do not have or having December 03, 2018 and BSE vide ncomplete details with regard to Circular No. LIST/COMP/31/2018 PAN and Bank particulars, are 19 dated December 03, 2018, the required to compulsorily furnish the Company will not accept any PAN and Bank details to the Company equest for transfer of shares in at investors@petronetlng.com for physical form with effect from April registration in the folio so that the restments held by you will be 2019. This restriction shall no

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2020 and April 13, 2020 (collectively referred to as 'MCA circulars') permitted holding of EGM through VC or OVAM, without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue. Further, SEBI vide its circular dated May 12, 2020 and other applicable circulars. any, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA" dispensed the requirement of sending hard copy of Notice of EGM. In view of the above mentioned circulars, the EGM of the members of the Company wil be held through VC/OVAM and the Notice of EGM will be sent to the registered email ids of members therefore it is earnestly requested again that from the Members who have yet not registered/updated their email ids to notify the same to the Company at investors@petronetIng.com

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