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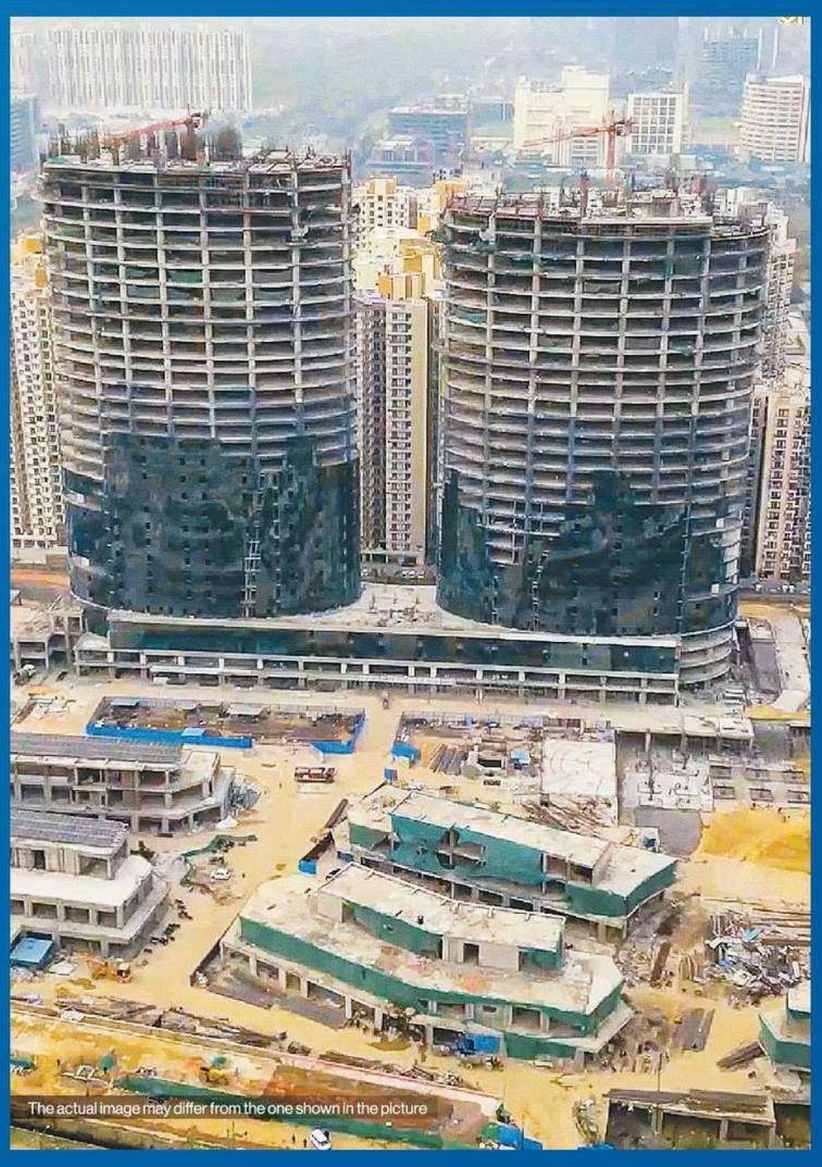
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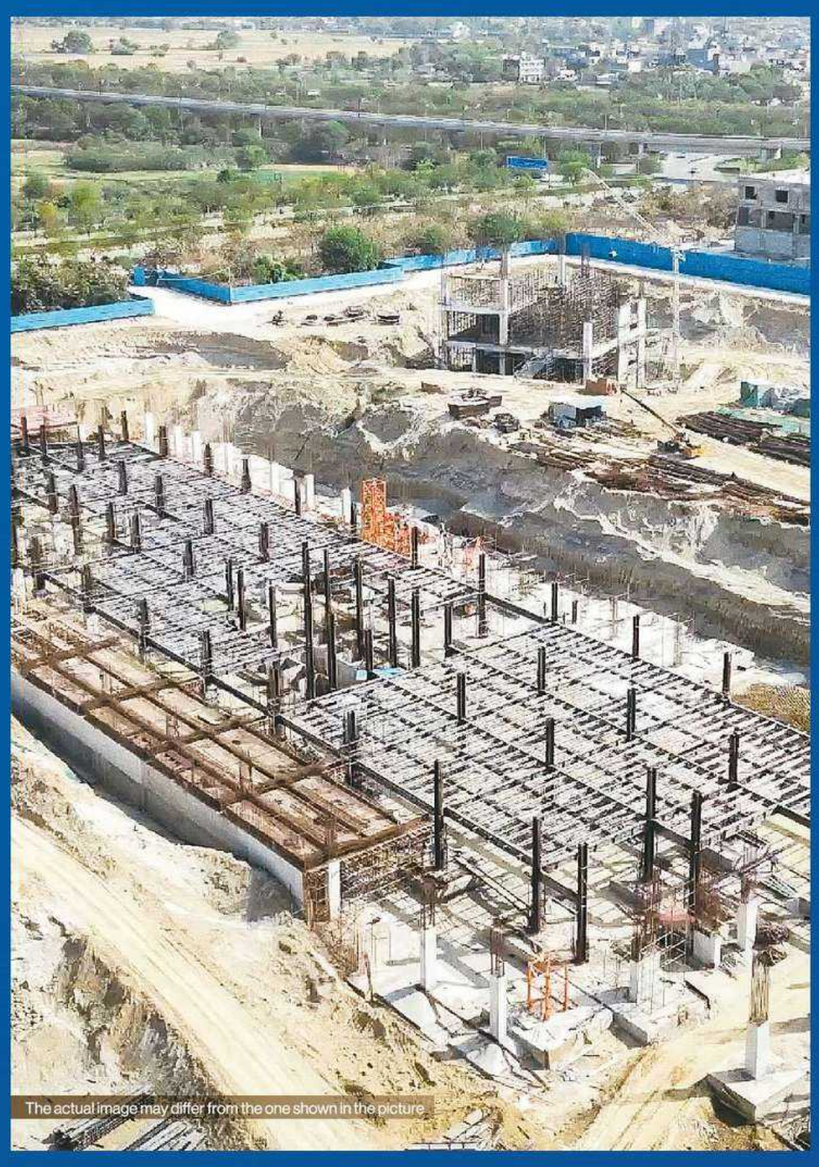

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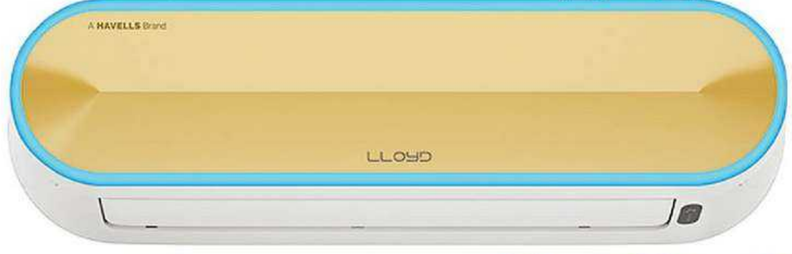
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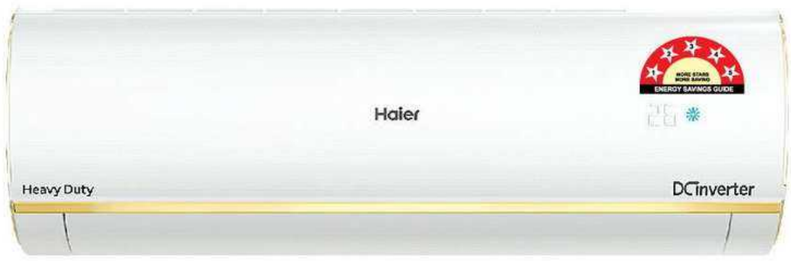
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# PM trying to crush AAP as it has a strong future: Kejriwal

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**NEW DELHI :** Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal marked his return from jail a day earlier with a public event on Saturday in the heart of the Capital, and used the platform to launch an attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who, he alleged, was on a "one nation, one leader" mission to impose "dictatorship" by putting all opposition leaders behind bars and ending "political careers of BJP leaders".

A day after walking out of Tihar jail on interim bail of 21 days, Kejriwal renewed his campaign for the ongoing Lok Sabha polls with a visit to the Hanuman Temple in Connaught Place, followed by an event at the Aam Aadmi Party headquarters at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, and ended the day with two massive roadshows.

Modi, Kejriwal said, believes that the AAP will "offer a future to the country", and has thus left "no stone unturned" in crushing the party.

"AAP is a very small party but despite that, the PM left no stone

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Kejriwal with Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann during a roadshow in Mehrauli. RAJ K RAJ/HINDUSTAN TIMES

## Modi will lead country till 2029: Shah

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**HYDERABAD:** Union home minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that PM Narendra Modi will continue to serve in the country's top post after the Lok Sabha elections and complete his term, as he dismissed Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's comments that Modi was seeking votes for Shah as he was due to retire from active politics next year.

"I will like to tell Arvind Kejriwal and company and the whole INDI Alliance, that there is no need for you to feel happy when Modi turns 75," he said during an address in Hyderabad. "Modi will complete the term and will continue to lead the country till 2029. There is no confusion in the BJP on this." →P2

## GOVT PROCURING ONIONS TO BUILD AN EMERGENCY BUFFER STOCK

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**NEW DELHI:** The Union government has started procuring onions from farmers at market rates to build an emergency buffer of 500,000 tonne for 2024-25 to boost supplies if prices spike, an official of the consumer affairs ministry said.

A buffer will allow the government to intervene in the markets if prices spiral, especially after the government lifted its five-month-long ban on export of onions last week. Simultaneously, the country imposed a floor price of $550 per tonne plus 40% tariff on outbound onion shipments. The minimum export price discourages too much exports at cheap rates. →P10

## 3 dead, houses damaged in storm; yellow alert in place

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**NEW DELHI:** Three people were killed and 23 others were injured during a severe thunderstorm that struck the Capital on Friday night, causing damage to buildings and uprooting trees, police said.

According to the police, six people were injured due to falling trees, while another 17 sustained injuries from damaged buildings, such as falling pieces of concrete and building material. The injured were taken to various hospitals using police control room vans and ambulances

Friday night's storm brought winds gusting up to 80km/hour, with the weather officials at India Meteorological Department issuing an orange alert for it with less than two hours to spare, meaning many were caught unawares.

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**NEW DELHI:** Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said it is surprising that the Election Commission (EC) chose to respond to a letter he wrote to members of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), but ignored complaints raised directly to it, a day after the poll body accused him of "creating confusion" through allegations of discrepancies in voting data for first two phases of the Lok Sabha elections. →P2

## RHINO POACHER SHOT DEAD BY FOREST GUARDS

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**SILCHAR:** One man, a suspected rhino poacher, died, while his associates fled after a gunfight with forest guards at Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in Assam on Saturday. Later, a big cache of weapons was recovered, indicating the size of the poaching drive the group was planning, an officials said. →P10

## BJP USED PULWAMA FOR ITS POLITICAL GAINS: REVANTH

**HYDERABAD:** Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy has accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "failing" to prevent and trying to reap "political benefits" from the 2019 terror attack in J&K's Pulwama, triggering a sharp response from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) which slammed the Congress for questioning the "bravery" of the military and accused it of getting "support" from Pakistan. →P2

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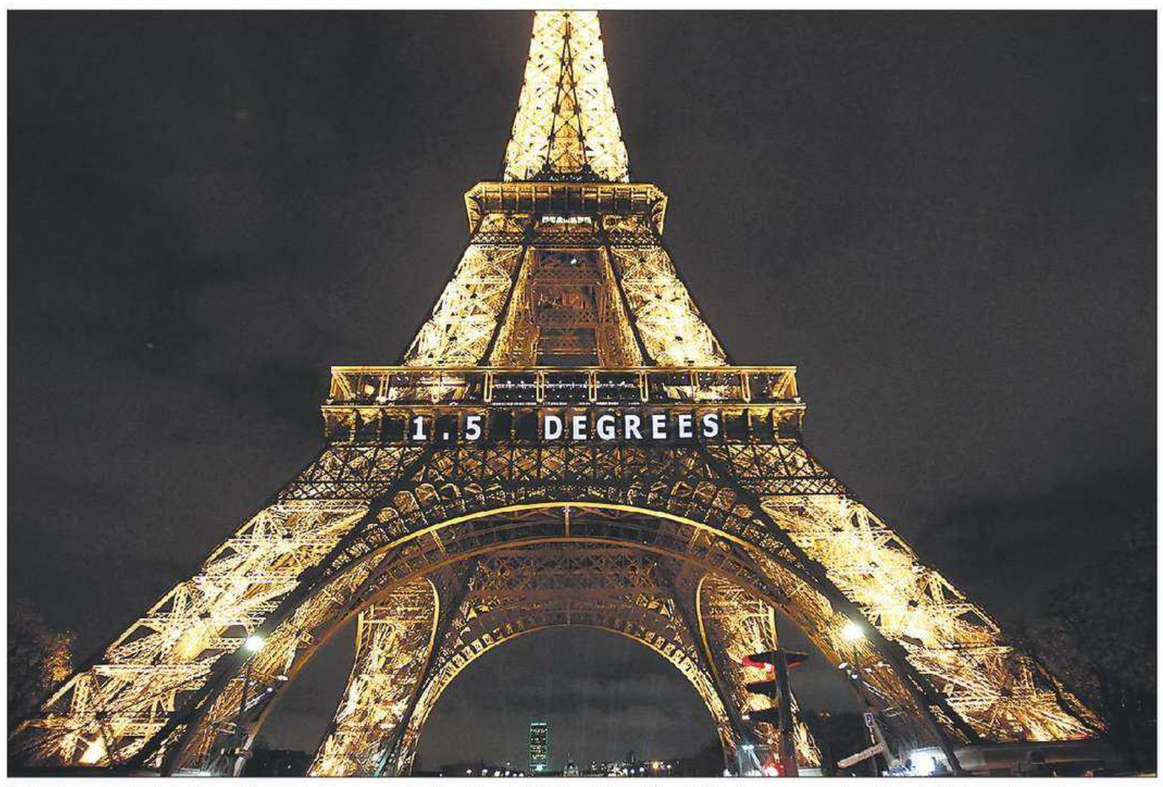
THE WEEK THAT WAS

# 10 questions, plenty of clues, 10 easy answers, all in one quiz

A movie gets into legal trouble, inventors regret their inventions, an Indian brand makes a global splash, and a self-defense weapon is deemed dangerous in Karnataka



Natasha Rego




**Climate scientists believe the we're our way to shoot past 1.5 C and head for 2.5 C global warming. To which benchmark era do we compare these levels ?** GETTY IMAGES

1 In 2015, world leaders signed the Paris Agreement, pledging to limit temperature increase to 1.5 C. Now, less than 10 years later, the world's top climate scientists expect it to blast past that goal and head for at least 2.5 C. What is the benchmark era to compare these levels?

2 Teenagers Calcea Johnson and Ne'Kiya Jackson have found valid proofs for a 2,000 year-old theorem using trigonometry. Remember how in right angled triangles, the sum of squares of two sides is equal to the square of the third side, and name the theorem.



**What was Tyla's Balmian dress made of at the Met Gala?** AFP

3 At the Met Gala, Alia wore Sabyasachi. Mindy wore Gaurav Gupta. Camila carried the coolest clutch, made of ice. With an hourglass clutch, South African musician Tyla's Balmian dress was so gritty, she had to be carried up the steps. What was it made of?

4 Pakistan had them in February. India is in its second phase. The US will have them in November. Brazil, Bangladesh, Indonesia, South Africa, Rwanda, Mexico, Panama and San Marino, the fifth smallest country, either finished or will have them this year. What?

5 It's a lachrymator that contains capsaicin as the active ingredient. It can temporarily disable a person. Women are encouraged to carry it for self-defense. The Karnataka High Court has now deemed it a dangerous weapon. Wipe those tears and name the item.

6 Over 200 cabin crew called in sick and turned off their phones. Over 86 flights were disrupted. Employees of the low-cost subsidiary of the Indian flag carrier airline protested last week, after a round of layoffs and a change in the pay structure. Name the airline.



**In which movie will Arshad Warsi reprise his role as Jagdish Tyagi?**

7 In 2013, Arshad Warsi played Jagdish Tyagi. In 2017, Akshay Kumar replaced him as Jagdishwar Mishra. In the third movie, they're both the titular character. But the Ajmer District Bar Association alleges the franchise disrespects the judiciary. Which film?

8 Over the years, this Indian dairy giant has sponsored the Durand Cup, the Indian Super League, IPL, WPL, St Moritz ice cricket, several men's cricket teams. It will now sponsor USA and South Africa in the upcoming T20 world cup. From the Taste of India, to the taste of the world. Which brand?

9 Ethan Zuckerman invented pop up ads on the internet. Aza Raskin invented the infinite scroll that turned us into phone addicts. Geoffrey Hinton is considered the godfather of AI. How did they let us know that they're not too happy with their role in these inventions?

10 The Vasuki indicus fossil found in Gujarat measures 15 m and is the longest that ever lived. It takes the record from the also extinct Titanboa that measures 13 m. Records show that the longest living one can go up to 10m, and is not venomous. What are they?

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## Dozens killed in flash floods in Afghanistan

**SHEIKH JALAL:** The official death toll from devastating flash floods in north Afghanistan has risen to 153 people across three provinces, the Taliban's interior ministry said Saturday, while the World Food Progamme (WFP) said it was double that. The WFP said on X that floods had killed over 300 people, without giving a source. When asked about the WFP figure, a ministry spokesperson said its figure was still 153, but the toll could rise. →P15

## US: Israel's use of US arms likely violated int'l law

**WASHINGTON:** The Biden administration said on Friday that there was "reasonable evidence" to conclude that Israel's use of US-provided weapons in Gaza likely violated international humanitarian law but wartime conditions prevented US officials from determining that for certain in specific airstrikes, the strongest statement it has made on the matter yet. →P15

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# Prompt response



We've been closing our eyes to the perils of AI, assuming we have time to 'sort it all out'. That time is now, says Madhumita Murgia, in her new book, Code Dependent. As the science journalist set out to explore how AI is already affecting lives, she saw, over and over, examples of its harms. The faultlines of capitalism are showing up too, in what was meant to be a flatter, fairer, braver world →P1

{ LIFESTYLE }

### Who's got the remote?

It's been 100 years since the first TV set was built. K Narayanan looks back on the race to make it to market; TV's golden era. And how we still point our furniture at it, though the broadcasters are, well, us →P2

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### Give them a round of... uproar

Dalits are turning to stand-up to punch back (yes, they hear the quota jokes), tell some truths, be seen. Light fun? Maybe in the next stage →P3

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### Is tomorrow here already?

What did science-fiction predict for 2024? In action-packed films set in this year are echoes of where we are today. Whistleblowers turn up dead, corporate greed costs lives. Take a look →P4

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{ EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW }

# 'We don't need populism... people have seen scale and speed at which we deliver'

**His government's performance over 10 years will be the decisive factor in Verdict 2024, says Prime Minister Narendra Modi, targeting the Congress for bringing religion and divisive issues into the picture**

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**NEW DELHI:** The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government is cruising to a third consecutive term despite not doling out populist measures in the interim budget because the country has seen true progress and development and is voting on the basis of the difference in their lives, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday, accusing the Opposition of introducing divisive agenda into the poll campaign.

> "If Congress's agenda is to take away the reservation of SCs, STs and OBCs, and give it to their vote bank, then it will have to be questioned."

In an interview with R Sukumar, Shishir Gupta and Sunetra Choudhury, Modi dismissed the possibility of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers getting complacent, accused the Congress of trying to barter reservation benefits away, expressed confidence about doing well in south India and rejected the possibility of joint Opposition candidates doing well.

"People realise that we have worked hard for them in the last 10 years. People have seen the difference in their lives. Due to our track record, we did not need any populist measures going into the elections. People also see this as a sign of our government's earnest behaviour," said Modi, responding to a question about the government's strategy of not delivering any poll sops in the interim budget earlier this year. The government had received praise for focussing on fiscal consolidation and not on election-based announcements.

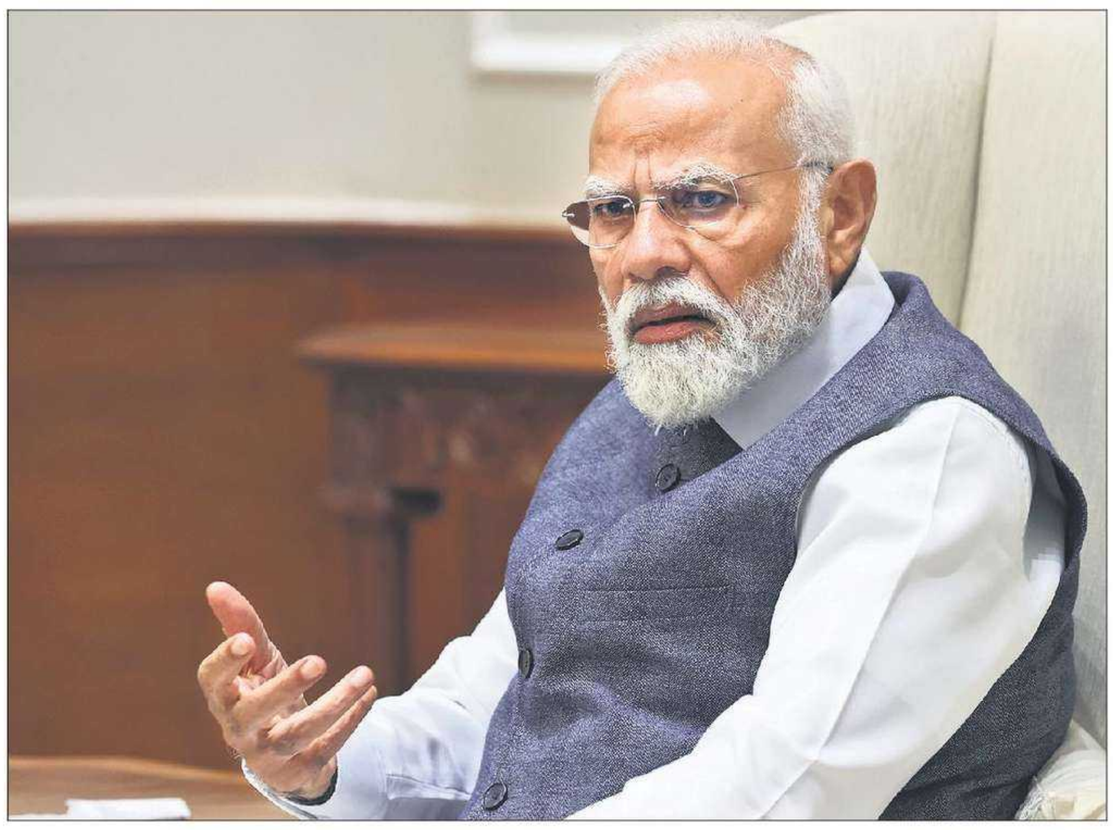
Modi said the people of India saw the "speed and scale" with which the NDA delivered promises, underlining its achievements in boosting the economy, battling inflation, expanding the number of airports and highways, augmenting health care and pushing online payments.

"In these 10 years, we've shown the world that true progress is about empowering every citizen and giving them the tools they need to succeed. Our focus has been on empowering the poor, creating opportunities for them to thrive," he said.

Modi contrasted this with what he called the Opposition's agenda of "snatching reservation or people's wealth, or ensure faith-based reservations".

"Our policies are centred around uplifting the poor, ensuring that they're at the heart of everything we do... All they want is 'Modi Hatao [remove Modi]'. People will not fall for such regressive and communal politics," he said.

Modi's remarks came at the halfway mark in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, with 283 of 543 seats having voted, and three of the seven phases completed. The 73-year-old is seeking a third consecutive term in power, something that would make him only the second PM after Jawaharlal Nehru to achieve. He is up against a multi-party Opposition coalition named the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA).



Modi pointed to the growth trajectory of the BJP — two seats in 1984 to 303 in 2019 — to say that any speculation of complacency in the party was unthinkable.

"We did not build the party thinking that we have won one election and now, we can relax till the next election. We treated every win as our duty to live up to the trust people bestowed on us. Our *karyakartas* [workers] are always in mission mode to serve the person at the last mile. Our vision is crystal clear i.e. 24x7 for 2047," he said.

"Therefore, there is hardly any scope for complacency within the BJP. We are here to fulfil the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047," he added, referring to his developed India poll pitch.

> "The poor are at the heart of everything we do. All they (the Opposition) want is 'Modi Hatao'. People will not fall for such regressive politics."

Modi's comments come at a particularly intense point in the campaign.

Over the past two weeks, the PM has upped his aggression on the campaign trail, first accusing the Congress of trying to siphon away reservations meant for scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes, to give them to Muslims, then alleging the opposition party wanted to redistribute wealth to Muslims, pointing to a 2006 speech by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh that the first right over the country's resources should go to the

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'We empower citizens, Oppn wants to steal their wealth'

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SPOTLIGHT ELECTIONS 2024

# Kharge slams EC as row over poll data continues

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**NEW DELHI:** Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said it is surprising that the Election Commission (EC) chose to respond to a letter he wrote to members of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) but ignored complaints raised directly to it, a day after the poll body accused him of "creating confusion" through allegations of discrepancies in voting data for first two phases of the Lok Sabha elections.

Kharge said he has "certain misgivings about the language of the letter" that was released by the EC on Friday, in response to the Congress leader's allegations on the polling process, but added that he "understands the pressures they (EC) are working under".

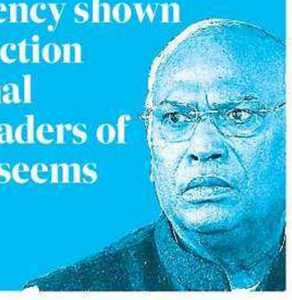
There was no immediate response from the poll body on Kharge's latest comments.

On May 6, Kharge had written a letter to leaders of the INDIA bloc, raising concerns over "discrepancies in the voting data released by Election Commission of India" and saying that the "credibility" of the poll body "is at an all time low". In a 21-page response with a series of annexures, the poll body on Friday rejected the charges of mismanagement and said the letter was an attempt to "create confusion, misdirection and impediments in the conduct of free and fair polls".

In a letter addressed to the chief election commissioner (CEC) and other election commissioners on Saturday, Kharge said: "It is surprising that the Election Commission of India wanted to respond to this letter while ignoring several other complaints given directly to it. I have certain misgivings about the language of the letter, but I will not press on that issue as I understand the pressures they are working under."

{ MALLIKARJUN KHARGE } CONGRESS CHIEF

...the lack of urgency shown by EC in taking action against communal statements by leaders of the ruling party seems puzzling...



The Rajya Sabha MP said the EC letter, on one hand, says the poll body respects the citizens' right to ask questions and on the other, "threatens citizens in the form of an advise to exercise caution". He also hit out at the poll body over its lack of action against alleged communal and casteist statements made by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders to "vitiate the electoral process".

"I am happy that the Commission understands that it has the mandate to conduct smooth, free and fair elections under the Constitution. However, the lack of urgency shown by the Commission in taking action against blatantly communal and casteist statements being made by the leaders of the ruling party that vitiates the electoral process seems puzzling," he said.

The Congress chief also said he is puzzled by the need to write that the EC is "not legally bound to publish any voter turnout data at aggregate level of a constituency or state", even though it is factual.

"I am sure many voters of our country would be surprised too. Many voters who are deeply interested in the elections would also like to see the absolute number of votes polled to be put out in the public domain by the Commission directly," he said.

In his letter to INDIA bloc leaders earlier this week, Kharge said the "credibility" of the poll body "is at an all time low".

"It is in public domain on how the ECI, perhaps for the first time in history, delayed the release of the final voting percentages of the First and Second phase of the Lok Sabha elections. Additionally, it is extremely disconcerting to know, through various media reports that even the final registered voters list from the Third phase onwards is also not released. All these developments cast a dark shadow on the functioning of the Election Commission of India – an institution built with the collective efforts of the Indian State and its people," he said.

On Friday, the EC told Kharge: "... the Commission has found your communication placed in public domain in the middle of the ongoing election process as highly undesirable and one that appears designed to create confusion / misdirection / impediment to the conduct of smooth, free and fair elections which is the mandate of ECI under the constitution. Therefore, to uphold the integrity of the election process, in the face of an aggression on the vitals of live conduct of election coming from your statements, the Commission categorically rejects your insinuations/ allegations and advises you to exercise caution and refrain in making such statements."

The EC is already battling concerns from other political parties like the Trinamool Congress and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) over polling data.

## Political campaigns in full swing







(Clockwise from top) Union minister and BJP candidate from Hamirpur constituency Anurag Thakur during a roadshow in Hamirpur district of Himachal Pradesh; West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee during an election rally in Hooghly; and National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah at a poll rally in Srinagar, on Saturday. PTI/ANI/AFP



Revanth Reddy

## REDDY QUESTIONS MODI OVER 2019 PULWAMA ATTACK, BJP SLAMS CONG

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**HYDERABAD:** Telangana chief minister A Revanth Reddy has attacked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "failing" to prevent and trying to reap "political benefits" from the Pulwama terror attack in 2019, triggering a sharp response from the BJP that slammed the Congress for questioning the "bravery" of the military.

Forty CRPF personnel were killed in Pulwama district of J&K on February 14, 2019 after a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a convoy of the force. Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) had claimed responsibility.

Addressing an event in Hyderabad on Friday night, Reddy said: "Modi ji tried to take political benefit from surgical strikes after the Pulwama incident. My question to Modi ji is, what are you doing? Why did the Pulwama incident happen? Why did you let it happen? What are you doing about internal security? Why did you not use agencies like IB, RAW? It is your failure. Nobody knows if a surgical strike actually took place or not." He was referring to an air-strike by Indian fighter jets at a JeM camp in Pakistan's Balakot on February 26, 2019, which brought the two countries to the verge of war, after the Pulwama attack.

His remarks came days after former Punjab chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi also questioned the Centre over the attack.

Hitting out at the Congress, BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla on Saturday said: "In their attempt to oppose Modi, the Congress is questioning the bravery of the military and putting India under question on the issue of terrorism by giving a clean chit to Pakistan. They are giving them a way to protect themselves at international forums. This is the real intention of the Congress; they are getting support from Pakistan."

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# PM targets Patnaik in his Odisha home turf

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**BHUBANESWAR:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched a fresh attack on Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik, accusing him of "outsourcing" the entire government, and said the state's development remains stunted as the government does not trust the people's capabilities.

Addressing a series of election rallies in Kandhamal, Bolangir and Bargarh Lok Sabha constituencies, Modi also claimed that Odisha's "asmita" (pride) is in danger and that leaders of the ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) are involved in the "loot" of tribal lands in the state.

Taking a dig at Patnaik's presumptive successor and BJD leader VK Pandian, Modi said: "The entire government has been outsourced in Odisha. A 'super chief minister' is now here over the chief minister... Are sons and daughters born in the land of Odisha not capable of running the government? Are people born here not capable of ensuring development? Do you want power to be given to a person who does not understand Odisha?"

Pandian, a former Tamil Nadu-born private secretary and a trusted lieutenant of Patnaik for more than a decade, joined the BJD on November 27, a little more than a month after he resigned from the Indian Administrative Services (IAS). The move came amid speculation that the influential former bureaucrat could emerge as the second most powerful leader within the party, and perhaps even Patnaik's successor as party chief in the future.

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NARENDRA MODI, PM

Modi continued: "Today, the Odia culture is in danger and protecting the Odia 'asmita' is the biggest challenge. Hence, the BJP has decided to bring out Odisha from such a crisis situation as the Odia asmita cannot be mortgaged." He challenged Patnaik to name the districts of Odisha and their respective capitals without seeing them on paper, and said that Odisha's development remains stunted as the state government doesn't trust the people's capabilities. "I want to challenge Naveen babu as he has been the chief minister for such a long time. Ask Naveen babu to name the districts of Odisha and their respective capitals without seeing them on paper. If the chief minister cannot name the districts of the state, will he know your pain?" he said.

"Odisha has vast opportunities for the tourism sector to flourish. And, the tourism sector usually has a spillover effect on the overall economy of the region. Your state government is not willing to trust your capabilities, due to which your development remains stunted. This election holds immense significance for the people of Odisha. Your every vote is crucial for the development of Odisha and a prosperous India. Your single vote will enable a BJP government, bringing a double-engine government to Odisha for the first time!" he added.

Hitting back, Pandian said while Modi talks about a double-engine government, the Centre is spending only ₹6,000 crore on its Ayushman Bharat (health insurance) scheme across the country.

"Odisha would get just ₹300 crore. But on Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (state health coverage scheme), the state is spending ₹300 crore every month. Why did the Centre fail to build a coastal highway in Odisha? We are tired of requesting the Centre over raising the coal royalty. Had the coal royalty been revised, Odisha would have got ₹5 lakh crore extra."

# 'Modi will continue to lead nation': Shah dismisses Kejriwal's retirement remark

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**HYDERABAD:** Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will continue to serve at the country's top post after the Lok Sabha elections and complete his term, as he dismissed Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's statement that Modi will step away from politics next year after he turns 75.

The senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader also said there was no reason for the Opposition to rejoice when Modi turns 75 years.

"I will like to tell Arvind Kejriwal and company and the whole INDI Alliance, that there is no need for you to feel happy when Modi turns 75... Modi will complete the term and will continue to lead the country till 2029. There is no confusion in the BJP on this," he said.

The home minister's remarks came hours after Kejriwal, who was released on interim bail by the Supreme Court in the excise policy case on Friday, said that Modi was seeking votes for Shah as he himself was due to retire from active politics next year.




Union home minister Amit Shah during a press conference in Hyderabad on Saturday. ANI

"These [BJP] people ask INDIA bloc about our (PM) face. I ask BJP, who will be their PM? Modi ji is turning 75 next year. He had made the rule that people aged 75 will be retired...He (Modi) will retire next year. He is seeking votes to make Amit Shah the Prime Minister. Will Shah fulfill Modi ji's guarantee?" he said.

Shah, however, dismissed the statement, saying: "It is not written anywhere in the BJP's constitution [that a person will retire after the age of 75]."

Defence minister Rajnath Singh also hit out at Kejriwal over his remarks said the Opposition bloc and its members were rattled because of their impending defeat in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

"The entire NDA alliance, including the BJP, is fighting this Lok Sabha election under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and he will become the prime minister for the third time and complete his term. There is no doubt about this neither within the BJP nor within the NDA nor in the minds of the countrymen," he posted on X.

During his address in Hyderabad, Shah also said that the BJP will emerge as the single-largest party across southern India. "On the day of the results, the BJP will emerge as the single largest party in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala," he said.

{ LALU AT FOREFRONT OF CAMPAIGN }

# *Political warhorse back in the saddle as electoral contest nears crescendo*

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**PATNA:** At about 11 am on Tuesday, there was a sea of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) workers at 10 Circular Road, the official residence of former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi. They wanted to meet party patriarch Lalu Prasad, who is managing the grand alliance's poll campaign and strategy in Bihar.

Inside the bungalow, a frail looking Prasad sat on the lawn, wearing a black track pant and cream-coloured full T-shirt. "*Main lambe bhashan nahin deta. Mera Bihar ki janta se dil ka sachcha sambandh hai. Isliye main wahi bolta hoon jo unke dil ko chhoo le* (I don't give long lectures. I've a true heart to heart connection with Bihar's people and I speak only those things which touch their hearts)," he told HT.

An ubiquitous presence in Bihar politics, Prasad was not in Patna for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, in which the RJD failed to open its account, and in the 2020 assembly polls, when it emerged as the largest party in the state assembly, winning 75 of 243 seats.

On April 9, 2018, Prasad was convicted in the fodder scam case and was lodged in Birsa Munda jail in Ranchi. On health grounds, the court allowed him to stay in a bungalow at Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences on August 6, 2020. He was released on bail from prison on April 17, 2022, after completing half of his mandated jail time.

Prasad is the real in-charge of the Lok Sabha poll campaign, with his younger son Tejashwi Yadav as the star campaigner of the alliance that also comprises the Congress and the Left parties. "Right from candidate selection to alliance talks with Congress and Left parties, Lalu ji has taken call on everything despite his poor health. He visits the party's war room at 10 Circular Road almost every day," a RJD leader close to him said, declining to be named.

At his residence equipped with medical facilities, Prasad meets party leaders and workers everyday for a brief period to get their feedback from constituencies and decide on the future course of campaigning. "He can meet only a few close people because of health reasons," the RJD leader said.



RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav with party leaders Tejashwi Yadav and Rohini Acharya in Saran district on April 29. PTI

Prasad admitted his health does not allow him to work like earlier but he still has emotional connection with voters in Bihar. On whether he would hit campaign trail and counter the state opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on frequent charges of *jungle raj* against his family, Prasad said his son Yadav will take care of it. "Tejashwi *ab bada ho gaya hai. Wo akele hi kaafi hai* (Tejaswi has matured now. He can tackle it)," he said.

Prasad has, however, campaigned for his daughter, Rohini Acharya, who is contesting from Saran parliamentary seat against BJP's Rajiv Pratap Rudi. During the campaign, he met RJD workers and recalled his old association with the constituency.

His visit to Chapra made a significant difference, the RJD leader quoted above said. "Some local ticket aspirants and a large chunk of electors in Raghopur diara (sandbank of Ganga river) were unhappy after Acharya's nomination. But when Lalu ji met them on the second day of stay here, they all put their full force to ensure the RJD's victory," he said.

In addition to the traditional Muslim-Yadav vote bank of the RJD, which is intact since 1977, Prasad has tried new caste combinations this time, party national spokesperson Jayant Jigyasu said. "This time, he has taken historic decisions while distributing party tickets. While a Dalit candidate, Chandrahas Chaupal, has been fielded from a Yadav-dominated unreserved constituency (Supaul), it was Lalu ji's decision to field six women – Ritu Jaiswal from Sheohar, Anita Devi Mahto from Munger, Bima Bharati from Purnea, Archana Ravidas from Jamui, Misa Bharati from Pataliputra and Rohini Acharya from Saran," Jigyasu said.

Chaupal said only Prasad could nominate a Dalit candidate from a unreserved parliamentary seat.

"Only Lalu ji can take this risk. He has pulled away the traditional vote base of BJP and its allies by uniting Kewat (mallah), Kurmi, Koeri and Dalits, with his masterstroke. As a result, Tejaswi is now batting on BJP's pitch," Chaupal said.

Prasad is looking at Kushwaha and Kurmi (Luv-Kush) caste combination to add to the RJD's traditional voters, according to Nawal Kishore, professor of political science in Delhi University. The RJD has given four tickets to Kushwaha and Kurmi candidates as compared to one in 2019. The two communities are categorised among the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in Bihar.

ON THE GROUND

"Three OBC Koeris – Alok Kumar Mehta from Ujiarpur, Shravan Kumar Kushwaha from Nawada and Abhay Kushwaha from Aurangabad – have made the cut, while Anita, an EBC (economically backward class) who is married to an OBC Kurmi also has found a place," Kishore said. "As a result of this new equation, opposition leaders are a worried lot. This expansion will certainly yield unexpected success for RJD."

## 'CONG BETRAYED ME': PARTY'S SURAT CANDIDATE WHOSE NOMINATION FOR POLLS WAS JUNKED

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**SURAT:** Suspended Congress leader Nilesh Kumbhani, whose nomination form was rejected over discrepancies leading to BJP winning the Surat Lok Sabha seat in Gujarat unopposed, resurfaced on Saturday after 20 days and alleged it was the grand old party that had betrayed him first in 2017.

Kumbhani said he was silent all these days because of his respect for state party president Shaktisinh Gohil and the party's Rajkot Lok Sabha candidate Paresh Dhanani.

"Congress leaders are accusing me of betrayal. However, it was the Congress which betrayed me first in the 2017 assembly elections when my ticket for Kamrej assembly seat in Surat was cancelled at the last moment. It was the Congress which made the first mistake, not me," Kumbhani said.



Rahul Gandhi

## WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL STATUS TO ANDHRA IF CONG WINS POLLS: RAHUL

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**HYDERABAD:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said his party would assure special category status to Andhra Pradesh for a period of 10 years if it was voted to power.

Addressing an election rally at Kadapa in support of Congress candidate Y S Sharmila, Gandhi said that at the time of bifurcation of undivided Andhra Pradesh in 2014, the then UPA government had given several promises to the residuary AP, including special category status.

"Had the Congress come to power at the Centre in 2014, it would have fulfilled all these promises. But the NDA government led by Narendra Modi neglected the state and failed to implement any of these promises. If the Congress comes to power this time, we shall fulfil all the promises, including special category status to AP for a period of 10 years," the Congress leader said.

# BJP levels 'fake sting' charge as Sandeshkhali row refuses to die down

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THIS CAME AS THE TMC SAID IT HAS BECOME IMPORTANT FOR THE PARTY TO APPRISE PREZ MURMU ON SANDESHKHALI

**KOLKATA:** The TMC in West Bengal is "harping on a fake sting video" to malign the victims of sexual assault in Sandeshkhali, the BJP alleged on Saturday, as it launched a fresh attack on the ruling party over the allegations that triggered tensions in the riverine delta in North 24 Parganas district.

In a post on X, BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya claimed the video released by the TMC on May 4 was "fabricated" as the "audio is not in line with the video". He also shared a clip of a woman resident from the area who is heard raising similar discrepancies in the video shared by the ruling party.

The development came as the TMC said it has become imperative for the party to apprise President Droupadi Murmu of the true unfolding of incidents at Sandeshkhali, which had led to narratives and counter-narratives between the ruling party and the BJP.

In a post on X on Saturday, Malviya said: "Mamata Banerjee's TMC is harping on a fake sting video from #Sandeshkhali to malign the victims and the movement." He shared a video of two women pointing at alleged discrepancies in the clip that was released by the TMC. "Here is what the ladies are saying: The video is fabricated as the audio is not in line with the video. While the image of Jaba Rani is still, the audio is playing from behind," he said, referring to the clip shared by the TMC.

"The TMC had threatened them that if they do not give statements against BJP, their family members would be attacked," he added.

The clip shared by Malviya featured two women, one of whom is believed to be Jaba Rani, who was also seen in the TMC video. While the woman concerned claimed she was forced to "lie" for the sake of her husband and children in the TMC video, the second woman said it was an "edited" clip as the visuals remained still while the audio was on. HT could not independently verify the two clips.

Meanwhile, state minister and TMC leader Shashi said: "I feel there is a need to take a team from Sandeshkhali on our behalf and apprise the President of what had happened actually on the ground. We will seek the go-ahead from our top leadership for this."

### BJP leader Devaraje Gowda remanded in judicial custody

**HASSAN (KARNATAKA):** BJP leader G Devaraje Gowda, arrested for alleged molestation and rape, was on Saturday remanded to 14 days judicial custody. Gowda had said that he alerted the BJP leadership last year about Prajwal Revanna's alleged sexual abuse of several women.

### Seven held for torturing three men in Karnataka, say police

**KALABURAGI (KARNATAKA):** Seven people were arrested in Kalaburagi for torturing a car dealer and two others by giving electric shock to their genitalia, police said on Saturday. The victims were allegedly tortured for delaying the delivery of a vehicle and the accused allegedly demanded money for their release.





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(From left) The four-year-old boy's house in Ghaziabad after debris from an adjacent building fell on the roof; Sardar Patel Marg on Saturday; a collapsed electricity pole after a tree fell on it in Jacobpura, Gurugram. SAKIB ALI, ARVIND YADAV AND PARVEEN KUMAR/HT PHOTOS

# 400 calls: Police helpline flooded after storm wreaks havoc in city

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**NEW DELHI:** The massive dust storm that swept Delhi and the National Capital Region (NCR) on Friday night left a trail of destruction — uprooting several trees, blocking roads and damaging buildings — and also led to power outage for several hours across the city. The Delhi Police received more than 400 calls throughout the night, starting from around 10pm, related to disturbances caused by the thunderstorm, officials aware of the matter said on Saturday.

"Police received 152 calls related to uprooting of trees, 55 regarding building damage and 202 related to power disruption. Several minor accidents were also reported. To remove trees from the streets, civic body personnel were engaged across the city till late on Saturday," a Delhi Police spokesperson said.

According to officials from the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), 30 large trees fell in the NDMC area, including Sarojini Nagar, Chanakyapuri, Gole Market, Kidwai Nagar, SP Marg, Moti Bagh, Khan Market and also near the police headquarters, Supreme Court and RML hospital.

> Just one storm and people have to stay without power and water supply in the national capital
>
> **MANISH TRIPATHI,** Resident

In areas under the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), 16 trees were reported broken, blocking roads in Green Park, Tilak Nagarj, Rohini, Hari Nagar, Mayur Vihar, Paschim Vihar, Navjivan Vihar and Chhatarpur.

Power outage was the major concern reported by residents across several parts of Delhi. In several areas, including Rohini, Rajinder Nagar and Pitampura, people complained that there was no electricity supply for over 12 hours.

"We had no power for over 12 hours in Rohini Sector 15. The helpline number was not working and we got no response on the situation despite trying to contact the discom several times," said Rahul Dev, a resident of Rohini.

A Tata Power DDL spokesperson said the discom restored power as soon as possible in most areas. "The storm inflicted damage to the electrical network affecting the power supply in Rohini, Bawana industrial area and JJ Colony, villages like Poothkhurd, Sultanpur, Jaunti, Tatesar, Qutubgarh and major agriculture areas... Despite the challenges, extra resources in terms of manpower, vehicles, motorised tools, cranes, tower wagon were deputed and power was restored in majority of the residential areas within five hours," the spokesperson said.

Another resident of Vasant Kunj, Manish Tripathi, said the situation was bad in parts of south Delhi. "The Delhi government claims of providing world-class facilities, but imagine not having power supply for nearly 15 hours in areas like south Delhi. Just one storm, people have to stay without power and water supply in the national capital," he said.

"Last evening, thunderstorms led to instances of power disruptions in some areas of the city, primarily on account of tree branches falling on overhead electricity lines and network. BSES operations and maintenance teams were on high alert and Quick Response Teams (QRTs) were pressed into service. In most cases, power supply was restored quickly. It took a little longer than usual for restoring electricity in some areas as cutting and removal of trees is a time-taking process that are undertaken by other civic agencies," said a spokesperson from BSES Delhi.

NDMC officials said the thunderstorm could have caused more damage, but the department took several steps, including extensive pruning and tree ambulance, in the last two years, which curtailed the extent of destruction.

"In May 2022, there was a huge thunderstorm in the NDMC area that uprooted over 100 large trees... Since then, we have taken extensive steps to ensure regular pruning of heavy branches and treatment of trees where stems have started rotting. We take scientific steps to ensure that there is not much damage during squalls and storms. Most of the trees in NDMC area are over 100 years old and steps have been taken keeping that in mind," said an NDMC official.

{ STORM FURY IN GHAZIABAD, NOIDA, AND GURUGRAM }

# Boy dies in roof collapse; 80 trees, poles uprooted

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**GHAZIABAD/GURUGRAM/NOIDA:** A four-year-old boy was killed and five people, including two children, were injured in Ghaziabad on Friday night when the under-construction portion of a multi-storeyed house collapsed on adjacent houses after high velocity winds and a dust storm hit the National Capital Region.

The incident took place in Sudamapuri when the under-construction portion of the fourth floor of a house collapsed and fell on the roof of two neighbouring houses.

"There was a big hole in the roof and five people, including two children, who were sleeping, were buried under the debris. My brother, Amit Kumar, 24, his wife Radha, 23, and their two sons – Shiv Kumar, four, and a five-month-old child, and Amit's younger brother Monu, all sustained injuries. But Shiv sustained major internal injuries. He was taken to hospital but died during treatment late Friday night," said Vimlesh Kumar, Amit's cousin.



Shiv Kumar

A part of the debris from the under-construction house also fell on another house, injuring a 16-year-old girl, Keemti. Kumar added that the owner of the under-construction house fled the scene after the collapse.

"We have taken the complaint and are registering an FIR," said Poonam Mishra, ACP, Wave City.

### 15 vehicles damaged in Gurugram

At least 15 vehicles were damaged, while 80 trees and 30 electric poles were uprooted in different areas in Gurugram on Friday night. However, no casualty was reported, officials said on Saturday.

Gusty winds swept across Gurugram at a speed of 40-60 km/hour and were accompanied by thunderstorm. The aftermath of the storm resulted in prolonged power outages lasting over six to eight hours in various areas of the city, including Sushant Lok 1, they added.

PK Chauhan, superintending engineer (operations), Gurugram circle 2, Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN), said teams were sent to all spots from where complaints were received. "Poles were damaged in Sector 23, DLF City, Sushant Lok 1, South City 1 and Sector 31, following which power issues were reported from these areas. Most of the cases were resolved, only individual complaints are pending," he said.

Gulshan Kalra, deputy director (technical), Haryana fire services, who also holds the charge of deputy director (technical) of the fire station at Sector 29, said that they received over 80 calls from residents about damaged cars, scooters and walls due to uprooted trees. "We sent vehicles to remove the trees and tried to erect the electric poles, which were affected on Friday night. We have cleared several roads blocked by uprooted trees," he said.

Cases of cars being damaged by uprooted trees were reported from several residential areas, including sectors 56, 57, Kapashera, Dwarka Expressway, Sohna Road, Golf Course Extension Road, Manesar, Palam Vihar and Badshahpur, on Friday night.

### Noida: Long power outages in 8 sectors

Intermittent power outages were reported from Sectors 12, 19, 44, 50, 51, 55, 105, and 155, in Noida, on Friday night, with residents alleging that power cuts continued till Saturday afternoon.

Sector 51 residents said four electric poles were uprooted in the area after the storm. "There was no power supply in the C and H block of the sector overnight," said Sanjeev Kumar, a resident of Sector 51.

In Sector 58, several cars were damaged after a shuttering installed to repair a building collapsed on Friday.

"Around 300-400 trees were reportedly uprooted in various sectors on Friday night. Sector 122 witnessed the most incidents of uprooting of trees. However, most of the areas are cleared," said Anand Mohan Singh, in-charge, horticulture, division II, Noida authority.

## KARNATAKA: MAN WHO CHOPPED OFF 16-YEAR-OLD'S HEAD ARRESTED

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**NEW DELHI:** A 32-year-old man, who allegedly killed a minor girl after their proposed marriage was put off, was arrested on Saturday, police said. Police identified the accused as Prakash (who goes by his single name).

The arrest came two days after the 16-year-old girl was killed by Prakash, who severed her head and took it along with him.

The incident was reported from Surlabbi village. According to police, the girl had just completed her SSLC this year and her family got her engaged to Prakash on Thursday.

However, someone informed the child helpline number and officials from the child welfare department reached the girl's house. The officials then counselled both the families saying that if they went ahead with the marriage, it would invite punishment under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and the Child Marriage Act, police officers aware of the matter said. Both families agreed that only after the girl attained the age of 18 would she be married to Prakash, after which Prakash and his family left.

However, at around 5.30 pm on Thursday, Prakash allegedly barged into the girl's house, kicked her father and assaulted her mother with a sharp-edged weapon used for cutting trees. He then dragged the girl outside for about 100 metres, chopped off her head and fled the scene with it, superintendent of police (Kodagu), Ramarajan K, told news agency PTI. The victim's father and mother were admitted to a nearby hospital where the woman was treated for her injuries. "After an extensive search, the accused was arrested on Saturday," the police officer added.

A case has been registered against the accused under sections 307 (attempt to murder) and 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code and relevant sections of the Pocso Act, police added.

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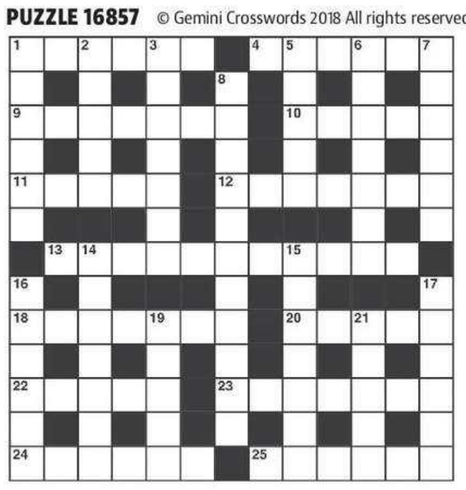
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### CRYPTIC CLUES

**ACROSS**
1 Run off at outset of disturbance (6)
4 Rush to see the ruins of Athens (6)
9 One who loves being unhappily married (7)
10 Peers out for a lively frolic (5)
11 Compel payment to be precise (5)
12 It's not pleasant to see a damaged rose (7)
13 It's a total loss all right (7,4)
18 One who enjoys distinction without power? (7)
20 Push a boat (5)
22 Tea rose (5)
23 Recoils from psychiatrists (7)
24 Pin inserted into a joint (6)
25 What the champagne did when little Florence got married (6)

**DOWN**
1 States times for customs (6)
2 With spirit a sailor gets up to dance (5)
3 Mark's quite rough-and-ready (7)
5 A detached area in church (5)
6 Leave the road and stop (4,3)
7 Soundly worked with the hands as required (6)
8 Safe deanery constructed without ceremony (4-3-4)
14 One must do it to survive (7)
15 No mean party? (7)
16 They will be less than the normal fare (6)
17 Let out the smallest amount say (6)
19 Two in support (5)
21 Were upset about a point but start again (5)

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### QUICK CLUES

**ACROSS**
1 North polar region (6)
4 Having stale taste (6)
9 Person heartily disliked (2-3-2)
10 Devoid of pity (5)
11 Aquatic beaver-like rodent (5)
12 Relevance (7)
13 Available from stock (3,3,5)
18 Reindeer (7)
20 Make progress (3,2)
22 General direction (5)
23 Hold dear (7)
24 Detestation (6)
25 Confer as a gift (6)

**DOWN**
1 In itself (2,4)
2 Cautious (5)
3 Uncertain (2,5)
5 Capital of Ghana (5)
6 Decisive (7)
7 Downpour (6)
8 Gibberish (6,5)
14 Lose as a penalty (7)
15 Conditions conducive to health (7)
16 Put an end to (6)
17 Haphazardly (6)
19 Give way (5)
21 Pull out of shape (5)

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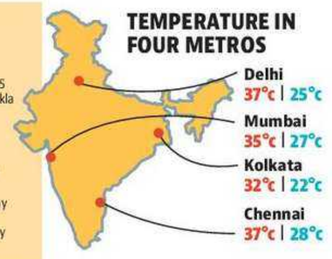
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# Suspects carried out recce of house in Jangpura before killing doctor

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**NEW DELHI:** A day after a 63-year-old doctor was killed in an alleged robbery bid, police said CCTV visuals showed two people roaming near the victim's house in Jangpura Extension — possibly to carry out a recce.

According to senior officers, the suspects were inside the house for at least two hours. The victim, Dr Yogesh Chandra Paul, was found dead on the kitchen floor with his hands tied and mouth gagged when his wife Dr Neena Paul returned from work on Friday at 6.30pm.

Preliminary probe suggested the victim was strangled to death. The family's dog, Molly, was found locked inside a bathroom.

Police said Dr Paul was found with a dog leash around his neck. However, there was also a head injury and lacerations on his arms. An autopsy was conducted and report is awaited to ascertain the exact cause of death, they said.

A senior officer confirmed police received CCTV footage and have examined it but refrained from sharing more details as the investigation is underway. "A few people have been rounded up for questioning. Multiple teams are working on different aspects of the case. Presently, we are looking at the involvement of around five people," said a senior officer on condition of anonymity.


The house of Dr Yogesh Chandra Paul in Jangpura Extension. HT

The CCTV footage ostensibly shows two people walking near the house at 1.30pm. Dr Paul entered his house between 1.30pm and 1.40pm and the two people entered the building two minutes later. Investigators said three people left the building around 3.30pm — two hours after entering. Investigators and neighbours who viewed the footage said it was not immediately clear how the third person gained entry to the house.

The victim's wife called police which was transferred to the Hazrat Nizamuddin police station. When police reached the spot, they found at least two rooms ransacked including Dr Paul's bedroom. "The family is not in a condition to share details but some cash and jewellery is suspected to be missing," a second officer said.

Dr Paul ran his clinic on nearby Birbal Road and stayed on the ground floor of a four-storey building with his wife. Neighbours said Dr Paul was not someone who opened the door to strangers.

## 'A great loss,' residents mourn Dr Paul's death

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**NEW DELHI:** For the residents of C block in Jangpura Extension, 63-year-old Dr Yogesh Chandra Paul was a humanitarian like none other, one who helped people selflessly. On Saturday, Paul's house was brimming with friends, colleagues and neighbours, who mourned his loss.

"Dr Paul was himself old but that never stopped him from helping people. He did not care about his own health," said the 35-year-old woman, who irons clothes in the area and did not want to be named. She added that Dr Paul also helped people monetarily when he could.

For others, Paul's services towards society were inspiring. "He was a gem of a person. His loss is not only personal but is also a great loss to the society," said Disha Sethi, who lives in the same building.

He practised out of a clinic at the nearby Birbal Road, while his wife, Dr Neena, works at a government hospital.

"He started his practise in the area around 2004. He used to treat underprivileged patients for free at the time. Even now, he charged only ₹100 as his consultation fee. He was truly a hero," said Rajiv Rajpal, who runs a dry cleaning shop next to the clinic.

The Resident Welfare Association president Kapil Kakkar said that Paul was given an award five years ago for being "an outstanding resident". "He would help people by going to their doorstep," Kakkar said.

Kakkar also pointed to lack of safety in the area, which is largely inhabited by senior citizens from upper and upper-middle classes. He said over the last few months, there have been multiple cases of theft and burglary. "We have now written to the lieutenant governor seeking an appointment to meet with us. We have listed a few demands we would like to present to him," he said.

The RWA has planned to hold a protest demanding active policing outside the police chowki on Sunday evening.


A rally for West Delhi BJP candidate Kamaljeet Sehrawat at Durga Park Ramleela Ground on Saturday. VIPIN KUMAR/HT

## Star campaigners from Raj make LS poll pitches for BJP

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**NEW DELHI:** The Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) intensified its campaigning for the Lok Sabha elections in Delhi, which will go to polls on May 25, with the star campaigners, mostly from Rajasthan, seeking support for the party candidates on Saturday.

Rajasthan minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Union law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and MoS General (retired) VK Singh were among the top leaders who took part in rallies. Rathore canvassed in west and south Delhi area, while Meghwal in west and north Delhi areas. Rajasthan deputy chief ministers Prem Chand Bairwa and Diya Kumari also campaigned in Delhi on Saturday.

Supporting the BJP's northwest Delhi candidate Yogendra Chandolia, Meghwal said that this election is to choose the country's next prime minister.

"The PM is expected to keep the country's borders safe and maintain internal security. Since Modi became the PM in 2014, we have started hitting back at those who attack us, instead of sending dossiers," said Meghwal.

Former chief of Indian Army VK Singh underlined on how the country has seen economic development through startups and digital transactions under the Modi-led government. "India started the startup programme in 2016 when there were 415 startups in the country. Now, we are the world's No. 3 in the number of unicorns, No. 2 in the total number of startups in the country and world's No. 1 in the number of such entrepreneurs who start work every day," said Singh.

Rathore addressed the Yuva Morcha conference in Dwarka and said that today's youth is expanding their business not only in the country but also abroad.

"The respect that India is getting at the international level after Modi became the PM, is providing new opportunities for progress to the youth. Today's youth is the soldier of Modi ji's struggle for national upliftment," said Rathore.

Diya Kumari along with MPs Manoj Tiwari and Kalpana Saini addressed the women's conference of the northeastern district in Burari. "The women of Delhi and the country are with the BJP. The empowerment rights received from the Modi government is the pride of every woman," she said.

Delhi has seven Lok Sabha seats, all of which are occupied by BJP MPs for the past two terms.

## 2 held for duping man after promising Rajya Sabha seat

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**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi Police on Saturday said it has arrested two men for allegedly duping a 63-year-old man of ₹2 crore by falsely promising him a Rajya Sabha seat.

Deputy commissioner of police (south west) Rohit Meena said that the accused were identified as Naveen Kumar Singh, 43, a resident of Noida and who has three criminal cases of cheating registered against him, and Nanak Dass, 48, a resident of Nagaur in Rajasthan.

The victim was identified as Narendra Singh, who identified himself as a social worker and businessman.

The matter came to light on April 25 when the Delhi Police received a call from Singh who said that he "caught" a man who allegedly cheated him. Police teams rushed to the spot after which the man, Naveen Kumar Singh, was questioned and arrested the next day. Singh then gave his statement to police and a case of cheating was lodged, investigators said.

According to police, Singh met Dass at a residence in Vithal Bhai Patel House, a government colony at Rafi Marg that is home to several politicians. Dass is a chief priest of a "Kabir Panth" temple, police said. Dass was arrested on April 28.

In August last year, Dass introduced Singh to a man, Naveen Kumar and told him that Kumar is the protocol officer to the President of India.

A senior police officer on condition of anonymity said, "Over the next few months, the suspects held meetings with Singh at different houses in Vithal Bhai Patel House and cheated him."

## Jams decrease as signals upgraded

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**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi Traffic Police on Saturday said it has synchronised 60 traffic lights across 20 junctions in west Delhi in a bid to mitigate vehicular congestion in the area. According to police, the move has reduced the number of complaints police received regarding congestion — which came down to 378 in April compared to 447 in March 2024.

Special commissioner of police (traffic) HGS Dhaliwal said that police initially synchronised signals at the Dwarka, Nangloi and Paschim Vihar circles. "By the end of April, there was a notable reduction in congestion. It also improved traffic flow and enhanced the commuting experience for all," said Dhaliwal.

The reassessment of the timings at signals has shown a decrease of 75 incidents in April this year compared to the corresponding period last year, officials said.

Dhaliwal added that this initiative aims to streamline traffic flow, enhance safety, and optimise the commuting experience.

## TWO TRUCKS ON GB NAGAR E-WAY COLLIDE, BURST INTO FLAMES

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**GREATER NOIDA:** A trailer truck carrying eight cars rammed another truck from the rear-end on the Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE) in Gautam Budh Nagar on Saturday morning, causing both vehicles to burst into flames, said police.

The blaze was extinguished with the help of two fire tenders and nobody was injured, police said. Fire officer (Ecotech 1) Jitendra Singh said that a short-circuit in the trailer truck likely led to the fire in both vehicles.


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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY** G20

**Tender Notice No:-2320242025** **Date: 09.05.2024**

**E-Tender Notice**

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/ North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to **13.30 hrs. on 03.06.2024.** The details of the tenders are as under :-

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| **S. N. :** 1 | **Tender No.**: 47 | **Approx Cost of work (₹) :** ₹ 15859187.05 |
| **Name of work**: Annual Civil Repairs and Maintenance and small new work in zone work from JGR (Inc.) to TDL (Excl.) and Horticulture work for the P.E. 30.06.2025 under ADEN/FZD | | |
| **S. N. :** 2 | **Tender No.**: 48 | **Approx Cost of work (₹) :** ₹ 9812674.78 |
| **Name of work**: Annual Civil Repairs and Maintenance and small new work in zone work from SKB (Ind.) to FBD (Excl.) for the P.E. 30.06.2025 under ADEN/FZD. | | |
| **S. N. :** 3 | **Tender No.**: 49 | **Approx Cost of work (₹) :** ₹ 10828296.81 |
| **Name of work**: Annual Civil Repairs and Maintenance and small new work in zone work from JGR (excl.) to BNT (Incl.) for the P.E. 30.06.2025 under ADEN/ETW. | | |
| **S. N. :** 4 | **Tender No.**: 50 | **Approx Cost of work (₹) :** ₹ 10742380.83 |
| **Name of work**: Annual Civil Repairs and Maintenance and small new work in zone work from RRH (Excl.) to BNT (Excl.) for the P.E. 30.06.2025 under ADEN/ETW. | | |
| **S. N. :**5 | **Tender No.**: 51 | **Approx Cost of work (₹) :** ₹ 20185000.00 |
| **Name of work**: P.Way zone work for the P.E. 30.06.2025 in the section of ADEN/NCR/ETW | | |
| **S. N. :**6 | **Tender No.**: 52 | **Approx Cost of work (₹) :** ₹ 19850498.53 |
| **Name of work**: P.Way zone work for the P.E. 30.06.2025 in the section of ADEN/NCR/FZD | | |

**Bid security (₹) : S.N.:1-** ₹ 229300.00, **S.N.:2-** ₹ 196300.00, **S.N.:3-** ₹ 204200.00, **S.N.:4-** ₹ 203700.00, **S.N.:5-** ₹ 250900.00, **S.N.:6-** ₹ 249300.00, **All Tenders Completion Period :** 30.06.2025, **Date of Opening All Tender :** 03.06.2024, **Similar work for Eligibility Criteria : S.N.:1 to 4 -** Any civil Engineering Work, **S.N.:5 & 6 -**P.Way work, **N o t e : 1)** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders is available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e.03.06.2024. **2)** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **3)** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightaway ignored and shall not be considered. **4)** Tender No. **47 to 52** are having advertised value more than 50 Lakhs, therefore, **Annexure-A & A (A) (Document Verification Certificate)** is required. The supplier / contractor of goods and / or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **5)** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **6)** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 7)** Bid Security can be deposited Online through Internet Banking or Payment Gateway or Bank Guarantee Bond as detailed in para 12 of tender document. **8)** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **9)** Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. on 03.06.2024. **10)** Along with other instructions given to Tenderers, Tenderers are required to Pay special attention on Para 12.0 of Tender Document for Bid Security Deposit. **11)** E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all Tenderers. **12)** For tender no. **47 to 52**: The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of IRGCC-2022 (Works matter) mandatorily, otherwise their offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **838/24(DG)**

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING**


Khusboo Kumari

General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Khusboo Kumari D/o Ramanji Thakur R/o** H.No. S-21, Gali No.04, Colony, Bawana, Delhi has been missing since 21.04.2024 at 05:00 PM from her house in the area of PS Bawana, Delhi. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 72-A Date 04.05.2024** has been registered at PS. Bawana, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

**Name** : Khusboo Kumari, **Father's Name** : Ramanji Thakur, **Age** : 18 years, **Height** : 5'6" **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion** : Fair, **Wearing** : Sky Color Suit & Red Pajama & Black Sandals in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**


Mahek


Love

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Mahek, D/o Mahesh, R/o:** Street No. 2, Sherpur Chowk, Khajuri, Delhi has been missing **(alongwith a boy namely Love, Age: 1.5 year)** since **03.05.2024** at 10:00 am from the area of P.S. Khajoori Khas, Delhi In this regard a case vide **DD No. 71A dated 04.05.2024** has been registered at P.S. Khajoori Khas, Delhi. The description of the missing girl is as under: **Age:** 21 years, **Sex:** Female, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing**: Black colour T-shirt, light white colour jeans and red colour shoes in her feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl kindly inform to the following.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Mahesh S/o Sh. Hari Singh, R/o- Village- Palla, Tehsil- Kama, Distt.- Bharatpur, Rajasthan** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 94/2021 U/s 279/304A IPC P.S. Paschim Vihar, West, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Mahesh** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mahesh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mahesh** of case **FIR No. 94/2021 U/s 279/304A IPC P.S. Paschim Vihar, West, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **23.07.2024.**

By Order,
**Sh. Ankit Karan Singh**
Metropolitan Magistrate-08
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**E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-3**

The last date of submission of the E-Tender for "Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of 125 MVAR Reactor along with its associated bay and related work at 400 KV Substation Kashipur" against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/SS-14/2023-24 is hereby extended **upto 30.05.2024 15:30 Hrs.** For more details please visit e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_71331_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000.

RO No. 805/HQPU/PTCUL Dated: 10.05.2024 **Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)**

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**E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-2**

The pre bid clarifications and Amendment No. -1 of the E-Tender for "Procurement of Emergency Restoration System (Tension Tower) at the Divisional Store of 400 KV Substation. PTCUL, Rishikesh" Against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/ERS-18/2023-24 has been uploaded on e-tender website. For more details please visit the e-tender website **www.uktenders.gov.in** (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_71371_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website **www.ptcul.org**. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 24/31** **Dated: 10.05.2024**

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of the President of India, **The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit)** invites the following E-Procurement Tenders.

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| 2 | 30241654A | INJECTION MOULDED THERMO-PLASTIC POLYSTER ELASTOMER | 1056 Nos. | 04.06.2024 |
| 3 | 90222364A | PEELED BAR SIZE 40MM DIA×3730MM LONG | 226 MT | 05.06.2024 |
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| 5 | 90222363A | PEELED BAR SIZE 36MM DIA×6590MM LONG | 62.47 MT | 10.06.2024 |
| 6 | 90242366 | PEELED BAR SIZE 40MM DIA×3890MM LONG | 180.23 MT | 10.06.2024 |
| 7 | 38242762A | SNUBBER SPRING | 3500 Nos. | 10.06.2024 |
| 8 | 38242613 (e-RA) | KNUCKLE | 12943 Nos. | 10.06.2024 |
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| 11 | 64245107 | Hydraulic Double Pump | 75 Nos. | 17.06.2024 |
| 12 | 64245074A | Cutting Chain Cap | 460 Nos. | 05.06.2024 |
| 13 | 64245116 | Hydraulic Hose Pipe | 1800 MTR | 11.06.2024 |
| 14 | 38241250 | SHANK WEAR PLATE | 14700 Nos. | 03.06.2024 |
| 15 | 38241783 | High Tensile Transition CB Coupler | 41 Nos. | 11.06.2024 |

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*R.O. No. 444* **Time Extension Notice-II** *Dated 10.05.2024*

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the invited "e"-Tender Notice No.: 28e/EE(G)/CPH/2023-24 for "Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Generator Transformer (75 MVA, 11/220 KV, 3-ø, 50Hz) with all accessories, including dismantling of the existing transformer at 4x60 MW Chibro Power House" by the office of Executive Engineer (G) Chibro Power House is hereby extended as follows:-
Last date of submission of bid in the portal : 24-05-2024 upto 17:00 hrs.
Last date of submission of hard copy : 25-05-2024 from 15:00 hrs.
Date of opening of the bid Part-I on website : 28-05-2024 from 11:00 hrs.
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# Birthed in love: A mother's journey

**New mothers embark on an exhilarating yet challenging journey, navigating a torrent of feelings, responsibilities and adjustments. Each milestone of their newborn, from the first smile to the first steps, fills them with boundless joy. Let's celebrate this journey of strength with Johnson's Baby.**

A mother's journey of giving birth is a profound and transformative experience, unlike any other. It's filled with moments of intense pain and uncertainty, but she draws strength from the love she feels for her unborn child and the support of those around her. In the days and weeks that follow, she navigates the challenges and joys of motherhood with determination and grace, fuelled by an unbreakable bond forged in the crucible of childbirth. And as she watches her child grow and thrive, she knows that every moment of her journey – from the first flutter of life within her womb to the miracle of birth itself – has been worth every sacrifice and every struggle.

Out of many firsts, a baby's first massage and bath are a deeply emotional experience that solidifies the bond between mother and child, marking the beginning of a lifelong journey together.

On Mother's Day, let's celebrate the remarkable journey of new mothers, honouring their strength, resilience, and boundless love with Johnson's Baby.

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**We'd love to hear from you about your special moments with your baby. Inviting all mothers and mothers to be, to send in their heartwarming stories or pictures by scanning the QR code given.**

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## I celebrate Mother's Day everyday



**To honour and celebrate the experiences of millions of women, Johnson's Baby interviewed the actress, model, and mother, Gauahar Khan, on her experience of motherhood. Speaking of her journey, she says that it was a beautiful phase. Despite all odds she faced, it was the biggest blessing that she was carrying. With a great supportive family and spouse, who took immense care of her, she finally got to hold Zehaan, an event that she's thankful for. Here's a glimpse of what she has to say:**

**Share your first memory with your baby?**
My first memory of Zehaan is his first cry after he was born. I delivered through a caesarean surgery, so I first heard his voice and then saw his face. Hearing his first cry was the most beautiful and melodious thing I have heard and it continues to stay with me till date. Both Zaid and I were so emotional when we first held our baby.

**How do you maintain balance between your demanding career as a renowned actress, and your role as a mother?**
I think motherhood is all about managing various responsibilities. While I am a busy working professional, my baby is my top priority. All my work plans, shoots and commitments revolve around my baby's schedule. Like any working mother, it requires tremendous planning. I have a wonderful support system with my mother, in-laws, and numerous helping hands who have enabled me transition back to work. I know whenever I leave for work, my baby is in trusted hands. Whenever possible, I take him with me on shoots, so that I can spend as much time with him.

**What's your favourite activity with your baby?**
My all-time favourite activity with my baby has been his bathtime. Like any new mother, initially, I was very nervous as I did not want to hurt him. However, with time and he grew old it became fun and a joyful daily ritual! He loves the water. I love the Johnson's Baby cleanser, which is mild, gentle with a soothing fragrance which keeps baby's skin soft and supple.

**Which brand has played a special role in your motherhood journey with your baby?**
The first time I touched Zehaan's skin, I realised how soft, delicate and perfect it was. It also made me realise that his precious skin required special care and attention. From Day 1, I have always prioritised his skincare routine, ensuring that for his bath, his massage, I use only the best and trusted products to keep his skin soft, nourished and healthy. As a new mother, as I did my research, I found that Johnson's Baby is a trusted brand which helps protects a baby's delicate skin from Day 1. Their range of products are mild and gentle, designed for newborns. I love using their products whether for soothing bath time rituals or their light non-sticky oils for massages.

**Mother's Day is a time for reflection and celebration. How do you envision celebrating this special day with the baby this year?**
I truly believe that every day is Mother's Day! Every night when I put my baby to sleep, when I feed him, bathe him or play with him, every moment I spend with Zehaan is truly special. That's why, Mother's Day is an everyday celebration. Over the last year, I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it and only have gratitude that I have the privilege of being a mother. However, to mark the occasion as celebrate my first official Mother's Day, we will plan some fun activities with our precious one.

**What advice would you give to other new moms navigating the challenges and joys of motherhood?**
Life throws many challenges at us every step of the way, in one's careers, in one's personal lives as well as in motherhood. But I believe that motherhood should only be enjoyed and cherished. I have tremendous gratitude to have had this journey. Women are capable of so much! I am surrounded by so many inspiring motherhood stories, when I think of my mother or mom-in-law who have had many kids and yet managed to do everything else that was demanded from them. While motherhood brings its set of challenges and tremendous exhaustion; I believe every mother should just focus on enjoying this blessed beautiful journey.

## Motherhood unveiled: My story of love and growth

**Sonal Katyal, parenting coach says motherhood blessed her with a wealth of lessons. She offers strategies to navigate parenthood's complexities. In a chat about the experiences that shaped her motherhood, she delves into the details of the beautiful journey with us.**



**How was your pregnancy journey to Day 1?**
My pregnancy journey was challenging yet beautiful. For the first two semesters I had to stay in a different city than my husband and manage things by myself. But I was well supported by my family members who guided me throughout this journey. To keep myself going, I practiced yoga and meditation everyday to bond with my baby early on.

**What aspect of your journey into motherhood felt like the longest wait?**
Since the moment I saw my baby during the first ultrasound, I was longing to hold her in my arms. There was always a craving to know how my baby looked, like mumma or like papa! Each moment since then felt like an eternity. I was always excited during the ultrasounds as it felt like meeting her in real.

**How was your Day 1 with your baby?**
Day 1 with my baby girl was a bit jittery but the most splendid day of my life. I was so nervous and edgy while holding my tiny baby girl but once I held her in my arms, all my worries and pains went away. But the nervousness of taking care of a little one was still there. Taking care of the little one's needs throughout was exhausting yet it bonded me with the baby. I think, that's the beauty of motherhood.

**Can you share a memorable moment with your babies that truly encapsulates the essence of motherhood for you?**
One moment that stands out to me is when my daughter took her first steps and came running to me with joy. Out of all the people in the room, she chose me and I felt proud of this little moment as if it was a big achievement. I will forever cherish this connection we have.

**How has your experience of motherhood influenced your professional outlook and approach as a parenting coach?**
My experience of motherhood has given me a plethora of lessons as I was a young mom with little knowledge. Of course, I made mistakes but I also learned from them, which motivated me to start my journey as a parenting coach. This personal experience allows me to offer practical strategies that are tailored to work in each family's unique dynamic.

**Please share your favourite memory with your babies?**
Our night time massage ritual used to be our bonding time and our favourite memory too. She would be delighted and feel a sense of belongingness with my gentle massage with Johnson's Baby Massage Oil. My mother-in-law recommended this oil as she used it for her children too. I am so glad I followed her lead and created fond memories.

**What's your favourite activity to do together with your baby?**
I have always loved reading to my baby and I still do. We started early on with picture books and today she is an avid reader. This journey has been too exciting and rewarding. We still find time to read together and enjoy the beautiful moments.

**How do you balance your own experiences as a mother and your professional commitments of working with parents as a coach?**
As a mother, every day is a new lesson and I never shy away from upskilling professionally either. Parents look upto me for guidance and I take that responsibility quite seriously. I would never recommend any methodology that I would not practice myself at home for my kids, which is why I draw upon evidence-based strategies to offer guidance specific to their needs.

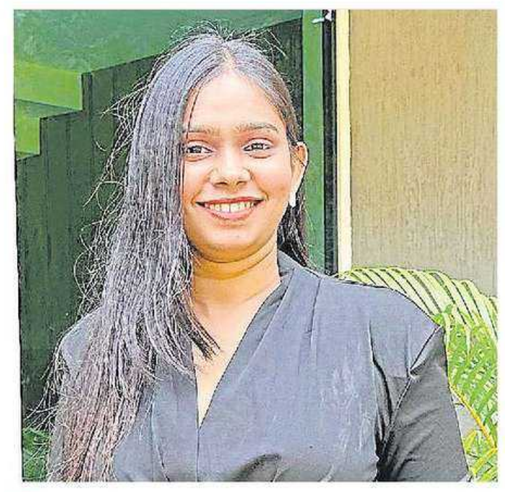
**What advice would you give to other new moms navigating the challenges and joys of motherhood?**
As a parenting coach and a mother of two, my advice to new moms would be to see their children as tiny adults. Always try to perceive situations from their perspective. It'll help them sail through daily tantrums when they first connect with them before correcting them.

## MamaMusings



You won't believe the most exciting thing for me during pregnancy was to shop tiny clothes! Aur maine ek photoshoot bhi plan kiya tha to capture Anamta as a newborn and me as new mom! Ek ajeeb si khushi thi aur thoda sa darr bhi. Akhir being a mom is a big thing! I had a smooth pregnancy, with lots of wresting inside my tummy and finally, Anamta was born.

—**Farha Shaikh**, Digital Creator & Mom



Pregnancy ke waqt mere aur Daxit (her husband) mein kaafi baar discussion hota tha ki baby kiske jaisi hogi? Daxit humesha kehta tha ki Kriva bilkul uski carbon copy hogi aur jab humne pehli baar usse dekha..... woh toh meri carbon copy nikli.

—**Aaisha,** Digital Creator & Mom






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{ EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW }

# ‘We empower citizens, Oppn wants to steal their wealth’

## There is no scope for complacency in the BJP as it is here to fulfil the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, says Prime Minister Narendra Modi



Ahead of the fourth phase of polling, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with HT’s **R Sukumar, Shishir Gupta,** and **Sunetra Choudhury** and spoke about the state of the campaign, and the focus of his next government should the BJP return to power. He also sent detailed written responses to questions. Edited excerpts:

**Your government did not announce any major populist schemes in the interim budget before the elections, perhaps confident in its own delivery record? How has this played out in the campaign, especially with the Opposition focusing significantly on freebies?**

People realise that we have worked hard for them in the last 10 years. People have seen the difference in their lives. Due to our track record, we did not need any populist measures going into elections. People also see this as a sign of our government’s earnest behaviour.

The people have seen the speed and scale with which we deliver our promises. They saw that this government inherited a country that was one of the ‘Fragile 5’ economies at the time and scaled it up to become the fastest-growing economy of the world. We have kept the average inflation at its lowest in one decade. Our unemployment rate is the lowest in the world.

The work that has taken place in the last one decade is more than the work done in seven decades since Independence. We have more than doubled the number of airports from 74 to more than 150 in 10 years. The length of national highways has gone up from 91,000 km to 1,45,000 km within a decade. India was once a cash dependent economy. Today, we are dominating the real time payments globally with a lion share of 46%. Our defence exports have crossed the ₹21,000 crore mark.

> For us, every part of India has to be served. Our connection with the people of South India, including Tamil Nadu and Kerala is not new. We’ve dedicated ourselves to serving the people there, regardless of whether we are in government or not.

We have liberated the country from legacy issues. Be it huge NPAs endangering the Indian banking system or abrogating Article 370 ushering a new era of peace in Jammu & Kashmir.

Today, we’ve built a strong economy that will serve as the base for India’s next 25 years. In fact, our Sankalp Patra isn’t just about the next five years. It’s about making long-lasting changes and outlining the roadmap that will lead to a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

In these 10 years, we’ve shown the world that true progress is about empowering every citizen and giving them the tools they need to succeed. Our focus has been on empowering the poor, creating opportunities for them to thrive.

We’ve made sure that 80 crore people have access to free ration, more than 50 crore people have their own bank accounts, 11 crore toilets are built and 60 crore people have access to quality health care without shouldering the immense financial burden.

Our policies are centered around uplifting the poor, ensuring that they’re at the heart of everything we do. In fact, in the last 10 years, 25 crore people have come out of poverty in India.

The Opposition’s agenda is either to snatch people’s wealth or ensure faith based reservations by denying the rights of SC, ST and OBC communities. All they want is ‘Modi Hatao’. People will not fall for such regressive and communal politics.

**Which are the states where you can see the BJP making gains from its 2019 tally? And why?**

It is the overwhelming will of the people across India to bring us back with a historic mandate. I have held public meetings and roadshows across the country and wherever I go I see a tsunami of ‘Jan Samarthan’ (popular endorsement) for our party. Across India, people have witnessed how a strong, decisive and sensitive government has secured the nation and solidified its position in the world. People are fed up of corruption, dynastic politics, minority appeasement, ruining state after state wherever there is (a) INDI Alliance (government). Therefore, they want NDA again. Our gains will come from all parts of the country and some of the gains will come from areas that will surprise political Pundits.

You will see Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala register a significant increase in our seats.

**You focused a lot on the southern states this time. Especially, Tamil Nadu and Kerala are seen as the last peak remaining for the BJP to conquer. What do you think needs to be done?**

We do not subscribe to a mindset of conquest. We are working with a feeling of service towards 140 crore Indians. For us, every part of India has to be served.

Our connection with the people of South India, including Tamil Nadu and Kerala is not new. We’ve dedicated ourselves to serving the people there, regardless of whether we are in government or not. Our karyakartas have been working selflessly for decades, many even sacrificed their lives in the process.

People are tired of the corruption, appeasement, and family-first politics of the INDI Alliance seen in various southern states. In Andhra Pradesh, there is a breakdown of governance threatening the future of the youth in the state. In Telangana and Karnataka, too, a nexus of corruption has been established with Congress in the lead. In a matter of a few months, Congress has managed to hollow out the public treasury and bring the states closer to a state of bankruptcy. Same is the case in Tamil Nadu, where there is corruption and dynastic politics.

On the other hand, people have witnessed how effectively Modi ki Guarantee works. They have seen our work, our commitment to their well-being, and our dedication to bring inclusive development, clean governance, and transparency. This time around, our performance will be unprecedented.

I see a strong sense of positivity and enthusiasm for the BJP. Our message of development and progress is resonating strongly with the people of South India.

**The BJP is going into the 2024 elections as a clear favourite. How are you ensuring that there is no complacency within your ranks?**

Our party was born out of years of struggle and with only one ideology i.e. of Nation First. It grew from a party which only had two members in the Lok Sabha to a party that won full majority twice and is now going to come back for a third term with an even bigger mandate.

We did not build the party thinking that we have won one election and now, we can relax till the next election. We treated every win as our duty to live up to the trust people bestowed on us. Our karyakartas are always on a mission-mode to serve the person at the last mile. Our vision is crystal clear i.e. 24x7 for 2047.

## checking inflation and creating jobs

### Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Hindustan’s Shashi Shekhar and Madan Jaira. Edited excerpts:

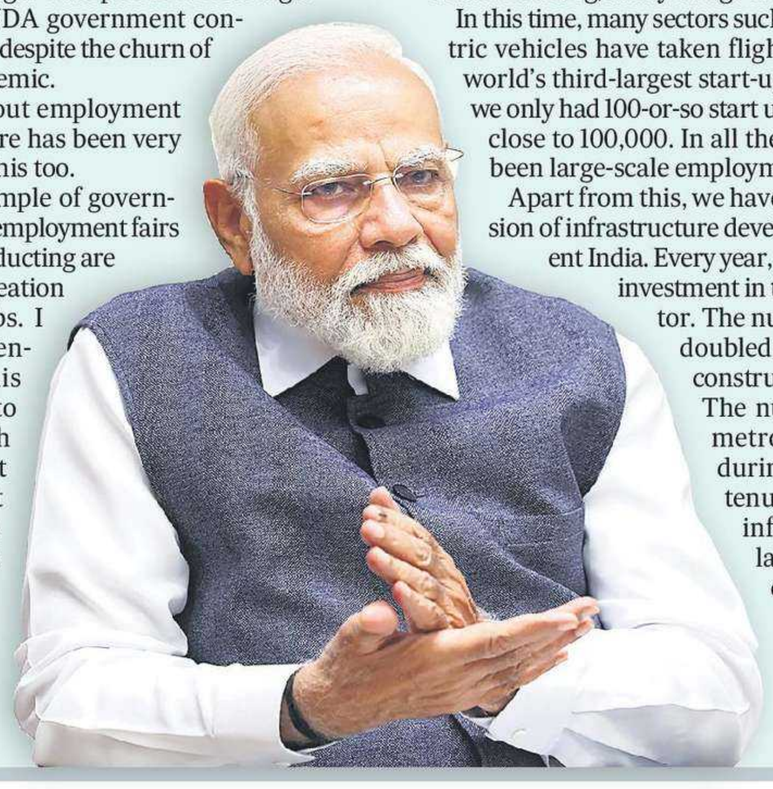
**Many observers feel there is no worthy discussion on unemployment and inflation. What is your opinion?**

Our government’s track record on controlling inflation and creating employment is excellent. Everyone knows that during the second term of the UPA government, yearly average inflation was in double digits. Where the UPA gave the public double digit inflation, the NDA government controlled inflation despite the churn of the Covid pandemic.

If we talk about employment generation, there has been very good work on this too.

Take the example of government jobs. The employment fairs that we are conducting are ensuring the creation of lakhs of jobs. I had earlier mentioned that this campaign is to create 10 lakh government jobs. I am a part of many such employment fairs myself.

You also focus on the development work done in the last 10 years.



Earlier, we were nowhere in mobile manufacturing but today, we are the world’s second-largest mobile maker. The most important thing is that we have become an exporter of mobile phones from being an importer.

Whether you talk of Vande Bharat trains or toy manufacturing, many things are being made in India.

In this time, many sectors such as start ups and electric vehicles have taken flight. Today, we are the world’s third-largest start-up ecosystem. In 2014, we only had 100-or-so start ups, today, the figure is close to 100,000. In all these sectors, there has been large-scale employment generation.

Apart from this, we have run the biggest mission of infrastructure development in independent India. Every year, there has been record investment in the infrastructure sector. The number of airports has doubled. Highways are being constructed at a record pace. The number of cities with metros has quadrupled during our government’s tenure. The expansion of infrastructure at this large scale has boosted employment generation in several sectors.

We have also encouraged small and medium industries. Crores of people have used the benefits of Mudra loans to start their business for the first time.

Yearly PLFS data shows clearly that between 2017 and 2023, the number of workers increased by 56%. At the same time, unemployment remained at a historic low of 3.2%.

Today, our country is the world’s fastest-growing major economy. And this growth is due to sectors that are generating employment.

I am only sharing some facts and figures. I also want to remind you that if you look at the tenure of the Congress government before 2014, there was neither any sign of growth nor any jobs.

**You have done several experiments in politics and administration. In your third term, what will be your first step?**

This is an interesting question. But does anyone who runs a successful restaurant tell you what his recipe for success is? It’s always a surprise. So you wait a bit. The moment our government is back, we will be back to work, and not just the first step, but our every step will be dedicated to the public, the poor and the benefit of humankind.

One more thing, you have acknowledged that in the last 10 years, we have done several innovations and experiments, with great results. But as I have said before, this is a trailer. We have to take many big decisions in realising the dream of a developed India. A glimpse of that may be visible in the first 100 days of the third term.

# SPOTLIGHT ELECTIONS 2024

Therefore, there is hardly any scope of complacency within the BJP. We are here to fulfil the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Let me explain to you in cricket terminology. If in a test match, a team has a massive lead over the other in the first innings, still the team with advantage plays the match with full spirit to create new records. Similarly, we know that the opposition has conceded defeat and has given a kind of walkover to us but still our karyakartas are energised and our party is fighting this election with full sportsman-like spirit.

For us, elections are a festival of democracy. Every citizen gets the opportunity to be part of this celebration and hence, as a party, we try to reach out to each and every one. It is also a time for people to evaluate our performance and our karyakartas make sure that people have all the information and awareness on the kind of work that has taken place in the last decade.

In this election, the energy and liveliness in BJP booths is palpable. I tell our party karyakartas that on the day of election take everyone along while going out to vote and create a festive and jubilant atmosphere. The world should see how joyfully and collectively India celebrates its democracy.

**There's been a lot of controversy over the Prajwal Revanna tapes in Karnataka. While the law will take its own course, and the elections are over there, as the PM, is there something you wish to say on this controversy, especially since the JD(S) is your ally and you addressed an election meeting in Hassan.**

I firmly believe that every Indian citizen is equal in the eyes of the law. Be it Sandeshkhali or Karnataka, whoever committed such heinous acts, whether they belong to any party, must face severe consequences, must face the strictest punishment. And it's the duty of the state government to ensure law and order, whichever part of India it is.

**Do you think our election campaigns have failed to keep pace with the times? We are still talking about religion and caste, and freebies and reservation, when there are far more important issues that need to be discussed.**

Please do a detailed analysis of the speeches by people from all parties and you will see who is speaking progressive points and who is only focussing on regressive issues. Today in the world of Artificial Intelligence, you can do this comparative analysis very quickly.

If the Congress party's agenda is to take away the reservation of SCs, STs and OBCs, and give it to their vote banks unconstitutionally, on the basis of religion, then it will have to be questioned. In such a situation, being silent would be incorrect.

It is the Congress party that is bringing religion and divisive issues, agendas into the picture.

The people of these communities are raising questions about their dangerous agenda and as a party that represents the people's aspirations, we will also reflect their concerns.

These are important questions that need to be answered by the Congress.

As for keeping pace with the times, if you observe our party's manifesto or the speeches of our leaders, it is clear that we are the only party speaking about creating a developed India, about a net-zero future, about becoming the third largest economy, etc.

**In some states the BJP is also fighting against parties that have been supporting your legislative agenda in Parliament. How different is it from fighting an ideologically hostile Opposition?**

Ours is a strong and vibrant democracy with many different ideas, ideologies and schools of thought. They are all welcome.

There can be differences in ideology but I do not think there should be hostility. And, there must always be a consensus on some basic issues affecting the unity and integrity of our nation.

Non-Congress parties, especially those like the BJP, have been in the Opposition benches for a long time, at both Centre and state levels. So, these parties have a certain level of maturity, pragmatism and constructive attitude.

For most such parties, fighting elections against each other but agreeing on certain issues in terms of legislation and governance has been a common experience. This has been the norm for most of our democratic history, not an aberration.

The aberration is the behaviour of the Congress party in recent years. It is only when the Congress party went out of power and into the Opposition that they resorted to creating a bitter, hostile and unrelenting atmosphere. Even some Congress leaders themselves feel this is not correct, but do not express it out of fear for their political future within the party.

I think it is mainly because the top leadership of the Congress has not yet come to terms with being out of power. They have not been able to accept the fact that the country has moved on from them. But the more time they spend in Opposition, hopefully, they will also learn.

**The BJP has been very open and welcoming of leaders from other parties, including those whose ideologies were once very opposed to the party's. Do you think this is, in some way, weakening your own ideological core?**

See, in 2019, the BJP got nearly 23 crore (230 million) votes. This is far more than we ever got in history. Many of these people would perhaps have voted for us for the first time in 2014 or 2019.

Earlier, there used to be a lot of misconceptions about us and our ideology. But in the last few years, more and more people are seeing our work and finding our ideology and mission appealing.

So, there is a general movement towards the BJP in larger society itself. The political sphere, too, is not immune to this. So, we welcome anyone who wants to come with open arms, as long as they believe in our vision and mission.

Given that the Communists have become just a shell of their past self, we are perhaps the only ideological and cadre-driven party in India. Therefore, today young people are attracted towards our party and BJP is their first choice. They also know that in dynasty based parties, their talent gets strangled and to get ahead in the party they have to indulge in sycophancy while in BJP even a normal Panna Pramukh can become Prime Minister of the country. Being cadre-driven means that no one group or family decides the party's future. So, anyone who is in our party will have to win the trust of the cadre by working with the principle of 'Nation First'.

**What next for Narendra Modi?**

I am nothing but a *sevak* of Ma Bharati. I never think about what is next for me. I am thinking what all I can do to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of my family of 140 crore Indians. The last 10 years have only been a trailer. There is a lot that I want to do.

Before entering the election fray, I had asked all the government departments to prepare a 100-day plan. Our Sankalp Patra provides a roadmap of the next five years. We are also laying out the vision for Viksit Bharat by 2047, the foundation for which has already been built. So, we have our task cut out.

Having filled the gaping holes left by 60 years of Congress rule in our first term and putting India on a fast track of growth in our second term, our third term will be an era of accelerated development at a scale never seen before.

I am committed to strengthening and structuring the GYANM model that empowers our Gareeb, Yuva, Annadata, Nari Shakti and Middle Class in such a way that they become the architects of Viksit Bharat.

**Most analysts predict a third term for your government, with the only question being the size of the majority. What would be the big theme of this third term? Alternatively, what do you see as the biggest task remaining to be done after two terms in office?**

When we came to government in 2014, we had to make sure that the mistakes of the past were rectified and a strong foundation was built.

Whether it is the poor or farmers or the banking sector or the economy, each of these were in deep trouble.

On the one hand, we took basics like toilets, bank accounts, gas connections, electricity, etc to the poor and on the other hand, we rescued our banking sector and economy with multiple reforms.

Our country raised crores of people out of poverty and also became the fastest growing economy.

Due to our reforms, many sectors have attained a life of their own – from manufacturing to start-ups to space.

Due to our good work, the people gave us a second term, with an even bigger mandate in 2019.

In the second term, the people saw India becoming the fifth largest economy in the world.

Whether it was in terms of action against Article 370 in Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, or successful management of Covid-19, or sending vaccines and medicines to various countries, or the foreign policy successes in the post-pandemic world order, many such developments have given the people of India a newfound confidence in themselves and the country's future.

Earlier, the people of our country were shackled due to poverty, corruption and misrule. Due to their daily battles with these problems, they could not aspire towards a larger vision for their future or the country's.

But our work of the last few years has given wings to the people's aspirations and organically given rise to the vision of building a developed India by 2047.

The big theme of our third term is about imparting momentum across sectors towards the realisation of this vision.

From plans for the next five years to the plan for the first 100 days of the government, we are ready with many targets and are raring to go.

A lot needs to be done and will be done. This is going to be one of the most exciting periods in the history of independent India.

**Your third term is going to see the delimitation exercise that will serve as a precursor to the redrawing of seats in the Lok Sabha, and also the implementation of the women's reservation. Both are going to be challenging, with there being a lot of insecurity about what the changes could mean. How do you plan to tackle these?**

Delimitation is not happening for the first time in our nation. These are established processes which have happened on various occasions. I do not think it needs to be seen with the lens of politics. I was the chief minister of Gujarat when the last delimitation exercise happened. Not once did we raise any issue. In fact, whatever was required from us as a state government, we cooperated to the fullest.

In any case, taking people into confidence, winning their trust and building consensus is something that is part of our track record.

GST was brought in through consensus, by taking everyone's views into account. Going above partisan considerations, we addressed everyone's concerns. Today, the GST Council is a wonderful example of how different stakeholders work together.

Since you mentioned women's reservation, remember that this was a topic that had seen a lack of consensus for decades. But we showed the ability to take everyone into confidence, bring about a consensus and pass this historic bill.

I can give you many such examples. I am sure our clean intent and clear track record will help us in many such issues even in the future.

## real poll issues vs the others

**You gave a sharp response to the Sam Pitroda comment last week. The issues of Prajwal Revanna, the unbelievable amounts of money recovered from aides of Jharkhand minister Alamgir, the issue of the mangalsutra, mandir-masjid have all been raked up. Don't they distract from real poll issues?**

Everyone knows that this person (Pitroda) is very close to the *shahi* (royal); first family of the Congress. Hence, if the Congress reaches close to power, then the approach of looking at inheritance tax or appearance of Indians using a divisive and racist lens will be dangerous for the country. Hence, these issues have to be brought to the public and discussed.

They have reached the stage of giving reservations on the basis of faith and insulting the Constitution. Shouldn't there be a discussion on this conspiracy to snatch reservation from SCs, STs, OBCs and give it to others?

The Congress's track record of vote bank politics, its prominence and its statements are in public. When they say that they will X-ray people's property and redistribute it, what does it mean? Shouldn't there be discussion on the dangers of such a mindset

Actually, I am surprised that the media has not delved deeply into the dangerous statements of Congress's prince and the destructive thoughts in its manifesto. Hence I had to raise these issues.

Look at their hypocrisy. On the one hand, the Congress's prince is talking about X-raying ordinary people's property, and on the other, trucks full of cash are being recovered from people close to their party. These issues are connected to the elections and I have to raise them.

Now that you have raised Prajwal Revanna's issue, let me make it clear, we have zero tolerance for such issues. There is a need to take such allegations extremely seriously and there should be strict legal action against such criminals.

But tell me one thing, have these reprehensible incidents happened now? These happened over many years and during this time, the Congress also tied up with Prajwal Revanna's party. This means that they knew everything and they kept quiet for years. Now they are using these only for the elections, even though the state government is theirs and they could have acted against this earlier, but didn't.

This shows their severe lack of commitment towards women's safety and dignity. It is despicable that for the Congress, such an important issue is just a political game.

**The Opposition may have failed to stitch together a national coalition but regional parties and the Congress have fielded joint candidates in more than 300 seats. Do you sense any challenge from this?**

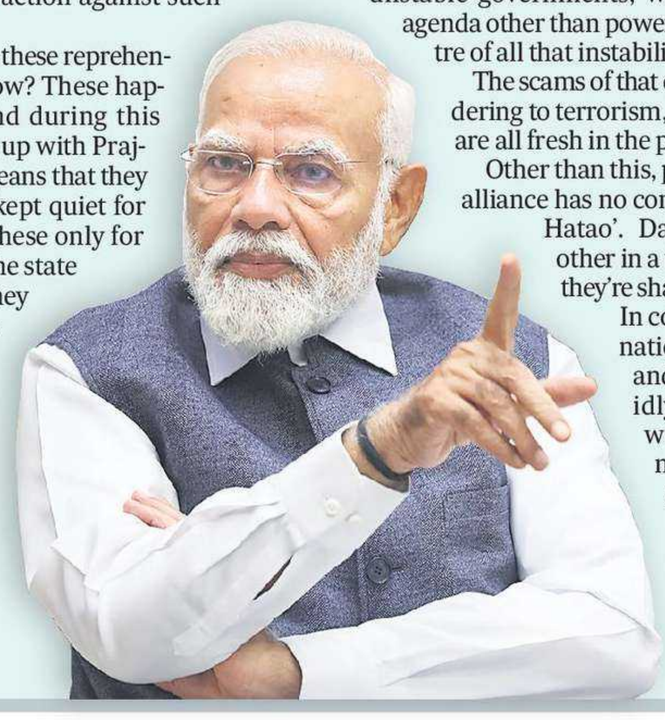
For many decades, India saw the problems arising from unstable governments, where there was no common agenda other than power. The Congress was at the centre of all that instability.

The scams of that era, the policy paralysis, surrendering to terrorism, the poor state of the economy are all fresh in the public's mind.

Other than this, people are seeing that the INDI alliance has no common vision other than 'Modi Hatao'. Day and night, they abuse each other in a way even opponents don't. But they're sharing a stage for opposing Modi.

In contrast, for the last 10 years, the nation saw the benefits of a strong and stable government. In a rapidly changing and challenging world, people know that India needs to be stable, secure and strong. Hence, I don't think that the Congress and the INDI alliance can win people's confidence, no matter how many seats they may contest.

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It is only when the Congress party went out of power and into the Opposition that they resorted to creating a bitter, hostile and unrelenting atmosphere. Even some Congress leaders feel this is not correct, but do not express it out of fear for their political future in the party.

Having filled the gaping holes left by 60 years of Congress rule in our first term and putting India on a fast track of growth in our second term, our third term will be an era of accelerated development... I am committed to strengthening and structuring the GYANM model that empowers our Gareeb, Yuva, Annadata, Nari Shakti and Middle Class in such a way that they become the architects of Viksit Bharat.

Opposition's agenda is either to snatch people's wealth or ensure faith-based reservations by denying the rights of SCs, STs and OBCs. All they want is 'Modi Hatao'. People will not fall for such regressive and communal politics.

## whatnext?

I am nothing but a sevak of Ma Bharati. I never think about what is next for me. I am thinking what all I can do to fulfil the dreams and aspirations of my family of 140 crore Indians. The last 10 years have only been a trailer. There is a lot that I want to do.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets supporters as he arrives for an election rally in Hyderabad. AP

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## Glimpse of rare auroral arc in Ladakh sky



A crimson glow lights up the sky in parts of Ladakh in a rare stable auroral red arc event at the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve in the high Himalayas due to the strong solar magnetic storms launched towards Earth on Saturday. PTI

# Govt plans to build onion buffer as prices fluctuate

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**NEW DELHI:** The Union government has started procuring onions from farmers at market rates to build an emergency buffer of 500,000 tonne for 2024-25 to boost supplies if prices spike, an official of the consumer affairs ministry said.

A buffer will allow the government to intervene in the markets if prices spiral, especially after the government lifted its five-month-long ban on export of onions last week. Simultaneously, the country imposed a floor price of $550 per tonne plus 40% tariff on outbound onion shipments. The minimum export price discourages too much exports at cheap rates.

The government does not expect onion rates to rise because of free exports, consumer affairs secretary Nidhi Khare said, citing normal availability, stable prices and robust output from the winter crop, estimated to be 19.1 million tonne.



A buffer will allow the government to intervene in the markets if prices spiral, especially after lifting the export ban. HT ARCHIVE

Onion is a volatile item, whose supplies tend to run low during an annual summer lean season. Since the bulb is a kitchen staple, consumers are quite sensitive to a rise in prices. The government had banned export of onion in December amid a price spiral due to lower supplies.

The government has directed two state-backed food agencies – the National Co-operative Consumers' Federation of India and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India — to initiate procurement of 5 lakh tonnes of onion for the buffer directly from farmers as Rabi harvest have started arriving in the markets. Procurement refers to the government's purchases of farm produce for state reserves.

Winter onion is critical for country's availability as it contributes 72-75% of India's annual production. It is also crucial for ensuring year-round availability as it has a better shelf life compared to summer onion, and therefore can be stored for supplies till December.

For the procurement, NAFED and NCCF will preregister onion farmers to ensure payments are transferred to their bank accounts through direct benefit transfer, according to the government's directive.

The department of consumer affairs had, through NAFED and NCCF, purchased about 600,000 tonne of onion during 2023-24 for the government's reserves. These agencies then intervened in retail markets, selling the vegetable at a subsidized price of ₹25 when market rates had more than doubled due to a supply crunch in 2023. The buffer now needs to be replenished.

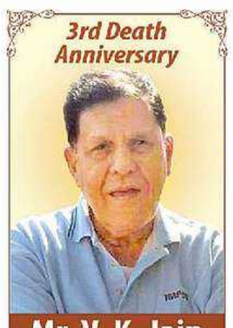
A global supply crunch and a dry spell induced by the El Niño weather pattern had prompted the government to take up policy measures to regulate onion exports during the year ended March.

Market watchers have pointed to a familiar pattern in spikes in onion prices. Retail rates soar every alternate year or so due to poor harvests. It's not uncommon for prices to crash either.

## NIA CARRIES OUT SEARCHES AT SIX LOCATIONS IN J&K

**JAMMU:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday carried out searches at six locations across Jammu province in connection with a Pakistan-backed terror conspiracy case. Extensive searches were conducted in Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar districts of Jammu province by NIA teams in the case relating to the conspiracy by banned terrorist organizations and their offshoots to carry out violent attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, the agency said. The searches have led to the seizure of incriminating material, including digital devices, documents, etc., it said. ANI

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We know you watch and care.

Love you today & forever Papa!

# Mamata steps up her attack on guv Bose, says she has received videos

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**KOLKATA:** West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday said she has received videos linked to the sexual harassment complaint against governor CV Ananda Bose as she questioned why he should continue to serve at the constitutional post.

On May 2, a contractual employee at the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata accused Bose of molestation, a charge he vehemently denied. On Friday, a crowd of 50-odd were shown a 69-minute CCTV footage at the Raj Bhavan as the governor sought to clear his name. The complainant slammed the governor for airing the footage, which showed her unblurred face.

Addressing a poll rally in Howrah, Mamata said that the footage shown at the Raj Bhavan was heavily edited.

"The governor had released an edited video. I saw the entire footage and its contents are shocking. I have got another video. It is in a pen-drive. There are more scandals. If I am now called to the Raj Bhavan, I will not go... If the governor wants to speak to me, he can call me on the road, and I will meet him there," she said.

HT reached out to Raj Bhavan officials for a response to Mamata's allegations but did not get one immediately.

To be sure, Article 361 of the Constitution prevents any criminal action against an incumbent governor or the President, and no FIR has been registered in the case.





Mamata Banerjee and CV Ananda Bose

The Trinamool Congress chief (TMC) demanded that Bose must explain why he should continue to serve as the governor.

"Bose must explain why he should not resign after such allegations were levelled against him," she said.

The governor has denied the allegations, saying that the charge against him was politically motivated and part of an "engineered narrative".

On Thursday, the Kolkata Police received the first cache of CCTV footage from Raj Bhavan linked to the charge against the governor.

"We have got CCTV footage from Raj Bhavan. We got the footage from the personnel in charge of the CCTVs at Raj Bhavan. We got the footage yesterday. At this stage we can only say that these are relevant CCTV footage," said a senior officer, on condition of anonymity.

## MAOIST KILLED IN GUNFIGHT WITH SECURITY FORCES IN CHHATTISGARH

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**DHAMTARI:** An exchange of fire broke out on Saturday between Maoists and security forces in the border areas of Dhamtari and Gariaband, in which one Maoist died on the spot and three to four of them were injured, an officer ware of the matter said.

Mishra stated that they received information about the presence of 15-20 Maoists in the border areas, planning a significant event.

After receiving the information, two police teams were dispatched for an operation, during which the Maoists initiated gunfire, leading to the death of one and injuries to three to four other Maoists.

"Today, we got the information that 15-20 Maoists are present in the border areas of Dhamtari and Gariaband and are planning to carry out a big incident. Two teams were sent to carry out the operation. The Maoists opened fire on the police. In retaliation firing by police, one Maoist died on the spot and 3-4 of them got injured... The search operation is underway in the jungle,"Maoist in-charge SDOP RK Mishra said.

### Woman killed after stepping on IED

A 25-year-old woman was killed after an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by Maoists went off in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Saturday, the police said. The deceased was identified as Shanti Punem.

{ SURJIT PATAR } 1945-2024

# Punjabi poetry loses one of its finest voices

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**CHANDIGARH:** Renowned poet and Padma Shri awardee, Surjit Patar, 79, passed away at his residence on Barewal Road in Ludhiana on Saturday. He left peacefully in his sleep following a suspected cardiac arrest. He will be cremated with full state honours on May 13 at Model Town Extension Cremation Ground, Ludhiana.

Family members reported that he did not wake up in the morning, and upon taking him to the hospital, he was declared dead. Despite his recent participation in several functions, his sudden demise has shocked the community of art and poetry enthusiasts.

Surjit Patar held esteemed positions, serving as the president of Punjab Arts Council, Chandigarh, and previously as the president of Punjabi Sahit Akademi. His contributions to literature and culture will be remembered fondly by many.

Deputy commissioner Sakshi Sawhney and commissioner of police Kuldeep Singh Chahal visited the residence to express their condolences with his family.



While addressing the media, commissioner of police Chahal said, "Patar will be cremated with full state honours at Model Town Extension Cremation Ground on Monday."

Patar is survived by his wife Bhupinder Kaur and two sons, Ankur Singh Patar, who lives in Australia and Manraj Singh Patar.

He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2012. Following the farm agitation in 2020, Patar announced to return the civilian honour in solidarity with protesting farmers at Delhi borders against the farm laws.

Gurbhajan Gill, a renowned poet and former president of Punjabi Sahit Akademi, said that a vacuum has been created with his demise which cannot be filled.

Patar was born in Patar Kalan village of Jalandhar on January 14, 1945. He completed his master's degree in Punjabi from Punjabi University, Patiala and PhD from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. He had joined the academic profession and retired as professor from Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana.

He started writing poetry in the mid 1960s.

Patar also left an indelible mark on Punjabi cinema, writing dialogues for notable films such as "Shaheed Uddham Singh" and the Punjabi rendition of Deepa Mehta's "Heaven on Earth." His contributions extended beyond cinema, translating works like Federico Garcia Lorca's three tragedies, Girish Karnad's "Nagmandala," and poetry by Bertolt Brecht and Pablo Neruda into Punjabi.

His works including "Lafzah di Dargah" "Hawa vich likhe harf" and "Hanere vich sulagdi varnmala" are popular among poetry lovers.

## RAJ SPEAKER CALLS FOR ASI SURVEY AT AJMER MOSQUE

**JAIPUR:** Rajasthan assembly speaker Vasudev Devnani on Saturday urged the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) to urgently inspect the historic Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra in Ajmer city of Rajasthan, amid claims by Jain monks that a Sanskrit school and a temple had once existed at the site.

"An ASI survey should immediately be done at Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra to find out whether the Jain delegates' claim is true. It's a subject to the research whether it was occupied and converted into a mosque. The necessary action can be taken after that," said Devnani, who is also the MLA from Ajmer North.

The development comes days after a delegation of Jain monks, accompanied by members of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), visited the historic monument on May 7. "A Sanskrit school used to be there at the historical Adhai Din ka Jhonpra. They might have also changed the early structure of the place but a slew of symbols are still there," Jain monk Sunil Sagar, who led the delegation to the monument, said.

Ajmer Dargah Anjuman Committee's secretary Syed Sarwar Chishti, however, termed the Jain monks' visit "highly wrong".

"It's highly wrong how these people entered the mosque and started claiming our holy place as a Sanskrit school without any proper evidence," he is heard saying in an audio clip. Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra near Ajmer Sharif Dargah is an ASI-protected monument. SENJUTI SENGUPTA

# Rhino poacher killed in gunfight at Kaziranga park, say forest officials

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**SILCHAR:** A suspected rhino poacher died after a gunfight with forest guards in Assam's Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in the wee hours of Saturday, officials said.

A cache of firearms, including 303 rifles, live bullets, around 2,000 cartridges and other weapons were recovered later, which showed the poachers were planning for a massive poaching drive in the park, the officials said, seeking anonymity.

Officials of the Kaziranga park received intelligence inputs about this a few days ago and were prepared for a fight. "Our armed team along with police and other security forces were keeping vigil on those areas where the poachers generally make attempts," an official said.

POLICE SAID THEY HAVE RECOVERED A CACHE OF FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS THAT SHOWED THE POACHERS WERE PLANNING A MAJOR POACHING DRIVE IN THE PARK

A team of poachers entered the park on Thursday by crossing the Brahmaputra river and stayed in the forest in the night. "Our guards saw lights inside the forest at night and they tried to catch the poachers when the firing started. The poachers started the firing and our team reciprocated. The suspected poachers fled, leaving one of their injured teammates," the official said.

The forest guards took the injured man to a local hospital, where the doctors declared him dead. Officials are yet to identify the deceased person. "The person was not carrying any document, which can reveal his identity. It is possible that he was from a neighbouring state. We are investigating the matter further," another official said.

Kaziranga park saw several attempts of poaching in the past, which has reduced in recent years. In 2022, the park recorded no poaching.

Last year, a team of poachers made an attempt but were prevented.

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### IPS officer Nongrang becomes 1st woman police chief of Meghalaya

**SHILLONG:** Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Idashisha Nongrang has been appointed as Meghalaya's first woman directorate general of police (DGP), officials said on Saturday. Nongrang will replace LR Bishnoi who will retire on May 19, they said. The Meghalaya security commission, chaired by chief minister Conrad K Sangma, selected Nongrang out of the three officers approved by the UPSC last month for the role, a senior home department official informed PTI. "Heartiest congratulations to Smti Idashisha Nongrang, IPS, on her appointment as the new DGP. Breaking barriers, she becomes the first tribal lady from our state to hold this position. Wishing her all the best!" Sangma said.

### Delhi court refuses to extend Supertech chief's interim bail

**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi court has dismissed the plea moved by Supertech chairperson and promoter RK Arora, who sought extension of interim bail by 90 days on medical grounds. "The applicant/accused Ram Kishor Arora has been directed to surrender before jail authorities on or before May 13 by 5 pm," the order said.

Arora was arrested in June last year in relation to a money laundering case by the Enforcement Directorate. Additional sessions judge Devender Kumar Jangala in an order passed on Friday dismissed his plea and directed jail authorities to provide necessary prescribed medical treatment to Arora, as prescribed by the doctors treating him.

## MAN BEATEN UP, FORCED TO DRINK URINE, BRUTALISED IN RAJ'S BARMER

**BARMER:** A 24-year-old man was allegedly thrashed, forced to drink urine, brutalised with a stick and his hair chopped off by a group of men in Barmer district of Rajasthan last week, police said on Saturday.

While the victim alleged he was attacked by the group for refusing to give them money to purchase alcohol, the accused said he was assaulted after he forcibly tried to enter a girl's house. Nine people have been booked in the case and a probe is underway, police added.

According to Hanuman Ram, station house officer (SHO) at Bijrad police station, the victim said the incident, purported videos of which have gone viral, took place on May 9 when he was on his way to attend a wedding.

"The victim said he came across a group of eight to 10 men on his way to friend's house. The men reportedly asked him for money to buy alcohol but he refused," Ram said. "The victim said the group then dragged him to a deserted area where they assaulted him with sticks, and kicked and punched him. He said they also forced him to drink urine and further brutalised him with a stick," he added.

Police, however, said the accused claimed the victim was assaulted after he tried to forcibly enter the house of a girl in the village. "Allegations have been made against the victim that he entered a girl's house in the village where the incident occurred and therefore, was assaulted by her relatives," the SHO said. "Based on the victim's complaint, nine people have been booked. A detailed probe is underway," the police officer added.

MUKESH MATHRANI

# Man kills mother, wife, 3 kids, later dies by suicide in Sitapur

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**SITAPUR:** A 45-year-old man allegedly killed his mother, wife and three children before dying by suicide at Plahapur village in Uttar Pradesh's Sitapur district on Saturday, a police officer aware of the matter said.

According to police, the man might be mentally unstable which could have led to the incident.

Sitapur superintendent of police (SSP) Chakresh Mishra said, "We are collecting evidence from the spot and the bodies have been sent for a post-mortem examination."

POLICE SAID SECURITY HAS BEEN STEPPED UP TO ENSURE LAW AND ORDER IN THE VILLAGE AFTER THE INCIDENT

The man allegedly shot his mother, 62, wife, 40, daughters, 12 and eight-year-old, and his four-year-old son. He later shot himself dead, the officer said.

Police units have been deployed to ensure law and order in the village, the officer added.

**Man kills wife, children, mother-in-law in Bihar**

A man allegedly killed his wife, two children and mother-in-law in Bihar's Madhubani district in the early hours of Saturday when they were sleeping, police said. The incident took place in Sukhet village in Jhanjharpur police station area, they said. Pawan Kumar Mahto, who went on the run after the incident, killed them by hitting them with a blunt object, police said. Two other children present in the house managed to save their lives by hiding in another room, they said. A case has been registered and an investigation is underway, police said.

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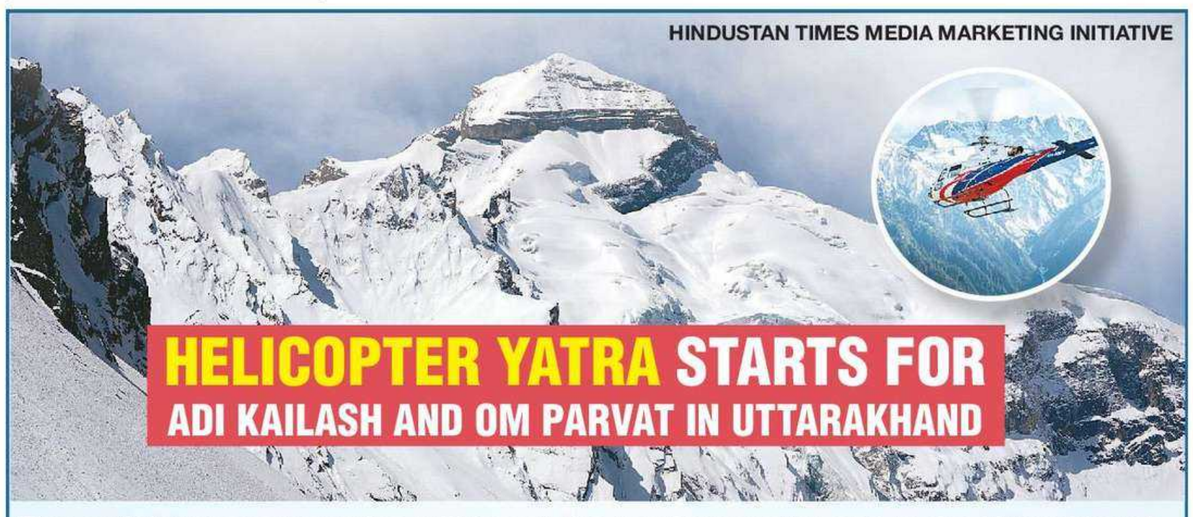
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HELICOPTER YATRA STARTS FOR ADI KAILASH AND OM PARVAT IN UTTARAKHAND

**The aerial transport service will boost the tourism sector and make Uttarakhand more accessible to pilgrims and tourists.**

In April, Roachak Saxsena, a Delhi-based advocate, found himself at the heart of a historic moment. He was one of the first pilgrims to embark on a helicopter yatra to the sacred Adi Kailash, organised by the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB). Saxsena found the experience "mesmerizing" and was speechless at the sight of Lord Shiva's abode without the usual arduous trek. He credits Uttarakhand Tourism and Trip to Temples for making this dream come true and highly recommends it to his loved ones.

The UTDB has introduced an innovative approach to enhance accessibility to Adi Kailash and Om Parvat for devotees and tourists. This year, the UTDB launched the aerial yatra, allowing a unique pilgrimage experience. The first group embarked on April 15, and flights will operate until May 9th. After this initial phase, the yatra will resume during the winter season (November to March) to cater to the snow-covered conditions.

This innovative project is the product of a successful partnership between UTDB and Noida-based travel agency Trip to Temples. UTDB played a crucial role in securing the necessary approvals and laying the groundwork for the yatra. Trip to Temples, on the other hand, brings its expertise in marketing and operations to the table, ensuring a smooth and enriching experience for pilgrims.

The winter pilgrimage, scheduled from November to March, presents a comprehensive four-night, five-day package commencing and concluding in Pithoragarh. Modern H-125 helicopters will transport the pilgrims, while ATVs will provide supplementary assistance in traversing the challenging terrain. The itinerary guarantees six thrilling helicopter rides, offering awe-inspiring aerial perspectives of the magnificent Himalayas.

Uttarakhand Tourism Secretary and UTDB CEO Sachin Kurve informed Hindustan Times that the aerial pilgrimage to Adi Kailash and Om Parvat has been launched by Uttarakhand Tourism. "The first public yatra commenced on April 15th and will continue until May 9. We'll then resume operations in the winter months, from November to March," Kurve said.

The pilgrimage extends beyond mere access to holy places. Its objective is to empower the nearby communities as well. Travelers will find comfortable homestays in the delightful villages of Gunji, Nabhi, and Napalchu. It not only provides a unique cultural experience but also generates much-needed winter employment opportunities for local residents.

Vikas Mishra, Founder and CEO of Trip to Temples, expressed his company's immense pride in being part of this historic project. He looks forward to future collaborations and contributing to the development of sustainable and accessible pilgrimage experiences in Uttarakhand.

This helicopter yatra marks a significant step towards making the wonders of Uttarakhand more accessible to pilgrims and tourists.

### Manaskhand Express to Promote Hidden Destinations of Kumaon Region




Uttarakhand Tourism has entered into an Agreement with IRCTC to provide train tours to hidden destinations of Uttarakhand through a special tourist train. While the itineraries have been curated to include places in the Udham Singh Nagar, Champawat, Pithorgarh, Almora and Nainital districts, the end to end services are being provided by IRCTC and the bookings are also available on the "irctctourism.com" website.

This unique initiative aims to showcase some of the best kept secrets of Uttarakhand to citizens from different parts of the country.

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## KEJRIWAL

unturned in crushing it. They sent four top leaders to jail at the same time. If four top leaders of big parties go to jail, the party ends. They thought that with four top leaders inside jail, AAP would be crushed. But the more they try to crush it, the more it grows," he said, adding that no other party or its leaders were harassed the way "Modi has harassed AAP".

The AAP's most famous faces — Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, Sanjay Singh and Satyendra Jain — were incarcerated by central agencies over corruption charges in separate cases.

While the Supreme Court granted interim bail to the Delhi chief minister in a money laundering case linked the alleged irregularities in the now-scrapped excise policy case to enable him to campaign for the general elections, Singh was released from jail on regular bail on April 4.

Sisodia, once Kejriwal's deputy in the Delhi government, has been in jail since February 2023. Jain is currently in jail in a separate money laundering case

"Modi says he is fighting corruption, but he has welcomed the most corrupt people, including those who Modi alleged of having done ₹70,000 crore in corruption. If Modi wants to fight corruption, he should learn from Kejriwal. In 2015, I sacked my minister who demanded ₹5 lakh bribe from someone and sent him to jail...," said Kejriwal.

Kejriwal went on to detail what he said a "dangerous mission" started by PM Modi.

"The people of the country need to understand this. Modi has started a very dangerous mission — 'one nation one leader'. Modi wants to crush all the politicians of the country," he said. "Modi is running this mission in two stages. In the first stage, he will send all opposition leaders to jail and will also end the political career of all BJP leaders. They have sent Manish Sisodia, Hemant Soren, ministers of Mamata Banerjee to jail... if they win the Lok Sabha election, after some time (opposition leaders) Mamata Banerjee, MK Stalin, Tejashwi Yadav, Pinarayi Vijayan, Uddhav Thackeray and other opposition leaders will be sent to jail," the Delhi chief minister said.

"They finished the political career of LK Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Sumitra Mahajan... Shivraj Singh Chouhan who won the Madhya Pradesh assembly elections, was not made the chief minister (of Madhya Pradesh) and (they) finished his career. Vasundhra Raje, ML Khattar, Raman Singh... Who is next? Yogi Adityanath? If they (BJP) win the election, they will change the CM of Uttar Pradesh in two months. They will finish the political career of Yogi Adityanath," Kejriwal alleged.

"This is dictatorship," he added.

Kejriwal said that in India's 4,000-year history "when dictators tried to usurp power, the people crushed them".

"One dictator wants to finish democracy in this country. I am fighting against this dictator with all my strength. I cannot do it alone. I am begging the support of 140 crore people of the country. I am begging you to save the country from this dictatorship," he said.

The AAP leader took on what is often posed as a political pitch by the BJP to portray Modi as the only viable PM candidate, and said: "They (BJP) ask the INDIA alliance who will be our PM. I want to ask the BJP, who will be their PM? Narendra Modi is turning 75 years old on September 17, 2025. In 2014, Modi had made a rule that those turning 75 in BJP will be retired... (LK) Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi... have been retired. Now Modi is going to retire next year. So, who will become the PM of the BJP?"

Modi, Kejriwal said, is asking for votes for Union home minister Amit Shah, claiming that the latter will be Modi's successor after he "retires" on turning 75. "Modi is not seeking votes for himself, he is seeking votes to make Amit Shah as the PM. Who will fulfil the guarantee of Modi?" Kejriwal said.

BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi took a swipe at Kejriwal, saying his remarks about Shah are an acknowledgement that the BJP is set to retain power for a third straight term.

The BJP will not win more than 230 Lok Sabha seats, Kejriwal asserted.

"In the last 20 hours after release from jail, I talked to poll experts and people, and got to know the BJP is not going to form the government," he said, adding that it will be the INDIA alliance of opposition parties that will have enough support to come to power.

"AAP will be a part of the central government and we will get Delhi the status of a full-state. Delhi's LG will be the LG of the people," he added. Ahead of restarting his election campaign, Kejriwal, along with his wife Sunita and Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann, offered prayers at the Hanuman temple in central Delhi's Connaught Place.

He began his address in the afternoon by thanking the Supreme Court for granting him bail after 40 days behind bars, and another ten days in custody of the Enforcement Directorate as part of questioning in the alleged irregularities in the 2021 Delhi excise policy.

"I want to thank the Supreme Court for giving me 21 days. I will work 36 hours a day. I will visit different parts of the country to save democracy and stop this dictatorship. Every drop of my blood is for the country," the AAP convener said.

He thanked the people gathered at the party office despite the summer heat. "After 50 days I have come amid you. It feels good. We visited the Hanuman Mandir and took blessings of the deities. Due to the blessings of Hanuman ji, I have suddenly come out and I am standing among you," Kejriwal said.

Talking about why he did not resign from his post, Kejriwal said: "The chief minister's post is not important for me. I did not step down as the chief minister because a conspiracy was hatched to force me to resign on a fake case."

Kejriwal said former Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren should not have resigned from his post, and should have run the government from jail after he was arrested. "It becomes very convenient for them if we resign. They will put the chief minister of a state where they lose the election in jail and topple the government."

Later in the day, Kejriwal held his first roadshow for Lok Sabha election campaign along with Mann in the South Delhi constituency. He also held his second roadshow in East Delhi's Krishna Nagar. The AAP is fighting the Delhi elections as an INDIA constituent, with its leaders contesting four of seven parliamentary seats in the city, and the remaining being contested by ally Congress.

The first campaign started in Mehrauli where Kejriwal held an over 45-minutes-long roadshow seeking votes for AAP candidate Sahiram Pahalwan. The second roadshow was held in East Delhi's Krishna Nagar where the two CMs sought votes for AAP's candidate from East Delhi Lok Sabha seat Kuldeep Kumar.

## 3 DEAD IN STORM

storm led to a three-degree drop in the minimum temperature on Saturday, and issued a yellow alert for Sunday, when it said light rain and gusty winds could grip some parts of the Capital.

Police said they received a call around 10pm on Friday reporting that a tree had fallen on a passerby in Rohini Sector 16. "Local police immediately reached the place and found an injured person. The man was immediately shifted to BSA hospital where he was declared dead on arrival by the doctors," deputy commissioner of police (Rohini) Guriqbal Singh Sidhu said. The deceased was identified as Hariom, 30, a resident of the area who worked as a labourer.

The second death was reported in Vikaspuri area around 11.30pm, when a tree fell on a man near the district centre Janakpuri flyover as he rode a moped. "On this call, SI Ramkishor was deputed, who reported that a tree had fallen over a car and a moped. In this incident the car was damaged and the rider of the moped, Jaiprakash, was injured," deputy commissioner of police (west) Vichitra Veer said. The deceased Jaiprakash, and a resident of Sitapuri, was taken to DDU Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The third death was of a 19-year-old woman who was brought to Alshifa Hospital in Shaheen Bagh with a head injury, possibly caused by the impact of falling bricks, police said.

Police officials said the doctors – who informed police as part of the medico-legal case protocol – reported the woman being brought into the emergency in an unconscious, unresponsive state and her father stated that debris from a collapsing wall had struck her.

"The statement of her father and uncle has been recorded who have alleged that incident occurred due to the falling of a weak wall being built by the owner of the adjacent building. We have registered a case and are investigating it," said DCP (south-east), Rajesh Deo.

The minimum temperature was recorded at 24.9°C, one degree below normal, compared to Friday's minimum of 27.7°C. The maximum temperature on Saturday was 38.7°C, barely changing from 39°C the day before. Despite the gusty winds, rainfall in several parts of the capital was minimal. Safdarjung, representative of Delhi's weather, recorded 0.4 mm of rain in the 24 hours until 8:30am on Saturday.

IMD has forecast the minimum temperature to stay between 24°C and 25°C at least until Wednesday, with the maximum expected to remain below 40°C until Tuesday before gradually increasing. "The skies were generally cloudy on Saturday. That is expected to continue till Sunday, with gusty winds of speed 30-40 kmph," said Met officials.

Delhi's air quality index (AQI) was recorded at 239 (poor) at 4pm on Saturday, according to the Central Pollution Control Board's national bulletin, deteriorating from Friday's AQI of 180 (moderate).

Mukesh Khare, an air quality modelling expert and professor at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), attributed the change to the high wind speed during Friday's dust storm, which could have driven up the layer of dust from local regions of the city.

## PM MODI INTERVIEW

minorities. To be sure, the Congress has said that the BJP is misrepresenting Singh's remark, and that the PM had spoken of the need to empower the marginalised, including the scheduled castes, the scheduled tribes and Muslims.

"If the Congress party's agenda is to take away the reservation of SC, ST and OBCs, and give it to their vote banks unconstitutionally, on the basis of religion, then it will have to be questioned. In such a situation, being silent would be incorrect. It is the Congress party that is bringing religion and divisive issues and agendas into the picture," he said.

"The people of these communities are raising questions about their dangerous agenda and as a party that represents the people's aspirations, we will also reflect their concerns. These are important questions that need to be answered by the Congress," he added.

The campaign has also been roiled by mass sexual assault and rape allegations against Janata Dal Secular leader Prajwal Revanna. Modi referred to that controversy in his interview.

"I firmly believe that every Indian citizen is equal in the eyes of the law. Be it Sandeshkhali or Karnataka, whoever committed such heinous acts, whether they belong to any party, must face severe consequences, must face the strictest punishment. And it's the duty of the state government to ensure law and order, whichever part of India it is," he said, also pointing to allegations of land grab, exploitation and sexual abuse against local Trinamool Congress leaders in West Bengal. In recent weeks, reports have emerged that two women have recanted their complaints, blaming local BJP leaders of manipulating their statements.

He rejected allegations that the BJP was not running a positive campaign.

"If you observe our party's manifesto or the speeches of our leaders, it is clear that we are the only party speaking about creating a developed India, about a net-zero future, about becoming the third largest economy, etc," he said.

Modi appeared confident of doing well in southern India, a region where the BJP has struggled to find a footing outside Karnataka.

"Our connection with the people of south India, including Tamil Nadu and Kerala, is not new. We've dedicated ourselves to serving the people there, regardless of whether we are in government or not... People are tired of the corruption, appeasement, and family-first politics of the INDI Alliance seen in various southern states," he said.

"I see a strong sense of positivity and enthusiasm for the BJP. Our message of development and progress is resonating strongly with the people of south India," he added.

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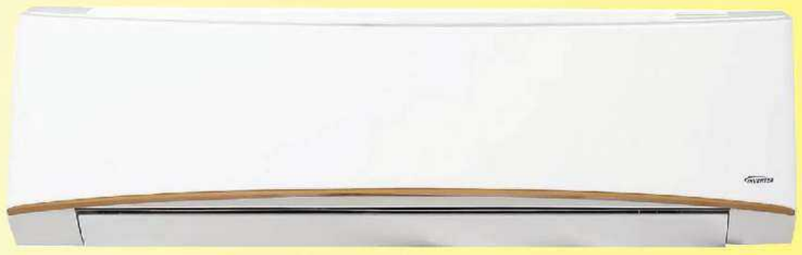
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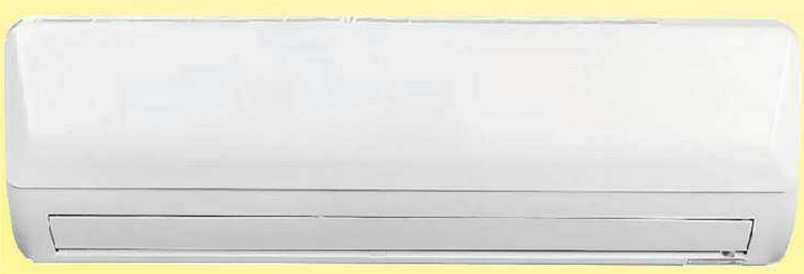
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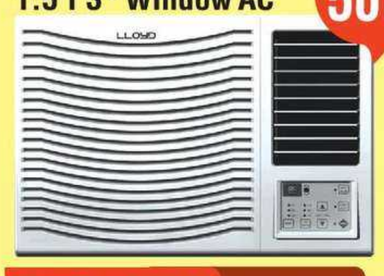
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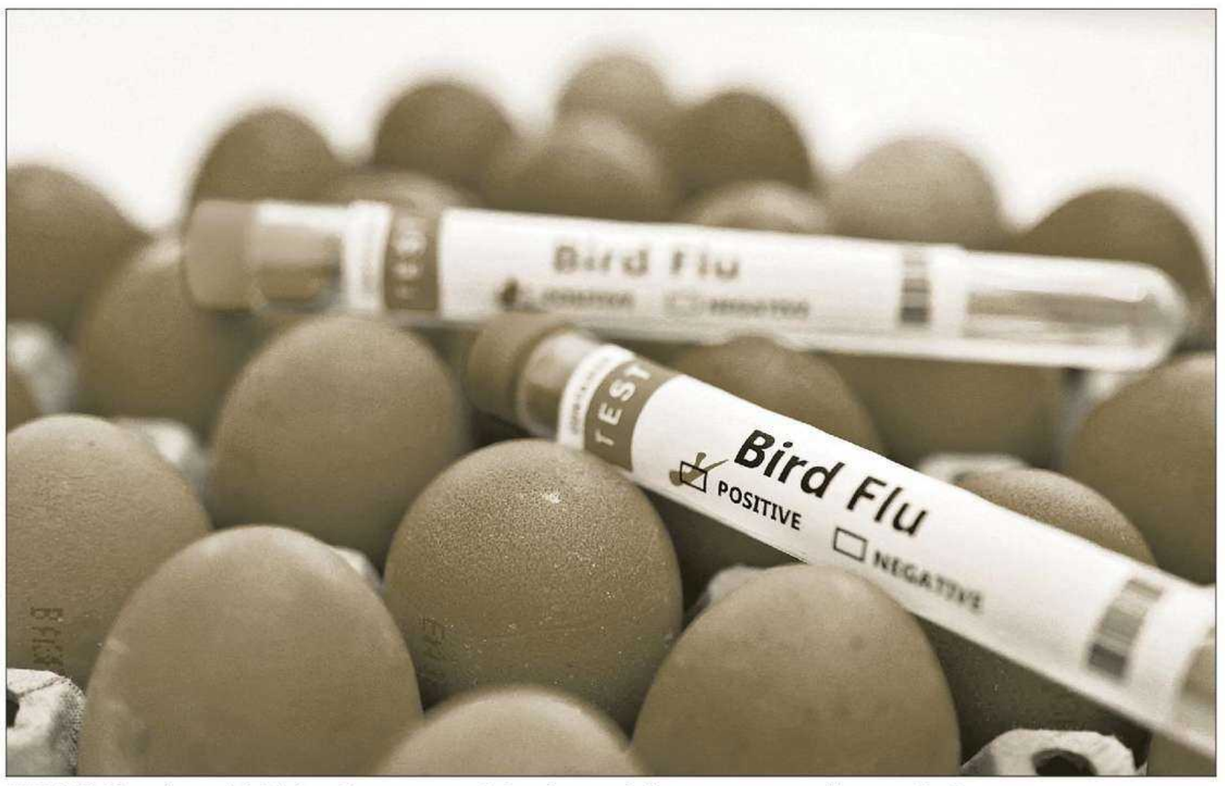
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# Vaccine stockpile could help in battling bird flu

**H5N1 is potentially a far more serious threat than Covid-19. While it is too early to ring the alarm, it would be foolish to not be prepared**




H5N1 is highly pathogenic in birds and some mammals. In other words, it can cause severe disease or death REUTERS



Ramanan Laxminarayan

Bird flu is now rampant in mammals: Since 2021, 37 new mammal species worldwide have been affected including foxes, polar bears and cows. Entire colonies of sea lions and Antarctic seals have been decimated. One in five milk samples in the United States (US) is reported to carry the H5N1 virus although pasteurised milk is safe for consumption. Cows themselves are not at high risk and have only mild illness that resolves in about a week, but over half of the cats at the Texas dairy farm where cows tested positive for bird flu died after drinking raw milk.

Coming on the heels of the Covid-19 pandemic, which killed millions of people and caused significant economic damage, it is reasonable to ask whether and how long it will take for this virus to be a problem in India. How worried should we be and what should we be doing?

Let's start with the areas of concern.

First, H5N1 is highly pathogenic in birds and some mammals. In other words, it can cause severe disease or death. There have been 26 H5N1 cases reported in people in eight countries since 2022. Of these, 14 patients had severe disease, and there were seven deaths, which works out to a mortality rate of about 250 per thousand cases. In comparison, the mortality rate for Covid-19 is about two per thousand. An epidemic that is much smaller than Covid-19 in terms of the number of people infected could have the same kind of devastating consequences as the Covid pandemic if our experience with poultry transmitted-H5N1 is any guide.

Second, unlike with Covid-19 where the elderly were most at risk, with H5N1, it is possible that both the elderly and small children are at risk if the new strains behave the way that existing influenza viruses do.

Third, as with Covid-19, once H5N1 has adapted to humans, it is difficult to put the genie back in the bottle. In other words, we may be looking at annual vaccinations against H5N1 since the variant will change slightly every year and the consequences may be serious enough that we do want people to get vaccinated.

Fourth, there is evidence that the virus has been transmitted from cows to poultry, potentially via human carriers. If the virus is similarly transmitted to pigs, that would be of concern because pigs carry many respiratory viruses that also infect humans. Once the H5N1 virus is established in pigs, there is a greater likelihood that a strain that could efficiently transmit between humans will emerge. This could be a few months or many years away, but given the enormous risk it poses, this is not a risk one should take lightly.

But there are reasons for hope.

First, there is no evidence yet of human-to-human transmission, and as of now, people are not yet at risk. Any possible infections are only from close contact with infected animals and there has been no reported transmission of the virus from human to human. The one farmworker in Texas who contracted H5N1 only had a case of conjunctivitis. In fact, it is possible that the virus may never acquire that ability or that the strain that is able to transmit from human to human only causes mild disease. Second, the current strain of H5N1 appears to be treatable with a widely available generic drug oseltamivir. Third, unlike SARS-COV-2 which hit us without any warning, we have a lot of scientific evidence on the H5N1 virus. Unlike the coronavirus, the H5N1 virus has been studied for years, although it could yet mutate in ways that surprise us. And lastly, vaccines against influenza strains appear to be at least partially effective against H5N1 – a situation different from Covid-19, where we were starting from scratch to develop vaccines.

How can we be better prepared?

Our surveillance for new strains of influenza remains weak – to be fair, surveillance in animals even in high-income countries leaves much to be desired. Broader surveillance in wild animals in domesticated animals, as well as wastewater surveillance, are needed – without which we can only find the disease when it is reported in humans. That is simply too late.

Although H5N1 that is circulating appears to be treatable, that does not mean that everyone in the country has easy access to oseltamivir. A national stockpile of this drug, similar to that practised by the West, could be helpful in case there was a pandemic tomorrow. That does not guarantee easy distribution, but it could help avert the panic that results in patients trying to procure medications with questionable value at high cost.

Although India is a global hub for vaccine manufacturing, not all components of a vaccine are made in India. Importantly, the flu vaccines rely on a critical component called an adjuvant that makes the vaccine effective. It is not clear that there is enough supply of adjuvants to serve the world's population in the case of an outbreak, and it may not be clear even what adjuvant we need until the first cases of human-to-human transmission occur and we can figure out the specific subtype of virus that is causing these infections. Other countries, including the US, have already been testing H5N1 vaccines including in children, who would be among the first to receive them.

Also, flu vaccines are still grown in eggs and scalability is an issue. Without a stockpile, which necessarily means that vaccines may go to waste if there is no epidemic, India will be late in catching up and the same situation where the vaccination came too late for millions of lives lost in the second wave of Covid-19 could occur. The Global South, including India, does not typically vaccinate against seasonal influenza and so our ability to scale up in the case of a pandemic flu virus is constrained. Last, but not least, as was the case with Covid-19 where humans had no previous experience with the virus, we are immunologically naïve concerning H5N1. Therefore, each person will likely need to receive two doses of vaccine to be protected.

While it is too early to ring the alarm, it would be foolish to not be prepared. There are many unknowns but one thing is certain. H5N1 is potentially a far more serious threat than Covid-19, and if we are counting on preparations after the first cases of human-to-human transmission, no amount of travel bans or airport closures (which are fairly ineffective incidentally) will be enough to save us.

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{ SUNDAY SENTIMENTS }



Karan Thapar

# Listening to silence in the dance of language

It's no secret that English is not a phonetic language. How you spell a word has little connection with how you pronounce it. That's why a spelling test can be formidable. But I had no idea how often letters of the English alphabet are silent or redundant in the spelling of the simplest words of normal everyday use. You can probably find examples for almost every letter. I'll come to the few exceptions later.

As a document I've discovered on the net says, "letters persist in words despite not playing any discernable role in the word's pronunciation". Amongst the most obvious examples are b and g. Most silent bs come at the end of words and usually after m: *bomb, climb, comb, crumb, dumb, lamb, limb, numb, plumb, thumb* and *tomb*. In the case of g it's often before an n: *gnarl, gnash, gnat, gnaw, gnostic, gnu*. But as *sign* indicates it doesn't have to be at the start. Indeed, as you can see from *high, though* and *through* it can often be at the end before an h.

Those of you who know will be aware that k is another misleading alphabet. The Lord alone knows what role it plays in *knee, knife, knight, knit, knob, knock, knot, knuckle*. But when it comes to p, I suspect it was purely designed to confound. It's silent before n in pneumonia and pneumatic and before s in *psalm, psyche* and *psychology*. But what's it doing in *coup, receipt*, and *comptroller*?

N it seems doesn't like m when it comes after it, as it does in *autumn, damn, hymn, limn, solemn*. It hides in silence. That also seems to be the case with w and r. When the former precedes the latter, it defers to the strength of r.

Here are a few examples: *wrack, wraith, wrangle wrap, wreath, wren, wrench, wrestle, wrinkle, wrist, writ, write, wrong, wrought*. Of course w can be silent on other occasions too such as *answer, sword, two* and *who*. Ah well — but there you can hear it!

Even some of the strongest sounding alphabets — which many of us needlessly overstress — become inaudible on occasion. T is an example. You can't hear it in *ballet, castle, listen* and most certainly not in *whistle*. Not surprisingly, much the same is true of d. After all it sounds so much like t. But it's missing when you pronounce *handkerchief* and *handsome*. Even when you speak those words on a *wednesday*!

Now Professor Higgins may have had a fondness for Hertford, Hereford and Hampshire but I can assure you he would have known that pronouncing h is verboten in *heir, honest* and *honour*. So too in *rhyme* and *ghost*.

The letters that are rarely silent for they insist on being heard include j, with the almost solitary exception of *marijuana*, f and q. But don't forget x which is hard to miss except in that French import *faux pas*. And, of course, there's v although I'm not sure if it's pronounced in *covfefe*? I'm afraid that's trumped me!

Actually what's true of x is also true of z. You hear it in zoology, zebra, zero but if the word originates from the other side of the English channel, such as *chez, rendezvous* or *laissez-faire*, it simply dazzles to deceive.

Now, tell me, did all of that surprise you? Did you ever think so many words have letters that are never pronounced? This, dear reader, is why when you're writing in English you can so easily go wrong. I often do.

Let me end with a little ditty, once again obtained from the net:

*To be honest, does the H in rhyme ring a bell?*

*And can the J in marijuana anybody smell?*

*Who knows why the K in knee won't knock?*

*And why the L in walk or in calf won't talk?*

.....

*W is not write, its wrong ... get the clue?*

*Hush, no rendezvous with Z, goodbye, adieu*

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# Snake that eats its own tail, for ever and ever

May 8 marked the anniversary of the passing of Robert A Heinlein (1907-1988), a naval engineer turned author who brought "hard" science fiction (sci-fi) to the spotlight, with his stories grounded in science and fuelled by social commentary. Heinlein's mind was a playground of paradoxes, time loops, and mind-bending ideas that continue to warp the brains of his readers to this day.

Think of the technology in the film, The Martian, or the social questions of The Expanse, and you're tapping into Heinlein's legacy. His visual settings are eerily visionary. The moving walkways in airports today can be found in his 1940 story "The Roads Must Roll". Waldos, a term coined by Heinlein to describe advanced robotic arms, is now essential in surgery, space exploration, and manufacturing. But Heinlein's ideas aren't confined to the realms of science fiction alone: The popular adage "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch (TANSTAAFL)", communicating the idea of opportunity cost, is central to his 1966 novel *The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress*, and predates the Milton Friedman's *There's No Such Thing As A Free Lunch* by 10 years. Still not impressed? Google where the word Grok — the name Elon Musk has given to his AI chatbot comes from.



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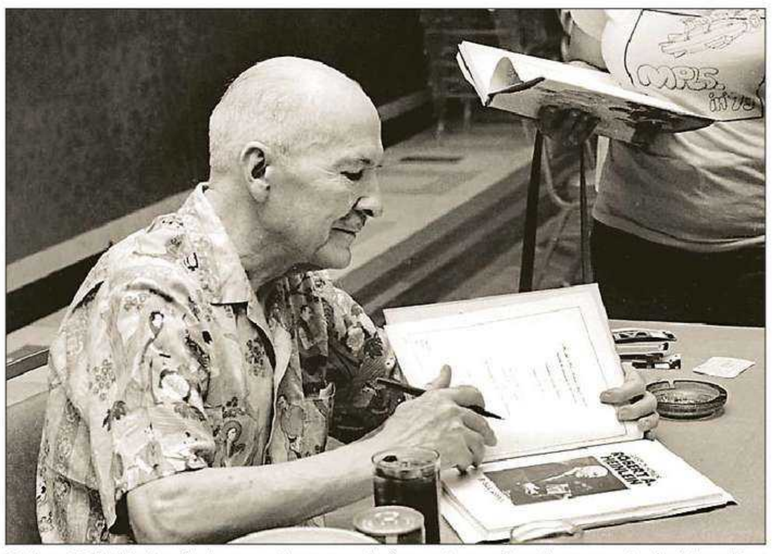


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Among his most iconic works is the short story *All You Zombies*, a mind-bending exploration of time travel pondering on the question: What if you were your own mother, father, son, and daughter? Now, if that sounds familiar, you've watched the 2014 Spierig brothers film *Predestination*, where Heinlein's legacy overcomes the confines of the written word and makes a leap to the big screen. The film stands as a complex and haunting work in its own right, starring Ethan Hawke and Sarah Snook wearing a Leonardo Di Caprio look. There is a mysterious criminal, and a temporal cop, both going down a path that forces them to question everything they think they know about time and identity.

The film draws deeply from Heinlein's bizarre short story and yet expands upon the narrative. In addition to the core paradox, the film fleshes out in depth the wobbly world of its characters and the dilemmas that a time-bending universe would raise. The adaptation is so faithful to the book that scenes and dialogues are picked straight up. Both versions grapple with the same mind-twisting questions: How much is fate, how much is free will? And if we could change the past, what would the cost be to ourselves? But the film asks these questions more directly and within the precincts of a noir thriller setting. Now, how that works out is for the viewer to decide. However, once you read the story, you do yearn to see its primal simplicity on-screen. In this sense, the story, also a twister-turner, uses the predestination paradox to great effect without dropping a "hint" in every other sentence. We do wish for the Spierig brothers to have had a little more confidence in their audiences, and just let the story do its thing.

This is not to say the film is not telling.



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It turns out to be one of those rare instances of laudable visual storytelling where despite the story featuring only two characters speaking in great intimacy, the viewers are never affected by the boredom the talking heads syndrome normally induces. Contrarily, it stages its characters to appear mysterious and connected at the same time. For instance, when the character John played meticulously by Sarah Snook calls the barkeep a "son of a bitch", self-referencing himself and all versions of John in the past and future is a mind-bending use of the time loop.

The film marks its 10th anniversary but is extremely relevant to pop culture today owing to the complex plot principally held together by the metaphor of gender fluid experiences. It explores queer identities by unbundling how much identity is externally imposed versus internally defined. As Heinlein says, "a person is a person, no matter the circumstances of their birth." While the story and the film leave us with one dominant thought "if" we have free will, it also stunningly underscores how our lives have meaning regardless of free will. Just like how the characters John and Jane's actions have emotional weight, however, bound by the overbearing limitations of paradox or fate they may be. It's also possible Heinlein is warning us about the dangers of time travel, compellingly arguing for us to live in the present and not bothering to delve into altering our past.

Whether you're a die-hard Heinlein fan or a newcomer to the world of time-travel paradoxes, whether you believe in free will and moral dilemmas, and whether you encounter this puzzle as a short story or as a film experience, it's bound to stick with you long after the credits roll (or after you turn the last page).

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{ ENGENDER }



Lalita Panicker

# How SHGs influence women voters in India

The increasing participation of women voters has now come to characterise elections, with many reports suggesting that they no longer vote according to the dictates of the patriarchy and are now a force unto themselves. Self-help groups (SHGs) across India have played a crucial role here. If they are being seen as harbingers of economic and social empowerment today, it must be noted that it has taken over six decades to achieve this.

The SHGs have travelled a long way from their inception in the late sixties. Back then, they struggled to secure bank loans and ensure the success of their small businesses. Today, the National Rural and Urban Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and microfinance institutions are vying with each other to extend support to the SHGs.

Neha Juneja, a Mumbai-based entrepreneur who runs a peer-to-peer lending platform said that the "thriving SHGs are a great asset class, pay back loans on time, and do not deserve to be starved of credit".

The SHG movement has come a long way from what was traditionally a platform for rural women to create new pathways for empowerment. For example, the linkages between SHGs and banks have helped rural women access credit from financial institutions with which they can establish small enterprises or improve their agri-based activities. Today, through SHGs, they aim to integrate themselves into national retail chains and acquire skills to maximise productivity.

The collectivisation of rural women on such a large scale has generated massive social capital, with the potential to transform rural India. Had it not been for the community-based training offered by SHGs, we would not have had such success in mobilising grassroots workers during the pandemic and other large-scale programmes. Today, SHGs provide support for women in accessing credit, managing records, preparing microcredit plans, and creating awareness around nutrition, health, livelihood programmes, and gender equality.

Akhila Sivadas, executive director, Centre for Advocacy and Research says, "The emergence of women as voters who can make a difference has occurred slowly but steadily over the years with them bargaining strongly for women-led development and women-centric schemes and by providing strong leadership on the ground for both the government and community. The benefits of social capital that women demonstrate is not only helping to formalise women's involvement and participation but also the lives of millions of families struggling to overcome crippling poverty."

It is not surprising that from 2015, the NRLM factored in gender equality as a pivot to the programme. Gradually, gender integration was streamlined as a separate strategy with dedicated staff and was included as part of the institution-strengthening vertical. The gender integration programme of NRLM primarily focussed on three areas — gender consciousness of women, institutional mechanisms to address the issues, and convergence for services through partnership with other departments. "Women are now more politically aware, and they know the priorities for the development of their villages and what needs to be done to close the gender gap," says Sarbani Bose, integrator, NGO Pradan.

Today, it is not uncommon to see SHG women members standing outside polling booths to cast their votes. Every major party is promising economic development and social security to women. The Bharatiya Janata Party's 2024 manifesto promises to increase the number of *lakhpati didis* from 10 million to 30 million, the Congress proposes the Mahalakshmi scheme, offering ₹1 lakh annually as an unconditional cash transfer. It appears that decisions on voting preferences are discussed at SHGs rather than within the family and this is one reason why there is such an upsurge in women making informed voting choices in rural areas. As women realise that power at the grassroots can affect power structures all the way up to Parliament, greater empowerment is sure to follow.

*The views expressed are personal*

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## Curb hate speech, onus on speakers

This is with reference to '*Addressing citizens in a secular democracy*' by Karan Thapar (May 5). When the man at the top himself speaks in a tone which makes it seem as if Muslims do not belong in the nation, one can imagine the effect on his supporters and those who with strong anti-Muslim feelings.

**Antony Henriques**

## Gradual progress is key to peaceful borders

This is with reference to '*Resetting India-China ties in an era of tensions*' by Ashok K Kantha (May 5). Incremental improvements with the end goal being cordial diplomatic relations, economic cooperation and tranquility on borders is the way ahead.

**Deepak Bist**

## A suitable candidate

This is with reference to '*The best President India failed to have*' by Pavan K Varma (May 5). I agree with Varma that Karan Singh, a philosopher, and statesman would have been a suitable candidate for the post of the President.

**Subhash Taneja**

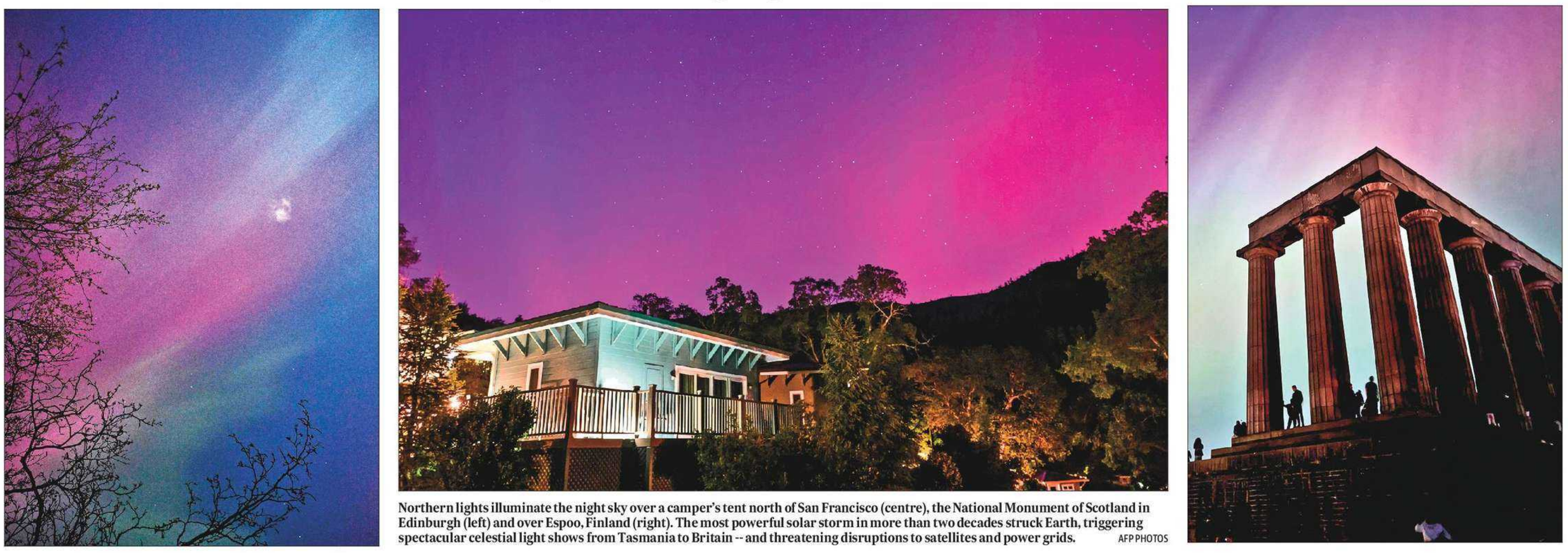
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# First 'extreme' solar storm in 20 years brings spectacular auroras



Northern lights illuminate the night sky over a camper's tent north of San Francisco (centre), the National Monument of Scotland in Edinburgh (left) and over Espoo, Finland (right). The most powerful solar storm in more than two decades struck Earth, triggering spectacular celestial light shows from Tasmania to Britain -- and threatening disruptions to satellites and power grids. AFP PHOTOS

# Israel strikes Gaza as more Rafah evacuations ordered

At least 21 were killed during strikes in central Gaza and taken to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah city

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**RAFAH:** Israeli strikes on Saturday hit parts of Gaza including Rafah where Israel expanded an evacuation order and the UN warned of an "epic" disaster if an outright invasion of the crowded city goes ahead.

AFP journalists, medics and witnesses reported strikes across the coastal territory, where the UN says humanitarian relief is blocked after Israeli troops defied international opposition and entered eastern Rafah this week, effectively shutting a key aid crossing and suspending traffic through another.

At least 21 people were killed during strikes in central Gaza and taken to Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir al-Balah city, a hospital statement said.

In Rafah, witnesses reported intense air strikes near the crossing with Egypt, and AFP images showed smoke rising over the city. Other strikes occurred in north Gaza, witnesses said.



Smoke rises above buildings during an early morning Israeli strike on Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip, on Saturday. AFP

Hamas on Saturday accused Israel of "expanding the incursion into Rafah to include new areas in the centre and the west of the city". Israeli troops on Tuesday seized and closed the Palestinian side of the Rafah crossing -- through which all fuel passes into Gaza -- after ordering residents of eastern Rafah to evacuate. The army said on Saturday troops were engaged in "operational activity" at the crossing, where they fought against "armed terrorists" and found "numerous underground tunnel shafts".

While mediation efforts towards a truce and hostage release appeared to stall, Hamas's armed wing released a video of a captive seen alive in Gaza -- the third such footage released in less than a month.

**'Use of US weapons likely violated humanitarian law'**

Meanwhile, in Washington, the Biden administration said on Friday that Israel's use of US-provided weapons in Gaza likely violated international humanitarian law but that wartime conditions prevented U.S. officials from determining that for certain in specific airstrikes.

The finding of "reasonable" evidence to conclude that the U.S. ally had breached international law protecting civilians in the way it conducted its war against Hamas was the strongest statement that the administration has yet made on the matter. It was released in a summary of a report being delivered to Congress on Friday.

But the caveat that the administration wasn't able to link specific U.S. weapons to individual attacks by Israeli forces in Gaza could give the US leeway in any future decision on whether to restrict offensive weapons.

The first-of-its-kind assessment, which was compelled by President Joe Biden's fellow Democrats in Congress, comes after seven months of airstrikes, ground fighting and aid restrictions. While U.S. officials were unable to gather all the information they needed on specific strikes, the report said that given Israel's "significant reliance" on U.S.-made weapons, it was "reasonable to assess" that they had been used by Israel's security forces in instances "inconsistent" with its obligations under international humanitarian law "or with best practices for mitigating civilian harm."

# Deadly flash floods in Afghanistan kill 300+

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**LAQAYI:** More than 300 people were killed in flash floods that ripped through multiple Afghan provinces, the UN's World Food Programme said on Saturday, as authorities declared a state of emergency and rushed to rescue the injured. Heavy rains on Friday sent roaring rivers of water and mud crashing through villages and across agricultural land in several provinces.

Survivors on Saturday picked through muddy, debris-littered streets and damaged buildings, an AFP journalist saw, as authorities and non-governmental groups deployed rescue workers and aid, warning that some areas had been cut off by the flooding. Northern Baghlan province was one of the hardest hit, with more than 300 people killed there alone, and thousands of houses destroyed or damaged, according to WFP.

"On current information: in Baghlan province there are 311 fatalities, 2,011 houses destroyed and 2,800 houses damaged," Rana Deraz, a communications officer for the United Nations agency in Afghanistan, told AFP.

There were disparities between the death tolls provided by the government and humanitarian agencies.

The UN's International Organization for Migration said there were 218 deaths in Baghlan.

Abdul Mateen Qani, spokesman for the interior ministry, told AFP that 131 people had been killed in Baghlan, but that the government toll could rise.



Afghan people gather along a road between following a flash flood, in Samangan Province on Saturday. AFP

Another 20 people were reported dead in northern Takhar province and two in neighbouring Badakhshan, he added. Taliban government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said, "Hundreds of our fellow citizens have succumbed to these calamitous floods", in a statement posted to social media site X earlier on Saturday.

"Moreover, the deluge has wrought extensive devastation upon residential properties, resulting in significant financial losses," he added.

Rains on Friday caused heavy damage in Baghlan, Takhar and Badakhshan, as well as western Ghor and Herat provinces, officials said, in a country wracked by poverty and heavily dependent on agriculture.

Emergency personnel were rushing to rescue injured and stranded people, according to the defence ministry.

The ministry ordered multiple branches of the military "to provide any kind of assistance to the victims of this incident with all available resources".

The air force started evacuations as the weather cleared on Saturday, adding that over 100 injured people had been transferred to hospital, without specifying from which provinces.

## RUSSIA SEIZES 5 UKRAINIAN VILLAGES AS OVER 1,700 CIVILIANS FLEE

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**VOVCHANSK:** The Russian Defence Ministry said on Saturday that Moscow's forces have captured five villages as part of a renewed ground assault in northeastern Ukraine.

Ukrainian officials haven't officially confirmed whether Russian had taken the villages, which lie in a contested "gray zone" on the border of Ukraine's Kharkiv region and Russia.

Ukrainian journalists reported that the villages of Borysivka, Ohirtseve, Pylna and Strilecha, were taken by Russian troops on Friday. Russia said the village of Pletenivka was also taken.

The Institute for the Study of War said on Friday that geolocated footage confirms at least one of the villages was seized. The Washington-based think tank described recent Russian gains as "tactically significant."

The renewed assault on the region has forced more than 1,700 civilians residing in settlements near the fighting to flee, according to Ukrainian authorities. It comes after Russia stepped up attacks in March targeting energy infrastructure and settlements, which analysts predicted were a concerted effort by Moscow to shape conditions for an offensive.



Rescue team staff works on the site of a train collision in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on Friday. REUTERS

# Train in Argentina hits boxcar, injures dozens

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**BUENOS AIRES:** At least 90 people were injured in Argentina's capital when a passenger train struck an empty boxcar on the tracks and derailed on Friday, authorities said, a rare collision that fuelled questions about basic safety. The train was on its way from Buenos Aires to the northern suburbs when it derailed around 10:30 am on a bridge in the trendy neighbourhood of Palermo, safety officials said.

While it was not immediately clear why the idled boxcar had been on the bridge, Argentina's railway union said several metres of copper cable used to carry power along the tracks had been stolen from the railway, disabling the signalling system intended to prevent such accidents. Union leaders fiercely opposed to libertarian President Javier Milei's economic austerity blamed the government for its failure to invest in public infrastructure.

"We have been demanding for 10 days that the stolen signalling cables be repaired," rail union leader Omar Maturano told the country's independent Radio Con Vos station. "The government said there was no money for spare parts." Prosecutors said they were investigating.

Dozens of injured were treated at the scene and 30 people taken to hospitals in moderate to serious condition, at least two by helicopter with chest trauma and broken bones.

# Iran election run-off cements hard-liners' control

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**DUBAI:** Iran's hard-liners won most of the remaining seats in an election run-off to give them full control over the country's parliament, authorities said on Saturday, while not sharing any details on the turnout.

The result, and that of the previous vote in March, gives hard-liners 233 of the 290 seats in Iran's parliament, according to an Associated Press tally.

Hard-liners seek more cultural and social restrictions based on Islamic sharia, including demanding that women wear the Islamic veil in public. They also express enmity toward the West, particularly the US.

Those politicians calling for change in the country's government, known broadly as reformists, were generally barred from running in the election. Those calling for radical reforms or for abandoning Iran's theocratic system were also banned or didn't bother to register as candidates.

Vote counting began after the ballots closed late on Friday, with the election authority publishing the names of the winners the day after.

Interior minister Ahmad Vahidi said on Saturday the election saw "good participation," without elaborating.

"All elected people have had a relatively good and acceptable" number of votes, he said.

The result requires approval by a constitutional watchdog. It is expected next week. The new parliament will begin its job on May 27.

The parliament in Iran plays a secondary role in governing the country though it can intensify pressure on the administration when deciding on the annual budget and other important bills. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the final say in all important state matters.



Barron Trump. REUTERS

## TRUMP'S SON, BARRON, WON'T SERVE AS FLORIDA GOP DELEGATE

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**MIAMI:** Former President Donald Trump's youngest son, Barron Trump, won't be serving as a Florida delegate to the Republican National Convention after all, his mother's office said on Friday. "While Barron is honoured to have been chosen as a delegate by the Florida Republican Party, he regretfully declines to participate due to prior commitments," Melania Trump's office said.

Republican Party of Florida chairman Evan Power had said on Wednesday that the 18-year-old high school senior would serve as one of 41 at-large delegates from Florida to the national gathering, where the GOP is set to officially nominate his father as its presidential candidate for the November general election.

Barron has been largely kept out of the public eye, but he turned 18 on March and is graduating from high school next week.

{ UN HEALTH AGENCY }

# *Global pandemic prevention talks end in impasse as WHO member states fail to reach a consensus*

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**NEW DELHI:** Negotiations on a global agreement to prevent and manage future pandemics remained inconclusive on Friday, the final day of talks among 194 World Health Organization member states, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The UN health agency said in a statement that significant progress had been made on drafting the accord, but added that talks will continue until the start of the World Health Assembly in late May.

"Governments of the world today agreed to continue working on a proposed pandemic agreement, and to further refine the draft, ahead of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly that starts 27 May 2024," the statement said.



WHO headquarter in Geneva. WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Governments meeting at WHO headquarters in Geneva agreed to resume hybrid and in-person discussions in the coming weeks to advance work on critical issues, including a proposed new global system for pathogen access and benefits sharing, such as life-saving vaccines, treatments and diagnostics; pandemic prevention and One Health; and the financial coordination needed to scale up countries' capacities to prepare for and respond to pandemics.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said that during more than two years of intensive negotiations, WHO member states have shown "unwavering commitment to forging a generational agreement to protect the world from a repeat of the horrors caused by the Covid-19 pandemic."

The member state-led Intergovernmental Negotiating Body, established over two years ago with the aim of advancing this critical effort.

# Anderson to call time on stellar career this summer

The pace legend, who made his debut in 2003, confirms that the Lord's Test against West Indies in July will be his last

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**NEW DELHI:** It was one glorious chapter in English and world cricket that promised to go on forever. England's all-time pace great James Anderson announced on Saturday that he will end his Test career this summer with the opening game of the home series against West Indies, appropriately at cricket's spiritual home, Lord's.

Anderson, 41, in a moving personal statement, confirmed that the Test starting on July 10 will mark a glorious adieu to international cricket.

"Hi everyone. Just a note to say that the first Test of the summer at Lord's will be my last Test," he said in the statement on social media.

The master of swing bowling made his Test debut at Lord's in 2003, going on to take 700 wickets — the most by a pace bowler in the longest format of the game and the third most overall. Only two of the game's spin legends, Muttiah Muralitharan (800 wickets in 133 Tests) and Shane Warne (708 in 145 Tests), have taken more wickets.

The next best fast bowler in the all-time list is his pace partner for most of their careers, Stuart Broad, who retired in the final Ashes Test at the Oval in London last year.

His 604 scalps in 167 Tests places him fifth in the list — Anil Kumble is fourth (619) — among the most successful Test bowlers. Anderson will finish with 188 Tests — also the most by any pace bowler in Test history – with Warne's 708 wickets a tempting final target to surpass.

"It's been an incredible 20 years representing my country, playing the game I've loved since I was a kid. I'm going to miss walking out for England so much. But I know the time is right to step aside and let others realise their dreams just like I got to, because there is no greater feeling.

"I couldn't have done it without the love and support of Daniella (wife), Lola, Ruby (daughters) and my parents. A huge thank you to them. Also, thank you to the players and coaches who have made this the best job in the world.

"I'm excited for the new challenges that lie ahead, as well as filling my days with even more golf. Thank you to everyone who has supported me over the years, it's always meant a lot, even if my face often doesn't show it. See you at the Test," he said, asking his fans to be at Lord's to bid him farewell.

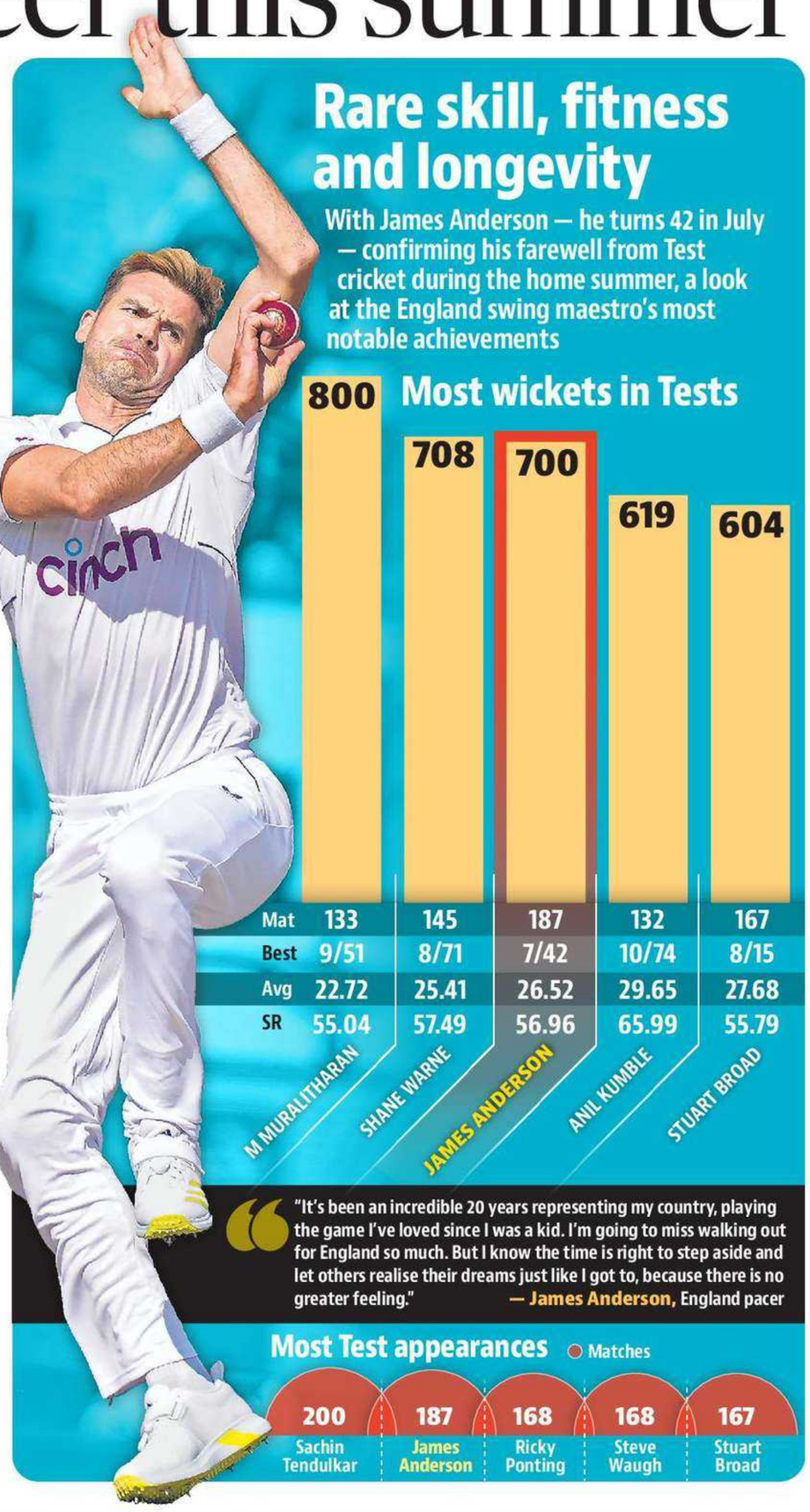
Anderson's astonishing 21-year career is a tribute to his super fitness and sublime skill, which saw him produce match-winning swing bowling even on the slow pitches of the subcontinent.

One great demonstration came on a warm afternoon in the 2012 Eden Gardens Test that set up an eventually series-clinching win. Being part of three Ashes series wins are among the highlights of his over two-decade career though Sachin Tendulkar's record of 200 Test appearances will be safe.

Although questions about his Test future had been in the air for several seasons, this year's five-Test series in India showed the time has come for England to nurture fresh talent. Anderson played in four of those Tests, on pitches that helped pace and spin, but took only 10 wickets. That goes to 15 in the last eight Tests at an average of just over 50.

Anderson's announcement comes a day after British media reports said that England chief coach Brendon McCullum has had a conversation with the pace great over a round of golf. With England playing three Tests each against West Indies and Sri Lanka, there was some speculation he could sign off at Old Trafford — his home ground — which stages the first game against the islanders. That is until Anderson's statement.

Anderson played 194 ODIs (269 wickets @ 29.22), 19 T20Is (18 wickets) and 296 first-class games (1,114 wickets @ 24.67).




# Sudharsan hits high notes across formats

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**MUMBAI:** Had it not been for an ill-timed injury, Sai Sudharsan, and not Devdutt Padikkal, would have played the Dharmsala Test against England. The national selectors were keen to reward Sudharsan's impressive run of scores — he made a fifty and a hundred for India A against England Lions.

Setbacks don't deter the stylish left-hander from Tamil Nadu. With his 25th IPL innings, a match-winning 103 for Gujarat Titans against Chennai Super Kings on Friday, the batter became the fastest Indian to surpass 1,000 runs in IPL. That's six fewer innings than Sachin Tendulkar and Ruturaj Gaikwad.

T20 has never been only about runs. In three seasons for GT, Sudharsan averages 47, striking at 139. In his first year for GT, he showed glimpses of his potential. From being more proficient against spin, he demonstrated that he could go hard against high pace. Soon, from a strike-rate of 127 in the first year he began striking at 141. There may be batters who are more explosive, but few are as consistent as he is.

Sudharsan's game is made for a broader canvas, not just T20. Vikram Solanki, director of cricket at Titans clearly saw that. That is why the former Surrey coach helped facilitate a county contract for Sudharsan last year. It was a short stint but Sudharsan was among runs straightaway with a 73 in a strong Surrey side which had many England internationals and tasted Championship success.

Last year, he earned his India cap in ODIs in South Africa, and scored two impressive fifties. At 22, he shows he is in a hurry.

That's also because success did not come to him instantly in his U19 days. He pushed hard but missed selection to the Indian side for the 2020 T20 World Cup where Yashasvi Jaiswal made a name. Sudharsan was part of the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) junior programmes; he scored in the TNPL (Tamil Nadu Premier League), but CSK never went for him in the IPL auction. To show how far he has travelled, Sudharsan hit his first IPL hundred on Friday, against CSK with MS Dhoni watching from behind the wicket. His 46-ball 97 in last year's IPL final also came against CSK.



Sai Sudharsan scored his first IPL ton on Friday. AP

What is it about scoring heavily against CSK, Ravi Shastri asked Sudharsan during the broadcast. "Nothing related to Chennai, I am just trying to give my best every game, this game was even more special for me," he replied in his understated way.

He began by lofting Shardul Thakur for six over cover, the high held elbow and on one knee. As his innings progressed, there was plenty of improvisation and slog-sweeps against spin. Even in a previous match against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Sudharsan's 49-ball 84* contained equally impressive strokes. Just that it was overshadowed by Will Jacks' powerhitting. It is T20 which has given Sudharsan an outlet for expression, and his batting continues to evolve as he gains more experience.

Together, the Sudharsan-Shubman Gill – he hit a 55-ball 104 -- partnership has flourished for GT. After their joint-highest partnership (210 runs), they may stick together as openers. "We have good camaraderie. We run the twos, we hit the gaps and there is a good sense of understanding between us. It's fun batting with him and watching him grow his innings," said Gill.

"In the final last year, he played beautifully as well (CSK won the final). He's a wonderful player. And today he was superb. That six early on (against Shardul) was a great way to start your innings. That was a sign of intent and he didn't let up. There was some batting in there which was of the highest calibre," said CSK head coach Stephen Fleming.

Will CSK want to poach the local boy in the mega auction before the next edition? Watching him progress so quickly, will GT let him go? And will other teams step in?

{ IPL } SLOW OVER-RATE OFFENCE

# Pant suspended for DC's crucial game versus RCB

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**NEW DELHI:** In a big blow to Delhi Capitals, skipper Rishabh Pant has been suspended for their all-important game against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in Bengaluru on Sunday after his team maintained a slow over-rate in their previous match against Rajasthan Royals.

Pant, 26, has also been fined ₹30 lakh for the offence. The rest of the members of the eleven have been fined either ₹12 lakh or 50% of their respective match fee (whichever is lesser). The stringent punishment is a result of Delhi being guilty of a slow over-rate for the third time this season.

Having endured a 14-month layoff after a horrific car accident in December 2022, Pant has made a strong comeback to competitive action in this season's IPL. In 12 matches, the left-hand batter has scored 413 runs at an average of 41.3 and a strike rate of 156.44. He has also racked up three half-centuries.

Pant's suspension means all-rounder Axar Patel will lead Capitals on Sunday. When Pant was unavailable in 2023, David Warner had taken charge, but the experienced Australian opener hasn't been part of the eleven in recent matches due to a hand injury.

"Axar will be our captain tomorrow," Delhi Capitals coach Ricky Ponting said in the pre-match press conference on Saturday. "He has been vice-captain of this franchise for the past couple of seasons. He is very experienced and understands the game really well. We started talking about it a couple of days ago when we knew there was a possibility of Rishabh being suspended. I am sure Axar will lead the team really well tomorrow."




Abishek Porel is likely to take the wicketkeeping gloves for this match. Porel, a 20-year-old from Bengal, was initially used as an Impact Player this season, but his impressive displays have helped him become a more regular feature of the team. In Delhi's last game versus Rajasthan, Porel was the top scorer, contributing 65 off 36 balls at the top of the order.

Ponting is hopeful though of Warner returning. "He got that nasty knock on his hand about a month ago now. He trained really strongly yesterday. So hopefully, he is available for selection," he added.

Pant's absence comes at a juncture when Delhi are still in the race for a playoff berth. Currently at fifth in the standings with 12 points in 12 matches, Delhi will have to win their remaining two matches, against RCB and Lucknow Super Giants, to ensure qualification for the playoffs without having to depend on other results going their way.

Having won just one of their first five matches, Delhi have managed to stage a solid recovery in the second half of the tournament.

But at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Sunday, they will come across another team that has had an upturn in results after a wretched beginning. RCB are lying seventh with 10 points.

# KKR beat Mumbai in rain-marred clash, first team to seal playoff spot

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**KOLKATA:** For Mumbai Indians (MI) it's been a summer of discontent. For the most part of IPL 17 they have looked like an ageing, washed up star shoe-horned into a college romance. There were flashes of what the five-time IPL champions are capable of but it wasn't enough and the 18-run defeat in a rain-shortened 16-overs-a-side game on Saturday took Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) to the playoffs for the first time since 2021. It was also the first time since 2014 that KKR had done the double against their bogey team.

Set a target of 158, MI finished on 139/8. They were motoring along till a spin punch knocked out the openers. From 65/0, with Ishan Kishan swinging his arms and racing to 40, they were 67/2. Narine removed Kishan, who holed out in the deep, and then Sharma top-edged Varun Chakravarthy. On a pitch which assisted fast bowlers at the start, delayed by 105 minutes because of rain, and then got sticky aiding the slower deliveries, KKR derailed the chase when Surya Kumar Yadav dragged one from Andre Russell but couldn't beat Ramandeep Singh. Barring Tilak Varma (32; 17b, 4x5, 6x1) and Naman Dhir (17; 6b; 1x4, 2x6), the rest seemed to be in a hurry to finish the game before midnight and nearly succeeded. KKR's spinners got MI in a tangle before Russell and Harshit Rana foxed them with slower deliveries, the late pyrotechnics of Varma and Dhir notwithstanding.

With April being a cruel month for bowlers, KKR assistant coach Ryan Ten Doeschate had spoken about anti-bowling skills. That was after KKR had failed to defend 261. Since then, KKR altered lengths and had restricted MI, Lucknow Super Giants and Delhi Capitals.



KKR's Venkatesh Iyer smashed 42 off 21 balls against MI at Eden Gardens on Saturday. BCCI

A rain-delayed start meant the wicket was under covers for over two days as Kolkata welcomed a wet week after a prolonged heat wave. KKR opened with a six but this wasn't about salt and spice and all things nice. Phil Salt went in the first over and Sunil Narine off the first ball of the second shouldering arms to Jasprit Bumrah. Piyush Chawla too got a wicket off his first ball when Venkatesh Iyer, who top-scored with a 21-ball 42 that had six fours and two sixes, holed out. In between, Shreyas Iyer had his furniture disturbed after exposing his leg stump to Anshul Kamboj.

The ball was moving in the air and off the wicket, batters kept being squared up and edges flew over slip. Like they had at Wankhede, MI had eaten into KKR's top order. But useful knocks from Russell (24 off 14), Rinku Singh (20 off 12) and 33 from Nitish Rana, making a comeback from injury after 10 games, helped KKR score 157/7. The innings ended with Ramandeep Singh slogging Bumrah over long-on for six. It was a measure of the kind of confidence coursing through KKR this term.

**Brief scores:** KKR 157/7 in 16 overs (V Iyer 42, N Rana 33; P Chawla 2/28). MI 139/8 in 16 overs (I Kishan 40; V Chakravarthy 2/17). **KKR won by 18 runs**.

## A BIGGER BREAK BETWEEN RANJI GAMES TO ADDRESS PLAYER FATIGUE, SAYS BCCI SECY SHAH

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**MUMBAI:** The Indian cricket board will ensure a longer gap between Ranji Trophy matches in the coming season, players complained of fatigue last season and raised concerns that having just days between matches will lead to injuries. A four-member committee — head coach Rahul Dravid, NCA director VVS Laxman, chief selector Ajit Agarkar and BCCI general manager Abey Kuruvilla — was formed by BCCI's apex council after the last season to suggest improvements in domestic cricket.

"There will be an increased gap between matches to allow players sufficient time for recovery and to maintain peak performance throughout the season," board secretary, Jay Shah told the media on Saturday.

The four-man panel has also suggested doing away with the toss in the U-23 CK Nayudu Trophy men's games and allowing the visiting side to choose whether to bat or bowl. The recommendations will be put to the apex council for approval, Shah said.

During the last Ranji season, all-rounder Shardul Thakur, who was part of Mumbai's champion side, had called for better scheduling to avoid injuries. Dravid had also said the scheduling was tough on the players. "I saw some of the comments Shardul made. In fact, some of the boys who've come into the (India) team as well, also commented how tough the domestic schedule is, especially in a country like India with the amount of travel involved. So, we need to hear the players. That's a very important thing in a lot of these things," Dravid had said. Shardul had pointed out how earlier the "knockouts had five days in between."

# Man City keep title destiny in their hands after Fulham rout

Gvardiol scores twice as Pep Guardiola's men take two-point lead with 2 games left in Premier League

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Manchester City's Josko Gvardiol (L) celebrates scoring his second goal against Fulham on Saturday. REUTERS

**MANCHESTER:** Manchester City closed in on a fourth consecutive Premier League title by thrashing Fulham 4-0 on Saturday, while Burnley were relegated from the top flight after a 2-1 defeat at Tottenham.

Luton are also virtually down as a 3-1 defeat at West Ham left them three points adrift of safety and with a goal difference 13 worse than that of Nottingham Forest with just one game remaining.

There was no twist in the title race at Craven Cottage as defender Josko Gvardiol continued his hot streak in front of goal.

The Croatian settled any City nerves by firing in on his weaker right foot after just 13 minutes.

Pep Guardiola's men were dominant but had to wait until the hour mark to make the points safe when Phil Foden swept in his 25th goal of the season.

Gvardiol then turned in Bernardo Silva's cross at the back post for his fifth City goal, all of which have come in his past seven games.

A £77 million ($96 million) signing from RB Leipzig last summer, Gvardiol could have become the first defender in Premier League history to score a hat-trick when City were awarded a penalty in stoppage time.

However, he turned down the chance to take it, allowing Julian Alvarez to instead round off the scoring.

Victory takes City two points clear at the top of the table and ramps up the pressure on second-placed Arsenal ahead of their visit to Manchester United on Sunday.

Should the Gunners fail to win, City can wrap up the title when they travel to Tottenham on Tuesday.

"My players like to play with pressure, they are used to it. The players enjoy this feeling," Guardiola said.

"The destiny (of the title) is in our hands."

### Growing gulf

Spurs kept their chances of Champions League football next season alive by coming from behind to send Burnley to the Championship.

Jacob Brun Larsen had fired the Clarets into a shock lead after Sander Berge's pass cut the Tottenham defence wide open.

Spurs had lost their last four matches, but they turned the game around to move within four points of fourth-placed Aston Villa.

Pedro Porro blasted an equaliser high past Arijanet Muric.

Micky Van de Ven then curled in the winner to at least guarantee Spurs will be in Europe next season.

Luton will also be back in the Championship next season after blowing a 1-0 lead and losing to West Ham in David Moyes' final home game in charge of the Hammers.

Sambi Lokonga's early header gave the visitors hope of a great escape.

But second-half strikes from James Ward-Prowse, Tomas Soucek and George Earthy all but ended Luton's Premier League stay after a remarkable rise back through the leagues to get back to the top flight for the first time in 32 years.

With Luton set to join Burnley and Sheffield United in going down, all three promoted clubs will be relegated to expose to growing gulf between the top two divisions.

Forest can confirm Luton's relegation by avoiding defeat at home to Chelsea later on Saturday.

Newcastle missed the chance to tighten their grip on European qualification after being held 1-1 by Brighton.

Sean Longstaff cancelled out Joel Veltman's early opener for the Seagulls at St James' Park.

But sixth-placed Newcastle edge just three points clear of Chelsea and Manchester United, who both have a game in hand.

Crystal Palace's stunning form since the arrival of Oliver Glasner as manager continued with a 3-1 win at Wolves.

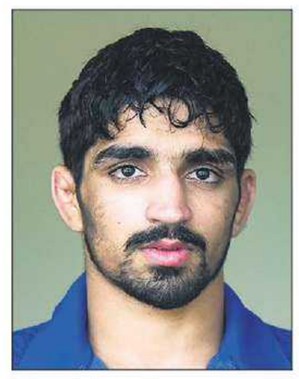
Michael Olise, Jean-Philippe Mateta and Eberechi Eze were on target for the Eagles, who climb up to 12th.

**STANDINGS**

| TEAM | P | W | D | L | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Man City | 36 | 26 | 7 | 3 | 58 | **85** |
| Arsenal | 36 | 26 | 6 | 6 | 60 | **83** |
| Liverpool | 36 | 23 | 9 | 4 | 43 | **78** |
| Aston Villa | 36 | 20 | 7 | 9 | 20 | **67** |
| Tottenham | 36 | 19 | 6 | 11 | 12 | **63** |

# Aman clinches first Paris quota in men's wrestling

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Aman Sehrawat. HT

**NEW DELHI:** Aman Sehrawat ended the interminable wait for men's freestyle wrestlers by winning India's first Paris Olympics quota in the 57kg division at the World Olympic qualifier in Istanbul on Saturday. An Asian Games medallist, Aman did it in style by winning all his bouts comfortably and sealed the quota place by beating Asian Games silver medallist Chongsong Han of North Korea 12-2 in the semi-final. It will also throw a lifeline to Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Ravi Dahiya who competes in the same weight class. An Olympic quota belongs to the country and Aman, in all likelihood, will have to win the selection trials at home to make it to Paris.

Sujeet Kalkal also showed good form to make it to the semi-final, but lost to experienced Tomor-Ochiryn Tulga of Mongolia 1-6. However, the 22-year-old, who competes in Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Bajrang Punia's weight category (65kg) — Punia is suspended over a controversial doping infringement — will have another shot at the Paris quota in the repechage on Sunday. Last month, Sujeet was unfortunate to not make it for the Asian qualifiers in Bishkek, Kyrgystan in time for his competitions after being stranded at the flooded Dubai airport with Deepak Punia.

Aman was solid all through. The Asian championships gold medallist cruised through his bouts against Georgi Vangelov (10-4) and Ukraine's Andrii Yatsenko (12-2) to storm into the quarter-finals.

This was Aman's third attempt to qualify for the Paris Olympics. He has been India's No.1 wrestler in a weight class in which Ravi Dahiya won an Olympic medal in Tokyo. While Dahiya was sidelined last year due to a knee injury that required surgery, Aman took over the mantle. He beat Dahiya in the selection trials at home to earn a shot at the Paris qualification. Aman has been making good progress in the last two years. In 2022, he became the world U23 champion. Last year, he won bronze at the Hangzhou Asian Games and gold at the Asian Championships in Astana. However, the Olympics berth had eluded him at the 2023 world championships and the Asian Qualifiers last month.

Aman gave an impressive performance in the crucial semi-final that sealed the quota for him. Against Chongsong Han, he opened his scoring with a stepout. The match looked tight at the end of the first period with Aman leading 3-2. However, Aman stepped up brilliantly in the second period scoring in counters.

## Rafa mulls over Paris after early Rome exit

**ROME:** Rafael Nadal said on Saturday that he is leaning towards playing at the French Open despite being eliminated in the second round in Rome 6-1, 6-3 by Poland's Hubert Hurkacz. Nadal had previously said that he would only play at the French Open, where he has won a record 14 titles, if he feels competitive after a raft of injury problems over the last two years which have left him languishing at 305th in the rankings. "The decision, as you can imagine, is not clear in my mind today. But if I have to say what's my feeling and if my mind is closer one way or the other way, I am going to say to be in Roland Garros and try my best," Nadal told reporters.

## Pragg beats Carlsen in Superbet blitz

**BENGALURU:** R Praggnanandhaa has now made something of a habit of beating five-time world champion Magnus Carlsen. The 18 year-old Indian defeated the world No.1 in the second round of the Superbet blitz in Warsaw. A day ago, the Indian was a pawn down and down to the dying second on his clock against Carlsen in the Rapid but still managed to hold the game to a draw. In August 2022, Praggnanandhaa had famously beaten Carlsen three times in a row in the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour. Carlsen, however, found wins against two other Indians — Arjun Erigaisi and the newest World C'ship challenger, D Gukesh.

## Bhaker, Bhanwala on course for top finish

**BHOPAL:** Manu Bhaker and Anish Bhanwala stayed on course for a top finish at the Olympic Selection Trials (OST) for rifle/pistol, shooting solid scores in qualification rounds of their respective events here on Saturday. Taking aim at the MP State Shooting Academy range, Anish topped the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol event with a score of 587, while Manu came third in the women's 25m pistol shooting 585 to maintain the top rank among the five shooters in each event. The finals are scheduled for Sunday where there are crucial podium points to be won by the five qualified shooters. In women's pistol, Rhythm Sangwan bounced back with a top score of 586.

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NIT No . RTM-GSU-Engg-ROB-BMI-72 Date 08.05.2024

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The DYCE/GS/RTM for and on behalf of the President of India invites * **Open Tender Two packet System** * through e-tender on website **www.ireps.gov.in** the details are as under –

| Sr. No. | E-tender No. & Name of Work | Approx. Value ₹ | EMD in ₹ | Completion Period |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **RTM-GSU-Engg-ROB-BMI-72** | **19,34,14,564.46** | **11,17,100/-** | 15 Months |
| | Construction of Railway portion of two lane Road Over Bridge (1 x 72.00 M Bow String Steel Girder + 1 X 36.00 M and 1 X 24.00 M span Composite Steel Girder) at Km. 609/10- 12 in lieu of Level Crossing No. 72 in Godhra-Ratlam section, between Bamnia and Bhairongarh stations of Ratlam Division Western Railway. | | | |
| | **Approx Quantity**: As per Tender Schedule. **Similar type of work**: Bridge work involving Construction of Bridge with steel or composite girder | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 275 | LEAF SPRING OF M/S SCHUNK MAKE | 1733 Nos | 08.05.2024 |
| 276 | RTV SILICONE RUBBER COMPOUND SINGLE COMPONENT RTV TYPE | 15846 Nos | 15.05.2024 |
| 277 | 66 KV (E) GRADE SINGLE CORE 400 SQ.MM | 2000 Mtr | 20.05.2024 |
| 278 | PVC CABLE 2 CORE, 70 SQMM | 18400 Mtr | 20.05.2024 |
| 279 | THIN WALLED E BEAM 19 CORE X 2.5 SQMM | 24000 Mtr | 21.05.2024 |
| 280 | THIN WALLED E BEAM SINGLE CORE X 185 SQMM. | 24000 Mtr | 21.05.2024 |
| 281 | THIN WALLED E BEAM SIZE SINGLE CORE X 120 SQMM | 24000 Mtr | 21.05.2024 |
| 282 | THIN WALLED E BEAM SIZE SINGLE CORE X 240 SQMM | 9000 Mtr | 21.05.2024 |
| 283 | SWITCH FOR HEAD LIGHT 16A-380V | 185 Nos | 22.05.2024 |
| 284 | CORONARY GUIDE CATHETER | 700 Nos | 23.05.2024 |
| 285 | D.L.SHEET-3MM (ICF) | 4856 Nos | 27.05.2024 |
| 286 | 12 V , 7 AH SEALED MAINTENANCE FREE ( SMF ) LEAD ACID RECHARGEABLE BATTERY | 9960 Nos | 27.05.2024 |
| 287 | SET OF CABLES FOR MANUFACTURING OF 8 WHEELER DETC. | 20 Set | 27.05.2024 |
| 288 | SET OF SPRING LOADED SWITCH 6AMP-250 VOLTS | 350 Nos | 27.05.2024 |
| 289 | VERTICAL TAKE OFF CABLE HEAD TERMINAL SYSTEM | 48 Nos | 27.05.2024 |
| 290 | GENTIAN BLUE. | 59120 Ltr | 28.05.2024 |
| 291 | DESIGN, SUPPLY, FOUNDATION, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF PLOSPHATING PLANT | 2 Nos | 28.05.2024 |
| 292 | PTCA GUIDE WIRE | 800 Nos | 28.05.2024 |
| 293 | LEADACID BATTERY CAPACITY 8V, 290AH | 137 Nos | 29.05.2024 |
| 294 | SET OF SIEMENS MAKE PROGRAMME SWITCHES. | 60 Set | 30.05.2024 |
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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY** G20

E-Tender Notice

**T.Notice No. 230-Elect/TRD/PRYJ/E-Tender Notice/2024/525 Dt. 10.05.2024 Sr. Divl. Electrical Engineer/TRD/N.C. Rly/Prayagraj,** for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tender, the details of the tenders is as under:-

| T. No. | Advertised Value | Bid Security |
|---|---|---|
| 230-TRD-WC-915-2024 | ₹ 7146078.00 | ₹ 142900.00 |

**Description of work:** Supply & Application of Composite High Voltage insulated coating having less clearances between OHE and Overline structures in between section Pd. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction - Ghaziabad of Prayagraj Division.

**Completion Period: 06** Months. **Bidding system:** Single Packet. **Tender Closing date & Time: 03.06.2024** & **14.00** Hrs. **Tender opening date & Time: 03.06.2024** & **15.00** Hrs. .

| T. No. | Advertised Value | Bid Security |
|---|---|---|
| 230-TRD-WC-916-2024 | ₹ 2,22,58,668.16 | ₹ 2,61,300.00 |

**Description of work:** Replacement of rusty Cantilever at various locations for reliability of 25kV OHE in the jurisdiction or Phaphund, Etawa, Tundla, Hathras, Aligarh, Khurja and Dadri Depot in Prayagraj Division. (IInd Call).

**Completion Period: 12** Months. **Bidding system:** Single Packet. **Tender Closing date & Time: 03.06.2024** & **14.00** Hrs. **Tender opening date & Time: 03.06.2024** & **15.00** Hrs.

**Note: 1.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** 21days prior to the date of opening of the tender. **2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate. **3.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **843/24 FA**

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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY** G20

**Tender Notice No.:** 2420242025 **Dated:** 10.05.2024

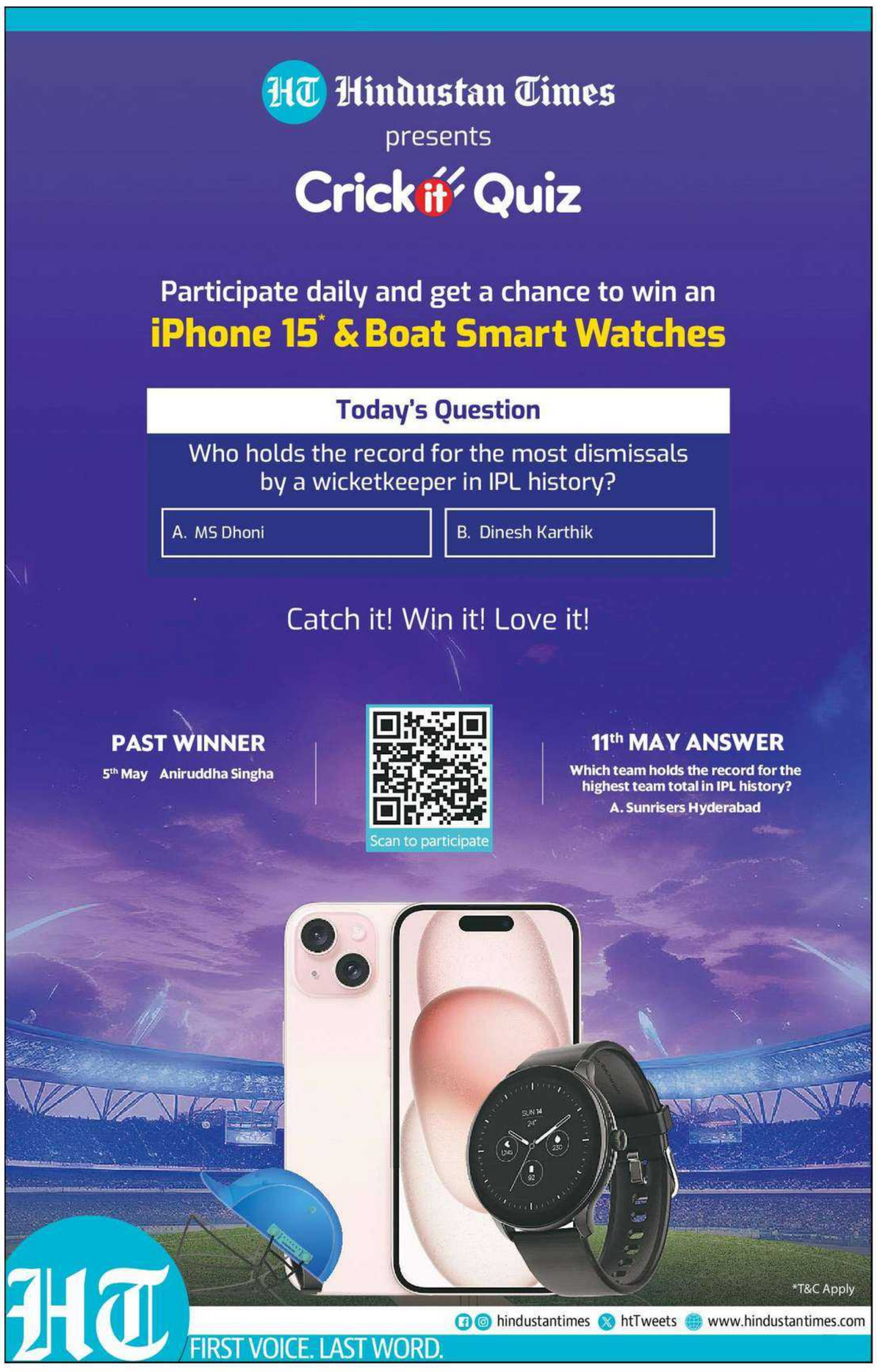
E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/ North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-tendering process for the following works up to **13.30** hrs. on **05.06.2024**. The details of the tender is as under:

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| **S.N.:** (1), **Tender No:** 53 | **Approx Cost of work (₹):** 11,47,40,112.51 |
| **Name of work:** Construction of Road under bridge using box pushing technique at KM 857/7-9 near Village Mazara Mardanpur in Prayagraj-Kanpur section, in the jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Engineer-II/ North Central Railway/Prayagaraj. | **Earnest Money (In ₹):** 7,23,700.00 |
| **S.N.:** (2), **Tender No:** 54 | **Approx Cost of work (₹):** 11,49,46,936.32 |
| **Name of work:** Construction of road under bridge using box pushing technique at Km 870/14-14A near village Nidhiyawan in Prayagraj-Kanpur Section in the jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Engineer-II/North Central Railway/Prayagraj | **Earnest Money (₹):** 7,24,700.00 |
| **S.N.:** (3), **Tender No:** 55 | **Approx Cost of work (₹):** 2,32,91,470.69 |
| **Name of work:** Lifting of Loop line turnouts, deep screening of siding lines/ Over run and Muck removal at various yards between Bamrauli-Sathnaraini in the Section of Asstt. Divisional Engineer/Line/ Prayagraj. | **Earnest Money (₹):** 2,66,500.00 |
| **S.N.:** (4), **Tender No:** 56 | **Approx Cost of work (₹):** 2,85,59,858.94 |
| **Name of work:** Lifting of Loop line turnouts, deep screening of siding lines/Over run and Muck removal at various yards in the Section of Sr. Asstt. Divisional Engineer/Fatehpur. | **Earnest Money (₹):** 2,92,800.00 |

**Completion Period (For S.N. 1 to 4):** 12 (Twelve) Months, **Date of Opening of tender (for S.N. 1 to 4):** 05.06.2024, **Eligibility Criteria for "similar work" (For S.N. 1 & 2):** Bridge using Box-pushing Technique under railway track, **(For S.N. 3 & 4):** P-Way work. **Note: 1.** E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. **2.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in.** up to **13:30** hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. **05.06.2024**. **3.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000.**4.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/ letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **5.** The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. **6.** The supplier/ contractor of goods and / or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **7.** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **8.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in**. **9.** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **10.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website IREPS may be approached. **11.** Tender on line can be submitted up to **13.30** hrs. of tender opening date i.e **05.06.2024**. **12.** The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC-2022 mandatorily, therwise offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **844/24 (ADM)**

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**Madhumita** Murgia

# Prompt response

We've been closing our eyes to the perils of AI, assuming we have time to 'sort it all out'. That time is now, says Murgia, in her new book, Code Dependent. As the British-Indian science journalist set out to explore how AI is already affecting lives, she saw, over and over, examples of its harms. The faultlines of capitalism are showing up too, in what was meant to be a flatter, fairer, braver world

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The story of artificial intelligence is not the story of rockstar CEOs and Silicon Valley geeks. It is not really about Big Tech's sizzling stock prices and unicorn start-ups.

The AI story is about you and me; our days, our jobs, our way of life.

But there is currently little acknowledgement of this. We marvel at AI's progress and potential, but avert our eyes from the plight of the poor and the powerless caught in its crosshairs. And we do this at our peril, because we are at least one of those things.

This is something Madhumita Murgia underscores both subtly and undeniably in her debut book, Code Dependent: Living in the Shadow of AI (March; Picador).

Murgia, 36, the first-ever AI editor at the Financial Times, UK, does this through stories about how AI is already affecting ordinary people's lives.

In Chinchpada village in Maharashtra, we see how algorithms can help doctors in the resource-starved public healthcare system with diagnoses, analysis and care. But we are also transported to low-income settlements in Nairobi, Kenya, and refugee housing in Sofia, Bulgaria, where workers are being pushed to label more data per hour, as part of the effort to train the AI juggernaut always waiting to be fed.

The book offers first-hand accounts of women who have had deepfake images and videos of themselves uploaded on pornographic websites, and we see what such manipulation can do to the life of an ordinary person going about their day.

Code Dependent ropes in gig workers, who talk about how the algorithms have made their precarious lives more uncertain, as they facelessly recalculate work allocations and wages in ways that are not just complex and opaque, but leave no room for contestation, protest or a court of appeal.

In the massive data-labelling industry that has sprung up around the world, this vital if mundane work earns employees cents per labelling task. Should they not be paid commensurate with their contribution, Murgia asks. In her question are echoes of the firebrand Telugu poet Sri Sri (Srirangam Srinivasa Rao; 1910-1983), who asked in his seminal work Maha Prasthanam (The Great Journey to a New World):

"Taj Mahal nirmaanaaniki raallettina koolilevvaru?" (On whose bent backs were the marble stones of the Taj Mahal carried?)

Murgia points to how the faultlines of capitalism — where the rewards of innovation accrue to a tiny minority, despite the vast labour majority required to realise the potential of that innovation — are already being mirrored in what was meant to be a flatter, fairer, braver world.

The trade-offs required are already complex, and we've only just begun.

Which is why Code Dependent offers a clarion call: This is not a matter of a near-future; it is a matter of now. If we cannot build a new social contract, we need to ask ourselves: What rights can any of us hope to retain?

Excerpts from an interview.

**Will AI disproportionately benefit the wealthy, its harms falling disproportionately on the marginalised?**

I would say that that's exactly what I discovered during the reporting of this book. I went into it agnostic. I was curious to see how AI has changed lives, for better and worse and everything in between.

The healthcare case with Dr Ashita Singh in Chinchpada was the shining spot. Everywhere else, I saw the harms of AI: bias, hallucinations, errors in decision-making systems, discriminatory outcomes.

We need to think not just about how the technology itself works, the biases within the systems, and who it is all harming, but also: How do we bring this to the people who need it the most? Who is going to subsidise that? And who is accountable when these systems go wrong?

I saw multiple examples, whether with predicting crime amongst children in Amsterdam or with deepfake pornography, where things went very wrong but there was nobody you could hold responsible.

Accountability should be a big part of rolling AI out across society.

**Is data colonialism a risk too? Are non-Western voices being inadequately represented, as this technology is shaped?**

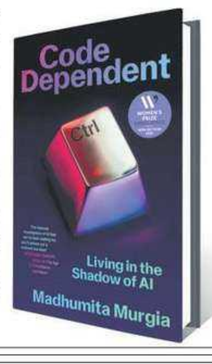
We don't have enough representation from different cultures, and partly that's because the infrastructure, the money, the chips and the expertise are highly concentrated in the West, and possibly in China. In terms of solutions, India and other countries are starting to think about how they can build their own systems.

I think open-source models are a big way in which we can democratise that process. The more we can have engineers and computer scientists access these models and build with them, the more we'll be able to have a thousand flowers bloom, essentially, around the world.

**You've written in the past about AI and climate...**

The energy question is huge. Many of the Big Tech companies are trying to offset the impacts of their data centres, but that's all going to be reversed if you're trying to build a massive trillion-parameter model with millions of chips. There is going to be an impact on the environment.

It is said that one of the goals is to essentially use AI to make an energy breakthrough and have it solve the problem of powering itself. But that's nowhere near a reality yet.




**What gives you hope, when it comes to AI?**

With my immunology and biology background, science and healthcare are the areas that I think could be transformed for the better. It could help us not just make breakthroughs but take those to people that we don't reach today.

That's where I feel really excited and optimistic. I'm excited to see this change.

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> **MADHUMITA MURGIA**

1 Madhumita Murgia, 36, was born in Bengaluru, to a family with roots in Chennai. She grew up in Mumbai and moved to the UK for college, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in biology and a Master's degree in immunology, both from Oxford. She also has a Master's degree in science journalism from New York University.

2 Murgia's first job as a journalist was at Wired magazine, where she wrote widely acclaimed stories on the data-broking business. She moved on to The Telegraph, UK, where she continued to report on evolving technology; then to the Financial Times, UK, in 2016. She has reported on artificial intelligence for more than a decade.

3 The idea for her book, Code Dependent, came to her while she was on maternity leave following the birth of her second daughter. Murgia says the time away from work allowed her to step back from it all and zoom out. The book has been shortlisted for the inaugural 2024 Women's Prize for Non-Fiction, which celebrates narrative non-fiction by women.

**READ:** As OpenAI's Sora ups the ante, what's next for AI detection tests?

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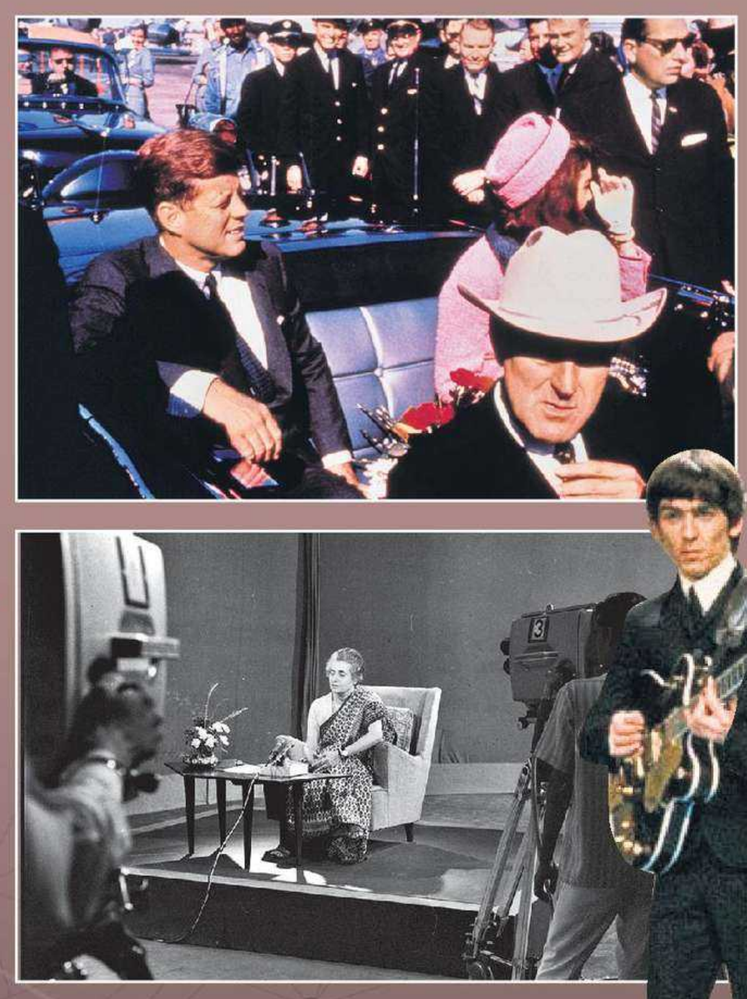

**LIFESTYLE**
Who's got the remote? **P02**
It's been 100 years since the first TV set was built, using a hatbox and needles, among other things. K Narayanan looks back on the race to make it to market and begin broadcasts; the golden era of TV that came next. And how we still point our furniture in its direction, though the screen we're looking at is rarely that far away – and the broadcasters are, well, all of us

**CULTURE**
Give them a round of... uproar **P03**
Dalit youngsters are turning to stand-up to punch back (yes, they hear the quota jokes), tell some truths, and be seen. They want their sets to be light fun too; maybe in the next stage

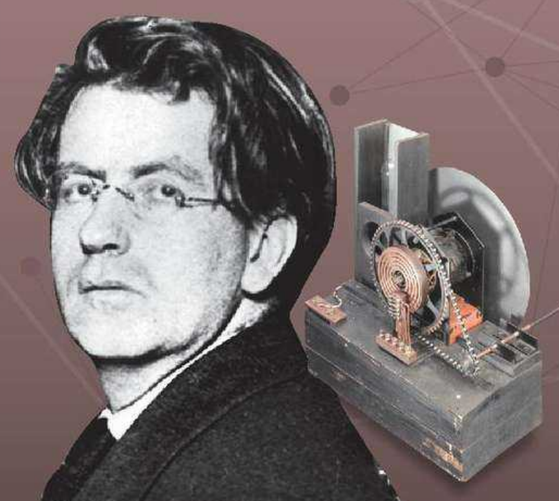


**MIND**
Is tomorrow here already? **P04**
What did science-fiction predict for 2024? In action-packed films set in this year are echoes of where we are, how we got here. Whistleblowers turn up dead, corporate greed costs lives. In some, pollution drives civilisation underground. There are happy endings too. It is the movies after all

# Who's got the remote?







## 1925

Soon after the Scottish inventor John Logie Baird gave his first public demonstration in London, of a device that could "broadcast" images at the rate of about five frames per second, scientists around the world began to race to create their own patentable versions.



## 1934-35

Baird Television Ltd invited Farnsworth to the UK and the two parties signed a licensing agreement. Back home, in 1939, the young American eventually sold a non-exclusionary licence to the electronics giant Radio Corporation of America for $1 million. In another seven years, his patents would expire. He went broke, developed an alcohol addiction, and eventually died at 64, of complications from pneumonia. Still, through his life, he held about 300 patents.



## 1936

The BBC launched the world's first high-definition television service. The opening night was watched by about 400 "lookers-in" (as viewers were then called). It consisted of a variety show with American dancers, a plate-spinning act. The English actress Adele Dixon singing Magic Rays of Light, a song about TVs:

As by your fireside you sit,
The news will flit,
As on the silver screen.
And just for entertaining you
With something new
The stars will then be seen...

## 1950s

Colour transmission took much longer, mainly because it cost so much more. The first colour broadcasts were in the 1950s. But the earliest transmission of colour via TV was by Baird in 1928, in blurry clips that showed red and blue scarves, a UK policeman's helmet, a man poking his tongue out, and a bunch of roses.

## 1960

In Asia, Japan was the first to introduce colour TV, in 1960. In India, Doordarshan moved to colour with the PM's Independence Day speech, and the Asian Games, in 1982.

## HOW THE CHANNELS HAVE CHANGED

The word "television" from the Greek "tele" ("far") and the Latin "visio" ("sight") was coined by the Russian scientist Constantin Perskyi in a paper presented at the World's Fair in Paris in 1900.

Before that, the device — then still a hypothetical, stemming from the desire to see moving images transmitted from one place to another — was called a telephote. "With a telephone in one hand and a telephote in the other an absent lover will be able to whisper sweet nothings in the ear of his betrothed, and watch the bewitching expression on her face," read a hypothetical description in an editorial in The Electrician magazine, in 1881.

The video call would come much later, but the television, being the first screen in our homes, would be arguably more bewitching. Here's how that evolution played out.

1925 | 1930 | 1935 | 1940 | 1945 | 1950 | 1955 | 1960 | 1965 | 1970

## 1927

In Idaho, a young man named Philo Taylor Farnsworth began work on an alternative system that incorporated a cathode-ray tube to process light better, so as to project a clearer image onto the screen. He demonstrated the world's first electronic television apparatus, and filed for a patent. He was 20.

## 1930

The Baird Television Development Company began selling the Televisor — a "set" of transmitter and receiver — commercially in the UK. There were fewer than 100 takers in the first five years. (The images were admittedly distorted and lacked definition.)

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), which ran the country's radio channels, worked with Baird to improve the device, and simultaneously began to work on experimental TV broadcasts.

## 1939

TV broadcasting companies opened up around the world, from the US's privately owned National Broadcasting Company (NBC; 1939), to the Government of India's Doordarshan, which began daily broadcasts in 1965.





Spot Baird; the Doordarshan studio control room; iconic TV moments featuring the Kennedys, Indira Gandhi, Kapil Dev and a world cup, the Beatles on The Ed Sullivan Show, the Asian Games, a lunar landing, the Ramayana, another world cup, Taylor Swift, the live-streamed bombardment of Gaza. And TV sets through the years. SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP COLLECTION ONLINE, DD, GETTY IMAGES, WIKIMEDIA COMMONS, HT ARCHIVES, NASA

It's been 100 years since the first TV set was built, using a hatbox and needles, among other things. K Narayanan looks back on the race to make it to market, begin broadcasts; the golden era of TV that came next. And how we still point our furniture in its direction, though the screen we're looking at is rarely that far away – and the broadcasters are, well, all of us

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In the TV show MacGyver, the titular protagonist has a talent for cobbling together solutions to unforeseen technical problems using whatever is at hand. The show and the character became so popular that "to MacGyver" entered the Merriam-Webster dictionary as a transitive verb.

The Scottish inventor John Logie Baird could have given MacGyver a run for his money. He built the first working television set in 1924, using, among other things, an old hatbox, some darning needles, bicycle light lenses and a pair of scissors.

A scene was illuminated, and the light reflected off the subject and passed through a lens, onto a Nipkow disk, a rotating object with holes arranged on it in a spiral pattern (named after its German inventor).

Light from the image passed through the holes and were converted into electrical signals by a photodetector. These signals were transmitted to a receiver, where another synchronised Nipkow disk recreated the image by controlling the brightness of a light source as it passed through corresponding holes.

Baird, an electrical engineer then in his mid-30s, gave the first public demonstration of this device at a London department store, in 1925. But his device could only transmit images at the rate of five frames per second, yielding a jerky sense of motion.

The following year, the 27-year-old Japanese scientist Kenjiro Takayanagi tinkered with Baird's system, and instead of the Nipkow disk, used a cathode-ray tube for more accurate rendering. In 1927, the 20-year-old American scientist Philo T Farnsworth perfected the all-electronic TV system. The cathode-ray tube was a glass vacuum that fired dots from an electron gun onto the screen.

For his first demonstration, Farnsworth transmitted a straight line. To physicists, it was a marvellous feat. But Farnsworth's financial backers were unhappy, so, for his next major demonstration, to the press, Farnsworth broadcast a dollar sign.

By 1930, there were a few dozen TVs operational around the world, all in research labs. Things were about to change.

Radio Corporation of America (RCA) began to explore the idea of public TV broadcasts in 1929. There were the years of experimental transmissions.

By 1936, RCA was ready. The first major public broadcast was of that year's Berlin Olympics, televised by Germany's Telefunken using RCA equipment.

By the end of 1936, BBC had launched "the world's first public, regular, high-definition television station".

The most popular telecasts of this period were the coronation of King George VI in 1937, and the first-ever televised Wimbledon, the same year. At this time, most TVs in the world were owned by research institutions, government offices, engineers and hobbyists. Still, the US lagged somewhat in adoption.

Then, in 1939, at the New York World's Fair, Franklin D Roosevelt became the first US President to have a speech televised. RCA, almost a decade and several million dollars in, finally had a commercially viable TV set available too. The public was soon riveted.

In July 1941, the first TV advertisement aired, before a baseball game. It was a 10-second spot for Bulova watches, and showed, in shades of grey, a dial superimposed on a map of the country, with a voice intoning: "America runs on Bulova time."

There would be a lull, as the war put the rapid expansion on hold, but the '50s saw the medium explode. It spread around the world. It changed the face of broadcasting, and the way people spent their leisure hours.

The main genres formed: comedy, daytime specials, detective noir.

George Burns and Gracie Allen, Abbott and Costello, Jackie Gleason, all launched vaudeville-style comedy shows. The first bona fide TV superstar was born, with Lucille Ball and I Love Lucy. Soap operas such as Guiding Light kept a largely female audience glued to their TVs during the day. Raymond Burr became the ultimate Perry Mason.

By the '60s, TV had become an integral part of life in the West. The 1960 US election proved that TV had changed politics too. A newcomer named John F Kennedy, 43, defeated a newcomer named Richard Nixon, 48, and polls suggested that a key factor had been the former's telegenic personality.

Kennedy would not get to finish his first term; the assassination in Texas would be the first of many events that would unfold globally, in real time, as news bulletins, prompting people to ask: Where were you when you first heard... that Kennedy had been assassinated (1963); that Indira had been shot (1984); that the twin towers had fallen (2001).

The other common question: Did you see: this band of kids called the Jackson 5 sing I Want You Back on The Ed Sullivan Show? (1969); Kanhaiya Kumar chant Azaadi (2016).

In what seemed like no time, the box had altered politics, protest, activism, mobilisation, in echoes of what the internet would do a few decades later.

It changed how funds were raised (1.9 billion people watched Paul McCartney's mic fail at Live Aid in 1985, in a concert that raised millions for famine relief across Africa). How products were sold (the teleshopping market is currently worth an estimated $47 billion).

It gave women a platform through which to reach other women around the world. Oprah Winfrey first beamed across America in 1986. Journalists such as Christiane Amanpour and Barkha Dutt in 1983 and 1991 respectively. By the 1990s, Martha Stewart and Nigella Lawson were redefining what it meant to be a homemaker.

In India, Doordarshan began daily broadcasts in 1965.

This was content that united a widely disparate India. We all knew the Ek Chidiya song (1974), and understood what it meant. The obsession with cricket intensified, with the 1983 World Cup being the first such tournament televised live nationally. Mile Sur (1988) rang out on Sunday mornings, reminding us that we were many voices, and we were one.

This was not the cathartic, larger-than-life India of cinema; it was the small everyday victories and sorrows of Wagle ki Duniya (1988), and of our world too.

This was the peak of broadcast television. Today, it is becoming something of a matter of pride to say one doesn't own a TV set. The ideal screen is smaller, mobile, loaded with memory of what you liked and didn't.

The market for TV sets is still growing, but some of the most-watched networks of today don't broadcast, they stream. 3 Body Problem and Fallout, Heeramandi and Laapataa Ladies are not on TV.

TV is dead. TV will never die.

**WATCH:** An interview with Devashis Bhattacharyya, who designed Doordarshan's original logo

{ HEADLINERS } NEWS OF THE DAY

# Anchors aweigh: 'Every bulletin felt like the first'

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It's no wonder Salma Sultan got the jitters at the start of every news bulletin. "Anything could go wrong, you know," she says, laughing.

Scripts were typed, for instance, on rusted machines that displaced letters from time to time. And so a line that went something like "Purane zamane mein auraton ko parde mein bandh rakha jata tha" (In the olden days, women were kept behind curtains) became "Purane zamane mein auraton ko bandara kha jata tha" (In the olden days, women would be eaten up by monkeys).

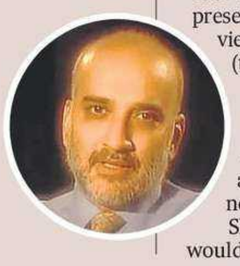
"I was on air when that line came up on the teleprompter," says Sultan, laughing. "I glanced at it, realised in a fraction of a second that it was wrong, and thankfully said the right line."

Sultan, now 76, worked with Doordarshan (DD) for three decades, from 1967 to 1997, and was among the first news presenters on India's TV screens, inviting viewers to listen to "aaj ka samachar" (the news of the day).

Her generation was trained to use a monotone, a blank expression and minimum cadence; very different from the laughing, familiar, leaned-in anchors of today (and the shouting, near-violent ones).

She was only 20 when she started; she would see DD expand to cities across the country, then hive off into its own corporation, separating from All India Radio (AIR) in 1976. As it grew, it was always looking for fresh content.



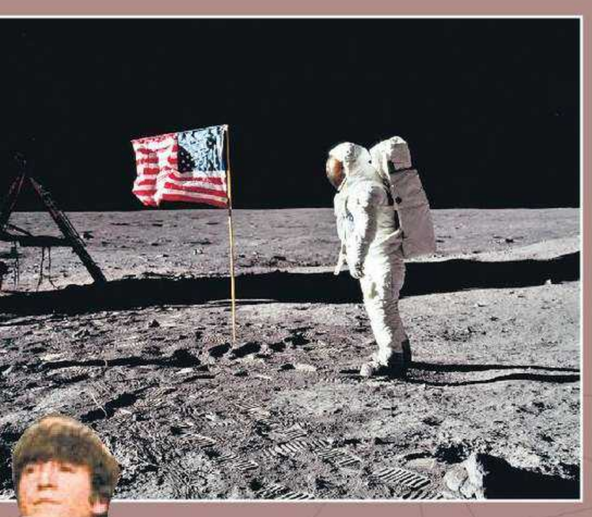


Among those who pitched shows to DD at this time was **Rajiv Mehrotra (at left, below)**, then a student at St Stephen's College in Delhi. His show, Youth Forum, was picked up in 1971. It was aimed at the English-speaking youngster and explored a range of subjects, from theatre and literature to what it is like to be in love. At the time, anchoring fetched him a princely sum of about Rs 75 per broadcast, he says.

He then moved into news presenting, reporting, filmmaking. "It was a time of great freedom, vitality and comradery," says Mehrotra, now 71 and founder and managing trustee of The Public Service Broadcasting Trust, which mentors and supports young documentary filmmakers.

Among the most dramatic events that Mehrotra reported on was the astronaut Rakesh Sharma's journey into space, in April 1984. Only two correspondents, one each from Doordarshan and AIR, were allowed into the USSR to report on the launch of the Soyuz T-11. "We were strapped into Mi-6 helicopters, broadcasting live while scanning the skies for the capsule. To be able to share in the unfolding history, the excitement and suspense, was a huge privilege," he says.

Back at headquarters, six months later, all eyes would be on **Sultan, as she made one of the most difficult broadcasts of her life (at left, above)**. Clips that still circulate








## 1969

Around the world, about 650 million people gathered in front of their nearest TV set to watch a blurry Neil Armstrong step onto the dusty white surface of the Moon.

## 1984

A televised exchange between astronaut Rakesh Sharma and prime minister Indira Gandhi stirred hearts:

"Kaisa dikhta hai apna Bharat (How does it look, our India?)," the PM asked.

"Saare jahaan se achcha. (Better than anything in the world)," Sharma responded.

Which was also a play, of course, on the patriotic song of that name, written by Muhammad Iqbal in 1904, as an anthem of Indian resistance to British rule.

## 1990

The Gulf War became the first war broadcast to the world. As tanks rolled through streets, bombs exploded and oil wells caught fire, with much of this broadcast via satellite providers, cable TV subscriptions rose in India.

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## July 1981

The "fairytale" wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana was watched by 750 million across 74 countries. In 1997, the funeral of Princess Diana would be watched by about 2.5 billion. It held the record for most-watched broadcast for several years.

## 1983

India won the cricket World Cup, in a tournament broadcast live across the country. Colour TV sales zoomed. (The win also marked India's shift from a primarily hockey-focused to a cricket-crazy nation.)





## 2022-24

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has been live-streamed by individuals, as have the bombardments of Gaza. Whether it is concerts or protests, political rallies or cricket matches, live television — the generation and consumption of it — is handheld. TV-set manufacturers have stepped up by accommodating apps, games, streaming services and more. But the new TV set is, of course, the smartphone.

# culture

## Give them a round of... uproar

Dalit youngsters are turning to stand-up to punch back (yes, they hear the quota jokes), tell some truths, and be seen. They want their sets to be light fun too; maybe in the next stage





(Clockwise from right) Manaal Patil, founder of the Blue Material comedy platform. Ankur Tangade, who draws on her experience as a queer Dalit woman. Manjeet Sarkar, who has also made a documentary on himself, titled Untouchable.

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Manjeet Sarkar straddles two worlds: Home is a remote village on the border between Odisha and Chhattisgarh; work is spread out across the grimy comedy-club stages of Mumbai.

He's an unusual voice in both places, mining experiences from his childhood in the Maoist region of Bastar to inform his comedy, and his view of the world.

His roots, traced further back, are even more troubled. Sarkar, 26, is from a village of Dalit refugees who fled across what was then the border with East Pakistan (later Bangladesh), amid the violence of Partition.

Understandably, comedy didn't start out being Sarkar's dream. He wanted to be a bus driver; then an auto mechanic; or a school teacher. "Growing up, I faced abuse on the basis of my caste, but I thought that was normal. I was conditioned to accept it," he says.

After school, he moved to Berhampur College in Odisha. He remembers being most excited about the benches and chairs; he'd spent years studying on the floor.

But he had a different problem now. No one wanted to sit with him, socialise with him. With no other Dalits in his class, he felt more alone than he ever had; this time, the discrimination registered.

"I had started developing this thing called self-respect," he says. Almost overnight, resignation grew wings and became anger.

He was 19 when his frustration with the world found an outlet in comedy.



As stand-up nights in a caste-ridden country continue to feature jokes about the perils of "quotas" (or caste-based reservations in education and employment), Sarkar is among a clutch of young comedians using humour and the stage to challenge such bias.

Four years ago, he really found his voice. "During the pandemic, I started to do bits where I embraced how my lived experience was different from that of other comics and the audience," Sarkar says. "I switched from jokes about dating and Tinder and Zomato — all features of upper-caste city life, which I had never experienced — to jokes about how some people still practice untouchability. I was tired of people coming up to me after a show, for instance, and saying: 'But Dalit people are getting better, aren't they?', It's not a disease...! So now I do a bit about how I used to be too Dalit, but I'm getting better."

### Spilling the tea

Ankur Tangade, a 25-year-old queer Dalit woman, grew up in the city of Beed in central Maharashtra. Her journey was very different from Sarkar's, though their destinations have somewhat aligned. Born to activists, Tangade was raised with a keen awareness of the injustices of the world.

As she embraced her evolving identity in college, she faced the gasps of surprise from new acquaintances that are often the first insult hurled at young Dalits in urban India: "Oh my God, you're Dalit? You don't look it!"

"I often talk about the people who come up to me and 'joke': 'Are there now reservations in comedy?'" she says

She also draws from her personal life, and tells the story of a friend who visited her home but refused to drink any tea, "because she was a pure vegetarian". "Do you think we eat mutton out of our cups?" Tangade asked.

### Blue streak

Some barriers can't be laughed away. For the overwhelming majority of comedians, stand-up is, at best, a profession that offers slim and uncertain returns. Being on the margins here can feel like defeat.

Which is why Manaal Patil, 26, started Blue Material, a platform for anti-caste comics, in 2022.

Born in Nagpur, Patil began to really think about caste in college, when he faced harassment from peers over the fact that he was admitted as part of the caste reservation system. "The mission with Blue Material is to get more stage time," he says.

What's next? Tangade wants to feel less pressure as a Dalit queer woman, and have more fun with her sets. Patil wants to occupy more stage hours and expand the group.

Sarkar is doing the rounds of festivals with a documentary about his life, titled Untouchable. "There is this sense that anything about Dalit people is always sad. I want to break the mould, make something funny, edgy and adventurous," he says. "My film is gangtsa and super cool. Because Manjeet Sarkar is super cool."

{ ALWAYS AT THE MOVIES }



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## Move over, red carpet

After years of mainly photo ops and fashion, Indian cinema is finally back in contention, across categories, at Cannes. How exciting

This promises to be a landmark year for India at the Cannes Film Festival.

For too many years, our headlines have been about stars on red carpets — in 2018, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's purple lipstick made news; in 2023, influencers had the spotlight (a few were trolled for making the prestigious festival a backdrop for Reels); in 2022, the focus was on Deepika Padukone, who was part of the main competition jury. Her many looks made headlines.

Through these years, Indian cinema was largely relegated to supporting-artist status. Last year, the biggest noise was created by Anurag Kashyap's Kennedy, a noir thriller that was selected for a midnight screening. The film has yet to be released in India.

This year is already a game-changer. After three decades, an Indian film has been selected in the main competition section. Payal Kapadia's debut feature, All We Imagine as Light, starring Kani Kusruti, is a contender for the festival's most coveted award, the Palme d'Or.

Her film, about a nurse who receives an unexpected gift from a husband she hasn't spoken to in years, will be competing against cinema legends, including Francis Ford Coppola's sci-fi drama Megalopolis; David Cronenberg's The Shrouds, a horror film about one man's mission to connect with the dead; and Paul Schrader's Oh, Canada, in which a famed, terminally ill documentary filmmaker gives one last interview to a former student.

Payal's selection feels personal, because I first went to the festival in 1999 and have been waiting to cheer for India in the main competition ever since.

The festival's second-most-prestigious section, Un Certain Regard, also features Indian talent. The British-Indian Sandhya Suri's feature debut Santosh stars Shahana Goswami as a newly widowed woman who inherits her husband's job as a police constable in rural India. Sandhya's competition includes Bulgarian-American director Konstantin Bojanov's The Shameless, featuring Mita Vashisht and Tanmay Dhanania, in a story about a violent world of killing and sex work, in which two women fall in love.

Of the 18 titles selected for La Cinef, the section for film-school projects, is FTII graduate Chidananda S Naik's Sunflowers Were the First Ones to Know. Based on folklore, the 16-minute short is about what happens to a village when the sun refuses to rise one day.

In the ACID sidebar (named for the Association for the Diffusion of Independent Cinema), we have In Retreat by Ladakhi filmmaker Maisam Ali. This is the first Indian film to be programmed at ACID since the sidebar was launched in 1992.

The other sidebar, Directors' Fortnight, includes Sister Midnight by India's Karan Kandhari, about a newlywed woman, trapped in a violent life in a Mumbai slum, who develops a thirst for vengeance.

The cherry on the cake is legendary director-cinematographer Santosh Sivan receiving the Pierre Angénieux Tribute. Each year, in honour of the late inventor and optical manufacturer, a great director of photography is awarded. Santosh is the first Indian to receive the tribute. He is in good company – previous recipients include Roger Deakins and Christopher Doyle.

I'm excited for India. For a ground report, tune in to my next column, on June 2.

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A woman (Kani Kusruti, below left) receives a gift made in Germany, from her estranged husband, and it begins to change her life. All We Imagine As Light, directed by Payal Kapadia, is competing for this year's Palme d'Or.

online show the dazed young presenter announcing that Indira Gandhi had been gunned down.

"We were taught to be objective, to never express our feelings. But when something as devastating as this happens... I think it reflected in my face," she says.

From 1977 to 1983, as Doordarshan began to expand its educational and cultural programming, Siddhartha Basu started making documentary films for the broadcaster.

His first, Life Before Birth, was a science feature. "I was working with a small agency called Television News Features. I did my own research, worked on scripts and voice-overs, directed. We did our own animation too," says Basu, 69.

> The scripts were typed on rusted machines that would displace letters... And so a line that went something like, 'Purane zamane mein auraton ko parde mein bandh rakha jata tha' (...women were kept behind curtains) became 'Purane zamane mein auraton ko bandara kha jata tha' (...women were eaten by monkeys).
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> **SALMA SULTAN,** former news presenter




Siddhartha Basu with co-host Komal GB Singh on the sets of the TV show India Quiz in 1989. IMAGE COURTESY SIDDHARTHA BASU

He moved on to join the Taj Group as a cultural coordinator. At the time, former colleagues were creating a pilot for a quiz-based game show, and had seen him emceeing a hotel event. "One of them called one afternoon and asked if I was in a suit — and I was because that was the dress code at work — and asked if I would come over for 10 minutes and introduce the pilot."

About a month later the ex-colleague called again, to say that Doordarshan had picked up the show and wanted Basu to host it. Quiz Time opened in the primetime Sunday 9 pm slot, in 1985.

For all its popularity, it was an ultra-shoestring production, he says, laughing. It was shot in various auditoriums. "But Barry John designed the sets, Loy Mendonsa composed the music. It had higher production values, better content than was the norm, and national participation too."

Basu would go on to host quiz show after quiz show, each defined by his warm, encouraging, energised demeanour. Over decades, there would be India Quiz, Mastermind, University Challenge, India's Child Genius, and now, after a 20-year gap, Quizzer of the Year (on SonyLiv).

The next generation of youth icons on TV would not come from DD.

Many came from two competing music channels: MTV and Channel [V]. These platforms aimed to be cool, colourful, informal. Their VJs or video jockeys wore ripped jeans and tees, or anything else they felt like; their hair might be unkempt chic or covered by a hat. Scarves and wristbands abounded.

In an India where children still listened to their parents and assumed every hour after school was homework time, this breed of youngsters — Nonie and Trey, Luke Kenny, Nikhil Chinapa, Amrita Arora — were a riveting anomaly. They introduced top-10 lists, discussed rock and metal — and there was that pose, hands clasped in front, shifting from leg to leg, head to one side.

Then the internet stormed in, a new millennium dawned, screens shrunk and went personal, and it all changed again.

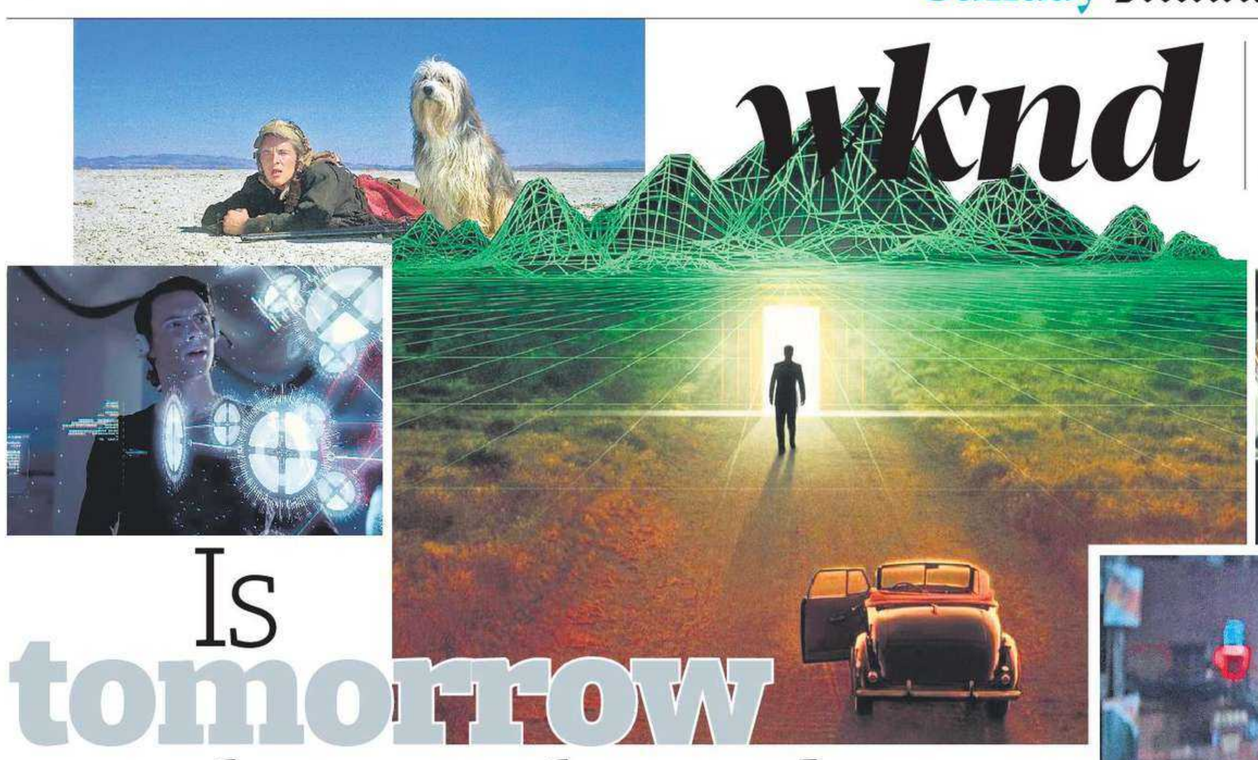
As they look back, these presenters of yore, little confessions emerge.

When it came time to shoot, the lights were so hot, especially in summer, that it made a suit unbearable, Mehrotra says, laughing. "I was often wearing a pair of shorts below the formal shirt, jacket and tie."

The teleprompter was operated manually in the early years, says Sultan, and the text always scrolled either too fast or too slowly. "I would often gesture desperately outside the frame for the operator to slow it down."

It's exciting to see how the medium has been democratised, Mehrotra adds. "But with that democratisation come risks and responsibility." The camera used to be proof that something was true; today, it is so easy to make it lie.

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# Is tomorrow here already?

What did science-fiction predict for 2024? In action-packed films set in this year are echoes of where we are today, and how we got here. Whistleblowers turn up dead, corporate greed costs lives. In some, pollution drives civilisation underground. There are some happy endings too. It is the movies after all

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May you live in interesting times, goes the Chinese curse, so subtle one could mistake it for the opposite. But interesting times aren't stable; stability is dull.

Well, we certainly live in interesting times today. How do they compare with what science-fiction predicted, for 2024? Take a look.

## Quantum leap

In Beyond the Time Barrier (1960), the year 2024 looks bleak. Competitive nuclear-weapons testing has damaged Earth's atmosphere and let in dangerous cosmic rays. The rays have rendered everyone sterile except one telepathic woman named Trirene, granddaughter of the Supreme, leader of the underground city known as the Citadel.

Everyone except the Supreme and his deputy, the Captain, is also deaf and mute.

Into this world crash-lands US Air Force pilot William Allison, who was on a sub-orbital test flight in 1960 when he zoomed through a tear in the space-time continuum. (Nearly a decade before the Moon landing, some were still clearly a little hazy on what was possible in sub-orbital flight.)

Allison is first imprisoned, then released as a vital resource, with the mission of repopulating the city. He has other plans. First, of course, he falls in love with Trirene.

Together, they frame a new mission: to help him return to his own time. There is a grand battle, a grand betrayal, a heart-breaking death and an almost-happy homegoing. Can he alter history enough to change 2024?

The (very)-low-budget sci-fi effort was directed by Edgar G Ulmer. Given today's rising incidence of skin cancer and falling fertility rates, his low-fi effort may have had the cause wrong, but was rather on the money on at least some of the effects. As for the deaf and mute detail, he could have substituted it with blind and got that largely right too.

## Bleak and bloody

The sci-fi black comedy A Boy and his Dog (1975) follows a teenager and his telepathic canine as they scramble to survive in a post-apocalyptic 2024.

Wipe thoughts of Pixar and This is Us from your mind. These are neither do-or-die heroes nor even etched-in-shades-of-grey anti-heroes; they are amoral miscreants.

Eighteen-year-old Vic (played by a young Don Johnson) can't tell right from wrong. He steals; kills; rapes women. The dog, Blood, is supremely intelligent, but suffering the quirks of imperfect genetic engineering.

As the plot unfolds, it turns out that one of Vic's victims, a teenage girl, is from an underground settlement that has achieved some degree of stability. They need someone to help add to the gene pool.

Vic's dream of sex with multiple women is short-lived; he is to provide his contribution through the excruciating method of electroejaculation (currently used on cattle and certain other animals, mainly endangered ones).

Vic eventually escapes, but can he change?

The movie was based on a wild ride of a novella, written in 1969 by fantasy author Harlan Ellison. We've avoided the nuclear war so feared in this time. There are Vics in our world, but they're not unique to our time.

One thing the movie got wrong: There are no bad dogs (at most, misunderstood ones).

## Infinite goop

The Highlander film series (there were six movies made between 1986 and 2007) started out strong.

Starring Christopher Lambert (as Connor MacLeod) and Sean Connery (as Juan Sánchez-Villalobos Ramírez), the first film told the story of a group of immortals and centred on MacLeod as he prepared to fight another immortal to the death.

Then came Highlander II (1991). Set in 2024, it was called one of the worst movies of all time. "If there is a planet somewhere whose civilization is based on the worst movies of all time, (this film) deserves a sacred place among their most treasured artifacts," the film critic Roger Ebert wrote, in the Chicago Sun-Times.

To begin with, it announced that the immortals were really aliens. In its turgid plot, the ozone layer had been destroyed by industrial pollution. An electromagnetic shield invented by MacLeod, but now owned and run at immense profit by the Shield Corporation, had replaced it.



MacLeod now came upon research that indicated the ozone layer had repaired itself (as indeed it has been doing, thanks to policies that targeted chlorofluorocarbons decades ago). Shield Corporation was determined to keep this news from getting out.

Highlander II was considered so bad that part three took off from part one, ignoring it completely. But in this cheesy, action-packed, unhinged mess are echoes of where we are today, and how we got here.

## Is any of it real?

The Thirteenth Floor (1999) starts out as a relatively straightforward murder mystery.

A tech billionaire named Hannon Fuller is murdered. He had been building a virtual-reality simulation called 1937 Los Angeles, populated by characters who believe they are real people. (This film was released in the same year as The Matrix, so a fairly good year for this subgenre).

Fuller's protege and heir, Douglas Hall, also chief scientist on the project, finds a message his mentor left for him in the simulation. It indicates that his world is unreal too. It is really 1999 Los Angeles, another simulation, one of thousands.

Hall is now determined to find the people running these programs. His first step: to reach the world running his simulation, 2024 Los Angeles. He meets Jane Fuller, his mentor's estranged daughter. She wants to tell him all about the universe of simulations, but our screens collapse into black. Make of that what you will.

## Time lapse

Narcopolis (2015) is a noir time-travel thriller that starts off in 2044, before quickly shooting back to a 2024 London in which all narcotic substances have been legalised.

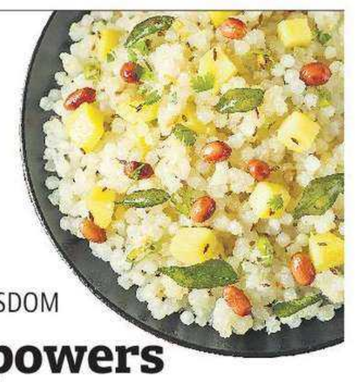
The recreational drugs industry is controlled, as one would expect, by big pharma. As companies peddle addictives, addicts are everywhere. A murder at the headquarters of drugs giant Ambro leads a policeman and recovering addict named Frank Grieves to a secret new drug they have been testing.

It seems to have played a role in multiple mysterious deaths and disappearances.

The drug, it turns out, lets humans travel through time, but they only survive at their destination for a few minutes, then die. The company is racing to fix the formula, but Grieves intends to expose them first. Especially after he discovers that the corpse at Ambro is his grown son Ben, come back from the future, murdered as he was about to blow the whistle. Can Grieves save himself, and his son?

As it turns out, whistleblowers, in real and fictional 2024, all too often turn up dead.

**(Clockwise from above) Stills from Highlander II: The Quickening (1991), Narcopolis (2015), A Boy and his Dog (1975) and The Thirteenth Floor (1999).**



{ SOUND BITES } PEARLS OF TAPIOCA WISDOM

## How starch superpowers your bubble tea

Swetha Sivakumar



Bubble tea was invented in Taiwan in the mid-1980s. Exactly who invented it is not clear, since two tea houses have vociferously laid claim to it: Chun Shui Tang in Taichung City and Hanlin Tea Room in Tainan City, about 150 km away.

The rivalry between them grew so intense that they ended up in court, in what would be a decade-long battle. In 2019, the court ruled, rather anti-climactically, that the question of invention was irrelevant, since bubble tea is not a patented product. Well, so much for ownership.

Now to more flavourful matters.

Boba is made by adding chewy tapioca pearls to different kinds of tea. And while boba is what this beverage is called around the world, that term is considered rather rude in its birthplace, since the word is Taiwanese slang for breasts.

The term "pearl milk tea" (zhen zhu nai cha) is used instead. The pearls elevate the tea, by giving it khiu.

In Hokkien (which is a form of Min Chinese spoken in Taiwan), "khiu", now shortened and modernised as "Q", is an idealised chewy texture, characterised by springiness and bounce, that occurs in certain foods: some noodles, mushrooms, fish cakes, and boiled tapioca pearls too.

This texture is considered so desirable in Taiwanese cuisine, that parallels are often drawn with the umami flavour in Japanese food. Walk through the streets of Taiwan and one will see a large letter Q on food stalls, to indicate that dishes they offer bear this characteristic.

There's a solid reason tapioca has khiu. Every starch has a superpower. Corn starch, for instance, crisps remarkably well when fried, and so it is used as a batter.

Mung bean starch stays stable even at high temperatures, so it is used to make gluten-free noodles.

Tapioca is interesting. Raw, the root vegetable — cassava — is poisonous to humans, mixing with saliva to form hydrogen cyanide. But shred it and boil it, and the toxic compounds are eliminated. Grind it into a flour and boil it, and the isolated starch is sticky and elastic, perfect for little tapioca balls or pearls.

These starches are largely short-chain amylopectins. When boiled, they yield a structure so dense that it isn't altered when immersed in a hot or cold drink. (The spheres are also delicious when sauteed or fried, as anyone who has eaten a **sabudana khichdi; above**, papad or vada will know.)

This starch behaves impeccably in low temperatures too. It doesn't harden when refrigerated (as rice does, in the process called retrogradation).

Tapioca pearls can be frozen and thawed with very little damage to their structure. Their neutral flavour and clear, glossy appearance make them amenable to a range of sweet and savoury dishes. (Since the starch comes from a tuber and not from a glutinous grain, it is also naturally gluten-free.)

Bubble tea was originally a scoop of the pearls in sweet, iced milk tea; then the green, oolong and jasmine variants were added to menus. Today the pearls are used in fruit-based beverages too.

My younger daughter loves bubble tea; it's a day-long treat for her. She will buy it and sip on it languidly, taking her time to chew each pearl. This, I think, is a key attraction — the sense of satisfaction and satiation that the drink affords, through the filling starch, the chewing, and the coveted texture.

I must admit that I am not a big fan. I prefer to sip rather than chew my caffeine fix. Nonetheless, this segment is worth an estimated $2.6 billion globally.

I hate to poke at a bubble, but I do feel compelled to mention that a cup of tapioca pearls contains 545 calories (about as much as a large cheeseburger). And that's without the sugar, juice and other ingredients in the glass.

Don't strike it off the list; just, as with all calorie-rich foods, keep the heft in mind? It's hard for a body to burn that off, unless you're sipping on your way to the gym.

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{ LIFE HACKS }

Charles Assisi



## The man who knew too little

Don't aim to have an opinion on everything, or to know it all. There is merit to high-agency ignorance. For one thing, it frees you up to prioritise depth of knowledge, over breadth



**How does AI visualise the informational chaos to which it is contributing? Above, a representation of a time of confusion and uncertainty, created by generative AI.** ADOBE STOCK

One of the problems with being a journalist is that people assume one is always in the know, with an "expert opinion" available on all things, at all times.

Once upon a time, I felt compelled to opine; wouldn't people think me an idiot if I didn't? Over time, I realised that attempting to offer an opinion on everything is what makes one look like an idiot. There are times when it is simply best to admit ignorance of a kind.

A few days ago, I came upon a thread on X that took these thoughts forward. George Mack, an author and influencer of some consequence, posted some statistics to make the case that there is literally too much content out there. At least 500 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every day, 500 million tweets are generated.

"The 24 hours allotted to you each day isn't even capable of consuming 0.0000001% of the world's events," he wrote. In such a world, deploying what is called "strategic ignorance" becomes a sign of strength. It takes courage to acknowledge one's limits and decide to use one's resources more wisely. As Mack put it (paraphrasing Oscar Wilde): "We are all in the ignorance gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars."

Any attempt to stay "on top of it all", then, qualifies as "low-agency ignorance", which is a time sink and an exercise in futility. We cannot know everything there is to know. The alternative is "high-agency ignorance", which involves taking tough calls on what one needs to know, wishes to know, and wishes to walk away from.

By way of example, as a business journalist exploring the intersections of technology and public policy, there are boundaries to the subjects I can delve into, the people I can meet, literature I can read, and therefore, the valid and informed opinions I can hold.

What do I think will happen in the general election? The honest answer is: I haven't a clue. You may as well ask my neighbour, the nearest petrol-pump attendant.

Now, high-agency ignorance does not give one the licence to be uninformed. Instead, it means one prioritises depth over breadth. This selective engagement is crucial if I am to produce content that matters and adds value in my professional role; as well as if I am to have a well-rounded personal life. And this is true for all of us.

I like to think of it as curating a personal museum of knowledge. Any curator will tell you that one does not attempt to fill the given space, or display every artefact available. In much the same way, a journalist need not clutter their mind with every bit of information. And neither should a businessperson, a stockbroker or a homemaker.

Practising strategic ignorance makes it easier to navigate the sea of data and information, because one now has focus and purpose. The activities it involves — reading, debating, contemplating — are more likely to lead to genuine knowledge, perspective and growth.

The focused approach helps one combat the tyranny of the urgent, which prioritises the newest information over the most vital. In journalism, the pressure to react quickly can pre-empt the need to respond thoughtfully. When strategic ignorance comes into play, I feel empowered to resist this pressure.

Ultimately, the practice of strategic ignorance is about recognising that our cognitive resources (including attention and enthusiasm) are limited, and choosing to invest them wisely. It is about understanding that in the information age, being selectively knowledgeable is more valuable than being indiscriminately informed.

It might even eventually allow one to stand out, in a good way. Heaven knows there are enough indiscriminately informed people around to fill any museum.

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## The opening notes of a new wave

Sanjoy Narayan



LIKE ALCHEMISTS OF SOUND, THE EZRA COLLECTIVE BLENDS TRADITIONAL JAZZ WITH CONTEMPORARY SOUNDS, INCLUDING HIP HOP, SOUL, FUNK, AND NIGERIAN AFROBEAT

Ezra Collective, an adrenalin-charged London-based quintet, recently performed at a sold-out show at the British Library.

That's an unlikely venue for a band whose gigs are known to get the audience out of their seats. But then, the concert was part of an ongoing exhibition: Beyond the Bassline: 500 Years of Black British Music.

Yes, 500 years. The earliest record of an African-origin musician in Britain dates to 1511, when a trumpeter named John Blanke played in the court of Henry VII, and then during the reign of his son, Henry VIII. It would be hundreds of years before black music truly took root in Britain.

It wasn't until the early 20th century that more frequent trans-Atlantic travel brought music records to Britain from America, widening the choice of genres. By the 1930s, inspired by American jazz, British musicians began taking to the genre too.

Then came the Windrush generation of Caribbean immigrants, named for the Empire Windrush, one of the ships roped in to bring immigrants to England, to fill gaps in the labour market in the post-war years. These immigrants brought their indigenous musical traditions with them, and by the late 1940s, a new kind of black British music was making an impact.

By the 1960s, British jazz had a unique sound, bearing notes of calypso, reggae and West African folk music. Since then, British jazz has become even more sonically adventurous. And, over the past 10 years, mainly centred around London, there has been an electrifying new wave of jazz.

Ezra Collective are a prominent vanguard of this movement. Like alchemists of sound, the quintet — drummer Femi Koleoso, his brother TJ Koleoso on bass, Ife Ogunjobi on trumpet, Joe Armon-Jones on keyboards and James Mollison on saxophone — blends traditional jazz with vibrant contemporary sounds, including hip hop, soul, funk, and Nigerian Afrobeat.

Last year, their second full-length album, Where I'm Meant to Be, won the prestigious British Mercury Prize. It was the first jazz album to win (since its inception in 1992, the prize has been won primarily by pop and rock albums). And that's because the quintet's brand of jazz appeals to young fans of contemporary music too. It is joyous and celebratory, and frequently features collaborations with other musicians. On Where I'm Meant to Be, the Zambian singer and poet Sampa the Great sings on the opening track, Life Goes On; other tracks feature the British progressive rapper Kojey Radical, and the R&B singer-songwriter Jorja Smith.

Success has come quickly to the band, formed in 2016. They have found recognition among the jazz cognoscenti, landed gigs around the world and got massive radio play. Last December, the band performed at NH7 Weekender in Pune, in a line-up that included the British rapper MIA and Swiss singer-songwriter Priya Ragu.

Ezra Collective is named, incidentally, after a 4th-century-BCE Jewish scribe and priest who is said to have studied the people before him to frame his path forward, a philosophy that the quintet says it believes in.

Femi Koleoso has said the band draws inspiration from bebop pioneers such as Charlie Parker, from great innovators such as Miles Davis and John Coltrane, and from their own musical heritage (including the music of Nigerian Afrobeat pioneer Fela Kuti); from British underground electronic dance music genres such as grime and jungle; and from modern British hip hop.

"Miles Davis was listening to soundtracks and classical music and mixing those with bebop jazz. Dizzy Gillespie was listening to Afro-Cuban music and mixing it with his big band tradition," Koleoso told The Evening Standard. That kind of sums up Ezra Collective's approach: they listen to jazz greats and mix it up with other modern genres... and it works!

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**LISTEN** to the Ezra Collective essential playlist by Sanjoy Narayan



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**CORRECTING THE RECORD**

In 'Stick around and find out' (Wknd; April 28), we attributed the quote "because it's there" to Edmund Hillary, instead of to his fellow mountaineer, George Mallory. We regret the error.

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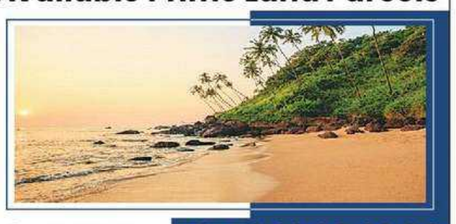
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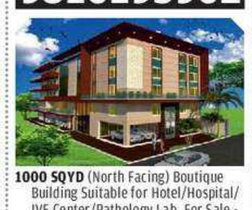
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- Primary Teachers
- NTTs
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Please submit your Resume at the School Reception or via Email to
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Download the **Recruitment Form** from the school's Website: www.vis10dwarka.com and apply with a covering letter **latest by 18 May, 2024.**
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Last Date for submission of application is 18th May, 2024.
E Mail: recruitments@snehinternationalschool.com
New Rajdhani Enclave, Vikas Marg, Delhi-110092
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Nursery Trained Teachers **(NTT)**, Counselor & LDC

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### Jhabban Lal DAV Sr. Sec. Public School
J-Block, Paschim Vihar, Ph. No. 45522816, 9311213530
Website : www.jldavps.com

**PGT**- Physics, Physical Education, Political Science, Commerce & Psychology
**TGT**- English, Nursery Trained Teachers **(NTT)**
**PRT**- English, General Science, Physical Education & Computer Sc. LDC / UDC, Receptionist and Librarian

**Qualifications as per CBSE norms.**
Prescribed form can be downloaded from the respective school website and has to be submitted along with documents & Rs.300 at the respective School's reception on or before **20th May, 2024** (on working days) **9:00 am to 11:00 am**
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www.vivekanandschool.in

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- PGT - Pol. Science
- TGT - Mathematics
- TGT - Science
- TGT - Hindi
- TGT - English
- TGT - Computer Science
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- Event Coordinator
- Art & Craft Teacher
- Music Teacher
- Dance Teacher
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**TGTs**
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**N.T.T.**

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**Hostel Warden for all Branches (Boys & Girls Both)**

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**Essential Qualification/Exp:** Graduate/Postgraduate in respective subjects with B.Ed. or equivalent. Fluency in spoken English and writing skills mandatory for all posts. Teaching exp. preferred.

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### NOIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL
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A-78, SECTOR-23,NOIDA
Ph. No. 9773983383, 0120- 2412300
E- recruitment.crcct@gmail.com

**REQUIRES**

**Administrative Officer: (1 post)** Post graduate having 5 years experience in administrative field.

**PGTs:** Chemistry, Physics, Psychology with History **(1 Post each)** Post Graduate in respective discipline with B. Ed having 2 years teaching experience in +2 classes.

**Office Assistant: (2 Posts)** Commerce Graduate with proficiency in Computer & typing speed of 45wpm, preferably experienced in accounting, general correspondence and knowledge of Tally & ERP.

**Music Teacher: (1 Post)** Post- Graduate in Music in respective discipline.

Applications are invited on plain paper with detailed bio-data with a recent passport size photograph affixed at the top along with attested copies of all testimonials by 15/05/2024 duly addressed to the principal of the school. Applications received without statement of marks shall summarily be rejected.
Chairman (SMC).

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**PRT- All Subjest**
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- **MIDDLE WING INCHARGE-** 6-7 years of Experience.
- **Counsellor(Female)** B.Ed preferably
- **Special Educator:** B. Ed in Special Education
- **Activity Teachers (Female)** – Music, Dance, Art & Craft, Yoga

**CTET Mandatory for TGT & PRT.**

Application Forms will be available at the school reception between 9 am to 12 noon on all working days from 13th May to 20th May, 2024. Schedule of interview/written test will be intimated via telephone call.

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### N. K. BAGRODIA PUBLIC SCHOOL
Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085
REQUIRES EXPERIENCED & TRAINED STAFF

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**(2) Assistant Trs: Hindi/ General -Graduate, B.Ed., CTET**
**(3) Special Edu.Tr.: Graduate, B.Ed. (Special edu.)/ 2 yrs. Dip. in Spl. Edu. with RCI Certificate, CTET (4)School Counsellor- M.A. in Counselling or Clinical Psychology, Diploma/Degree in Counselling (5) Pre- Primary Tr. - 2 yrs. Diploma in ECCE/ NTT from SCERT Recognised Institute**

Proficiency in English & Computer knowledge is must. Age and qualifications as per Government norms. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for Test / Interview. Apply on prescribed form available at the School reception between 08:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. & submit on or before 17/05/2024 PRINCIPAL

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### D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL
B-1, Vasant Kunj, N. Delhi-70
Ph: 46660400
EM: davvasantkunj@gmail.com
www.davvasantkunj.org

Applications are invited from 14.05.2024 to 22.05.2024 from **DAV CBT** qualified candidates with **Provisional Eligibility Card, for the posts mentioned below.**

- **Post Graduate Teacher: Biology, Chemistry, Business Studies-** Master's Degree, B.Ed
- **Trained Graduate Teachers: English, Hindi-** Master's Degree, B.Ed, CTET Qualified
- **Primary Teachers: Social Science, Hindi-** Graduate/ Post Graduate in respective subjects, B.El.Ed/ B.Ed, CTET qualified
- **Nursery Teacher:** N.T.T.
- **LDC/ Receptionist: Graduate** Candidates, preferably female, with good communication and ICT skills with **minimum 50% marks** from recognized universities and experience of CBSE/ICSE English medium schools, may apply. Pay and allowances as per DAV College Managing Committee norms.

Interested Candidates may apply on prescribed form available on school website **(https://davvasantkunj.org)** and the school reception.
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e-mail: slsdavps@yahoo.com
(Managed by DAVCMC, New Delhi)

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Applications are invited from 12/05/2024 to 20/05/2024 from DAV CBT qualified candidates with Provisional Eligibility Card for the following posts:
*(Qualifications as per CBSE norms)*

***TGT - Sanskrit, Science (Physics)**
***PRT – Sanskrit**

Final Selection will be made on the basis of Demonstration & Subject/ Panel interview to be held at the school, subject to the verification of P.E.C.
Download prescribed application form from school's website: **www.slsdavps.com or www.slsdavps.edu.in** and submit filled up form at school reception on or before **20/05/2024 on all working days between 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m with payment of Rs.300/- (handling charges).**
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### SURAJ BHAN D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL
F-10/15, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057
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Website: www.sbdav.com
and
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Pocket -B6, Sector 7, Rohini, New Delhi- 110085
Ph.: 011-27043298/46054892
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(Managed by DAV College Managing Committee)
Session : 2024-25

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- **Nurse**

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- **Lab Attendant (Chemistry)**
- **Band Instructor (Part time only)**

Candidates to apply on prescribed form available at the School reception or download from the respective school's website. Hard copy to be submitted with **Rs. 300/- (handling charges) at the respective school reception between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on working days till 20.05.2024**
**Note : CTET is not applicable for PGTs**
PRINCIPAL

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### Yuvashakti Model School
Sector-III, Rohini, Delhi-85

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- PRINCIPAL
- Coordinator for Middle Wing
- PGT-Physics, English, Commerce
- TGT- English, Science, Maths, Chem., S.Sc., Vocal Music, Instt. Music, Coding, Drawing
- PRT - English, Hindi
- Nursery Teachers

Candidates having excellent academic record and CTET Qualified needs to apply by 22.05.2024 on the prescribed form available at School Reception between 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (on all working days). (Attach photocopies of all relevant documents & recent passport size color photograph with updated resume)
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E :masonicpublicschool@gmail.com

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Candidates should requisite academic qualification and age criteria as per govt of NCT, Delhi recruitment rules.
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Candidate may download application form by visiting School website. www.masonicpublicschool.com
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**ACADEMIC**

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**MOM YOU** are the most beautiful memory I kept locked inside my heart. The world changes from year to year, but your love memory never Pan away. We Love you Maa.



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**I, MADHU** Devi W/o- No.9875046 T/ Mate Ganesh, R/o- Gram- Basdewa, Post- Kharahata, Dist- Ballia, U.P.- 277121, have changed my name from Madhu Devi to Shila Devi, vide affidavit dated 11/05/2024 before Notary Public Delhi

**I, PAWAN** Kumar son of Girwar Tyagi R/o 58, Roza Yakubpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh- 201009, have changed my name from Pawan Kumar to Pawan Tyagi for all future purposes.

**I, HARSHIL** Jain S/o Sandeep Jain R/o H.No.734, Brahamn Wara, Ballabgarh District Faridabad, Haryana have changed my name from Happy Jain to Harshil Jain for all future purposes

**I, MOHAMMAD** Jabbar Khan, S/o Mohd Zikra, R/o Jaula, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh-251309, have changed my name to Mohammad Hanif for all future purposes.

**I ,** Anand Prakash Kanwat S/o Sh. Jagdish Prasad Kanwat R/o RB-151, sector-6, RBI Colony, RK Puram, New Delhi- 22, do hereby declare that my name AP Kanwat has been wrongly mentioned in my son's (Arhant kanwat)10th and 12th std marksheet. Correct name is Anand Prakash Kanwat for all purposes.

**I, RENU** W/o Shri Naresh Kumar Behrani R/o H.No.F-7A/42, Ground Floor, Sec-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name from Renu to Renuka Behrani for future purposes.

**I, MUKESH** W/O Niranjan Singh R/O 649/S-2, Gulmohar Park, Shalimar Garden Extn-1, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, 201005 have changed my name to Mukesh Devi for all future purpose.

**I VINOD** Kumar Gupta S/o Raghuvar Dayal Gupta R/o 11/150, Kahna Complex Rajender Nagar, Sec-3 Sahibabad, Ghaziabad Up 201005 have changed my name to Vinod Gupta

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, RAMANDEEP** Kaur Dhaliwal, W/o Jasbir Singh Dhaliwal, R/o P544, Jal Vayu Vihar, Sector 21, Noida, UP, has changed my name from Ramandeep Kaur to Ramandeep Kaur Dhaliwal for all future purposes.

**I, MRS.** Harleen Kaur Sachdeva (Aadhaar No. 8333 9406 9543) W/o Mr. Gagaan Preet Singh R/o B-539, First Floor, Sushant Lok-1,Gurugram, Haryana have Changed my Name to Harlen Kaur Sachdeva. Harleen Kaur Sachdeva and Harlen Kaur Sachdeva are the same & one Person. My correct name is Harlen Kaur Sachdeva for all future purposes.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, RAJIV** Kumar Tyagi S/O Shri Surendra Tyagi R/O B-53 Lal Bagh Colony Loni Ghaziabad, in some documents my name has become Rajiv Tyagi Both the names are the same in future I should be known by the name of Rajiv Kumar Tyagi.

**I, MS.** Sargun Sachdeva (Aadhaar No. 2755 2669 0531) D/o Mr. Gagaan Preet Singh R/o B-539, First Floor, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram, Haryana have Changed my Name to Sarguun Kaur. Sargun Sachdeva and Sarguun Kaur are the same & one Person. My correct name is Sarguun Kaur for all future purposes.

**I, BHARPAI** Devi Mother of- No.10136620N Nk Suresh Kumar, R/o- Vill- Riwara, Teh- Gohana, Dist- Sonipat, Haryana, have changed my name from Bharpai Devi to Bharpai, vide affidavit dated 11/05/2024 before Notary Public Delhi.

**I, CHINKEY** Tuli S/o Joginder Singh Tuli R/o WZ-188A, Block-G, Gali No. 17, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name Chinkey Tuli to Morya Tuli for all purposes.

**I, MOHD** Arif, S/o Mohd. Haneef, R/o Flat no. 102, F/F, Sector 11, Block C4, Cate Shahjana Bad CGHS, Dwarka, Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Mohd Arif Khan for all purposes.

**I, AVINASH** Kumar Dey S/o Late. Symapada Dey R/o Ramakrishna Vihar, Plot No-29, M-82, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, East Delhi-110092 declare that in my Will my name has been mentioned as Sunil Dey instead of Avinash Kumar Dey. Sunil Dey and Avinash Kumar Dey is one and same person.

**I, TARSEM** Singh Dadiala S/o Shri Bawa Singh R/o 1C/11, Namdhari Colony, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi - 110015, have changed my name from Tarsem Singh Dadiala to Tarsem Singh for all future purposes

**I, MR.** Sahajveer S. Sachdeva (Aadhaar No. 2666 9382 0085) S/o Mr. Gagaan Preet Singh R/o B-539, First Floor, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram, Haryana have Changed my Name to Sahejveir Singh. Sahajveer S. Sachdeva and Sahejveir Singh are the same & one Person. My correct name is Sahejveir Singh for all future purposes.

**I, KIRAN** alias Kiran Sharma W/o Late Mr. Murli Dhar, R/o C-249, Second Floor, Hari Nagar Clock Tower, New Delhi-110064 declare that Kiran and Kiran Sharma both are one and same person and I shall henceforth be known as Kiran Sharma for all future purposes.

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, ARUN** Kapoor S/o Late L. N. Kapoor R/o C-284, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi 110076, declare that my late grand father's name is Wrongly mentioned in his Death Certificate as Devi Prasad Kapoor. He is known by both the names Devi Lal Kapoor & Devi Prasad Kapoor and both are the same person.

**I, MAMTA** D/o Sh. Shyambir R/o Behind I.T.I., 587 Jhuggi, Block K-2, Jahangir Puri, North West Delhi, Delhi -110033 have changed my religion from Hindu to Muslim and also my name to Mantasha for all purposes since 09.05.2024.

**IT IS** for general information that I Lakshay Deshwal Son of Shri Rajesh Kumar residing at H.NO-9 Rani Khera, PO: Rani Khera DIST: North West, Delhi -110081 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Lakshay Deswal in my 12th educational documents. The actual name of mine is Lakshay Deshwal which may be amended accordingly.

**I, MS.** Simer Sachdeva (Aadhaar No. 8018 5016 0746) D/o Mr. Gagaan Preet Singh R/o B-539, First Floor, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram, Haryana have Changed my Name to Ssimer Sachdeva. Simer Sachdeva and Ssimer Sachdeva are the same & one Person. My correct name is Ssimer Sachdeva for all future purposes.

## LOST & FOUND

**I DEEPAK** Rawat/Sara Rawat lost original possession letter and possession certificate of Flat D1/44, Ground Floor, D1 Block, South City 2, Sector 49, Gurugram, Haryana, 122018. Finder please call 9953808602.

**I SARWAT** Sultana W/o Mohd Aslam R/o Flat No. D-5. Second Floor, DDA HIG Flats, Pocket-9A, Jasola, Delhi-110025, have lost my all original documents of freehold Flat No.D-5, Second Floor, DDA HIG Flats, Pocket-9A, Jasola, New Delhi-110025, DDA File No. H/321(43)2012/DDA10/JL, (1). Allotment Cum Demand Letter dated 28-03-2012, (2).Flat possession offer Letter Dated 04/01/2013. (3) NOC Electric and Water connection dated 04/01/2023, (4). Flat possession slip dated 04/01/2013, (5). DDA Conveyance Deed POI in favour of Prashant Kumar & Preeti dated 07/06/2013. (6). Sale Deed Prashant Kumar & Preeti in favour of Sarwat Sultana dated 10/01/2017. If anybody finds it, please contact Mob: 9560561090

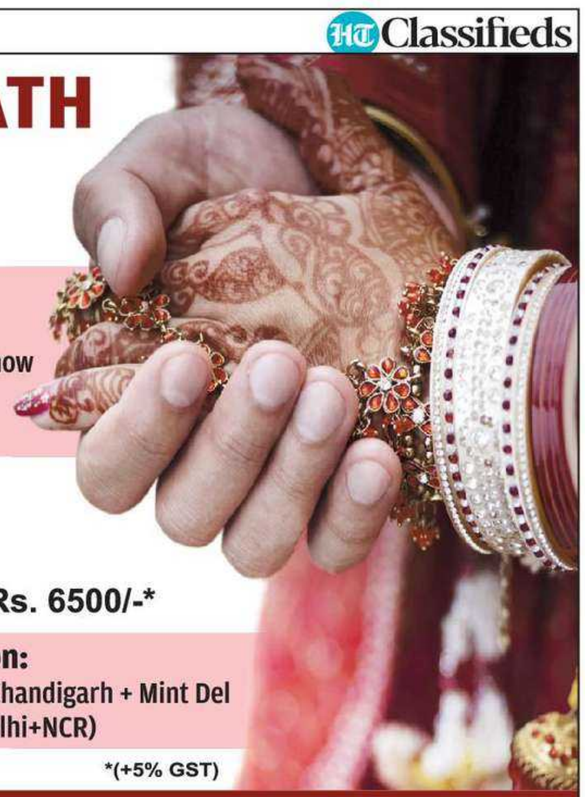
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**I, BENAZIR** Banou w/o Mr. Mohammad Nasim Akhtar r/o H.No. 2411-A, Ground Floor, Greenfield colony, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 affirms and declares that I have lost my builder buyer agreement of plot no. S9-01, BPTP, Parklands, Sector-75, Faridabad, Haryana at Nehru Place on 23.02.2024. If anybody found, Pls contact 9818441971

**ORIGINAL POWER** of Attorney dated 28.10.1999 and Agreement To Sell dated 28.10.1999 in the name of Mrs.Laxmi Soni pertaining to plot no. G-84,Ansals Palam Vihar, Gurugram (Haryana) have been lost. FIR has been lodged with Crime Branch Delhi vide L.R. No.344956/2021. Finder may please inform at +91-9999053876 within 15 days.

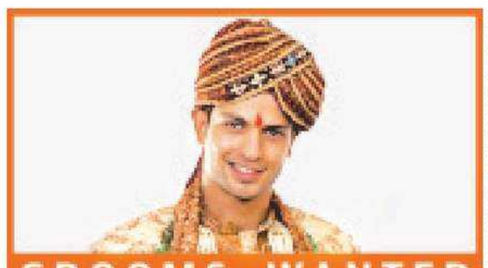
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**REQD SUITABLE** Match for Beautiful Advocate Rajput girl 28yr / 5'2" based in delhi.Family from East UP M: 8826290740 , EM: kmsingha121@gmail.com

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**SM4 DELHI** Ramdasia Sikh Girl, 09-09-86/5'6", Qualified Permanent eacher (TGT) Delhi Government. Contact 9417500497.Jeevansathi id-ZWVW9183.

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**SM 4** Saini 5'3", Sep 92 born B'ful, Fair girl N/M B.Tech, MBA(IIM) wrkg MNC Bangalore, 38 Lpa,Delhi based.Seeks (Caste no bar) Non Sikh edu settled (MBA) boy.9868324421, 9873660961

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## PUNJABI

**PQM 4** Pb. Khatri, Fair, Slim, Non Mglk girl Nov'91 (Looks younger)/5'1",MBA Wrkg in MNC Ggn (WFH), 18.5 LPA, South Delhi bsd fmly. Seeks Service class NCR bsd groom. # 7827908055

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**NOV 83,** 5'4" DM ONCO Brahmin Doctor Girl seeks DM, MCh, MD, MS DOCTOR BRAHMIN match. Delhi/ NCR Pref. 7992176926

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**SM4 BALAI** (Bunkar) SC hindu girl b'ful fair slim 5'4" /Jan93/ NLU Grad/ LLM/ Class-I/ Delhi Judicial Service officer. Father JS(Retd) from GOI. Seeks SM - Govt officer, Doctor, Asst.Prof,officer in reputed Law/ audit firm, non-transferable job. Send Bio. Wapp: 8368377300, email: tcbrpl@gmail.com




## AGARWAL

**PQSM4 31,5'8",** Singhal ,BE, MBA from premier institute , 75 LPA plus benefits , affluent NCR based Mobile:- 9811066165. Email:- agrmatri44@gmail.com

**HSOME JAIN/GOEL** 5'7/68kg, BE(E&C) Sr. Engg Mgr/+90 Lpa US MNC, Live/work in Noida, 21.5.74/ 4pm/Pnp W: 9958606647, Email: jain1974s@gmail.com

**SUITABLE PROFESSIONAL** match for Garg boy 13.8.1996, 5 -10 , MBA, Manager MNC Gurgaon Package 11 Lakh. manishg1308@gmail.com.

**SUITABLE MATCH** for Jaiswal Gupta boys 29/5'7", B.Tech(CS), Wrkg as Engr in Pune & 28/5'3", Advocate in Varanasi. Seeks edu, decent girl, All Vaish accepted. Cont: 6392197837

## BRAHMIN

**SUITABLE MATCH** for Punjabi Brahmin Faridabad based boy 43/5'8" B.Com, PGD, Self Business, Simple & Early Marriage. 9560583480 manishsharma1601@gmail.com

**SM4 BRAHMIN** Boy, 41/5'10", unmarried Asst. Professor Pvt. College, Owner of Flat & also a Coaching Centre, Caste no bar, No Dowry, Early Marriage through Temple /Court. #8383047874

## MBA/PROFESSIONALS

**V.FAIR B'FUL** girl Dec.92/5'2", Kaushal Gotra, PQ-Double Masters wrkg MNC Netherlands(Europe) Father reputed businessman seeking PQM NRI Boy from Reputed family. # 9582681003. BHP: a123.matri@gmail.com

## NRI

**BEAUTIFUL, FAIR** Punjabi Khatri Vatsa Gotra girl, Dec 91/ 5'4", MS (IT) working in MNC Singapore, seeks amiable match suitable qualified boy. Contact:- 8178016366

## REMARRIAGE

**BEAUTIFUL, FAIR,** Slim, 31 / 5'2" Brahmin Manglik Girl, MBA, Working in MNC, Divorcee, Issueless, Delhi NCR based middle class modern yet traditional family. Seeks Smart Match from Brahmin & Rajput Boy. Contact: 9811241191, 9818608533, Email: sunita.tsharma@gmail.com

**SM FOR** 36/5 '5", Hindu Pnjb girl, I'less Divorcee, V.fair, B'ful, MBA Premier B- School, Wrkng Sr. Position in Bank Gurgaon bsd upper Class Fmly. Seeks simlar bkgrnd. Cont : 9654981310, Em : Om.matri1987@gmail.com

## BRAHMIN

**SM4 GAUR** Brahmin boy, Anshik Mnglk, B.Com/MBA, 8 lpa, working with a pvt. financial firm, 32yrs/ 5'8". Contact: 8687887887, yasharma12@gmail.com

**WELL SETTLED** in Germany Brahmin Boy frm Rohtak HR.5'8" 33Y,I9.07.90 B.Tech/ M.Sc. CS. Own B ness Earns 200K+ ( 1.75 Cr.+), pref. German Rsdnt. Veg. Girl. 94171 65634 (W.A)

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**SEEKING QLFD** girl from decent family for London based Kayastha 28/5'8"/ M.Fin/AVP in Bank/1 Lakh+ GBP handsome boy. Lucknow family. Caste no bar # 9415104743

**PQSM FOR** B.Tech, MBA, Non-Manglik, Saxena boy, March 87/ 5'9", working in Top MNC in Paris, France. 9871703407 / neelamsaxena24@gmail.com

## BISA AGARWAL

**PQM4 Aggarwal boy 29 yrs. /5'10"/Delhi MBA Finance & Business Analytics working in top MNC Co. Package - 35L+ Seeks teetotaller Aggarwal/ Punjabi/ Jain Working Girl Delhi NCR based.**
**Send your Biodata or 9871939303**

## KHATRI

**PB. KHATRI** H'some Boy, B.Tech, 27/07/93/ 11:58 Am /Ghaziabad/ 5'10", IT Professional in Noida, 18.5LPA Own Resi Ghaziabad seeks PQ b'ful girl # call 9560102522

## RAJPUT

**PQM FOR** 5'11", May '91 born, south Delhi based well educated Rajput boy with well settled business. Preferred - working girl from Delhi NCR. Send bio data ritu_0711@yahoo.co.in

## SC/ST

**A PROF** PhD MBA B.Tech JRF 10 LPA in NCR 21st October 1986, 5'7" H'some Vegetarian Chamar boy # 9467770608. Caste No Bar preferably below 32 spiritual person.

## GUJJAR

**WELL STLD** Baisoya Gujjar boy 30yrs/ 5'11", B.Com, MBA, wkg as HR Mgr in MNC. Own home in S.Delhi+ Rental inc. Seeks edu, decent Gujjar/ Upper Caste girl. 9711883204, 9810059347

## HINDU

**PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED** Hindu Bania match for fair, Handsome boy 29/5' 7" Software Engineer working with US MNC/ 51L p.a. From an educated, well settled Agarwal, South Delhi family. Whatsapp 9818052777, Email:- sahil.ag@hotmail.com.

## JAIN

**SM4 SHWETAMBER** Sthanak Waasi Jain, Non-Manglik, Delhi based MBA Boy, Nov 85/ 5' 8, Time -00.50, Job in MNC/ Gurugram, Pkg-18 lakh PA, #9870135388, 9999982090

**SM4 H'SOME** Jain Btech, 34/5'7" boy Wheaties, Own b'ness Of Smart home automation, cctv camera & others, own house at Noida, 30 LPA seeks homely b'ful girl 9870962739

## MUSLIM

**SHEKH SIDDIQUI** cent. govt. Gazetted 33/5 '8" requires well qualified, beautiful shekh/sayyad girl from Lucknow based family. Mob. 7011630170

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**ARORA,** 31, 168 cms, Working Professional. Law Graduate. Lives in Delhi. Father is a working professional. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match from North India. Contact: 6366448379

**PUNJABI,** 29, 178 cms, Graduate. Father is a Working Professional. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for a compatible match from India. Contact: 6366448379

**MUSLIM,** 37, 180 cms, Businessman with a high net worth. Graduate. Lives in South Delhi. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match placed in India and Abroad. Contact: 6366448379

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**CASTE NO BAR, SIKH KHATRI,** 27, 170 cms, Engineer at Indian Airforce. Lives in Delhi. Father is a Businessman. Family is affluent with a good net worth. Looking for a suitable match from India. Contact: 6366448378

**CASTE NO BAR,** 42, 165 cms, Works in Pune MNC, MBA. Lives in Pune. Father is a Businessman. Family is affluent with a good net worth and lives in Chandigarh. Looking for an amiable match from India. Contact: 6366448378

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## SIKH

**WRKG BRIDE** for Khatri boy Sep'1990 5'6"/B.Com,wkg in MNC Ggn, 7-8 LPA middle class fmly, own house, simple marriage, caste no bar.# 9871775576 Em: paramjitsinghrekhi@ymail.com

**GURSIKH/ PUNJABI** Hindu match for Canadian Citizen Gursikh boy 1981, 5.10", MBA , Bank Manager, Delhi Family, Short Marriage, Divorcee, Whatsapp +16043648829

**SUITABLE MATCH** for handsome Sikh Arora boy 6 1 1995, B.Tech MBA 15 Lac MNC Job in Delhi Residence Chandigarh. Mobile. 9501866188, 9317714177.

## BENGALI

**SUITABLE MATCH** For Bengali Kayastha Boy, Feb 1988/5'10" Advocate , Practising at Delhi. Father was Sr. Adv. at Lucknow. Delhi/ Lko based Wkng Girl Pref. M: 9839509079, 9198888394

**BTECH BENGALI** Boy 5'3" May82 50Kg Noro Gon working US MNC 13LPA seeks Qual pref bengali girl. Contact +91 8574431569 & 9041059041

## PUNJABI

**SM4 H'SOME** PB Khatri boy, Master's Computer/36 LPA/Aug 79/Snr Position IT MNC/Divorcee/Educated Cultured girl pref upto 39yrs age/ Call-Whatsapp-9873681766

**PQSM FOR** well settled Canadian Citizen Sikh Boy, Manager in Corporate Sector, 31 years / 5'5". Contact Ashvani Kapoor 8130250425 at New Delhi, India.

**ALLIANCE INVITED** from Mddle Class Family for Hindu Boy 35 yrs, 5'9", Systems Engineer Information Tecnology. Based in Arizona, USA. Chanigarh based family in USA since 2002. Girl in USA on any visa preferred. Couple's Compatibilty in personality only consideration. Contact Email: raychawla5953@yahoo.com

## PUNJABI

**PUNJABI BOY,** B.Tech- BITS Pilani + MBA- IIM,Nov,1995/ H-5'10", working in MNC, 60 LPA, Father-Officer, settled Delhi NCR. # M:-9870518197, Email:- d2812.kumar@gmail.com

**PUNJABI KHATRI** 1983 Born boy never married CA MBA Working in top MNC as Director. Pkg. 80 LPA looking Good Life Partner. Caste No Bar. # 9818227342

**PQM4 HANDSOME** Dhawan 28 yrs/5'5" B. Pharma boy DOB: 7/7/95 8.50 AM Delhi based business family seeks anshik manglik / manglik wrkng girl # 9818203223, 9899111647

**SM B'FUL** Girl 4 h'some Non Mglik. Arora boy never married ( April 82 / 5'.10" B.SC (PHY) (DU) MCA (DU) Wrk GGN Tata GP 37 Lpa 99112 71071 Em: ukw1149@gmail.com

**SM FOR** Kapoor Boy May 93 / 5'7" MS in Finance Working in Boston Preferred Educated girl Doctor / Engg. / IT Profession etc. Cont - Wapp / Call- 9312637176

**PUNJABI MANGLIK** Boy 1991/5'10" MBA, Project Manager in reputed company, 16LPA,Noida based family, Seeks Manglik Well-Educated,Wrkng, Slim & B'ful Bride. #9899427660.

**WELL EDU** b'ful girl 4 nvr mrd Pbi h'some boy 9.3.78,5'6" MBA, 80LPA, wkg Mumbai, upp-mid class edu Fridabad bsd fmly, 8178423326 Send BP: panchbhoot46@gmail.com

## DOCTOR

**MBBS/BDS M4** Mnglik Bansal h'some boy MBBS DR settled at Ireland (UK) as Sr Medical Officer, 27,5'-9". Parents Govt. Employee at Coveted Posts. Sister also MBBS DR. 9650253600 8146178630.

## DOCTOR

**35YRS/ 5'8"** Non Mglk MBBS MD Psychiatrist, Pvt. job (Punjab). Seeks medico match MBBS /MD/ MS/DNB/DM/MCH Ph: 9518665620, 8168013021

**MEDICO/HIGHLY QLFD.** Wkg. Mtch 4 Pb Kh Fair H some Boy Nevr Mar. Nov.80 170cm. M.D. Anesth MAMC Prof. Govt. Hosp.Del. #9810664816 Em:anesth80@gmail.com

## ENGINEERS

**RAVIDASIA. MARINE** Engineer, Working as an Officer in Merchant Navy. 31/ 5'10. Cast no bar. Seeks a pure vegetarian, educated match. Preferably Radhasoami. Kindly contact 7001899759

**GURSIKH AHLUWALIA** Boy 28/5'10"/ B.Tech (EEE) / PG Course & Diploma from Toronto / Canada PR / Father: Advocate Delhi HC, Mother: Retired from SBI / Contact +91 9810396775

## DIVORCEE/WIDOWER

**AUG 87,** Business boy, legally divorced, Punjabi Doctors family, delhi based seeks alliance from issueless divorcee /widow girl/minor disability accept. caste no bar. 8882130143, 8447257993

**ALLIANCE INVITED** for 87 born, 5'7" ex-army officer. Working in top steel company. Issue less divorcee. Wants girl with education, family values, good status family from any upper caste. Ph: 9814825712, 9814245712

## NRI

**M. S.** Computer Science, 30 yrs, USA,well settled boy,5 8 teetotaler non-smoker, eggetarian, Mumbai based, Punjabi family seeks professionally qualified family oriented girl settled in USA, reply.sk@icloud.com / 7400173560

**SM4 FOR** Sydney based issueless divorcee 33yr Male from Aggarwal well placed family. Educated good looking girl from upper caste. 96461-21571.

**NRI, SIKH** Arora boy Oct, 1990/5'7" B.Tech (DCE), MBA (USA) Handsome, Well cultured, wkg in MNC in New York, HIB Visa Residence Manhattan, NY, Respectable affluent, educated family of Gurgaon Call. 9717139900 gurpreet0132@gmail.com

## COSMOPOLITAN

**GOOD LOOKING** & good family background Bride needed for Rajput, 31/5'6" , Amazon Executive, 56000 p.m, Caste No Bar # 9205780667, Email: nitindelhi35@gmail.com

## MANGLIK

**WANTED MANGLIK** working girl for punjabi boy 22-10-1991/ 05:22 PM/ Delhi/5'10" B.Tech wkg in MNC with handsome package - Mob 9873380181

## REMARRIAGE

**SUITABLE MATCH** for SC, Smart, 38yrs 6ft., Legally Divorced, Post Graduate presently wrkg in Canada, Delhi bsd fmly. Seeks Edu, Divorcee, Issueless girl, Caste no bar. Cont: 9990655588