

# Meghalaya, Nagaland vote on Feb 27, Tripura Feb 16

Counting of votes on Mar 2

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The Election Commission on Wednesday fixed February 16 as the date for the Tripura Assembly polls and February 27 for the elections to the Nagaland and Meghalaya Assemblies, with the counting of votes scheduled for March 2.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar's announcement marked the official start of the first round of Assembly polls in the new year, in which nine states are headed for elections, deemed crucial in the run-up to the all-important Lok Sabha contest in 2024.

The three poll-bound northeastern states may be small in terms of their electoral size but hold larger political significance. While the BJP is pulling out all the stops to retain power in Tripura and expand its footprints in the two other states, the Congress and the Left are trying to recapture their lost influence.

## BRS HOLDS MEGA RALLY WITH NATIONAL PITCH



A clarion call for regime change at the Centre, by dislodging the BJP in 2024 Lok Sabha polls, was sounded by prominent Opposition leaders in the first mega rally of Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao-led Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS). Chandrashekar, along with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab's Bhagwant Mann, Kerala's P Vijayan, Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav, CPI leader D Raja and national leaders, and farmers representatives of many states in Khammam (Telangana), has taken the first step towards joining forces with like-minded parties at the national level.

The Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress (TMC) is also making a determined bid to prove its clout outside West Bengal by contesting these polls. The three state assem-

blies have a strength of 60 members each. While the term of the Nagaland Assembly ends on March 12, the terms of the Meghalaya and Tripura assem-

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# Dec traffic at major ports sails to highest in FY23

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New Delhi, 18 January

After three months of stagnant growth, cargo traffic at state-owned ports rose 10.4 per cent in December year-on-year (YoY), signaling a strong rebound in a year that has fared slower than expected.

Twelve major ports handled cargo of 69.5 million tonnes (mt) in December, which is the highest during the current fiscal year. The volume is also 8 mt higher than the traffic over the past three months, which had been stuck at 61 mt since September.

It is also the second-highest traffic volume handled by major ports in a month since the onset of Covid-19. Cumulatively, traffic at major ports reached 576 mt by December, which is nearly 9 per cent higher than the previous fiscal year.

"The entire increase in volumes in December quarter and year can be explained by volumes of coal. However, container volumes have come under stress," said Mohit Kumar, a researcher with DAM Capital, who attributes the current coal surge to geopolitical tensions.

Officials and experts suggest the current surge in coal cargo has also been aided by the increased use of the rail-sea-rail (RSR) mode for the domestic transportation of thermal coal.

Commodity	Traffic volumes at major ports (in '000 tonnes)		Change (in %)
	Apr-Dec 2021	Apr-Dec 2022	
POL	162,562	175,078	7.7
Coal (thermal/steam)	71,748	97,464	35.84
Fertilisers (finished)	5,132	6,048	17.85
Coking coal & others	37,173	43,252	16.35
Misc. cargo	61,465	69,028	12.3
Other liquids	22,800	24,040	5.44
Containers	124,541	125,757	0.98
Fertilisers (raw)	6,563	6,262	-4.59
Iron ore (incl. pellets)	37,176	29,703	-20.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>529,160</b>	<b>576,632</b>	<b>8.97</b>



Note: POL is Petroleum, oil, and lubricant; Source: Indian Ports Association

Business Standard previously reported that the power ministry has directed thermal power plants in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Punjab, as well as NTPC to source 10-15 per cent of their coal requirement through coastal shipping.

"Iron ore traffic saw a 42 per cent year-on-year growth in December. Since the removal

of various export duties on the commodity in November, traffic which was earlier subdued has seen higher growth on account of pent-up inventory," said Sai Krishna, vice-president and sector head at ICRA.

On a cumulative basis, iron ore traffic in FY23 is still 20 per cent less than last year, but experts expect these numbers to pick up further.

## RESULTS CORNER

### Q3: IndusInd Bank's profit jumps 58%

Private lender IndusInd Bank on Wednesday reported a 58 per cent year-on-year (YoY) jump in consolidated net profit to ₹1,963.64 crore in October-December on the back of strong growth in net interest income. A sharp decline in provisions for bad loans also boosted the bank's bottomline in the third quarter of the financial year. Sequentially, the bank's net profit registered a growth of 9 per cent from ₹1,805.28 crore in Q2.

On a standalone basis, IndusInd Bank's net profit surged 69 per cent YoY to ₹1,959.20 crore in October-December. BHASKAR DUTTA

### Central Bank Q3 net profit rises 64.16%

Central Bank of India's net profit rose by 64.16 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to ₹458 crore in the quarter ended December (Q3 of FY23). This was on the back of an improvement in net interest margin (NIM). The public sector lender had posted a net profit of ₹278 crore in Q3 of FY22. Net profit was sequentially higher in Q3 FY23 compared to Q2 FY23 when the figure stood at ₹318 crore. ABHIJIT LELE

# Wheat prices touching new high amid delay in open-market sales

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New Delhi, 18 January

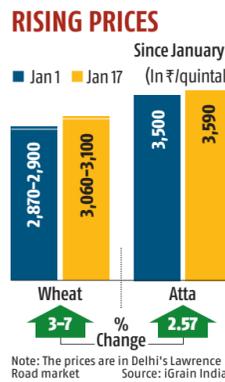
With wheat prices scaling new highs since the start of this month, all eyes are now on the open market sales of grains by the Centre.

Trade sources said the sale may have come under some sort of cloud due to the recent raids on Food Corporation of India (FCI) officials and questions over the actual size of the stocks that the corporation holds.

Officially, the data shows that, as on January 1, 2023, India's wheat stocks in the central pool were estimated around 17.17 million tonnes. This is almost 24.4 per cent more than the buffer and strategic reserve requirement for that date.

Of the 17.17 million tonnes of wheat stocks in the central pool, around 10.5 million tonnes (almost 61 per cent) is with state agencies.

Despite that, between January 1 and 17, wheat prices in Delhi's Lawrence Road market have risen from ₹2,900 per quintal to almost ₹3,060-



3,100. This is a rise of around 3-7 per cent in less than 20 days.

The spike in prices coupled with almost-empty pipelines has renewed calls from flour mill owners for the government to liquidate some part of its wheat inventory for domestic consumers that would immediately cool down prices. "The Centre should immediately liquidate some stocks from its inventories. This will cool down prices as pipeline

stocks with stockists and wholesalers are almost empty, while demand is firm," said Rahul Chauhan, commodity analyst at iGrain India.

Sources said the traders expect the Centre to liquidate around 2 million tonnes of wheat from its stocks.

It feels that the recent decision to end Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) from January 1 has given the Centre added

flexibility to intervene in the market. However, some feel that the recent raids on FCI officers and questions on the actual wheat stock levels amid allegations of large-scale fudging seem to have pulled the Centre's feet back.

The nationwide crackdown, nicknamed "Operation Kanak", was undertaken a few days back against officials of the FCI by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The agency, as part of the operation, conducted searches at 50 locations in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi following the arrest of a DGM-rank officer.

The CBI launched the crackdown after a six-month-long undercover operation to identify suspects in the syndicate. These include officers, rice mill owners and middlemen for allegedly indulging in corrupt practices, sources said.

The agency was working on exposing a nexus engaged in the procurement, storage and distribution of foodgrain.

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The Tata Power Company Limited has invited expression of interest from eligible vendors for the **OLA for Scaffolding erection/dismantling work at Tata Power, Trombay Thermal Power and colony at Trombay Limited** vide advertisement on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Notice is hereby given to interested parties for an amendment to our Notice inviting Expression of Interest for the abovementioned Package. Interested parties may visit Tender section of our website (URL: <https://www.tatapower.com/tender/tenderlist.aspx>) for downloading the same. Eligible parties willing to participate may submit their expression of interest along with the tender fee for issue of bid document latest by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Parties who have already submitted their expression of interest need not re-apply.

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**Transfer of Equity Shares to Investor Education & Protection Fund**  
This Notice is published pursuant to section 124(6) and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 ("the Rules") notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs effective from 7th September, 2016 and as amended for the time being in force the **Interim Dividend declared for the financial year 2015-16**, which remained unclaimed for a period of seven years will be credited to the IEPF on April 15, 2023. The corresponding shares on which dividends were unclaimed for seven consecutive years will also be transferred as per the procedure set out in the Rules.  
The Company has already sent an intimation to each of the shareholder(s) whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF under the Rules at their latest available registered address. The complete details of such shareholders including their names, folio number or DP ID-Client ID and the number of share(s) due for transfer are also available on the website of the Company at [www.ajmeria.com](http://www.ajmeria.com). Shareholder(s) are requested to verify the details of their share(s) due to be transferred to the IEPF Authority.  
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In the event valid claim is not received on or before April 1, 2023, the Company will proceed to transfer the liable dividend along with the Equity shares in favor of IEPF authority without any further notice. Please note that no claim shall lie against the Company in respect of unclaimed dividend amount and shares transferred to IEPF pursuant to the said rules. It may be noted that the concerned shareholders can claim the shares and dividend from IEPF authority after following procedure prescribed under the Rules.  
For any queries/clarifications on the above matter, shareholders are requested to contact the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent M/s. Link Intime India Private Limited Unit: C-101, 247 Park, L.B.S. Marg, Vikhroli West, Mumbai - 400083. Tel: 022 49186000 and Email- [rtm.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in](mailto:rtm.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in).  
For Ajmeria Realty & Infra India Ltd  
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Vinit Tanna  
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Place: Mumbai

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**e-Tender Notice**  
Tender No: 66/2022-23/SE/PHCM/MPA  
AMRUT-AMRUT-2-UWSS to Muvattupuzha-Providing FHTC to all Households in Muvattupuzha Municipality -Pipeline Work.  
EMD : Rs. 1,00,000/- Tender fee : Rs. 8,270/-  
Last Date for submitting Tender : 30.01.2023 04:00 pm  
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The Tata Power Company Limited on behalf of Industrial Energy Limited hereby invites Expression of Interest for following packages for 1 X 120 MW unit (PH # 7) of Captive Power Plant at Jojobera, Jamshedpur:  
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For details of requirement, please visit Tender section of our website (URL: <https://www.tatapower.com/tender/tenderlist.aspx>). Eligible vendors willing to participate may submit their expression of interest latest by **29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023**.

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**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY**  
**SUBJECT: REMINDER TO CLAIM THE DIVIDENDS REMAINING UNPAID/ UNCLAIMED AND TRANSFER OF EQUITY SHARES TO THE IEPF AUTHORITY**  
Shareholders are hereby informed that pursuant to the provision of Section 124(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read along with the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 (IEPF Rules) and subsequent amendment thereto, the dividend declared for the financial year 2015-16, which remained unclaimed for a period of seven years will be credited to the IEPF on or after April 20, 2023. The corresponding shares on which dividend was unclaimed for seven consecutive years will also be transferred as per the procedures set out in the rules.  
The Company will not transfer such shares to the IEPF where there is specific order of Court/Tribunal restraining transfer of such shares or where the shares are hypothecated/pledged under the Depositories Act, 1996.  
In compliance to the IEPF Rules, the company has communicated individually to the concerned shareholders and details of shares liable to be transferred to IEPF are also available on our website. Shareholders concerned may refer to the web-link <https://www.cosmofirst.com/investors/shareholders-information> to verify the details of their shares liable to be transferred to IEPF authority.  
Shareholders are requested to claim the dividend declared for the financial year 2015-16 and onwards before the same is transferred to the IEPF.  
Concerned shareholders, holding shares in physical form and whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF may note that the Company would be issuing duplicate share certificate(s) in lieu of original held by them for the purpose of transfer of shares to IEPF and upon such issue, the Company shall inform the depository by way of corporate action to convert the duplicate share certificates into DEMAT form and transfer in favour of IEPF. The original share certificate(s) which are registered in the name of original shareholders will stand automatically cancelled and be deemed non-negotiable.  
Concerned shareholders holding shares in dematerialized form may note that the Company shall inform the depository by way of corporate action for transfer of shares in favour of the Demat account of the IEPF. Shareholders may note that both unclaimed dividend and shares once transferred to IEPF authority can be claimed from the IEPF authority after following the procedures prescribed under the IEPF Rules (refer the IEPF website <http://www.iepf.gov.in>) and no claim shall lie against the company.  
In case the Company does not receive any communications from the concerned shareholders on or before April 18, 2023, the Company shall credit those shares/dividend with the IEPF authority. Kindly note that all future benefits, dividends arising on such shares would also be transferred to IEPF authority.  
For any queries on the subject matter, you may e-mail us at [investor.relations@cosmofirst.com](mailto:investor.relations@cosmofirst.com) or contact the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent, Alankit Assignments Limited at 4E/2, Alankit House, Jhandewalan Extension, New Delhi - 110055, Email: [rtat@alankit.com](mailto:rtat@alankit.com).  
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Jyoti Dixit  
Company Secretary  
Place: New Delhi  
Date: January 18, 2023

**RALLIS INDIA LIMITED**  
A TATA Enterprise  
CIN:L36992MH1948PLC014083  
**Extract of Statement of Financial Results**  
**for the quarter and period ended 31 December, 2022**

Particulars	₹ in crores)					
	Quarter ended 31 December, 2022	Quarter ended 30 September, 2022	Quarter ended 31 December, 2021	Year to date figures for the period ended 31 December, 2022	Year to date figures for the period ended 31 December, 2021	Year ended 31 March, 2022
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1. Total income from Operations	630.39	951.18	628.08	2,444.35	2,096.39	2,603.93
2. Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	29.97	95.41	53.06	215.72	238.72	222.48
3. Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	29.97	95.41	53.06	216.34	238.72	222.48
4. Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	22.55	71.05	39.55	161.07	178.41	164.27
5. Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	24.22	69.36	40.80	159.83	177.29	163.62
6. Equity Share Capital	19.45	19.45	19.45	19.45	19.45	19.45
7. Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous financial year)	-	-	-	-	-	1,677.21
8. Basic and diluted earnings per share (of ₹ 1/- each)	1.16	3.65	2.03	8.28	9.17	8.45

Notes:  
a. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and period ended 31 December, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and period ended 31 December, 2022 is available on the Stock Exchanges websites viz. [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website [www.rallis.com](http://www.rallis.com).  
b. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 18 January, 2023. The statutory auditors have expressed an unqualified review opinion.  
c. Financial results for all the periods presented have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of Ind AS notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time.  
d. The Company's business is seasonal in nature and the performance can be impacted by weather conditions and cropping pattern.  
e. The Company has one reportable business segment viz. "Agri-Inputs".  
f. Exceptional item as disclosed in the column (Year to date ended 31 December, 2022) comprises profit on sale of land (net of costs).  
g. The Company has four godowns from Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA), erstwhile Bombay Port Trust and has received demand notices from MbPA of ₹ 43.39 crores towards differential arrears of rentals for the years 2012 upto 2022 for these godowns. Based on the legal advice received by the Company, the demand raised by MbPA is being contested and a suitable reply has been filed.  
h. The Indian Parliament has approved the Code on Social Security, 2020 which would impact the contributions by the company towards Provident Fund and Gratuity. The Ministry of Labour and Employment has released draft rules for the Code on Social Security, 2020 on November 13, 2020, and has invited suggestions from stakeholders which are under active consideration by the Ministry. The Company will assess the impact and its evaluation once the subject rules are notified and will give appropriate impact in its financial statements in the period in which, the Code becomes effective and the related rules to determine the financial impact are published.

For and on behalf of  
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