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To,

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**Sub: Newspaper Advertisements regarding mailing of the Notice of 02/2024-25 Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, Remote E-voting information and Book Closure through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio-Visual Means / ("OAVM") facility**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

With reference to the captioned subject, please find enclosed herewith copies of newspaper advertisements for notice of 02/2024-25 Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, Remote E-voting and Book Closure information in terms of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended), and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 published on **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025** in Compliance with the General Circulars issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and other relevant provisions

The **02/2024-25 Extra-Ordinary General Meeting** of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. (IST) through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM"). The advertisements were published in "**Financial Express**" (All India Editions) in the English Language and "**Arthik Lipi**" (Bengali Edition) in the Bengali Language.

The aforesaid information is also available on the website of the Company i.e., <https://www.indongteaco.com/>. The copy of Newspapers is enclosed below for your reference. Kindly take the same on your records.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

For, **Indong Tea Company Limited**

**Chandan Gupta**

**Company Secretary cum Compliance Officer**

**Encl.: as above**

**HOUSE PANEL'S SUGGESTIONS**

# Cabinet clears all 14 Waqf Bill amendments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
New Delhi, February 27

**THE UNION CABINET** has cleared the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 with all 14 amendments proposed by the Joint Committee of Parliament (JCP), paving the way for the Bill's tabling during the Budget Session's second half that begins March 10.

These 14 amendments to the contentious Bill, accepted by the JCP on January 27, were proposed by the panel's NDA members. The 44 amendments suggested by the Opposition members, however, were rejected by the committee after voting. These amendments were against the changes planned in the Bill to the Waqf Act of 2013.

The voting on the changes had seen a united National Democratic Alliance (NDA), with allies Janata Dal (United), Telugu Desam Party, and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) all favouring the amendments. The JD(U) and the TDP proposed some of the amendments.

Among the 14 proposed amendments are: a relaxation in the six-month window to register Waqf properties on a portal; replacing the district collector with a state government official to be the arbiter on whether a property is Waqf property or government land;



The Waqf (Amendment) Bill is expected to be tabled in Parliament during the Budget Session's second half

having one member in the Waqf tribunal with "knowledge of Muslim law and jurisprudence".

The BJP is below the majority mark in the Lok Sabha with 240 members, but is confident of seeing the Bill through with support from allies including the TDP (16 members), JD(U) (12 members) and LJP (RV) (5 members). The smaller NDA allies — RLD (2 members), JD(S) (2 members) and Apna Dal (S) (1 member) — are also expected to back the Bill.

The Bill was referred to the Joint Committee of Parliament on August 8, following its introduction in the Lok Sabha by Union minority affairs minister Kiren Rijiju.

## AAP MLAs barred from Delhi House premises

GAYATHRI MANI  
New Delhi, February 27

**THE OPPOSITION AAM** Aadmi Party (AAP) held a protest and wrote to President Droupadi Murmu seeking an appointment after 21 of its 22 MLAs — who were suspended from the Delhi House on Tuesday for three days — were barred from entering the Assembly complex on Thursday. Leader of Opposition Atishi, who was among the suspended AAP MLAs, in her letter to the President sought time to meet her on Friday.

Today, on February 27, when AAP MLAs were heading to the Delhi Assembly, they were

stopped outside the premises by heavy barricading set up by Delhi Police. Preventing elected representatives from reaching the Assembly is a murder of democracy," Atishi wrote. "As a result, Opposition MLAs had to sit on protest right there on the streets. This is the first time in the history of the country that the Opposition was not even allowed to enter the Assembly premises. This incident is a dark stain on India's democratic history," she wrote.

On Tuesday, the AAP MLAs were suspended from the Assembly for disrupting the inaugural speech of lieutenant governor VK Saxena.

# Ekta Ka Mahakumbh: The dawn of a new era

**NARENDRA MODI**

**THE MAHAKUMBH** HAS successfully concluded in the holy city of Prayagraj. A grand Mahayajna of Unity has been completed. When the consciousness of a nation awakens, when it breaks free from the shackles of a centuries-old mindset of subjugation, it breathes freely in the fresh air of renewed energy. The result of this was witnessed at the Ekta Ka Mahakumbh (Mahakumbh of Unity) in Prayagraj since January 13.

On January 22, 2024, during the *Pran Pratishtha* of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, I spoke about *Devbhakti* and *Deshbhakti* — devotion to the divine and to the nation. During the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj, Gods and Goddesses, saints, women, children, youth, senior citizens and people from all walks of life came together. We witnessed the awakened consciousness of the nation. This was *Ekta Ka Mahakumbh*, where the sentiments of 1.4 billion Indians converged at the same place, at the same time, for this sacred occasion.

In this holy region of Prayagraj is Shringverpur, a sacred land of unity, harmony and love, where Prabhu Shri Ram and Nishadraj met. Their meeting symbolised the confluence of devotion and goodwill. Even today, Prayagraj inspires us with the same spirit.

For 45 days, I witnessed crores of people from every corner of the country making their way to the Sangam. The wave of emotions at the confluence kept rising. Every devotee came with one purpose — taking a dip in the Sangam. The holy confluence of Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati filled every pilgrim with enthusiasm, energy, and confidence.

This Mahakumbh in Prayagraj is a subject of study for modern management professionals, planning, and policy experts. Nowhere in the world is there any parallel or example of this scale.

The world watched in wonder how crores of people gathered at Prayagraj at the banks of the confluence of rivers. These people had no formal invitations, no prior communication on when to go. Yet crores of people left for the Mahakumbh of their own accord and felt the bliss of tak-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a holy dip at the Sangam on February 5 during the Mahakumbh

ing a dip in the sacred waters.

I cannot forget those faces radiating immense joy and satisfaction after the holy dip. Women, elders, our Divyang brothers and sisters — everyone found a way to reach the Sangam. It was particularly heartening for me to see the overwhelming participation of India's youth. The presence of the younger generation at the Mahakumbh sends a profound message that the youth of India will be the torchbearers of our glorious culture and heritage.

They understand their responsibility towards preserving it and are committed to carrying it forward.

The number of people who arrived in Prayagraj for this Mahakumbh has undoubtedly created new records. But beyond those physically present, crores of people who could not reach Prayagraj were also deeply connected emotionally to the occasion. The sacred water brought back by pilgrims became a source of spiritual bliss for millions. Many of those returning from the Mahakumbh were received with respect in their villages, honoured by society.

What has happened in the last few weeks is unpre-

cedented and has laid a foundation for centuries to come.

More devotees arrived in Prayagraj than anyone had imagined. The administration had estimated attendance based on past experiences of the Kumbh.

Nearly twice the population of the United States participated in this *Ekta Ka Mahakumbh*. If scholars of spirituality analyse the enthusiastic participation of crores of Indians, they will find that India, proud of its heritage, is now surging ahead with a new-found energy. I believe this is the dawn of a new era, which will script the future of a new India.

For thousands of years, the Mahakumbh has strengthened India's national consciousness. Every Puranakumbh used to witness a gathering of saints, scholars and thinkers deliberating upon the state of society in their times. Their reflections used to provide a new direction to the nation and society. Every six years, during the Ardhkumbh, these ideas were reviewed. After 12 Puranakumbh occurrences spanning 144 years, obsolete traditions were given up, newer ideas were embraced, and new traditions were created to move ahead with the times.

After 144 years, in this Mahakumbh, our saints have once again given us a new mes-

sage for India's development journey. That message is Developed India — *Viksit Bharat*.

At this *Ekta Ka Mahakumbh*, every pilgrim, whether rich or poor, young or old, from villages or cities, from India or abroad, from the East or the West, from the North or the South, irrespective of caste, creed and ideology, came together. This was an embodiment of the vision of *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat* that filled confidence in crores of people. Now, we must come together in the same spirit for the mission of building a developed India.

I am reminded of the incident where, as a little boy, Shri Krishna revealed a snapshot of the whole universe within his mouth to his mother Yashoda. Similarly, in this Mahakumbh, the people of India and the world have witnessed the massive potential of India's collective strength. We must now move forward with this self-confidence and dedicate ourselves towards building a developed India.

Earlier, the saints of the Bhakti movement had identified and encouraged the strength of our collective resolve across India. From Swami Vivekananda to Sri Aurobindo, every great thinker reminded us of the power of our collective resolve. Even Mahatma Gandhi experienced it during the freedom movement. Post-independence, if

this collective strength had been correctly recognised and harnessed towards boosting the welfare of all, it would have become a great force for a newly independent nation. Unfortunately, it was not done earlier. But now, I am glad to witness the way in which this collective strength of the people is coming together for a developed India.

From the Vedas to Vivekananda, from the ancient scriptures to modern satellites, India's great traditions have shaped this nation. As a citizen, I pray that we draw new inspiration from the memories of our ancestors and saints. May this *Ekta Ka Mahakumbh* help us move ahead with new resolutions. Let us make unity our guiding principle. Let us work with the understanding that service to the nation is service to the divine.

During my election campaign in Kashi, I had said, "Maa Ganga has called me." This was not just an emotion but also a call of responsibility, towards the cleanliness of our sacred rivers. Standing at the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati in Prayagraj, my resolve became even stronger. The cleanliness of our rivers is deeply linked to our own lives.

It is our responsibility to celebrate our rivers, big or small, as life-giving mothers. This Mahakumbh has inspired us to keep working towards the cleanliness of our rivers.

I know that organising such a massive event was no easy task. I pray to Maa Ganga, Maa Yamuna, and Maa Saraswati to forgive us in case there were any shortcomings in our devotion. I see *Janata Janardan*, the people, as an embodiment of divinity. In case there has been any shortcoming in our efforts to serve them, I also seek the forgiveness of the people.

Crores of people came to the Mahakumbh with a feeling of devotion. Serving them was also a responsibility that was carried out with the same feeling of devotion. As a Member of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh, I can proudly say that under the leadership of Yogi Ji, the administration and the people worked together to make this *Ekta Ka Mahakumbh* a success. Be it the state or Centre, there were no rulers or administrators and instead, everyone was a devoted sevak. Sanitation workers, police, boatmen, drivers, people serving food — everyone worked tirelessly. The way the people of Prayagraj welcomed the pilgrims with open hearts despite facing many inconveniences was particularly inspirational. I express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to them and the people of Uttar Pradesh.

I have always had unwavering confidence in the bright future of our nation. Witnessing this Mahakumbh has strengthened my conviction manifold.

The way 1.4 billion Indians turned the *Ekta Ka Mahakumbh* into a global occasion is truly wonderful. Moved by the dedication, devotion and efforts of our people, I will soon visit Shri Somnath, the first among the 12 *Jyotirlingas*, to offer the fruits of these collective national efforts to Him and to pray for every Indian.

The physical form of the Mahakumbh may have culminated successfully on Mahashivratri, but just like the eternal flow of the Ganga, the spiritual strength, national consciousness and unity that Mahakumbh has awakened will continue to inspire us for generations to come.

(The author is the Prime Minister of India)

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING (VC) / OTHER AUDIO VISUAL**

NOTICE is hereby given that the 02/2024-25 Extra Ordinary General Meeting ("EGM") of the members of the Company will be held on **Friday, 21st day of March 2025, at 11:00 A.M. (IST)** through Video Conferencing ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") without physical presence of the members at a common venue, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made there under ("The Act"), Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8th April, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13th April, 2020, General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5th May, 2020 and General Circular No. 10/2022 dated 28th December, 2022 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and SEBI Circular dated 5th January, 2023, and Circular No. SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/DDHS/P/ CIR/2023/164 dated October 8, 2023 and Circular No. SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-POD/2/P/ CIR/2023/167 dated October 7, 2023 and Circular No. SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CFD-POD/2/P/ CIR/2024/133 dated October 3, 2024 (collectively "Circulars"), to transact the business asset set out in the Notice of EGM of the Company. Members will be able to attend and participate in the EGM by VC/OAVM only. Members attending the EGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

In compliance with the aforesaid Circulars the Company has sent Notice of EGM by electronic mode only, on Thursday, 27th February, 2025, to all the members whose email addresses are registered with the Depository Participants up to Monday, 17th February, 2025.

The Notice of the EGM can be downloaded from the Company's website at www.indongteaco.com and website of the stock exchange, i.e., BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com

**REMOTE E-VOTING AND E-VOTING AT THE EGM**

Pursuant to Section 105 of the Act read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014, Regulation 44 of the Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standard on General Meetings, the Company has engaged services of National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") for providing remote e-voting facility prior to EGM ("remote e-voting"). Additionally, the Company, through NSDL, is providing the facility of voting through e-voting system during the EGM ("e-voting").

**Cut-off date for e-voting:** Friday, 14th March, 2025  
**Commencement of Remote e-voting:** 09:00 A.M. (IST) on Tuesday, 18th March, 2025  
**Conclusion of Remote e-voting:** 05:00 P.M. (IST) on Thursday, 20th March, 2025

Members who will be present at the EGM through VC/OAVM and who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting, will be eligible to exercise their right to vote during the EGM. Members who have cast their vote by Remote e-voting prior to the EGM may also attend and participate in the EGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

Accordingly, members may cast their votes through remote e-voting and e-voting at the EGM by following the instructions mentioned in the Notice. Once the vote on a Resolution is cast by the Member, he/she shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.

The Company has appointed Ms. Pujja Pujari (Membership No. F13102, COP No 20171), Practising Company Secretary to act as a Scrutinizer for monitoring remote e-voting process and e-voting at the EGM in fair and transparent manner. The results of e-voting shall be declared within two working days from conclusion of the EGM. The results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Reports shall be communicated to the Stock Exchange and will be placed on the website of the Company at www.indongteaco.com.

Members will be able to attend the EGM through VC/OAVM facility provided by NSDL by using NSDL's Remote e-voting login credential sent by following the instructions mentioned in the Notice.

Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and is holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e., Friday, 14th March, 2025 may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at [evoing@nsdl.com](mailto:evoing@nsdl.com). However, if he/she is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then he/she can use his/her existing User ID and password for casting the vote.

Members who need assistance before or during the EGM, can contact NSDL helpline by sending a request at [at.evoing@nsdl.com](mailto:at.evoing@nsdl.com) or call at 022 4886 7000.

Members are requested to carefully read all the Notes set out in the Notice of the EGM and in particular, instructions for joining the EGM, manner of casting vote through Remote e-voting or through e-voting during the EGM.

**DETAILS OF BOOK CLOSURE**

Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules made thereunder and as per Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, as amended, the Registrar of Members and Share Transfer books of the Company will remain closed from Saturday, 15th March, 2025 to Friday, 21st March, 2025 (both days inclusive) for taking record of the members for the purpose of the 02/2024-25 Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
For Indong Tea Company Limited  
Sd/-  
Date: 27th February, 2025  
Place: Kolkata  
Chandan Gupta  
Company Secretary cum Compliance Officer

## FROM THE FRONT PAGE

### Eager to elevate ties, says EU chief

"TOUCHDOWN IN DELHI with my team of commissioners. In an era of conflicts and intense competition, you need trusted friends. For Europe, India is such a friend and a strategic ally. I'll call India a trusted friend, will discuss with Modi on elevating strategic ties: EU President discusses with @narendramodi how to take our strategic partnership to the next level," she said in a post on X.

This is the first visit to India by the EU College of Commissioners together, and the first visit outside Europe by the new college of commissioners that entered office in December 2024. The EU's College of Commissioners have visited the African Union once in the past — the full college doesn't go to another country. Officials said



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at Rajghat

the visit by the College of Commissioners marks a "new phase in bilateral relations". As the two sides enter the third decade of the strategic partnership, the visit of president von der Leyen and the College of Commissioners will pave the way for further

strengthening of bilateral relations based on growing convergences, they said.

The meetings at the level of leaders, the TTC meeting and the bilateral meetings of ministers and EU commissioners are set to intensify and diversify India-EU engagement further, particularly in trade and investments, resilient supply chains, digital technologies, AI, semiconductors, green hydrogen, clean energy, sustainable urbanisation, water management and defence and space.

This is von der Leyen's third visit to India. She has earlier visited India for a bilateral official visit in April 2022, and for the G20 Leaders' Summit in September 2023. Modi and she have also met regularly on the sidelines of multilateral

meetings. Sources said they have met at least seven times in the past. The two leaders are expected to take stock of ongoing negotiations for an ambitious India-EU free trade deal. The EU is looking at enhancing trade ties with India with an aim to de-risk its relations with China. The EU is likely to call on India to bring down tariffs on cars, wine and agricultural products, an EU official indicated. The EU is also keen to expand defence and security ties with India, especially in the Indo-Pacific. The visit is aimed at finalising the broad contours of a new strategic agenda that is expected to be unveiled at the next India-EU summit scheduled to be held in the second half of this year in India, officials said.

### It's telcos vs tech firms...

TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, HOWEVER, counter this argument, stating that telcos' opposition stems from fears of losing business in the lucrative private 5G segment. If enterprises are granted direct spectrum allocation and authorisation, they could bypass telecom operators, leading to revenue losses for the latter. Despite two years since the launch of 5G in the country, enterprise adoption of private networks has been slow. One reason for this is the absence of compelling use cases, particularly in the internet of things (IoT) domain, which has not witnessed a significant uptake. Additionally, many enterprises have found that 4G networks and Wi-Fi solutions are suffi-

cient for their automation and connectivity needs. Major technology firms, including Tata Communications and Capgemini, argue that large enterprises prefer autonomy over their networks rather than relying on telcos for leasing spectrum or other services. They advocate for a separate authorisation mechanism and direct spectrum allocation without auctions, asserting that enterprises should have control over their own networks without external dependencies. A private 5G network, also referred to as a captive non-public network, is designed exclusively for an enterprise's internal use. Unlike public networks, private 5G networks operate in a closed envi-

ronment, providing dedicated connectivity to industries such as manufacturing, healthcare, automotive, and fast-moving consumer goods. This ensures seamless automation and operational efficiency within factory premises and corporate campuses, free from interference from public networks. Telecom operators have consistently opposed the idea of direct spectrum allocation to enterprises, arguing that it would create an uneven playing field and allow technology firms an indirect entry into providing 5G services to businesses. Technology companies, however, argue that relying on telecom operators for private 5G deployment is not cost-effective.

### Centre seeks to cut states' tax share

STATES HAVE A share of over 60% in total government spending in the economy and typically spend more on social infrastructure like health and education while the Union government's spending is more focused on physical infrastructure. However, the states have limited discretion in raising revenue since the implementation of the goods and services tax in July 2017. The Centre, since the Covid-19 pandemic, has also increased the share of cesses and surcharges, which are not shared with the states, to over 15% of the gross tax revenue from 9%-12% earlier.

—REUTERS

### 'The entire game in retail is to constantly evolve and change'

The value retail market has seen the re-entry of fast-fashion brand Shein in partnership with Reliance Retail. The Trent stock has taken a beating recently as most investors view Shein's re-entry as direct competition to Zudio. Your thoughts...

Retail in India has always been competitive and intense. Does that deter us? Certainly not. The entire game in retail is to constantly evolve and change, staying relevant to the consumer all the time. If you are relevant, you have a good chance as a business to be differentiated and maximise sales in the process. The cycle repeats itself... We (Trent) used to be very different a decade ago from where we are today and we need to be different in the future. The focus for us is on the consumer to help us present a differentiated offering.

Which other categories are you betting on apart from fashion and food?

There are three other areas that we remain bullish about — beauty, footwear and innerwear. Together, we describe these segments as emerging categories, which account for about 20% of our revenue. These categories are primarily operating either through our Westside or our Zudio portfolio. We remain excited about these categories given that lifestyle retailing is an evolving space.

Do you plan to expand the Zudio Beauty format into an



P Venkatesalu, managing director, Trent

independent chain in the future? Currently, you have a store in Bengaluru. Any other cities in the pipeline?

We remain excited about beauty as a proposition. How much of it will be standalone and how much within Zudio or Westside is something that we will decide as we go ahead. It is work in progress and a matter of payout as we move forward. Having said that, the response to the beauty proposition has been encouraging. We are using the same playbook as Zudio and Westside, where the focus is on own brands, non-advertised, affordable to consumers, with an eye on emerging trends.

The Star Bazaar portfolio remains the smallest of your retail businesses with 66 stores in 10 cities at the end of FY24. What are your plans there?

We remain as excited about the food portfolio as we are about fashion portfolio, led by Westside & Zudio. Star is the third pillar of growth for us after Westside, Zudio. We definitely have expansion plans and you will hear from us on our initiatives.

