Centre notifies 3-10% MGNREGA wage rate hike

New Delhi, 28 March

head of the Lok Sabha elections, the central government has announced a 3-10 per cent increase in the wage rates for workers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, or MGNREGA, in nominal terms for

This is similar to the increases announced for this financial year. The new wage rates will come into force from April 1. The notification was issued on Thursday.

In terms of percentage escalation, wage rates in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand have seen the lowest increase — 3 per cent — in 2024-25 as compared to 2023-24 while that of Goa have seen the highest of 10.6 per cent.

Sources said the rural development ministry had sought permission from the Election Commission to notify the wage rates because the model code of conduct for the elections is in force.

The previous revision was on March 24 last year. The increase in wages at that time for different states varied from 2 per cent to 10 per cent. Karnataka, Goa, Meghalaya, and Manipur were among those that had the lowest percentage increase and Rajasthan the highest. The revised rate for Rajasthan was ₹255 against ₹231 in 2022.

Bihar and Jharkhand came second in percentage increase, with the rates going up around 8 per cent over the previous year.

Kejriwal's ED custody

extended till Apr 1;

MEA responds to US

Enforcement Directorate custody of Chief

Minister Arvind Kejriwal till April 1 in the

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US remarks unwarranted: MEA

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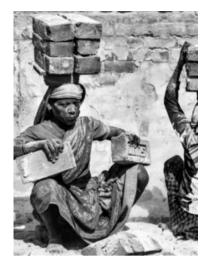
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seven-day custody of the AAP chief, but the

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Wage rates in UP and Uttarakhand have seen the lowest increase for 2024-25 while Goa has seen the highest increase

In 2022, the wage of an MGNREGA worker in these two states was ₹210, and increased to ₹228 in 2023.

In a report tabled in Parliament earlier this year, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Rural Development and Panchayati Raj had pointed out the high range of variation in wages across states and had said they were inadequate and did not keep pace with inflation.

The panel also quoted a report of the central government committee on minimum wages - Anoop Satpathy Committee - which had recommended the wages be ₹375 a day.

ALL IN A DAY

Richest Indian woman

Savitri Jindal quits

Congress, joins BJP

The 84-year-old Savitri joined the BJP

along with her daughter Seema in the

presence of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini,

listed as the richest woman in the country by

Forbes list of the 10 richest women in India.

Savitri lindal, the wife of the late industriali

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'ATTEMPTS TO DEFAME COURTS'

600 lawyers write to CJI

PM: Vintage Congress culture to bully others

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, 28 March

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said it was a "vintage Congress culture" to browbeat and bully others, in reaction to more than 600 lawyers writing to the Chief Justice of India, alleging that a "vested interest group" is trying to put pressure on the judiciary and defame courts.

"To browbeat and bully others is vintage Congress culture. Five decades ago itself they had called for a 'committed judiciary' - they shamelessly want commitment from others for their selfish interests but desist from any commitment towards the nation," Modi said on X.

"No wonder 1.4 billion Indians are rejecting them," the prime minister said and tagged a post that carried the letter written by the lawyers.

More than 600 lawyers, including senior advocate Harish Salve and Bar Council chairperson Manan Kumar Mishra, wrote to Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, alleging that a "vested interest group" is trying to put pressure on the judiciary and defame courts, especially in cases of corruption involving politicians.

"These tactics are damaging to our courts and threaten our democratic fabric." the lawvers drawn from across the country said in the latter dated March 26.

CJI Chandrachud's leadership is crucial in these "tough times" and the apex court should stand strong, they said, adding it is not the time to maintain dignified silence.

The letter, shared by official sources, targeted a section of lawyers without naming them and alleged that they defend politicians by day and then try to influence judges through the media at night.

NIA arrests key

conspirator in

B'luru blast case

Investigation Agency (NIA) has

arrested a key conspirator in

case, according to an official

statement issued on Thursday.

co-conspirator after NIA teams

cracked down at 18 locations,

In a major breakthrough, the National

Bengaluru's Rameshwaram Cafe blast

Muzammil Shareef was picked up on

Wednesday and placed in custody as a

including 12 in Karnataka, five in Tamil

said. The NIA, which took over the case

on March 3, had earlier identified the

Nadu and one in Uttar Pradesh, it

main accused. Mussavir Shazeeb

Hussain, who had carried out the

blast. It had also identified another

conspirator, Abdul Matheen Taha,

investigations have revealed that

Muzammil Shareef had extended

logistic support.

who is also wanted by the agency in

other cases, the statement said. "Both

the men are on the run," it added. NIA

ESAB INDIA LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors at its meeting held on Wednesday, the 27th March 2024 has declared a second interim dividend of Rs. 24/- per equity share of Rs. 10/- each (i.e.,) for

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Dividend Details:		
Rate of Dividend	Rs. 24 per equity share	
Record date for dividend entitlement	5th April 2024, Friday	
Payment of dividend	24th April 2024, Wednesday	
Pursuant to the Income-tax Act, 1961, dividend income is taxable in the hands of the shareholders,		

This communication provides details of applicable Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) provisions under the Act for Resident and Non-Resident shareholder categories. Shareholders who wish to avail nil rate of tax or any reduced rate of tax are hereby requested to upload the necessary evidence or document in support of their claim in Registrar's website

and the Company will be deducting tax at source (TDS), as applicable, from the aforesaid dividend.

https://www.integratedindia.in/ExemptionFormSubmission.aspx on or before 7th April 2024. A. For Resident Shareholders:

- TDS will be deducted @ 10% on the amount of dividend payable where a valid Permanent Account Number (PAN) has been furnished by the resident shareholders
- TDS will be deducted at twice the applicable rate on the amount of dividend payable
- (i) have not furnished the PAN: or (ii) are considered to be "Specified Person" under the Section 206AB of the Income Tax

Shareholders who are yet to furnish their PAN to their respective Depository Participants are

therefore requested to do so immediately. No TDS, however, will be deducted from dividend payable to

Individual Shareholders, if:-

the amount of dividend payable by the Company during a financial year does not exceed, in the aggregate, Rs. 5,000/-, or

- their **income** is **below the taxable limit** and **declaration** is **received** by the Company from the shareholders in Form 15G (for individuals up to age of 60 years) or in Form 15H (for individuals above the age of 60 years)
- These forms viz. Form 15G and / or Form 15H can be downloaded from the website of https://www.integratedindia.in/ExemptionFormSubmission.aspx No tax shall be deducted on the dividend payable to the following resident non-individuals where

they provide details and documents as per the prescribed format.

- a) Insurance companies: A declaration that they are beneficial owners of shares held along with self-attested copy of valid IRDAI registration certificate needs to be submitted
- Mutual Funds: A declaration that they are governed by the provisions of section 10(23D) of the Act along with self-attested copy of valid SEBI registration certificate needs to be
- c) Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) (Category I and II established in India): A declaration that its income is exempt under section 10(23FBA) of the Act and they are established as Category I or Category II AIF under the SEBI regulations. Copy of registration documents sted) should be provided.
- d) Any other entity entitled to exemption from TDS: Valid self-attested documentary evidence (e.g. relevant copy of registration, notification, order, etc.) in support of the entity being entitled to TDS exemption needs to be submitted.

B. For Non-resident Shareholders Taxes are required to be withheld in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 of the Income tax Act. 1961 at the rates in force subject to compliance of specified person

TDS will be deducted @ 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) or the Tax Treaty Rate. whichever is lower, on the amount of dividend payable to Foreign Portfolio Investors, Foreign Institutional Investors and other non-resident shareholders.

For availing the benefit of Tax Treaty Rate, the shareholders will be required to submit the following documents to the Company which should be complete in all respects

- Self-attested copy of Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) obtained from the tax authorities of the country of which the shareholder is resident (TRC valid for the Financial Year 2024-25) Self declaration in Form 10F as per the prescribed format if all the details required in this form
- are not mentioned in the TRC. Self-attested copy of the Permanent Account Number (PAN Card), if any, allotted by the Indian

The consideration of the aforesaid documents, including application of beneficial Tax Treaty Rate, where applicable, will depend on the adequacy and completeness of such documents submitted by the shareholders and review of the same to the satisfaction of the Company.

Accordingly, in order to enable us to determine the appropriate TDS / withholding tax rate, we request you to provide these details and documents as mentioned above on or before Sunday the

7th April 2024. The Tax Exemption Forms or Documents for availing the benefit of Tax Treaty Rate submitted to the Company earlier for the Dividend 2023-24 will not be considered relevant for this Interim Dividend; Fresh Forms and Documents will be required to be submitted for availing

- such benefits.
- In the event the benefit of lower tax on dividend cannot be provided by the Company in the
 absence of or due to late receipt of the aforesaid documents, shareholders will still have an option to claim appropriate refund, if eligible, at the time of filing their income tax returns, No claim shall lie against the Company for taxes once deducted

Benefit under Rule 37BA:

In case, the dividend income is assessable to tax in the hands of a person other than the registered Shareholder as on the Record Date, the registered shareholder is required to furnish a declaration containing the name, address, PAN of the person to whom TDS credit is to be given and reasons for giving credit to such person.

In case where shares are held by Clearing Members / Intermediaries / Stockbrokers and TDS is to be applied by the Company in the PAN of the beneficial Shareholders then clearing members / intermediaries / stockbrokers or others and the beneficial Shareholders will have to provide a declaration. Format of declaration is available in the link https://www.integratedindia.in/ ExemptionFormSubmission.aspx. This declaration should be submitted through the said link on or before 7th April 2024 i.e. within 2 days from the record date to the RTA. Kindly note that no declaration shall be accepted after 2 days from the record date. As per the new provisions under Income Tax Act, 1961, a person shall be levied a higher TDS

rate w.e.f. 1st July 2021, if they have not filed Income Tax Returns for the immediately race w.e.r. 1st one will be a considered that the considered that This new Section requires the TDS to be deducted at higher of the following rates for not

complying with the above provision

- At twice the rate specified in the relevant provision of the Act; or
- b. At twice the rate or rates in force; or

In view of the above, Income Tax Department has facilitated a new functionality "Compliance Check for Section 206AB & 206CCA" to facilitate tax deductors / collectors to verify if a person is a "Specified Person" as per section 206AB & 206CCA. The Company will do a Compliance Check using your PAN and deduct tax at higher rate if it is found that the above provisions are not complied

"Specified person" as defined u/s 206AB (3) is someone who has: (a) not filed income tax return for previous year immediately prior to the previous year in which tax

is required to be deducted, for which the time limit of filing of return of income under section 139(1) of the Act has expired; and (b) The aggregate of TDS and TCS in whose case is Rs. 50,000 or more in that previous year

Non-resident shareholders who do not have permanent establishment in India are excluded from the scope of a "specified person".

SEBI, vide circular dated November 03, 2021 (subsequently amended by circulars dated December 14, 2021, March 16, 2023 and November 17, 2023) mandated that the security holders (holding securities in physical form), whose folio(s) do not have PAN or Choice of Nomination or Contact Details or Mobile Number or Bank Account Details or Specime Signature updated, shall be eligible for any payment including dividend, interest or redemption in respect of such folios, only through electronic mode with effect from Apri As such, in case of non-updation of PAN or Choice of Nomination or Contact Details of

Mobile Number or Bank Account Details or Specimen Signature in respect of physica folios, dividend/interest etc. shall be paid only through electronic mode with effect from April 01, 2024 upon furnishing all the aforesaid details in entirety. The information will be made available on the website of the company www.esabindia.com

By order of the Board 27 March 2024

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NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('th Act') read with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014 ("Rules") including any amendment(s) thereof, Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, as amended ("Listing Regulations"), General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, General Circular No. 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, General Circular No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, General Circular No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020, General Circular No. 10/2021 dated Jun 23, 2021, General Circular No. 20/2021 dated December 8, 2021, General Circular No. 3 2022 dated May 5, 2022, General Circular No. 11/2022 dated December 28, 2022 and General Circular No. 09/ 2023 dated September 25, 2023 ("General Circulars") issue by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (the "MCA"), for seeking approval of the Shareholders of Strides Pharma Science Limited (the "Company") for the business set out hereunde through Postal Ballot by remote e-voting ("Postal Ballot/ e-Voting").

Description of Resolution Type of Resolution Appointment of Mr. Ameet P Hariani (DIN: 00087866) as Special Resolution Independent Director of the Company

n terms of the General Circulars, the Company has emailed Postal Ballot Notice along with Explanatory Statement on Thursday, March 28, 2024, to the Shareholders of the Company whose names appears in the Register of Members/ list of Beneficial Owners a received from the Depositories as at Friday, March 22, 2024 ("Cut Off Date"). Voting rights shall be reckoned on the paid-up value of equity shares registered in the name of Shareholders as on the Cut Off Date. A person who is not a Shareholder on the Cut Of Date to treat this notice for information purposes only.

In accordance with the terms of the General Circulars, hard copy of the Postal Ballot Notice along with postal ballot forms and pre-paid business reply envelope will not be sent to the Shareholders for the Postal Ballot. The communication of the assent or dissent of the Shareholders would take place through the remote e-Voting system only.

The Postal Ballot Notice can be downloaded from the website of the Compan (www.strides.com) or from the website of KFin Technologies Limited (formerly, KFin echnologies Private Limited) (KFintech), Registrar and Share Transfer Agent of the Company (https://evoting.kfintech.com). The Notice is also displayed on the website of The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (www.nseindia.com) and BSE Limited (www.nseindia.com) and BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com), where the shares of the Company are listed The Company has engaged the services of KFintech, Registrar and Share Transfer Ager

for providing e-Voting facility to all its Shareholders. Manner of Registration/ updation of email and mobile for shareholders are as under

) Physical shareholders are hereby notified that based on SEBI Circular numbe SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/37, dated March 16, 2023, all holders

of physical securities in listed companies shall register the postal address with PIN fo their corresponding folio numbers. It shall be mandatory for the security holders to provide mobile number. Moreover, to avail online services, the security holders ca register e-mail ID. Shareholder can register/ update the contact details through submitting the requisite ISR 1 form along with the supporting documents ISR 1 Form can be obtained by following the link:

https://ris.kfintech.com/clientservices/isc/isrforms.aspx

ISR Form(s) and the supporting documents can be provided by any one of the

the original documents furnished by the investor and retain copy(ies) with IP stamping with date and initials: ii. Through hard copies which are self-attested, which can be shared on the addres

. Through 'In Person Verification' (IPV): The authorized person of the RTA shall verif

KFIN Technologies Limited

Unit: Strides Pharma Science Limited Selenium Building, Tower-B, Plot No 31 & 32, Financial District Nanakramguda, Serilingampally, Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Telangan India - 500 032.

iii. Through electronic mode with e-sign by following the link: https://ris.kfintech.com/clientservices/isc/isrforms.aspx

Detailed FAQ can be found on the link: https://ris.kfintech.com/faq.html

Shareholders holding shares in demat mode, who have not registered or update their email address, contact details etc., are requested to contact their respective Depository Participants and register/ update, the same by following the due process. case of any queries, Shareholders may write to einward.ris@kfintech.com nvestors@strides.com

If any Shareholder who has registered the email address and not received Postal Ballo notice, User-Id and password for remote e-voting, such Shareholder may write to <u>einward.ris@kfintech.com</u> or <u>investors@strides.com</u> from the registered email address t eceive the same.

Key details regarding the Postal Ballot/ e-Voting

Details

Particulars

	1.	Link for remote e-voting	https://evoting.kfintech.com/ To understand the process of e-voting, Shareholders are requested to go through the notes to the Postal Ballot Notice or refer to the FAQs at https://evoting.kfintech.com/public/Faq.aspx
	2.	Scrutinizer Details	Mr. Gigi Joseph K J, Practicing Company Secretary (ICSI Membership No. F6483 and CP:5576) of M/s. Joseph & Chacko LLP, Company Secretaries, Bengaluru Email: gigi@jandc.in
	3.	Cut-off date for e-Voting	Friday, March 22, 2024 Shareholders whose name appear in the Register of Members. Itst of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depositories as or the Cut-off date shall be entitled to vote on the resolution set forth in the Postal Ballot Notice.
	4.	e-Voting Period	Commences on Friday, March 29, 2024 at 09:00 hrs IST Ends on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 17:00 hrs IST Please note that remote e-voting module shall be disabled by KFintech beyond 17:00 hrs IST on April 27, 2024. Voting shal not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time. Once vote on the resolution is cast by a Shareholder, the Shareholder shall not be allowed to change the same subsequently.
	5.	Last date for	On or before Tuesday, April 30, 2024

publishing results of Results shall be communicated to BSE Limited and Th National Stock Exchange of India Limited where the equit shares of the Company are listed.

Results shall also be displayed on the notice board at the Registered Office of the Company for a period of 3 (Three days, on the Company's website (www.strides.com) and on the website of Kfintech

In case of any Shareholders may rievances or refer to the Help & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and E-voting user manual available at the 'Download' section of ueries contact https://evoting.kfintech.com; OR

contact Ms. Rajitha C, Dy. Vice President/ Mr. Mohan Kumar A, Senior Manager of KFin Technologies Limited, Selenium Building, Tower B, Plot No. 31 & 32, Financial District Nanakramguda, Serilingampally, Hyderabad Rangareddy Telangana – 500 032; OR E-mail at: einward.ris@kfintech.com or evoting@kfintech.com

Call KFintech's Toll Free No. at 1800-309-4001. By Order of the Boar For Strides Pharma Science Limited

Place : Navi Mumbai

Maniula Ramamurthy Company Secretary ICSI Membership No. A30515

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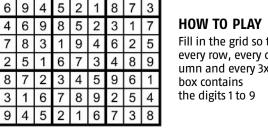




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become the world's fourthlargest market. intermittent Despite volatility, India's equity markets showed remarkable resilience in FY24, weathering which rose 43.35 per cent. The

Hong Kong during the year to

small-cap index outper- India's market capitalisation global uncertainties, such as the interest rate hike cycle, a US banking crisis, rising bond yields, and geopolitical conflicts. The markets were buoyed by robust economic growth and moderate oil prices, which improved India's standing among global peers. After a 29 per cent drop in the previous financial year, oil prices rebounded, rising 7.7 per cent to close at

\$85 a barrel. The robustness of the domestic markets was further bolstered by strong inflows from both mutual funds (MFs) and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). In FY24, MFs and FPIs were net buyers of shares worth ₹1.9 trillion and ₹2 trillion, respectively.

The dovish stance of the US Federal Reserve towards the end of the financial year, coupled with the hopes of political stability brought about by the victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party in key state elections, further fuelled the market rally.

The conviction that the rate hike cycle is coming to an end and the influx of new investors, manifested in the record number of demat openings and new systematic investment plans (SIPs), led to robust gains. Stocks gain either because of the improvement in fundamentals or a rise in stock demand. This year's gains were driven er Nifty stocks to end the year more by the rise in demand with losses.

the year at ₹387 trillion (\$4.7 for stocks," said During the year, all three trillion). India also overtook Chokkalingam G, founder of Equinomics. In FY24, the Nifty50 outperformed most of its global peers, except the tech-heavy Composite, which rose 34.2

per cent, and Japan's Nikkei, MSCI World Index rose 23.1 per cent, while the MSCI Emerging Market Index gained 4.7 per cent. Market participants are optimistic about the upcoming financial year, despite potential challenges. Analysts suggest that despite the uncertainties of an election year and valuation concerns, India benefits from a combination of stable macroeconomic factors, a resilient banking sector, and

"An upgrade in the domestic economy forecast suggests a positive outlook for the stock market in FY25. However, the focus is on largecap stocks due to the ongoing premium valuations of midcap stocks, which could pose a concern for the broader market in the short-to-medium term," said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services.

minimal corporate leverage.

In terms of sectors, realty and public sector enterprises (PSUs) saw the most gains this year, with their respective NSE indices rising 132.5 per cent and 104 per cent. Tata Motors and Bajaj Auto were the top performers among Nifty stocks, each rising 2.4 times. UPL was the worst-performing Nifty stock, falling 36 per cent in FY24. Shriram Finance replaced it in the Nifty on Thursday. Besides UPL, Hindustan Unilever and HDFC Bank were the only oth-